

New Zealand

Depart Cairns 30th November at 8.30AM arrive Auckland 4.30PM – Philippine Airlines

Depart Auckland 30th November at 7.20PM arrive Queenstown 9.10PM – Air New Zealand

Accommodation: Rydges Lakeland Resort IN: 30th November OUT: 2nd December

Commence the following trek in Queenstown on the 2nd December and ending in Queenstown on the 6th December

- **Day 0: Pre-Track Briefing**

On the afternoon before your departure you are required to attend a Pre-Track Briefing.

Please check in at the Ultimate Hikes Centre, Ground Floor, The Station Building,

Queenstown at 4:45pm.

Here you will receive a complete outline of what to expect, be provided with equipment, given an opportunity to purchase last minute required items, complete the required medical forms, ask/answer any last-minute questions that you may have and meet your fellow walkers.

Please advise our reservations department if you are unable to attend the Pre-Track Briefing (strongly advised to attend).

- **Day 1: Queenstown - Te Anau - Glade House**

- 1.6km (1 mile)
- 20 mins
- Lunch, dinner

The adventure begins at our Queenstown office where you will board a coach to Te Anau, arriving in time for lunch. From Te Anau Downs harbour, a launch will take you up to the head of Lake Te Anau. From the wharf it's a short walk to the historic Glade House for afternoon tea and a group photo.

Afterwards, your guides will take you on a short nature walk to explore the area. After a hot shower and three-course meal it's time to get some rest in the snug beds either in the multi-share bunk rooms or private ensuite rooms.

- **Day 2: Glade House - Pompolona Lodge**

- 16km (10 miles)
- 5-7 hours
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner

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 Lodge - Quintin Lodge via Mackinnon Pass**

- 15km (9 miles)
- 6-8 hours
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner

This is the most demanding 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 zig-zags. Take your time and enjoy the views. At the top you will be rewarded with spectacular panorama and lunch in Pass Hut. After the rocky descent into the Arthur Valley you will welcome a drink at Quintin Lodge. Once refreshed you can't miss the optional 90 minute round trip to the Sutherland Falls, the world's fifth highest waterfall.

- **Day 4: Quintin Lodge - Mitre Peak Lodge via Sandfly Point**

- 21km (13 miles)
- 6-8 hours
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner

You walk down the Arthur Valley to Boatshed; after a short break you will continue on past Mackay Falls and Bell Rock (which was carved out of the river during a particularly violent flood) and on to the lunch spot 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 the renowned Mitre Peak Lodge, the only accommodation at Milford Sound offering superb views of Mitre Peak, often referred to as the eighth wonder of the world. Here you will enjoy a celebratory dinner while relaxing with the knowledge that the hard part is now behind you while the magnificence of Milford Sound is right in front of you.

- **Day 5: Mitre Peak Lodge - Milford Sound - Te Anau - Queenstown**
 - No walking
 - Breakfast, lunch

Wake to the tranquillity of Fiordland and after breakfast experience a magical cruise on Milford Sound. Watch for the dolphins and fur seals and pray for rain, as you've only seen Fiordland at its most incredible when the waterfalls are in full flow.

Accommodation: Peppers Beacon IN: 6th December OUT: 8th December
 Depart Queenstown on the 8th December at 11.55AM arrive Queenstown 1.45PM – air New Zealand
 Accommodation: Waldorf Stadium IN: 8th December OUT: 9th December
 Commence the following cruise on the Solstice on the 9th December in Auckland and ending in Sydney on the 21st December

Itinerary:



- DAY 1** DEC 9, 2017 - Auckland, New Zealand
- DAY 2** DEC 10, 2017 - Bay Of Islands, New Zealand
- DAY 3** DEC 11, 2017 - Tauranga, New Zealand
- DAY 4** DEC 12, 2017 - At Sea
- DAY 5** DEC 13, 2017 - Wellington, New Zealand
- DAY 6** DEC 14, 2017 - Akaroa, New Zealand
- DAY 7** DEC 15, 2017 - Dunedin, New Zealand

DAY 8 DEC 16, 2017 - Dusky Sound, New Zealand

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DAY 8 DEC 16, 2017 - Milford Sound, New Zealand

DAY 9 DEC 17, 2017 - At Sea

DAY 10 DEC 18, 2017 - At Sea

DAY 11 DEC 19, 2017 - Melbourne, Australia

DAY 12 DEC 20, 2017 - At Sea

DAY 13 DEC 21, 2017 - Sydney, Australia

Depart Sydney 21st December at 1.20PM, arrive **Cairns** 3.20PM – Qantas

Cost per person \$6705.00 and includes the following;

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 4 nights accommodation in Queenstown
- 5 day trek including 4 nights accommodation and all meals
- 1 nights accommodation in Auckland
- 11 night cruise in an ocean view cabin including prepaid gratuities, free classic beverage package and US\$150.00 per person onboard credit