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THURSDAY 2ND MARCH TO FRIDAY 8TH MARCH2023



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A Pack Free guided 7-day adventure

On the South Island of New Zealand, lies the stunning Fiordland National Park, an area over 12,000 square kilometres. This region features magnificent snow-capped mountains, glacier-carved fiords, stunning lakes, and ancient rainforests. On this fabulous 7 day adventure, you will experience the highlights of four of the great Fiordland walks pack free, including the Milford Track, the Routeburn Track, the Kepler Track, and the Hollyford Track without carrying a heavy pack. No huts to endure, you'll love staying at superb accommodation at Te Anau and one night on the charming Milford Mariner vessel on Milford Sound. Indulge in local produce and New Zealand wines every night. Add to this 'Wow'' Factors such as a helicopter flight to the start of your walk on day one and you have a truly inspirational New Zealand walking holiday.

# YOUR 7 DAY ADVENTURE INCLUDES:

- Fully supported walk with no packs to carry
- 3 nights accommodation at the lakefront Distinction Hotel, Te Anau\*
- 1 night onboard the Milford Mariner Boat on Milford Sound
- 2 nights at the Crown Plaza in Queenstown
- Helicopter flight to the Kepler Track
- Boat transfer across Lake Te Anau
- 5 delicious lunches
- Restaurant dinners every evening featuring local produce
- Complimentary New Zealand wine with evening meals
- 4 x Hot and cold breakfasts
- Professional and passionate guides
- Return transfers to and from Queenstown



\*Whilst Distinction Te Anau Hotel and the Mackinnon restaurant are closed for the 2022/23 season we will be staying at their sister hotel Distinction Luxmore conveniently located in the heart of Te Anau's town shopping centre, a short stroll from Lake Te Anau.

# **BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Prior to booking with us please take the time to read and understand the terms and conditions of booking set out below.

#### CONTRACT

All bookings are made with SouthVine Group Pty Ltd trading as Hiked (ABN8 624 576 950) & Red Presents Pty Ltd trading as Life's An Adventure (ABN 66 102 528 209) (us/we). By booking a trip with us you are deemed to have agreed to these Booking Conditions (which constitutes the entire agreement between you and us) and your booking will be accepted by us on this basis. The services to be provided are those referred to in your Booking Confirmation invoice.

#### **DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT & FINAL PAYMENTS**

**DEPOSIT:** Bookings are not confirmed until a non-refundable deposit of \$650 per person per trip (Australian tours) and \$950 for international tours is paid.

FINAL PAYMENT: Balance of payments must be made within 60 days of the departure date (Australian Tours) and 90 Days of the departure Date (International tours). If this balance is not paid on or before the due date we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled. In that event any deposit (per person) paid by you is forfeited. For reservations made 60 days or less from departure date, (Australian tours) or 90 days or less (International tours) full payment is due at time of booking.

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#### SUPER EARLYBIRDS, EARLYBIRDS & SPOT SPECIAL TICKETS

Super Earlybirds, Earlybirds and Spot Special tickets require full payment at time of initial booking.

Prices are in Australian dollars and must be paid in Australian dollars.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING**

Once we accept your booking and payment we will issue you with a confirmation tax invoice. If you a making a group booking on behalf of others you warrant that you have the authority from the rest of the group members to act on their behalf. We reserve the right to refuse to accept a booking based on the information revealed to us.

#### **PRICES VARIATIONS & CURRENCY SURCHARGES**

Our tour prices are subject to variable and seasonal pricing including discount offers. Our prices may vary at any time in accordance with demand, availability and market conditions. Different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Any reduced pricing or discounts that may become available after you have paid your deposit (per person) will not apply. Our website contains our most up to date pricing.

Prices are based on currency exchange rates at time of booking. While we do our utmost to avoid any price increases, we reserve the right to change any of our published prices without notice for any negative currency fluctuations in excess of \$100, at any time until full payment is received and for any other reasons outside of our reasonable control (including without limitation, to cover changes in government taxes and charges or a force majeure event), at any time prior to travel.

#### **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

It is your responsibility to thoroughly read the itinerary and choose a trip to suit your ability and fitness. Walkers must be in good health and be moderately fit in order to undertake a walk. Some training and preparation work is required prior to departure. The more physically prepared you are, the more enjoyable your walk will be.

You should have adequate fitness for walking the expected hours on each day. The tracks could include rough and uneven terrain, challenging ascents and descents and varying extremes of weather from heavy rain to cool or warm temperatures or strong winds.

We are happy to discuss your suitability for our walks over the phone if you need clarification. It is also your responsibility to bring adequate clothing & footwear to suit the conditions, please refer to our suggested packing list with your pre-departure information. It is your responsibility to tell us of any relevant medical conditions or special diet requirements at the time of booking and we will attempt to cater for these special needs to the best of our ability.

Our age limit is for children aged 8+. Children under the age of 18 will also receive a further \$100 discount on their fares.

For the majority of our trips, we have no upper age limit though we remind you that our trips can be physically demanding and passengers must ensure that they are suitably fit to allow full participation. We are able to provide details on mandatory health requirements; however, we are not medical experts. It is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain proper and detailed medical advice at least two months prior to travel for the latest health requirements and recommendations for your destination.

Walkers 80 years of age or older must supply a doctor's certificate stating that they are in good physical condition and that there are no pre-existing medical conditions that are likely to prevent them from undertaking the walk.

In order for us to confirm your travel arrangements, you must provide all requested details with the balance of the tour payment. Necessary details vary by tour they include but are not limited to full name as per licence/passport, any pre-existing medical conditions and dietary requirements. Failure to provide requested details may result in additional charges or non-refundable cancellation of your trip.

