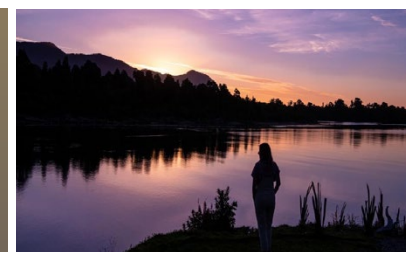




HOLLYFORD TRACK

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Across four incredible days, the Hollyford Track reveals the very heart of New Zealand's wild beauty. This low-altitude walk winds through a landscape alive with contrasts. From lowland rainforests to wild coasts, Fiordland unfolds its beauty beneath granite peaks.

This guided experience is as varied as the scenery. Hike through untouched valleys, listen to captivating stories of Māori and pioneer history, spot endangered native birds and take a jet boat ride along a remote river. End each day in comfortable private accommodation and enjoy a beautiful meal in the company of your small hiking group. This all-inclusive adventure leaves you free to breathe in the fresh air, linger at the spectacular viewpoints, and enjoy the quiet moments that will stay with you long after you've returned home. In a breathtaking finale, a scenic flight from Martins Bay to Milford Sound provides a bird's-eye view of the wilderness you've explored.

If you're looking for a multi-day wilderness hike without the heavy pack, the Hollyford Track is it.

LENGTH	4 days		
GRADE	B (Average of 4-5 hrs physical activity per day)		
BRIEFING	Te Anau: 6.30pm on Day 1. Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas: 64 Lakefront Drive, Te Anau		
START	Queenstown at 2.30pm or Te Anau at 6.30pm		
FINISH	Te Anau 4:00pm (approx.) Queenstown 7:00pm (approx.)		
DEPARTURES	November 2026: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 December 2026: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 January 2027: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31	February 2027: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 March 2027: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30	April 2027: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21
PRICE	1 Jul 2026 - 31 Jan 2027 Adult / Child NZD \$4,395.00 Adult (compulsory single supplement - solo hiker) NZD \$6,745.00	1 Feb 2027 - 31 Mar 2027 Adult / Child NZD \$5,195.00 Adult (compulsory single supplement - solo hiker) NZD \$7,545.00	1 Apr 2027 - 30 Jun 2027 Adult / Child NZD \$4,395.00 Adult (compulsory single supplement - solo hiker) NZD \$6,745.00

"WE DIDN'T WANT IT TO END!"

What a magical experience! The scenery was stunning, the lodges were comfortable, the food was delicious (those platters!) and the hosts made us feel very welcome. Our guide Graeme was excellent, so knowledgeable and entertaining and really helped us to connect both with the place and with those who had been there before us. Combine all this with the jet boat rides and the helicopter and you have an unforgettable 4 days. Thank you to everybody involved.

~ January, **Trip Advisor**

"I WOULD HAVE GIVEN IT 6 STARS"

Having traveled to many stunning places all over the world this is definitely one at the top of my list. Not only is the wilderness pristine and of overwhelming beauty but we also felt very well guided and looked after at the lodges.

~ January, **Trip Advisor**

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DAY 1 - PRE DEPARTURE BRIEFING

Travel via private coach from Queenstown, or meet us in Te Anau (please advise if you would like to book the private coach) at the Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas, where you will attend your pre-departure briefing and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Your knowledgeable guides will talk you through all you need to know at the pre-departure briefing, such as what to include in your tramping pack and answer any questions you may have. Mix and mingle over dinner with your fellow walkers before settling into your hotel room for the evening. Please arrive at 6.25pm for the 6.30pm briefing. *Includes dinner*

DAY 2 TE ANAU - KA TUKU LODGE

19.5km (12 miles), 7-8 hours hiking

Enjoy a cooked or continental breakfast at the hotel before taking our private coach into the remote Hollyford Valley to begin your wilderness experience in Fiordland National Park. Today, we will walk 19.5km beneath towering native beech trees and alongside ancient rivers, with stories shared by your guide, truly bringing the landscape to life. Explore hidden waterfalls, wander through ancient native bush in awe of the plethora of green shades and learn about the unique flora and fauna and retrace the footsteps of Māori and early pioneer explorers who walked the trail before you.

