Milford Track

# New Zealand Extension





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### **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

### 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 acommodations, 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



### DAILY ITINERARY New Zealand: Milford Track | Extension

## **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

### Tour Dates & Prices

To see the full list of dates and prices for this tour, go to our website by clicking <u>here</u>.

Want to travel with just your group on a date of your choosing? Visit <u>CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE</u> to learn more about Private Journeys.

### **Trip Essentials**

| TRIP LENGTH | 3 Days, 2 Nights  |
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| START       | Lobby of St. Moritz Queenstown, Queenstown, New Zealand |
| END         | Queenstown hotel or airport, Queenstown, New Zealand    |
| TERRAIN     | Easy to moderate  |

### What's Included

- 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

1-800-200-3887 Mon-Fri 8:00AM – 5:00PM PST moreinfo@classicjourneys.com

### 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 <u>a whole suite of Ambassador benefits</u> 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 pubic) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

### THE Classic Journeys Difference



#### HANDCRAFTING TRIPS OF A LIFETIME.

At the end of the day, we fundamentally believe that every guest on every departure of every trip should have a trip of a lifetime. We're fortunate to play the role of well-connected friend, linking our guests with amazing guides, artisans, winemakers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, naturalists, and too many others to list here.

That's what motivates me and our team — in our La Jolla HQ and around the world — every day. Join Us!

President & Founder



### You can expect the highest standards:



#### Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



#### Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.

Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



### Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



#### Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



### Unmatched Value:

"Excellent value" and "unbeatable access" are two of the reasons that Travel + Leisure has consistently voted us a World's Best Tour Operator.

### You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in New Zealand...

"Classic Journeys excels in providing exceptional guides familiar with the local area." -Bert and Jo Ann E., Red Lodge, MT