

"The sum of the whole is this: walk and be happy, walk and be healthy. The best of all ways to lengthen our days is to walk steadily and with a purpose." Charles Dickens

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NEW ZEALAND'S MILFORD TRACK

One of the world's finest walking trails

The **Milford Track** will take you 55 kilometres from Lake Te Anau to Milford Sound the Fiordland National Park. It follows the Clinton River to its source in Lake Mintaro, crosses the Mackinnon Pass before descending to the Arthur Valley and the head of Milford Sound.

Departs: Daily from Queenstown from 1st November 2008 to 18th April 2009

Duration: 5-days / 4-nights

Cost: From \$1540 per person



Traversing New Zealand's wild fiord country, the **Milford Track** was pioneered by Quintin Mackinnon in 1888. At its heart the Fiordland National Park and the Te Wahipounamu Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area offers a unique insight into very special native birds such as New Zealand's national symbol – the flightless kiwi, the Kea; Weka; Fantail; Robin; Parakeet and Bellbird. Here is your opportunity to experience Fiordland's spectacular: lakes; fiords; rainforests and deep canyons carved out of the local granite rocks.

The Classic **Milford Track Guided Walk** is a 5-day/4-night program from Queenstown. We offer an all-inclusive package of transport, lodge accommodation, meals, snacks, backpacks and rain jackets. Accommodation is in well-appointed luxury lodges and you will be led by expert guides.

Suggested itinerary: There is a compulsory pre-track briefing in Queenstown office the day before the track departure at 4.00pm (check in time is 3.45pm) to make sure everyone is briefed and properly equipped.

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DAY 1 - Queenstown or Te Anau to Glade House (Includes lunch & dinner). 1.6km - 20 minutes walking

Depart Queenstown to Te Anau by coach. Lunch in Te Anau and coach to Te Anau Downs where you board the launch to the head of Lake Te Anau, the beginning of the Milford Track. It's a short easy walk to Glade House, 1.6km. Afternoon tea and join your guide for a nature walk. Settle in and enjoy the environment.

DAY 2 - Glade House to Pompolona (Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner). 16km - 5-7 hours walking

After crossing the emerald green Clinton River you walk up the valley to the Hirere Falls lunch shelter. The beech forest gets more luxuriant the farther you go, until it releases you on to the Prairie. From this meadow you can capture the true nature of the ice carved Clinton Canyon. It is a short climb to Pompolona Lodge from here.

DAY 3 - Pompolona to Quintin via Mackinnon Pass (Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner). 15km - 6-8 hours walking

This is the most challenging day, especially in inclement weather. The track leads to Lake Mintaro at the head of the Clinton Valley, before climbing the Mackinnon Pass in a series of zigzags. At the top you may be rewarded with spectacular views and lunch in Pass Hut. After the rocky decent into the Arthur Valley there is a welcome cup of tea at Quintin Lodge. Optional 90-minute round trip to Sutherland Falls, the world's fifth highest waterfall.

DAY 4 - Quintin to Mitre Peak Lodge via Sandfly Point (Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner). 21km - 6-8 hours walking

On this, the final day on the track, you walk down the Arthur Valley to Boatshed, past Mackay Falls and Bell Rock and on to lunch at Giant's Gate waterfall. The final stretch of track follows tranquil Lake Ada to Sandfly Point. From here it is a short launch trip to Mitre Peak Lodge, the only accommodation at Milford Sound with superb views of Mitre Peak, for a celebratory dinner.

DAY 5 - Mitre Peak Lodge to Te Anau and Queenstown (Includes breakfast & lunch). No walking

Wake to views of Milford Sound and after breakfast board a boat for a cruise on Milford Sound. Watch for the dolphins and fur seals and hope for rain, as the resultant waterfalls are amazing. Following the cruise you start your spectacular journey through the heart of Fiordland National Park to the Homer Tunnel and on to Te Anau and Queenstown via Queenstown Airport, arriving at approximately 4.00pm.

Walkers can finish at Queenstown airport if necessary although we do suggest you plan to stay an extra night in Queenstown after the walk.