Spend the night at Ka Tuku Lodge, a warm, welcoming retreat deep in the wilderness. Nestled beneath Mt. Madeline, where our welcoming lodge hosts and an impressive three-course meal awaits. Celebrate the achievements of the day over a glass of Central Otago wine or a refreshing craft beer. *Includes breakfast lunch and dinner.*

DAY 3 KA TUKU LODGE - MARTINS BAY

12 km (7.5 miles), 6-7 hours hiking

After breakfast, we begin our day with a short walk to Wāwāhi Waka, Lake Alabaster to take in the spectacular views of the Skippers Range and on our way back, stop at the famous Pyke bridge, the longest swing bridge in Fiordland National Park.

Board a jet boat and head down the Hollyford River and across Lake McKerrow, and out to Martins Bay on the West Coast. Walk through ancient podocarp forest and explore the historic site of Jamestown, one of New Zealand's early European settlements. After an impressive lunch, explore the Martins Bay sand dunes, wandering along the isolated beach, taking in the rugged beauty of the wild West Coast.

Arrive at our home for the night, Waitai Lodge, nestled between native bush and the sea. Enjoy the manaakitanga (hospitality) of dedicated lodge hosts and relax for the evening in one of the wood-fired hot tubs under the clear Fiordland night sky. *Includes breakfast lunch and dinner.*

DAY 4 MARTINS BAY - MILFORD SOUND - QUEENSTOWN

3.5km (2 miles), 3 hours hiking

Experience the impressive dawn chorus at Martins Bay, bird-song made possible through extensive conservation initiatives in the area. After another hearty cooked breakfast, you'll be ready to embark on your final walk of the Hollyford Track, the awe-inspiring podocarp forest, bordering the rugged West Coast. Marvel at the ancient forests with thousand-year-old giants such as the native Rimu and Kahikatea. Return to Waitai Lodge to embark on a scenic helicopter flight from Martins Bay, through the iconic and dramatic Piopiotahi Milford Sound. Marvel at the grandeur of vertical granite cliff faces and breathtaking waterfalls hidden away in the lush native forest.

Upon arrival into Milford Sound, your friendly coach driver will be awaiting to drive you back to Queenstown (or Te Anau) via the impressive Milford Road, up through the famous Homer Tunnel, cutting through a divide of sheer granite rock, and stopping at the source of the Hollyford Valley and River before embarking on our last leg back to Te Anau arriving approximately 4.00pm or carry on through to Queenstown, arriving approximately 6.30-7.00pm. *Includes breakfast and lunch.*



LIFE ON THE TRAIL

GRADE B

- Average of 4-5 hrs physical activity per day.
- At times carrying small backpack of 4-5kgs.
- Tracks generally in good condition.
- Altitude gains of up to 600m on harder days.
- No hiking experience necessary.
- Reasonable standard of fitness required

The days are long but not difficult. There are often guests from the ages of 10 to 84 doing the walk and as long as you are an actively fit person you will manage the walk. You only carry your pack on the first day's walk in (the contents of what you need to bring will fit in a medium sized backpack, weighing approximately 5-7kg), the rest of the time it is taken by boat/plane. As all linen, duvets, towels and food are provided, you need only bring your personal gear keeping your packs light for a more enjoyable adventure.



GUIDES AND SAFETY

The guides are experts on the flora, fauna, history and geology of the area, so you take away so much more than just photographs of beautiful scenery. You'll be enriched with the understanding of the valley, instilled by the staff who share their passion for this special part of the world with you. They will educate and enlighten you with historical tales and interpretation of the environment around you.



FOOD

Lodge chefs prepare hearty breakfasts, picnic lunches and superb evening dining. Breakfasts are tasty, hearty and well balanced to give you just the right fuel for the day ahead. Then for lunch you'll receive a delicious packed picnic lunch.

Dinner is a mouth-watering delight – the lodge chefs take great delight in preparing superb evening dining. The menu may include such delights as antipasto misto, seared whole roasted sirloin, Hollyford Valley styled roast vegetables and lemon tart. On the track, all meals and snacks provided. Premium selection of beer, wine & non-alcoholic beverages included. Top-shelf items available for purchase. Individual dietary requirements can also be catered for.

TRANSPORT

This hike involves a combination of coach travel from Queenstown/Te Anau to the start of the track, jet boat travel on the Hollyford River, a scenic flight to Milford Sound, and finally a coach trip back to Te Anau/Queenstown. You do hike as well!



ACCOMMODATION

At the end of an invigorating day exploring the beautiful Hollyford valley, you'll arrive at your exclusive lodge to a warm welcome and fine cuisine prepared by our friendly professional hosts. The lodges have been purpose designed and built to provide you with a level of comfort and indulgence in a place you would least expect it.

