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PRODUCT DIRECTORY

Milford Sound • Te Anau • Queenstown
NEW ZEALAND



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Kia ora, welcome to **SOUTHERN DISCOVERIES**

We're dedicated to sharing some of New Zealand's most iconic scenery and extraordinary experiences with the world. Our mission is take our guests further, closer and deeper for an adventure they'll never forget.

As Milford Sound's original cruise operator, we provide the most comprehensive range of tourism activities and amenities in the fiord.

We're locally and family-owned. Kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of our unique environment and manaakitanga (hospitality and respect) of our guests are core to our company values. We celebrate living our values and receiving Qualmark Gold for all our experiences in Milford Sound, which recognises outstanding customer service and sustainability practices. We are also a very proud supporter of the Tawaki Project - a long term study of the marine ecology, breeding biology and population dynamics of the world's least known, most enigmatic penguin species.



the **tawaki**
project
www.tawaki-project.org

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Milford Sound

NATURE CRUISE



EXPLORE THE 8TH WONDER OF THE WORLD ON THE ORIGINAL NATURE CRUISE

Join us on the original Milford Sound Nature Cruise for an epic voyage of discovery. Sail past iconic sights like Mitre Peak and Stirling Falls, feel the spray from the waterfalls as you cruise the fiord towards the Tasman Sea.

Our passionate skipper will provide entertaining nature commentary from the wheelhouse, while our boat hosts are on hand for a chat and to answer any questions. Get a picture of a basking New Zealand fur seal or relax in our spacious cabin with a hot drink. This is one experience you do not want to miss!

Why choose a Milford Sound Nature Cruise

- Whatever the weather, our refurbished lounges offer amazing views through large viewing windows
- With 360° views, the spacious outdoor decks are perfect for photographers
- Our passionate skippers delight in sharing their knowledge with entertaining commentary
- Option to add a delicious, freshly prepared picnic lunch. The To Kai Buffet is available on selected departures
- FREE tea and coffee
- Cascade Room Upgrade available on the 11.15am and 1.30pm departure
- Duration 1hr 45mins - 2hrs

Option	Season	Check-in closes	Departs	Returns
Nature Cruise	All year	10.15am	10.30am	12.15pm
Nature Cruise	1 Oct - 30 April	11.00am	11.15am	12.55pm
Nature Cruise	1 Oct - 30 April	1.00pm	1.15pm	2.55pm
Nature Cruise	All year	1.15pm	1.30pm	3.15pm
Nature Cruise	1 Oct - 30 April	3.00pm	3.15pm	5.00pm
Nature Cruise	1 Dec - 28 Feb	3.30pm	3.45pm	5.15pm
Coach & Nature Cruise ex Queenstown	All year	6.45am	7.00am	7.30pm
Coach & Nature Cruise with return flight ex Queenstown	All year	6.45am	7.00am	4.00pm
Coach & Nature Cruise with return heli ex Queenstown	All year	6.45am	7.00am	4.00pm
Coach & Nature Cruise ex Te Anau	All year	9.45am	10.00am	5.00pm



Milford Sound

DISCOVER MORE CRUISE



OUR LONGEST MOST IMMERSIVE MILFORD SOUND CRUISE

Introducing the Discover More Milford Sound cruise tailored for those who enjoy unhurried exploration. Spend over two hours cruising Milford Sound with an onboard nature guide to point out spectacular waterfalls and spot iconic wildlife.

Cruise at a relaxed pace, with plenty of time to appreciate the awe-inspiring fiord formation carved by ancient glaciers while the cruise follows the full length of the fiord. Meet and chat to the skipper with an open wheelhouse. Wildlife sighting can include New Zealand fur seals, bottlenose dolphins and even the rare Fiordland crested penguin.

Perfect for those seeking a deeper connection with this breathtaking natural wonder.

Why choose a Milford Sound Discover More Cruise

- ▶ Time to slow down and take it all in, with a deeper Milford experience
- ▶ Expert insights and stories from a dedicated onboard nature guide
- ▶ Year-round wildlife sightings—New Zealand fur seals, bottlenose dolphins, and if you're lucky the rare Fiordland crested penguin
- ▶ Open wheelhouse—meet and chat with the skipper
- ▶ Spacious outdoor covered viewing deck with comfortable seating and uninterrupted views
- ▶ Delicious, freshly prepared picnic lunch included on 12.30pm departure
- ▶ Option to add picnic lunch on 9.30am & 2.45pm departure
- ▶ FREE tea and coffee
- ▶ Duration 2hrs - 2hr 15mins

