

Frolics & Follies



PACKAGES OF PURE PLEASURE IN THE MOST PRISTINE CORNER OF NEW ZEALAND.



We proudly pamper you from your arrival until your departure, with two all-inclusive packages:

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- boutique **accommodation** in the 1936 restored Nightcaps convent, now Te Anau Lodge

- all **meals** : breakfasts in-house, picnic lunch boxes and a carefully selected collection of local restaurants

- the excursions and visits as mentioned

- a bit of **free time** for relaxation and/or optional extras

- all transfers

The modules laid out on the following pages can be chopped and changed to fit your whims and fancies, the weather and our recommendations.

The Accommodation : Te Anau Lodge

Experience the genuine warmth of traditional hospitality in the relaxed and tranquil environment of our 1936 relocated former convent. With breathtaking lake and mountain views, Te Anau Lodge has been lovingly restored maintaining its original and delightful charm, with modern facilities. It is quiet and secluded, yet only 15 minutes walk from Te Anau town centre. Enjoy a delicious breakfast in the chapel, take in the views from our sunny courtyard and spend your evenings relaxing in our cosy library.

Meals and the Restaurant Collection

In addition to the homemade breakfasts at the lodge and the lunchboxes we aim to provide a variety of dining that includes hearty Kiwi tucker, an Asian touch, seafood specialities, fish and chips at the lodge with fresh South Island varieties, an Italian meal, and a traditional buffet.



Milford Sound. Highlight of the Fiordland National Park, the 2 hour cruise on this fjord, surrounded by towering cliffs and peaks – including the much photographed and iconic Mitre Peak that rises more than a kilometre straight out of the sea. Waterfalls cascade into the fiord and luxuriant rain forest clings to sheer rock faces in this exceptional place. With a superb drive there and back through the rainforest and the Homer Tunnel.



Fiordland National Park Walking 1. The Kepler Track is one of the « Great Walks » and a superb way of getting right into the park. There are various options for a one day walk, depending on one's ambitions! A short trip across the lake by boat to Brod Bay and a walk up to Luxmore Hut and back for the more ambitious; a helicopter ride (optional extra) up to Luxmore Hut and a walk back down, or simply a pleasant forest walk along the lake front between Brod Bay and the control gates.



Boating on Lake Te Anau. New Zealand's second biggest lake was actually made by glaciers, hence the names North, Middle and South Fiords for the z arms. A day out on an historic boat with a spot of fishing or kayaking and a leisurely walk right inside the park – a calm relaxing moment of intense beauty away from the crowds.

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Doubtful Sound Cruise – a vast untouched wilderness. With its rugged peaks, verdant rainforest and twisting, hidden inlets, Doubtful Sound is home to abundant wildlife such as bottlenose dolphins and fur seals or the rare Fiordland Crested Penguin. With no direct road access, the only way there is by a cruise across Lake Manapouri and a coach trip over Wilmot Pass with a fascinating visit to the power station built inside the mountain.

> Luxmore Jet Boat: The Waiau River links Lake Te Anau with Lake Manapouri (the water then flows out through the hydro-electric dam in the mountain to Doubtful Sound). It was one of the filming sites for the Lord of the Rings representing the River Anduin. Visit this area on a dramatic but beautiful jet boat ride.

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Fiordland National Park Walking 2. The world famous Milford Track runs from the top of Lake Te Anau across the MacKinnon Pass to Milford Sound. A wonderful 4 day trek, there is an option to do the first day, which includes a boat trip across the lake to the start of the track and a guided walk of 4⁻⁵ hours.. An alternative is to do a part of the Routeburn Track. This goes from the Milford Road, up about 3hrs to Key Summit, from where there are splendid views across the mountain tops of Fiordland. Another hour back down to the car.

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Relaxation and Optionals: kayaking, diving, fishing, helicopter flight, golf, four wheel driving and hunting. A bit of time after such a full programme to enjoy the lodge, the lake, and the surrounding park, or we can assist you in the organisation of any of the optional excursions you may choose.

OTHER INCLUSIONS

THE SOUTHERN STARS

With the the absence of air and light pollution the crystal clear night sky is a key part of the Fiordland landscape and a superb evening experience..

> A relatively short trip across the lake to experience a mysterious underground world of rushing water before drifting in silent darkness beneath the luminous shimmer of thousands of glowworms. Te Anau takes its name from this cave : « running waters »

ME GLOWWORM CAVES

THE MISTORIC SCENIC FLIGHT

The 1943 De Havilland Dragon Rapide, or Dominie as known to the intimate, is a superb and uniquely historic way of flying over Lake Te Anau, the Kepler Track, the Murchison Mountains and back over Lake Manapouri

THE INFORMATION CENTRE

The exhibition at the Visitors Centre puts it all in perspective and should happen near the beginning of the stay. Maps, diaporamas, books – everything connected with our largest national park.

FIORDLAND ON FILM

Ata Whenua will take you on an unforgettable journey. Fly through the Fiordland World Heritage Area and experience the most awe-inspiring landscapes on earth from wide comfortable seats. Mysterious, evocative, exhilarating and utterly spectacular

> An open air collection of the birds to be found in the Fiordland National Park and in particular the very rare mascot, the Takahe.

The Bird Sanct



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