The **Milford Track** lodges have drying rooms, flush toilets and hot showers complete with soap, shampoo and hairdryers. Kitchen staff will serve a three course dinner each day usually of hearty home made soup; a traditional main; fresh garden salad and a pudding style dessert with tea or coffee and there is a bar for drinks before dinner. Next morning a cooked breakfast is available with a selection of fruit and cereal or a full cooked breakfast of bacon and eggs. A small shop is open for forgotten essentials such as sunscreen or insect repellent. Lodges generate their own electricity (turned off at 10.00pm daily) and we offer a choice of multi share rooms (dormitory style with bunk beds sleeping 4 to 6 people per room) or private bedrooms with a queen-sized or 2 single beds and a private ensuite bathroom.

Special dietary requests will be catered for within reason (bearing in mind we operate in an extremely isolated and challenging environment). Lunch is a picnic on route and we have hot drinks ready at lunch stops.

Lodges have been designed for your comfort but without a number of modern amenities such as telephones, faxes and email. Mobile phones do not work on the track but we have radio contact in case of emergency. All lodges and lunch shelters have toilets.

Health and Fitness - These walks are neither easy nor difficult. They are a challenge which people of all ages and abilities can enjoy - the average age of our walkers is 40+ and we have had many in their 60s and beyond. You carry your own pack from lodge to lodge and you will need to carry a medium sized backpack for personal belongings weighing 5-7kg for 6-8 hours over 15-21kms of mountain trails each day.

You are encouraged to walk at your own pace and there is no pressure to walk with others or to keep up. There is always a guide at the front and with the last walker in each group.

The track surface can vary from smooth well-formed paths to rough terrain broken by rocks and tree roots. There are steep rocky downhill sections and you may have to cross small streams and wade in deep water after heavy rain.

If you are not a regular walker we suggest you begin a daily walking regime 6-8 weeks before departure. Carry a small pack and gradually increase the distance you walk. Hills and stairs will help with your preparation.

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNTS – book your Milford Track Guided Walk (departures November to April) with us before 31st July 2008 & Outdoor Travel will give you a discount of \$50 per person. Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details, a copy of the brochure or to make a reservation

As specialists in active holidays Outdoor Travel offer a wide range of guided walking experiences in New Zealand including the Routeburn Walk, Grand Traverse, Hollyford Track, Abel Tasman, Queen Charlotte Walk, Stewart Island Trek, Hump Ridge Track and several on the North Island. In Europe walks are available in most destinations including France, Italy, Spain, UK, Germany, Switzerland Croatia, Greece & Turkey

TOUR DE MONT BLANC

The classic Alpine Route - self-guided walking itinerary from Sherpa

Sherpa's team in Switzerland have worked for many years in the Alps moving baggage and providing assistance to walkers read their description of one of those 'unforgettable Walks To Take Before You Die...'

You don't need to venture to the Himalayas or the Andes to find some of the worlds most stunning and enchanting mountain walks. An easy hop from Paris, London, Frankfurt or Rome are the spires and dazzling, dreamy domes that are encompassed by the magnificent arc of the Mont Blanc range. The Tour De Mont Blanc trekking route never fails to impress its avid fans as well as first-time hiking visitors. A hike around these famed 'stars' of the Alps is surely a tempting prospect for any mountain lover and anyone who wants to savour a great walking challenge, where the hurly burly of modern living is left far behind.

Who can fail to be stirred by the artistry of nature's grandeur on this trek? You will easily fall under their spell and become enchanted by them all; the lush grassy meadows with their contented curious cows, cool mountain streams, silent shady forests, tumbling waterfalls and ever-present shimmering peaks. Topping it all perhaps are those imposing rivers of ice, the graceful glaciers that cascade down – true mosaics of natural beauty. With three distinctive countries en route having differing languages and cultures, there is also a stimulating variety of side interests. And of course a great choice of enticing food and fine wines available at every turn, always a high point of any trek. So why not lace up those boots and head to Chamonix?