Option	Season	Check-in closes	Departs	Returns
Discover More Cruise	1 Oct - 30 April	9.15am	9.30am	11.30am
Discover More Cruise	All year	12.15pm	12.30pm	2.30pm
Discover More Cruise	1 Oct - 30 April	2.30pm	2.45pm	4.45pm
Coach & Discover More Cruise ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	8.00pm
Coach & Discover More Cruise with return flight ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	4.00pm
Coach & Nature Cruise with return heli ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	4.00pm
Coach & Nature Cruise ex Te Anau	All year	9.15am	9.30am	5.00pm



Milford Sound
**CRUISE
& WALK**



OFFERING TWO INCREDIBLE PERSPECTIVES OF THIS NATURAL WONDER

Experience Milford Sound by land and sea on an unforgettable journey that can begin with either the walk or the cruise. Depending on your departure time, you may start your adventure on the world-famous Milford Track with a self-guided walk to the breathtaking Giant Gates Falls—a perfect spot for a relaxing picnic and a refreshing swim. Upon your return to Milford, board a Nature Cruise to explore the stunning fiord and soak in its grandeur from the water.

Alternatively, you may begin with the Nature Cruise before completing your adventure with the scenic Milford Track walk.










Why choose Milford Sound Cruise & Milford Track Walk

- Choose your order of activities based on your departure time
- The 9:00am departure starts with the Milford Track Walk which includes a 10-minute boat journey from Deepwater Basin in Milford Sound to Sandfly Point
- Walk at your own pace, and explore this stunning 11-kilometre return walk on the famous Milford Track for up to 4 hours
- Then join a Milford Sound Nature Cruise for up to 2 hours
- Our friendly team will answer your questions and provide entertaining commentary onboard the cruise
- Outdoor decks and comfortable indoor lounge seating, perfect for Milford Sound in any weather
- Includes FREE tea and coffee and licensed bar onboard
- The 10:30am departure will start with the Milford Sound Nature Cruise followed by the 1pm departure from Deepwater Basin to start the Milford Track Walk
- Multilingual app available for Milford Track Walk from 1st October 2025

Option	Season	Check-in closes	Departs	Returns
Milford Track Walk & Nature Cruise	1 Oct - 30 April	8:45am	9.00am	4.45pm
Nature Cruise & Milford Track Walk	1 Oct- 30 April	10:15am	10:30am	5.00pm



Key

-  Visitor
-  Centre
-  Airport
-  Toilets
-  Telephone
-  Walking track
-  Road
-  Scenic flyback option
-  Photo opportunity

Tasman Sea

MILFORD
SOUND

 The Chasm
 Homer Tunnel


● GLENORCHY

● ARROWTOWN

QUEENSTOWN

Lake
Wakatipu

Mt Nicholas ●

 ● Knobs Flat

 ● Mirror
Lakes

Lake
Te Anau

● Te Anau
Downs

FIORDLAND
NATIONAL
PARK

KINGSTON ●

   TE ANAU

● MOSSBURN



Milford Sound GETTING THERE

If Milford Sound is the eighth wonder of the world, the road to Milford is surely the ninth. The best way to experience both is by travelling on a Southern Discoveries coach and cruise day trip from Queenstown or Te Anau.

Road to Milford Sound highlights:



Mirror Lakes

Small tarns (mountain lakes) on the roadside provide outstanding reflections in calm weather. A 10 minute walk with views of the Earl Mountains.



Eglington Valley

A beautiful glaciated valley with steep sides and a flat floor. It's up to 2 kilometres (1.2 miles) wide and has a shingle riverbed which is constantly being changed by the Eglington River.



Homer Tunnel

At an altitude of 945 metres (3100 feet) above sea level and 1.2 kilometres (0.75 miles) in length, the road tunnel allows access through sheer rock to Milford Sound with a gradient of 1 in 10.



Monkey Creek

Located in the Hollyford Valley, Monkey Creek is a glacial fed spring with water so pure you can drink straight from it. It's the perfect place to fill up your water bottle. You are likely to spot some friendly Kea here too.

Milford Sound

COACH AND NATURE CRUISE



WHERE THE JOURNEY IS JUST AS SPECTACULAR AS THE DESTINATION

Take a guided adventure to Milford Sound with our friendly team. Our expert drivers will entertain you with their insight and knowledge while showing you the best photo stops and short walks on the incredible road to Milford Sound.

