



The Chasm



Eglinton Valley

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.

The overland journey to Milford Sound is a jaw-dropping showcase of sheer mountains and towering cliffs, rugged valleys and native rain forest, surrounded by spectacular waterfalls and glacial lakes.

We own a fleet of purpose-built, glass-roof coaches that connect seamlessly to our Milford Sound cruises providing the widest range of day trip options from Queenstown and Te Anau. Our coach drivers tailor each journey to ensure the best photo stops are included to suit the season and weather.

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.

Eglinton 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 Eglinton River.

Monkey Creek

Provides great views of the upper Hollyford Valley and a good chance of spotting kea and whio/ blue duck.

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. Completed in 1953, traffic lights control traffic flows through the tunnel.

The Chasm

Dramatic views of a rock chasm and waterfalls formed by the rushing waters of the Cleddau River. The loop forest walk is 20 minutes return.

Milford Sound
IS APPROXIMATELY **5 HOURS**
DRIVE FROM QUEENSTOWN,
A **2.5 HOUR** DRIVE FROM
TE ANAU OR A **45 MINUTE**
FLIGHT FROM QUEENSTOWN



Mirror Lakes



From Queenstown / Te Anau BY COACH

Queenstown duration approx
12.5 HRS

Te Anau duration approx
7 HRS

COACH & NATURE CRUISE
COACH & SCENIC CRUISE

The day trip to Milford Sound on board our brand new, glass-roof coaches and spacious cruising catamarans is a seamless experience with spectacular viewing, engaging commentaries and plenty of photo opportunities throughout the day.

- Provides a seamless coach connection linking year-round with Milford Sound cruises
- New purpose-built, low emission coaches
- Extra-wide glass-roof for unobstructed viewing
- High-comfort, reclining seating with spacious legroom
- Air-conditioned to provide constant temperatures, with doors at front and halfway along the coach for efficient and easy access on and off the coach
- Plenty of photo stops including short walks with dramatic views of powerful waterfalls and photo opportunities of Mirror Lakes and the Eglinton Valley
- On board toilet
- Informative commentary by experienced local drivers in English with multi-lingual commentary available
- Free WIFI on the coach and USB charging ports
- Lunch options available on board the cruises include International Buffet, Japanese Obento, Thali Indian and Picnic Lunch (must be pre-ordered)
- Complimentary tea and coffee, and licensed bar on board the vessels
- Return flight options available by fixed wing aircraft or helicopter
- Complimentary accommodation pick up and drop off in Queenstown

COACH & NATURE CRUISE TIMETABLE

Option (all year)	Departs	Returns
Coach/Nature Cruise/Coach ex Queenstown	7.00am	7.30pm
Coach/Nature Cruise/Fly ex Queenstown	7.00am	4.15pm
Coach/Nature Cruise/Coach ex Te Anau	10.00am	5.00pm

COACH & SCENIC CRUISE TIMETABLE

Option (all year)	Departs	Returns
Coach/Scenic Cruise/Coach ex Queenstown	7.15am	7.45pm
Coach/Scenic Cruise/Fly ex Queenstown	7.15am	4.30pm
Coach/Scenic Cruise/Coach ex Te Anau	10.15am	5.15pm





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From Te Anau BY SMALL COACH

Duration
7-8 HRS

SMALL COACH & DISCOVER MORE
SMALL COACH, CRUISE & KAYAK
SMALL COACH & NATURE CRUISE

Our small coach experiences are perfect for those who are travelling from Te Anau and have a little extra time to explore the wonders of Milford Sound, including the Milford Sound Underwater Observatory.

- An interactive and personal trip that travels on a small coach and connects with a small boat cruise in Milford Sound
- Modern coaches with leather seats
- Sit back and enjoy the views while experienced, local drivers provide a lively and informative English commentary on the history, flora and fauna of the area
- Plenty of stops for photos and short walks along the Milford Road
- Discover More option includes a small boat cruise, Milford Sound Underwater Observatory and Picnic Lunch
- Cruise & Kayak option includes a small boat cruise, one hour of kayaking around sheltered Harrison Cove, Milford Sound Underwater Observatory and Picnic Lunch
- English commentary from specialist nature guides on the cruise who share their local knowledge with lively and informative interpretation while roaming the vessel, delving into the history, geology and wildlife of the fiord
- Complimentary tea and coffee on board the vessel
- Complimentary accommodation pick up and drop off

TIMETABLE

Season (ex Te Anau)	Option	Departs	Returns
All year	Small Coach/Discover More/Small Coach	8.30am	4.30pm
1 Nov - 30 Apr	Small Coach/Cruise & Kayak/Small Coach	8.30am	7.00pm
1 Nov - 30 Apr	Small Coach/Nature Cruise/Small Coach	12.00pm	7.00pm

From Queenstown BY PLANE

Duration (one way)
45 MINS

THIS IS A REMARKABLE WAY TO EXPERIENCE NEW ZEALAND'S VAST AND DRAMATIC SCENERY

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

The highlights

- ▶ Enjoy panoramic views as you fly over untouched wilderness and stunning alpine scenery
- ▶ We coordinate daily options by small plane connecting with Scenic Cruise, Nature Cruise, Encounter Nature Cruise, Discover More and Cruise & Kayak excursions
- ▶ Pilots provide commentary on the untouched wilderness only seen by air
- ▶ Seamless Coach/Cruise/Fly connections meaning you see more
- ▶ Up to eight daily departure times for Fly/Cruise/Fly
- ▶ Complimentary accommodation pick up and drop off
- ▶ Flights are subject to weather conditions

From Queenstown BY HELICOPTER

Duration (one way)
45 MINS

EXPLORE UNTAMED WILDERNESS IN THE HEART OF FIORDLAND

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

The highlights

- See the best of New Zealand's spectacular and pristine landscapes
- We coordinate daily options by helicopter connecting with Scenic Cruise and Nature Cruise excursions
- Pilots provide commentary on the untouched wilderness only seen by air
- Return helicopter flight includes a glacier landing on Mt Tutoko
- Seamless Coach/Cruise/Heli connections meaning you see more
- Up to four daily departure times for Heli/Cruise/Heli
- Complimentary accommodation pick up and drop off
- Flights are subject to weather conditions