The private lodges are very well appointed with dining and lounge areas, open fires, drying rooms, separate flush toilet and shower facilities with unlimited hot water, soap, shampoo, towels and hair dryers provided. The lodges run on battery bank powered electricity, and we do conserve energy by turning off some electrical facilities overnight. However, lighting is available throughout the night, and we still have 24 hour power available in the lounge area.

Lodge bedrooms are all ensuite with linen, duvets and hot water bottles also provided. We have a lot of guests that travel alone, and many find it a great opportunity to walk and interact with other guests. If you are booking on your own a single supplement charge will apply at the time of booking.

LIFE ON THE TRAIL

ADDITIONAL COSTS

There are no additional costs, your price includes:

- Pre-departure briefing, dinner, accommodation on Day 1
- Specialist, experienced guide for the complete itinerary
- Coach transport from Queenstown or Te Anau to the start of the track on Day 1 and Day 4
- Lodge accommodation on the track, in well-appointed queen or twin ensuite rooms
- On the track, all meals and snacks provided. Premium selection of beer, wine & non-alcoholic beverages included. Top-shelf items available for purchase.
- Jet boat journey
- Duvets, towels, shampoo, soap, hairdryers & hot water bottles
- Scenic flight to Milford Sound
- Return coach transport from Milford Sound or Hollyford Track end to Queenstown or Te Anau
- Use of backpacks and rain jackets if required

BOOKING CONDITIONS

All itinerary details and prices are subject to change at any time without prior notice. The Operator reserves the right to alter, amend or cancel any tour should weather conditions or any other situation demand this. The operator will finalise all tour arrangements upon the express condition that they will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of weather or any defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft or through the acts or defaults of any company or persons engaged in conveying passengers, or in carrying out the arrangements of the tours.

Payment

For bookings four or more months before the departure, a 25% deposit can be paid with the remainder due 95 days before your trip. For bookings within four months of the departure, full payment is required.

Cancellations

30 - 89 days or more: 50% of the tour price is forfeited

Within 30 days of departure: 100% of the tour price is forfeited

Once your walk has commenced, there is no refund available for any portion due to any circumstances.

Travel Insurance

It is suggested that clients take out comprehensive travel insurance.

Notes

This trip is run in conjunction with another operator.

The operators of The Hollyford Track are committed to the prudent management and sustained preservation of the conservation estate in which it exists. The company appreciates and honours the opportunity it has to operate within Fiordland National Park and Te Wahipounamu, a unique environment which deserves respect and care. Despite this protected area being increasingly sought for its wilderness quality, The Hollyford Track management demands of itself and all its guests the preservation of its beauty for all future generations.

PACKING LIST

SUPPLIED IF REQUIRED (at no extra cost): Backpacks, day packs, pack liners, rain jackets.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Waterproof rain jacket with hood
- Sturdy footwear - hiking/tramping boots (preferably with ankle support and 'worn in')
- Two or more pairs woollen or thermal blend socks
- Polar fleece - (preferably windproof)
- Wool or micro fleece mid layer
- Polypropylene or wool thermal long sleeve tops (1 or 2 pairs)
- Polypropylene or wool long leg bottoms (1 or 2)
- Shorts (1 or 2 pairs) or quick dry walking trousers
- Shirts or t-shirts if warm
- Swimwear (for the hot tubs at Waitai Lodge)
- Peaked cap
- Wool or fleece hat
- Gloves
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Water bottle

OPTIONAL ITEMS

You may like to include the following:

- Sunscreen
- Torch or headlamp
- Money or credit card for beer, wine and souvenirs
- "Second skin" if you are prone to blisters
- Your camera (with extra film or large memory card)
- The book you've been trying to read
- Notepaper, pen, wallet, travel documents

Supplied: All meals, towels, linen, duvets, hot water bottles, soap, shampoo, headlamp and hair-dryers.

EVENING WEAR

- Nightwear
- Light shoes for the evenings at the lodge
- Light comfy socks and underwear
- Shirt or T-shirt
- Warm outer layer like fleece or jumper.
- Trousers or track pants for the evenings at the lodge

Should you get wet during the day, there are drying rooms at both lodges so if you keep your gear lightweight and fast drying, it should dry overnight.

Cotton garments, jeans or silk thermals are not recommended. Perspiration means you are likely to feel damp and cold inside the best raincoat.

SUPPLIED

All meals, towels, linen, duvets, hot water bottles, soap, shampoo, and hair-dryers.