Once in Milford you'll join the original Nature Cruise to explore the 8th wonder of the world. We'll get you close to this famous fiord where you feel you can almost reach out and touch the sheer rock walls. Our passionate skipper will provide entertaining nature commentary from the wheelhouse, while our boat hosts are on hand for a chat and to answer any questions. Our Milford Sound day trips are an unforgettable experience!

Why choose a Milford Sound Coach & Nature Cruise day trip

- Board our coach and settle into a modern, spacious seat with plenty of legroom
- Our local coach drivers provide you with entertaining and informative commentary in English
- Translated, commentary available via pre downloadable app on the coach in Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, French, German & Portuguese
- Join our Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- Our passionate skippers delight in sharing their knowledge with entertaining commentary
- Option to return to Queenstown on a scenic flight or by helicopter
- Option to include a delicious, freshly prepared picnic lunch or To Kai buffet
- Cascade Room Upgrade available
- Duration is 7 hours from Te Anau, 12 hours and 30 minutes from Queenstown

Option	Season	Check-in closes	Departs	Returns
Coach & Nature Cruise ex Queenstown	All year	6.45am	7.00am	7.30pm
Coach & Nature Cruise with return flight ex Queenstown	All year	6.45am	7.00am	4.00pm
Coach & Nature Cruise with return heli ex Queenstown	All year	6.45am	7.00am	4.00pm
Coach & Nature Cruise ex Te Anau	All year	9.45am	10.00am	5.00pm



Milford Sound

COACH AND DISCOVER MORE CRUISE



TAKE YOUR TIME WITH OUR LONGEST MILFORD SOUND EXPERIENCE

This tour is tailored for those who enjoy unhurried exploration. Departing early from Queenstown or Te Anau with a nature guide on board for the duration, in a premium glass-roof coach. You'll arrive in Milford Sound relaxed and ready for your cruise.

Once in Milford join our longest and most immersive Milford Sound cruise, where your nature guide will continue to provide informative commentary. Cruise at a relaxed pace, with plenty of time to appreciate the awe-inspiring fiord formation carved by ancient glaciers while the cruise follows the full length of the fiord. Meet and chat to the skipper with an open wheelhouse. Relax and let us show you the best of Milford Sound.

Why choose a Milford Sound Coach & Discover More Cruise day trip

- Board our coach and settle into a modern, spacious seat with plenty of legroom
- Enjoy entertaining and informative English commentary from both your local coach driver and onboard nature guide, accompanying you all the way from Queenstown.
- Translated, commentary available via pre downloadable app on the coach in Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, French, German & Portuguese
- Join our Milford Sound Discover More Cruise for an immersive Milford experience
- Open wheelhouse to meet and chat with the skipper as well as a dedicated onboard nature guide to share expert insights and stories
- Option to return to Queenstown on a scenic flight or by helicopter
- Includes a delicious, freshly prepared picnic lunch
- Duration is 7 hours and 30 minutes from Te Anau, 13 hours and 30 minutes from Queenstown

Option	Season	Check-in closes	Departs	Returns
Coach & Discover More Cruise ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	8.00pm
Coach & Discover More Cruise with return flight ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	4.00pm
Coach & Discover More Cruise with return heli ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	4.00pm
Coach & Discover More Cruise ex Te Anau	All year	9.15am	9.30am	5.00pm



Te Anau

NATURE COACH AND CRUISE WITH FARM TOUR



A TASTE OF KIWI HOSPITALITY FROM TWO EXPERIENCED NZ OPERATORS

Departing from Queenstown or Te Anau, combine a Milford Sound Nature Cruise with a 1 hour family-friendly farm experience. Here you will get to meet and chat to passionate locals, learning first-hand about life on a New Zealand working farm. The farm tour includes friendly animals, watching sheepdogs in action, experience farm life up-close and a Kiwi-style morning tea.

From Te Anau, the overland journey to Milford Sound is a showcase of sheer mountains and towering cliffs, rugged valleys and native rain forest surrounded by teeming waterfalls and glacial lakes. On arrival, board a vessel for a Nature Cruise. This two-hour cruise takes in the highlights of Milford Sound.