Our trek begins in Les Houches, where gastronomic delights await along with a first tantalising glimpse of the staggeringly sheer, lower buttresses of Mont Blanc itself, floating above an often fiery sunset. Heading anticlockwise, we pass through charming villages, across rocky passes and into isolated valleys frozen in time. In Italy a whole new world awaits, a totally different pace of life, with charming people and glorious food too. Over the Grand Col Ferret we cross into the Swiss region of the tour, with its typical wooden farmhouses, meadows and alluring views. Yet again we are treated to a different atmosphere, a genteel tranquility that recalls a bygone era. High above the pretty lakeside village of Champex, where we have one of our days 'off', are some of the most inspirational mountain views to be found anywhere. Up here we are in the realms of the

elusive ibex and chamois. After an exciting airy traverse, at your feet are the stupendous ice fields that source the Glacier d'Orny.

The sense of excitement quickens as we approach the Col de Balme and re-enter France. The panorama that unfolds presents a classic jewel of the Alps; Mont Blanc is on full display, a fabulous, gigantic gem of immense proportions. The Dru, a dastardly daunting spire, sits brooding close by; its sheer walls are a deadly taunting addiction for mountaineers of all ages. Our grand finale above the Chamonix Valley is a walk along the justly famed Grand Balcon, with theatrical cloud formations sometimes adding to the interest! Descending from the dizzying heights of the Brevent brings us back down to Les Houches, with that warm glow of satisfaction that caps the completion of this classic walk.

The Tour de Mont Blanc has recently been featured in the new BBC Book entitled 'Unforgettable Walks To Take Before You Die'. When the co-author Clare Jones completed the Sherpa itinerary in 2007 she wrote, "The trip lived up to everything you suggested and certainly proved that it ranked as a truly 'unforgettable' experience. From everyone on the BBC team we wish you continued success and hope that many more clients continue to enjoy your excellent services".

Sherpa Tour de Mont Blanc trips for 2008 depart on Saturday and Sunday on a fortnightly basis until 24 August. There are still places available on most of the dates this season – early bookings for 2009 welcome.

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BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS

Outdoor Travel can help with all your travel needs



Say hello to the latest member of the Outdoor Travel Team - Born and raised in Holland, Yvette van Urk travelled throughout Europe every year with her family, from staying at campsites in France and Italy to luxurious Pousadas in Portugal, she sailed the Turkish Coast and explored the markets in Morocco. Yvette also worked a few weeks in the Rhone Valley in France picking grapes. She always liked to explore the great outdoors and with her father, who was living in New York, Yvette has been lucky enough to see a great part of the USA and the Caribbean.

Yvette's Aussie husband took her on an 18-month honeymoon around the world before settling in Australia. After exploring the East Coast of Australia they followed their adventure through Asia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand. One of the highlights was hiking to the Annapurna Base Camp in Nepal followed by 5-months in a campervan travelling the UK, Europe and Scandinavia. Walking for hours in the beautiful Lake District in England and riding bikes early in the morning through Prague were some of her most magical moments.

Her love for travelling the world eventually drew her to Australia where she wanted to take her experiences further and to share them with others. So she qualified as a travel agent ten years ago and since then has worked for several of the main retail travel chains including Jetset and Flight Centre. She has also managed to see many more destinations including Canada & Alaska, New Zealand, Fiji and our own NT - last month she took a Pacific Cruise with her family.

According to Yvette, "Being a travel agent is a great journey in itself, taking clients wishes in mind and working out the best possible way making their experience a very exciting and memorable one." "I love to look after your travel arrangements, particularly flight reservations and airline tickets, if you're not certain how to get there or what the best options are for you, don't worry, I will go on the planning journey with you and find a way that suits you best."

