

HOLLYFORD VALLEY

4-day / 3-night Moderate guided wilderness walk with jet boat & scenic MILFORD SOUND flight



Step into the remote and dramatic Hollyford Valley; New Zealand's wilderness at its most primal and inspiring, spectacular and ever changing. At over 1.2 million hectares, Fiordland National Park is not only New Zealand's largest national park, but one of the biggest in the world. The Hollyford Walk experience is one of infinite views of snow-capped peaks and glaciers, of temperate rainforests, rivers, lakes, waterfalls, reefs, sand dunes and surf beaches. The diversity and wildlife in this valley is truly unparalleled.

Join us on a small group adventure (maximum group size is 16) hiking through World Heritage wilderness, step aboard a captivating jet boat ride down the Hollyford River and across Lake McKerrow, see historical sites of the pioneers and leave with a scenic flight over Milford Sound. The remote and often wild coastline is inhabited by native New Zealand Fur Seals, families of Bottlenose Dolphins and rare Fiordland Crested Penguins. The mix of spectacular scenery and amazing native animals make the Hollyford Track a must do in Fiordland.

Cost per person (twin share) from: \$2770* Child (10-14 years) \$2375

Single room supplement from: \$1190

* Prices in Australian dollars

Departs:

December 2021 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st

January 2022 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 28th, 30th

February 2022 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 28th

March 2022 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th, 30th, 31st

April 2022 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th

Guided Holidays include: Pre-walk briefing; experienced walking guide; one night 4-star hotel ensuite room accommodation with dinner and breakfast included, two nights lodge accommodation in twin share bunk rooms with shared bathroom facilities; hot showers; linen and towels, bedding including duvets and hot water bottles; soap, shampoo and hairdryers; all meals on the track; transfer of main pack between Pyke and Martins Bay Lodges (you only carry your main pack on Day 1); jet boat ride; scenic helicopter flight to Milford Sound; coach transport from/to Queenstown/Te Anau; use of backpacks, rain jackets and poles if required.

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Suggested itinerary: Walking distances shown are all approximate.

Day 1: Arrive Queenstown, transfer to Te Anau

Meet at The Station Building in central Queenstown at 3.30pm or at Queenstown Airport at 4.00pm. You will be transferred by coach to Te Anau and your overnight accommodation at the Distinction Luxmore Hotel. There is an essential pre-walk briefing at your hotel at 6.30pm that evening, before dinner with your fellow walkers.

Day 2: Waterfalls and Pyke River Lodge

walking @ 19.5km

After breakfast, meet at 7.45am in the hotel reception, dressed and ready to walk. Depart at 8.00am for the start of the track in the Hollyford Valley. Your walk follows the swift, clear waters of the Hollyford River, beneath the gaze of the mighty Southern Alps, including Fiordland National Park's two highest peaks, Mt Tutoko (2746m) and Mt Madeline (2537m). Retrace the footsteps of the original Māori settlers and early explorers. The track undulates gently through native beech forest and beside spectacular tumbling waterfalls along the Hollyford River to Pyke River Lodge where you are welcomed by your friendly lodge hosts. Enjoy a hot shower, an impressive 3 course meal and the opportunity to relax with a post dinner drink and savor the majesty of Mt Madeline.

Day 3: Lakes, Jet Boating and Wildlife Experience

walking @ 15km

A short walk to Lake Alabaster and cross the Fiordland's longest swing bridge before embarking on a captivating jet boat journey down the Hollyford River. Cross the glassy waters of Lake McKerrow where the mountains rise dramatically above to historic Jamestown, the intended capital of the South Island in the late 19th Century. Walk through ancient Podocarp forest (New Zealand native pines) with huge Rimu, Totara and Kahikatea trees wrapped in Rata vines. Visit the Long Reef fur seal colony (you may see rare Fiordland Crested Penguins or encounter a family of Bottlenose Dolphins who regularly visit the lower river and lake) and spend the night at Martins Bay Lodge.

Day 4: Martins Bay Beach / Scenic Flight to Milford Sound

walking @ 5km

Jet boat ride to Martins Bay Beach, with its sand dunes and lagoon. Learn about the diversity of the plant, sea and bird life and discover the historical site that chief Tutoko and his people guarded the highly valued pounamu (greenstone / jade).

Return to Martins Bay Lodge for lunch and then embark on a **scenic helicopter flight** along the rugged coastline to Milford Sound. With views of the Hollyford and Mt Tutoko, Fiordland's highest peak, and into the dramatic Milford Sound, marvel the grandeur of vertical granite walls rising from the sea. Travel by coach arriving back in Te Anau by 4.30pm and Queenstown by 7.00pm. No accommodation provided on this night – ask us for options.



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Contact **Outdoor Travel's** experienced staff who have walked this walk for more details and reservations:

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