Why choose a Milford Sound Nature Coach & Cruise with Farm Tour

- Board our coach and settle into a modern, spacious seat with plenty of legroom
- Our local coach drivers provide you with entertaining and informative commentary in English
- Farm tour of approximately 1 hour includes friendly animals, watching sheepdogs in action, experiencing farm life up-close and a Kiwi-style morning tea
- Join our Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- Our passionate skippers delight in sharing their knowledge with entertaining commentary
- Option to return to Queenstown on a scenic flight or by helicopter
- Option to include a delicious, freshly prepared picnic lunch or To Kai buffet
- Duration is 8 hours from Te Anau, 13 hours from Queenstown

Option	Season	Check-in closes	Departs	Returns
Coach & Nature Cruise with Farm Tour ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	7.30pm
Coach & Nature Cruise with Farm Tour with return flight ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	4.00pm
Coach & Nature Cruise and Farm Tour with return heli ex Queenstown	All year	6.15am	6.30am	4.00pm
Coach & Nature Cruise with Farm Tour ex Te Anau	All year	8.30am	8.45am	5.00pm



Wanaka to Milford Sound **BY PLANE**



EXPERIENCE THE SOUTHERN ALPS FROM ABOVE

Immerse yourself in the UNESCO World Heritage area of Te Wahipounamu. The landscapes are unspoilt, remote and best viewed from the air.

- ▶ Enjoy panoramic views as you fly over untouched wilderness and stunning alpine scenery
- ▶ Flights are subject to weather conditions
- ▶ Pilots provide commentary on the untouched wilderness only seen by air
- ▶ We coordinate daily options by small plane connecting with our Milford Sound Nature Cruise

Queenstown to Milford Sound **BY PLANE**



TAKE TO THE SKIES FOR THE ULTIMATE BIRD'S EYE VIEWS

Enjoy the most spectacular view of Milford Sound and the Southern Alps as you fly into (or out of) this breathtaking fiord.

- ▶ Enjoy panoramic views as you fly over untouched wilderness and stunning alpine scenery
- ▶ We coordinate daily options by small plane connecting with our Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- ▶ Pilots provide commentary on the untouched wilderness only seen by air
- ▶ Seamless Coach/Cruise/Fly connections
- ▶ Up to six daily departure times for Fly/Cruise/Fly
- ▶ Complimentary accommodation pick up and drop off
- ▶ Flights are subject to weather conditions
- ▶ Flight commentary available on Southern Discoveries App - languages vary for each operator

Queenstown to Milford Sound BY HELICOPTER



SOAR OVER THE ALPS AND TOUCH DOWN ON A MOUNTAIN

Enjoy an exhilarating flight over spectacular rivers, valleys and mountains with blue-green icefalls, as well as an alpine landing on the return flight from Milford Sound

- ▶ See the best of New Zealand's spectacular and pristine landscapes
- ▶ We coordinate daily options by helicopter our Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- ▶ Pilots provide commentary on the untouched wilderness only seen by air
- ▶ Seamless Coach/Cruise/Heli connections you see more
- ▶ Up to five daily departure times for Heli/Cruise/Heli
- ▶ Complimentary accommodation pick up and drop off
- ▶ Flights are subject to weather conditions

Milford Sound

LUNCH OPTIONS



TO KAI BUFFET LUNCH

Indulge in our Kiwi-style buffet lunch. Featuring a selection of hot and cold dishes and salads freshly prepared on board daily by our chefs. We use locally sourced produce and change the menu seasonally, all meat used is certified halal. Dishes include roasted pork belly, beef cheeks, fried chicken, roasted vegetables, seafood and more. Available on select Milford Sound Nature Cruises.



INDIAN BUFFET

Enjoy our selection of Indian cuisine. Vegetable curry, samosa, vegetable, spring roll, spicy dahl, rice, roast pumpkin, steamed vegetables, aloo gobi, cucumber raita, green salad, mango chutney and naan bread (all Thali Indian lunches are served vegetarian, if passengers request non-vegetarian, we serve a tandoori chicken dish). Available on select Milford Sound Nature Cruises.



PICNIC LUNCH

Individually packaged lunches. Sandwich or wraps with chicken, cheese and salad, cheese and crackers, biscuit/sweet slice, chocolate bar, crisps and fresh fruit. Available on all Milford Sound Cruises and Milford Sound Coach & Cruise day trips. Included on Milford Sound Discover More Cruise 12.30pm departure.



JAPANESE OBENTO

Individually boxed lunches. Prawn salad, grilled salmon, crumbed fish, chicken thigh teriyaki, sushi, steamed rice, blanched seasonal vegetables, cucumber/radish/ginger pickles, miso soup, palmier pie, fresh fruit and green tea. Available on select Milford Sound Nature Cruises.