Many, many of Yvette's clients are already planning for 2009 and demand for flights to Europe is already high - to contact Yvette about your plans or earlybird bookings call (03) 57501 441 or email fares@outdoortravel.com.au

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- FRANCE 16 Aug share cabin (male only) \$1550
26 July, 2 Aug Burgundy at \$1650 or (single cabin only 23, 30 Aug)
2 Aug Champagne - Reims to Paris
- FRANCE/LUXEMBOURG/GERMANY - 6 Sep River Moselle & Saar at \$1290 - **SPECIAL DISCOUNT RATE**
- HOLLAND 20 July, 3, 10 & 31 Aug Northern Holland at \$1660
19, 26 July, 2, 30 Aug & 13 Sep Highlights of Holland from Amsterdam at \$1380
- HOLLAND/BELGIUM 14 Sep, 11 Oct Bruges to Amsterdam at \$1650
- GERMANY 23 Aug Ludwigburg to Frankfurt (limited space) at \$1650
13 Sep River Saar & Moselle at \$1290 – **SPECIAL DISCOUNT RATE**
18 Oct River Moselle – Saarbrücken to Koblenz at \$1460 – **SPECIAL DISCOUNT RATE**
- HOLLAND/GERMANY 18 Oct Rhine River repositioning cruise Koblenz to Amsterdam at \$1460
- GREECE Cyclades, Ionian Islands and Aegean Islands to Oct from \$1930 for 8-days / 7-nights
20 Sep Greek Aegean North,
27 Sep Cyclades
27 Sep & 4, 18, 25 Oct Greek Aegean South
5, 26 Oct Ionian Islands (12 Oct Ionian Islands starting Kefalonia)
11 Oct Aegean Middle & Greek Aegean with ending in Bodrum
19 Oct Greek Aegean Middle & Ionian Islands
- CROATIA Dalmatian Coast from \$1595 per person for 8-days / 7-nights
14, 21, 28 Sep & 5, 12, 19, 25 Oct Kvarner Bay
14 Sep Dubrovnik
21 Sep Montenegro
27 Sep & 4, 18 Oct Southern Dalmatia
28 Sep Istria
11 Oct National Park Dalmatia
11 Oct From Trogir to Dubrovnik
- TURKEY Selected weekly departures Lycian Coast to October \$1930
4 Oct Turkey South Coast
11, 18, 25 Oct Turkish South Coast
- 2009 FRANCE/BELGIUM – 2-week tour - extra departures on a second boat at \$3350 – bookings now open:
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For early bookings for 2009 we are now offering the 2008 rates less 10% for all new reservations confirmed before 30th August 2008:

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ANZAC DAY TOURS 2009

Bookings now open – limit space available

2008 saw the initiation of a new commemoration of Australia's involvement in the First World War in the Somme in France. Many hundreds joined the ceremonies at Villers-Bretonneux & accompanied by expert guides or military historians visited several of the battlefield sites & graves. The events are to be repeated in 2009 & we are again offering 4, 6 or 13-day tours in April which will be detailed on our website shortly.

Expressions of interest are requested as places will be limited due to the shortage of suitable accommodation in the region – call 1800 331 582

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT OUR HOLIDAYS

Camino De Santiago - *Just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed my walk to Santiago! Your service was really great and I have already recommended you to several colleagues. Many thanks for helping to make my trip so memorable and I will certainly use Outdoor Travel again in the future.*

Getting to Sarria was easy! I had spent 2 nights in Bilboa (going to the famed Guggenheim Museum). Left Bilboa early in the day for Sarria. Firstly we had to put our luggage through an x-ray machine as though leaving from an airport. In a 2 car carriage there were 2 security guards and 3 conductors!! Then the penny dropped! I was in ETA country!!

We continued in the regional train and had a 30 minute lunch break at a small train station on the way to Leon. By that I mean the train did not leave the station and we could all get out and have a bite to eat. After lunch this small regional 2 carriage train carried on and we were given headsets for the movie! In fact over the course of the next few hours, they showed 2 movies. It was an incredible experience and something that I never would have expected in my wildest dreams!! I had to change trains and I was taken by the hand to purchase ticket and the conductor made sure I was on the correct train to Sarria. They knew I was a foreigner and were very helpful. It was all part of the adventure.

Some people who have not travelled would find it stressful but I have lived and worked in Europe and enjoy the unexpected. The day walking was pretty and easy only having a daypack. Your tour suited me 100%! I just had to get up, have breakfast and take my daypack. Almost everyone else were carrying their entire pack and had no fixed place for the evening.

