

EXTENSION

# NEW ZEALAND

Milford Track



*Classic*  
JOURNEYS





“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

— *Travel + Leisure*

## Exploring Fiordland National Park

If you're interested in extending your time in New Zealand with a visit to the Milford Track, we have a great opportunity for you. Normally, the Milford Track can only be experienced by undertaking a rigorous five- day hike. We've been able to arrange for you to experience the scenic first section of the track in one day in the company of an expert local Milford guide. It's an addition to your New Zealand experience that you won't soon forget!

## DAY 1

### TE ANAU

• Transfer from Queenstown to Te Anau

*Continued from the end of the main tour.*

For any guests continuing on the Milford Track extension, you are currently in Queenstown. Te Anau is the nearest town and the gateway to the World Heritage Fiordland National Park, and the starting point of the world famous Milford Track.

***Your private transfer is included from your Queenstown hotel to your lodging in Te Anau. Please let Classic Journeys know your desired departure time from Queenstown. Normal check-in time at your Te Anau hotel is at 3:00 PM.***

This is a day at leisure, on your own to enjoy as you like. Options include a walk to Lake Te Anau where you can try your hand at fly-fishing or opt for a guided tour through the Glowworm Caves. You may prefer a walk along the lakeshore to the Wildlife Park to view the rare, endangered Takahe, a colorful green and blue bird with a red beak and short stout legs.

OVERNIGHT: TE ANAU  
MEALS: B (QUEENSTOWN)

## DAY 2

### MILFORD TRACK WALK

• Venture on New Zealand's most famous hiking trail

***Your scheduled pick up is at 6:30 AM from your Te Anau hotel.***

This morning we embark on our walk through the Milford Track. Often described as the "Finest Walk in the World", this 33 mile trek is New Zealand's most famous (we'll cover 7 miles return). Set in Fiordland National Park, the area features dramatic glacier cut fjords, deep U-shaped valleys, spectacular waterfalls, beech-podocarp forests, extensive temperate rainforest and endangered species of plants,

birds and animals. The area also includes the rare endemic blue duck, red deer, wild chamois, and alpine kea.

After at early morning pick up from your Te Anau accommodations, you will drive two hours to Milford Sound. Departing from Milford, you'll begin with a short boat ride to Sandfly Point. The walk meanders alongside the cascading Arthur River through lush rainforest to Giant Gate Waterfall. This spectacular sight is best viewed from the swing bridge spanning the river. Along the walk, your nature guide will point out the native plant and birds, and share the track's history and stories, bringing the area to life.

After, you'll enjoy an afternoon scenic cruise on Milford Sound (1.40 hours) with a picnic lunch. At the completion of the cruise, you will return to Te Anau on a Real Journeys bus and arrive in Te Anau around 6:00pm.

***Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes/boots, waterproof jacket, warm clothing, hat, and gloves. Other suggested items are a day pack, sunscreen, insect repellent and a spare change of clothes and shoes for after the walk in case of a wet day. Also, be sure to pack water and snacks.***

OVERNIGHT: TE ANAU  
MEALS: B, L

## DAY 3

### TE ANAU TO QUEENSTOWN

• Transfer back to Queenstown for your onward travel plans

This morning is at your leisure before your departure transfer back to Queenstown.

***Your private transfer is included from your Te Anau accommodations to Queenstown. Please let Classic Journeys know your desired departure time from Te Anau. Normal hotel check out time is 10:00 AM. Your drop location can be Queenstown city center, hotel or the Queenstown Airport.***

MEALS: B



## Tour Hotels



### **Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas**

Located on the Te Anau lake front, a short stroll from the Te Anau town centre, Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas is perfectly situated for you to make the most of this beautiful area.

**OVERNIGHT: TE ANAU | NIGHTS: 2**



**DAILY ITINERARY**  
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## Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
March 1-3, 2020	\$1,698	\$2,463
March 29-31, 2020	\$1,698	\$2,463
January 4-6, 2021	\$1,698	\$2,463
Feb 28-Mar 2, 2021	\$1,698	\$2,463
March 21-23, 2021	\$1,698	\$2,463
April 4-6, 2021	\$1,698	\$2,463

Want a different date? Or your own date? Visit [CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE](https://CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE) to learn more about private journeys.

## Trip Essentials

**TRIP LENGTH:** 3 Days, 2 Nights

**START:** 12:00 PM Queenstown hotel lobby, Queenstown, New Zealand  
Transfer included to Te Anau

**END:** 12:30 PM Queenstown hotel or airport, Queenstown, New Zealand  
Pick up at Te Anau hotel at 10:00 AM

**TERRAIN:** Easy to moderate

## What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 2 nights
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch
- Guided walk
- Admissions to sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- All land transportation during the trip

## Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Privileged Access Events**

**READY TO BOOK?**  
**CLICK TO MAKE A RESERVATION**

## Or give us a call

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### AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to a [whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

### ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

\*\*Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

# “Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



*EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.*



### **Congratulations! How did you get the news?**

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

### **And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?**

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

### **Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?**

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

### **What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?**

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

### **I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."**

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

### **Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?**

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



### **How can you top this?**

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

## **"I voted for you!"**

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

### **STAFF AND GUIDES**

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

### **ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS**

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

### **ACTIVITIES**

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

### **FOOD**

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

### **OVERALL VALUE**

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

### **Final thoughts?**

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.