- Tasty lunch options are available on all cruises and must be ordered at least 24 hours prior to departure
- Our international chefs will create lunches to order for groups if prearranged.
- All meat is Halal certified
- For specific dietary requirements or special group requests, please contact reservations who will provide you with a menu and prices
- Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free alternatives to all food options are available. Please request when pre-ordering
- Chinese, Korean and Indian dishes available for 10 or more paying passengers. Please request when pre-ordering
- Complimentary tea and coffee available on all cruises
- Vessels have onboard cafés with a selection of hot and cold snacks available for purchase, as well as a fully licensed bar (excluding Lady Stirling)



PRIDE OF MILFORD



SPIRIT OF MILFORD



Milford Sound
**VESSEL
FLEET**

Charters available
on all vessels



LADY BOWEN



LADY STIRLING

Queenstown
WINE TOUR



SCENERY IS BETTER WITH WINE

Take a journey through Gibbston Valley wine country. We'll introduce you to passionate cellar door hosts and their award-winning wines in a relaxed, intimate tour. Here, the beautiful Central Otago scenery is more than a photo opportunity; it's what makes these wines extraordinary. Each winery has been chosen for its world-class varietals, passionate winemakers, and connection to the legacy of Central Otago viticulture.

Chard Farm, Waitiri Creek and Brennan Wines in Gibbston Valley and Mora in Arrowtown are each boutique cellar doors widely recognised for their exceptional production of Pinot Noir and other Central Otago wines.

On some occasions, these wineries may not be available, however the alternative will also be sure to delight.

Why choose a Queenstown Wine Tour

- A small and sophisticated wine tour ideal for true wine enthusiasts
- Visit four Gibbston Valley vineyards, each celebrated for their distinctive wines and unique character
- Experience 20+ premium wine tastings
- Friendly, knowledgeable guides throughout your experience
- Savour a light platter during the tour
- Travel in luxury Mercedes Sprinter equipped with free Wi-Fi
- Private charter options available
- Duration up to 5 hours

Option	Season	Check-in closes	Departs	Returns
Queenstown Wine Tour	All year	9:45am	10.00am	4.00pm



Combo with **SHOTOVER JET**



EXPLORE TWO ICONIC DESTINATIONS IN ONE COMBO

Cruise through the awe-inspiring Milford Sound on a Nature Cruise one day. Then, feel the thrill the next day in Queenstown as you blast through narrow canyons on the legendary Shotover Jet ex Queenstown.

- Experience the best of Queenstown and Milford Sound in one unforgettable combo:
- Milford Sound Nature Cruise and Shotover Jet self drive option
- Milford Sound Coach & Cruise and Shotover Jet option
- Get up close to waterfalls, stunning cliffs, and wildlife in Milford Sound
- Power through the dramatic canyons of the Shotover River at thrilling speeds, complete with epic 360° spins
- Combo experienced over two days

Combo with

FIORDLAND JET



TWO EPIC DAYS IN FIORDLAND

Two days, two boat trips, two unique adventures. Discover the best of Fiordland's lakes, fiords, and rivers with this Milford Sound Cruise + Fiordland Jet Boat Combo ex Te Anau.

- ▶ Experience the best of Te Anau and Milford Sound in one unforgettable combo:
- ▶ Milford Sound Nature Cruise and Fiordland Jet self drive option
- ▶ Milford Sound Coach & Cruise and Fiordland Jet option
- ▶ Cruise past towering cliffs and famous sites like Mitre Peak and Stirling Falls in Milford Sound
- ▶ Speed across Lake Manapouri and the Waiau River on a fun-filled jet boat ride
- ▶ Combo experienced over two days

Conservation
**THE TAWAKI
PROJECT**



A close-up photograph of two Tawaki penguins on a rocky shore. The penguin in the foreground is looking down at the other penguin, which is partially visible behind it. Both penguins have dark blue-black heads and backs with a distinctive yellow crest and white underparts. The background is a blurred rocky coastline.

PROTECTING AND ENHANCING MILFORD SOUND'S NATIVE WILDLIFE

Southern Discoveries is passionate about preserving Milford Sound's wildlife for future generations. We are a proud supporter of the Tawaki Project, a long term study of the marine ecology, breeding biology and population dynamics of the world's least known, most enigmatic penguin species, New Zealand's crested penguins – Tawaki.



Our sustainable business practices include:

A mammal viewing permit issued by the Department of Conservation to ensure the protection of all mammal life in Milford Sound

New Zealand coastal permits are issued for all our vessels. This ensures safe operating practices; that all vessels operate below certain noise levels, no discharge is allowed into the fiord and all emissions are closely monitored.

Japanese Obentos are prepared in reusable packs. Anti-waste packaging purchasing decisions are mandatory in our business



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