As a single female, I knew where I had to be at the end of the day and I also knew that dinner was waiting. Very comforting indeed. So many people want to criticise whatever has not worked for them and I kept thinking that I wanted you to know how easy it was to walk the Camino with your "invisible" service. Thanks again!! Mary

Walking in Italy - *My husband and I have recently returned from a 7-week holiday in Europe. One week of our holiday was a walking tour of the Cinque Terre with HF holidays booked through your office. We wanted to tell you what a wonderful experience it was. We loved the walking and appreciated the fact that there were two levels of walking. We did the more difficult walks but some may not have been able to manage this level*

of difficulty. We found that the holiday was great value for money, the accommodation and food was great and we met some wonderful people. It was one of the best holidays we've had.

We also did a HF walking tour in Norcia and this tour was also fantastic and even better value because at the hotel used there the dinner at night was always 5 courses and there was as much wine and bottled water as you could drink included in the price!

One good part of that trip was the opportunity to do an Italian cooking class on the day off and the house where this was done was definitely state of the art. Roy is a very passionate amateur chef so he really enjoyed that opportunity! The hotel in Bonassola (Cinque Terra) had a better standard of rooms but the food was maybe not as interesting and it doesn't have a bar so you tend not to linger over meals but one of their relatives owns a bar next door which is a pleasant place and most people go there after dinner.

The walking in Norcia is quite high altitude so we found it a little bit hard until we got used to it and the walks would definitely appeal more to people who like walking in mountainous areas as opposed to coastal areas. Interestingly there was one other Australian on that trip and one American but the rest were very serious walkers from the UK and most had never heard of the Cinque Terre and those that had said it was a place which was very popular with Australians but I got the impression that it was not the type of walking they enjoyed!

I think there is a growing demand for the type of holidays you sell. As the baby boomers retire many are not interested in doing the usual bus tour holidays but are definitely wanting to do something more active so thank you for giving us this opportunity. Roy & Wendy

ANZAC 90th Anniversary Tour in France - *We felt that the 2008 Other Anzac Day Tour met all the objectives we set for that part of our recent overseas visit. My thanks for introducing this tour to us and for overseeing our application to participate. My thanks also to Lucie and Yvette, the car and airline booking arrangements went without a hitch. George*

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- 4) Want help in finding you way around Australia – <http://www.travelmate.com.au/> for help from Travel Mate Mapmaker to generate a map of your proposed trip along with driving directions.

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CARBON & THE HOLIDAY & WORK ENVIRONMENT

What we can do to make a difference?

With the release of reports into the global impact to the environment by carbon emissions & the use of cars, planes & of power generation there have been some creative new information sites that can give you some ideas about how you can look at a personal contribution to the issue of global warming.



Offsets made simple - '[Carbon Offsetting Explained](http://www.climatecare.org)' (website homepage – <http://www.climatecare.org>)

PC Power Consumption, Does it Really Matter?

More than **30 billion kilowatt-hours of energy are wasted because many of us simply forget to shut down our computers** when we're not using them. If we could just improve the efficiency of how we use our PCs, the savings in energy costs would be over \$3 billion dollars! The CO2 emissions from just 15 computers are equivalent in energy terms to the gas consumption used by one car.

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Each year, the average Australian vehicle emits about 4.3 tonnes of carbon dioxide - the major Greenhouse Gas. While various attempts are being made in the transport sector to reduce vehicle use and emissions, through programs such as [TravelSmart](#), an alternative way of reducing Greenhouse Gases in the atmosphere is to remove them after they have been emitted via carbon sequestration in trees.

The **TreeSmart** program aims to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by planting, maintaining and harvesting plantation eucalypt trees. The **TreeSmart** program is different to some other carbon sequestration programs that plant trees and leave them un-maintained as a perpetual forest.

The **TreeSmart** program will operate by selling subscriptions to Australian travellers ([motorists](#), [road freight operators](#), [public transport travellers](#), [air travellers](#), [conference attendees](#)) to enable the CO2 emissions from their travel to be absorbed (sequestered) in eucalypt trees grown for eventual harvesting and replanting.

OUTDOOR TRAVEL Pty Ltd do not specifically endorse any of these options & do not vouch for their effectiveness or credibility but we believe this information will help make an informed decision