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Premium Milford Sound from Queenstown

**Small Group Tour, Cruise & Picnic Lunch** 

Premium Small group tour including boutique Milford Sound cruise onboard the top cruise operator Cruise Milford, and picnic lunch from Queenstown.

There is no better way to see this most famous of attractions.



## Highlights 🔘



- Milford Sound Cruise with Cruise Milford
- Fiordland National Park
- Homer Tunnel and Mitre Peak
- Wildlife Spotting

Mitre Peak

## Inclusions



Small Group Tour



**Fully Guided** 



Cruise Tickets



Picnic Lunch



**Bottled Water** & Snacks

## Optional Extras

- One-way plane flight from Milford Sound to Oueenstown
- One way heli flight from Milford to Oueenstown





## Itinerary:

- Queenstown Your tour starts in the stunning city
  of Queenstown. As we drive out of the city your guide
  will not only set the scene for your adventure today
  but also point out and guide you past some of the
  area's top highlights.
- 2. **Lake Wakatipu** Departing Queenstown we wind our way around Lake Wakatipu, with amazing views of 'The Remarkables' Mountain Range and the lake, stopping for photos is a must.
- 3. **Devils Staircase** Continuing around the lake we will pass through Devil's Staircase. This elevated windy part of the road is famous for dramatic photos and setting the scene for the day to come.
- 4. Lake Te Anau After more amazing mountain, river and farmland views we arrive in Te Anau, home to Lake Te Anau, New Zealand's second largest lake. While in this idyllic town we will stop for a break and maybe meet some of the local animals or wildlife. Continuing along the lake we stop at Te Anau Downs, the starting point for the Milford Track, to hear the stories and admire the views.
- 5. **Eglington Valley** Leaving Te Anau and entering Fiordland National Park we stop in Eglinton Valley. With views worthy of Lord of the Rings, this valley follows the path of an ancient glacier through Fiordland. One of the first major attractions as you enter the park, it really sets the scene for a journey that only get more impressive the deeper you get.
- 6. **Mirror Lakes** Our next stop on this epic adventure is Mirror Lakes for a short stroll to see the famous reflections of the Earl Mountains. Get the right day, take a good picture and no one with be able to tell which way is the right way up for the photo.
- 7. **Lake Gunn** Continuing along the Milford Road we come across Lake Gunn. Named after a famous explorer and popular for fishing, often we will stop at Lake Gunn for some photos and to enjoy the peace.
- 8. Hollyford River & Falls Creek A short drive away we start passing the Hollyford River a gorgeous and powerful river full of large boulders and rapids. Feeding into the river at Falls Creek is the first of our extremely impressive waterfalls of the area, one of many to come.

- 9. Darran Mountains
  - Climbing in altitude
    we go deeper into the Darran
    Mountains and these views require
    another stop to admire and take photos. We are
    also entering the area where Kea (the world's largest
    alpine parrot) like to live. Start keeping an eye out for
    these large, cheeky and colourful birds that never fail
    to thrill and entertain when found.
- 10. Homer Tunnel To make our way back down towards the sea we enter the mind-blowing hand-built Homer Tunnel, hearing the incredible history and stories. Emerging from the tunnel the valley descends sharply towards Milford Sound and on a rainy-day you will see hundreds of waterfalls cascading down the mountain side.
- 11. **Milford Sound** Following the valleys to the sea we arrive at Milford Sound where you will board your cruise with Cruise Milford (the No.1 Cruise operator in Milford Sound on TripAdvisor). The Cruise Milford experience offers a boutique cruise on a smaller boat which is less crowded and a crew that offers a much more informative and personal tour of Milford Sound. The smaller boat means you get closer to the wildlife and nature including the New Zealand fur seals basking on the rocks, massive rock faces rising for hundreds of metres out of the sea and the waterfalls cascading from an ancient rainforest high in the mountains. This cruise is unbeatable.
- 12. **Mitre Peak** While on the boat cruise you will be able to marvel at the awe-inspiring Mitre Peak, the iconic Milford Sound mountain, with its steep triangular peak rising high up above the reflective waters of the Milford Sound.
- 13. **The Chasm** After your cruise do not fear the adventure is not over, there is the return journey with many more amazing stops. One of the stops during this journey (weather and timing dependent) is The Chasm. A spectacular bush walk and dramatic views of powerful waterfalls and water sculpted shapes in the rocks.
- 14. **Pop's View Lookout** Next we pull over to admire the elevated amazing views of the divide in the Southern Alps, close to the start of the Routeburn Track. While here the guide will tell you the stories of ancient Māori explorers.
- 15. **Queenstown** Sadly we must start to head back to Queenstown but your day is not over with a fully guided return trip and many stops and breaks along the way.