#### **CANCELLATION BY THE TRAVELLER**

Cancellations must be made in writing (not SMS). Notice of cancellation is not effective until received by the Company and must be made during office hours and do not include weekends or public holidays. If you cancel some or all portions of your booking cancellation fees will apply. If you cancel a trip:

#### SUPER EARLYBIRD, EARLYBIRD & SPOT SPECIAL PRICES:

For cancellations of Super Earlybird, Earlybird Deals or Spot Specials, there will be a 100% cancellation fee although, at the discretion of the company, and subject to availability, transfers to another date are permitted 60 days or more (Australian tours) or 90 days or more (International tours) prior to departure. The taking out and maintenance of travel insurance, is compulsory in case unexpected circumstances prior to the trip, prevent you from joining this tour.

#### NORMAL TOUR PRICES:

#### AUSTRALIAN TOURS

- 60 days or more.... Loss of deposit per person
- 30 59 days.....Loss of 50% of tour fare
- 0 29 days.....Loss of 100% of tour fare.

#### INTERNATIONAL TOURS (WORLD WALKS)

- 90 days or more.....Loss of deposit per person
- 62 to 89 days..... Loss of 50% of tour fare
- 0 61 days.....Loss of 100% of tour fare

The taking out of cancellation insurance at the time of booking which cover cancellation fees is compulsory and you will provide evidence of such insurance if so required by the company.

If you do not complete a tour and leave for any reason after it has commenced such as of bereavement, injury or illness we are not obliged to make any refunds for unused services.

If you fail to arrive at the pre-arranged meeting place, join the tour after departure, or leave prior to its completion, no refund will be made. Travel insurance and medical insurance are compulsory.

#### FLEXIWALK ADD-ON

- 1. FlexiWalk cancellations must be 96 hours or more prior to the "start time" of your walking tour.
- 2.To make a FlexiWalk cancellation you must ring our office as soon as possible on (02) 9975 4553 during weekdays and 0407 285 860 on weekends, this needs to be followed up with an email of written confirmation of your cancellation to operations@lifesanadventure.com.au.
- 3. When you make a FlexiWalk cancellation you can choose from two options.
- 4.a) Move your tour to a future date subject to availability and receive a 100% credit towards your new tour. The \$200 rebooking fee will not apply.
- 5.b) If you choose a cash refund you will receive 80% back (less the Flexiwalk fee) which will be paid back into your account within one week of notifying us.
- 6.5. FlexiWalk is only available on specific Australian tours. See tour pages for which tours are applicable.
- 7.6. Individual members of a Private Group of 10 or more guests can purchase FlexiWalk however a maximum of 4 people per departure can cancel off a private group departure. It is not possible for the entire group to reschedule within 8 weeks of departure.
- 8. Flexiwalk must be paid with your deposit or within 7 days of booking your tour. It can not be added at a later date.
- 9. Flexiwalk cancellation is only available when you reach the 8 weeks prior to your departure and once your tour is paid in full. Cancellations must be 96 hours or more prior to the "start time" of your walking tour.
- 10. Individual members of a Private Group of 10 or more guests can purchase FlexiWalk however a maximum of 4 people per departure can cancel off a private group departure. It is not possible for the entire group to reschedule within 8 weeks of departure.
- 11. For new bookings only.

#### **CANCELLATION BY US**

Our trips are guaranteed to depart once they have four fully paid travellers unless minimum group size specifically states otherwise or when a Force Majeure Event results in cancellation of a trip. We may also decide at our discretion, to operate trips with smaller numbers than this. We will under no circumstance knowingly place at risk the health and well-being of our guests and guides. We reserve the right to cancel our trips 60 days prior to departure (Australian tours) or 90 days prior to departure (International tours).

If we cancel your trip, you can choose to:

- hold a credit on file towards an alternative trip with a departure date within 36 months; or
- receive a refund of monies paid in full.
- If the cancellation is due to a Force Majeure event, no refunds will be granted and clients will need to reschedule their tour to a future date within 36 months, plus pay a surcharge for unrecoverable costs, comprising any costs, fees, expenses or the like that the company has paid or is liable to pay and which the company is unable to recover.
- Cancellations ARE available for those who purchased our FlexiWalk addon. The conditions noted under FLEXI-WALK ADD ON paragraph above apply.

A "Force Majeure Event" includes but is not limited to, acts of God, fire, earthquake, flood, windstorm or other extreme weather events, war, civil commotion, riot, blockade or embargo, breakdown, union dispute, epidemic, pandemic, lack or failure of courses of supply, passage of any law, order, regulation, ordinance, proclamation, demand, requisition or requirement or any other act of any government authority, outside of the reasonable control of either party whether or not foreseeable, which renders performance impossible or reasonably impracticable.

We will not be liable for other costs or expenses associated with travel to the designated meeting point, overnight accommodation, meals, etc will not be covered by us and therefore we strongly recommend travel insurance be taken out prior to travel.

If we have cancelled your trip, the credit offering is subject to the following conditions:

- It cannot be combined with any other discount or offer.
- It is transferable to any other person.
- The credit is not redeemable for cash.
- The credit must be used towards an alternative trip with a departure date within 36 months.
- Any unused value may be held for future bookings.
- This credit may not be used for airfares.

### **ALTERING YOUR TOUR DATE**

If you wish to change the date of your tour and transfer from one tour to another you must notify us in writing at least 90 days prior to the proposed departure date for international tours and 60 days for Australian tours. We will do our best to make the change to your preferred date, but it may not always be possible. The new transfer date must be within 24 months of the original booking date. A non-refundable fee of \$200 per booking will be charged. If you notify us less than above dates prior to the proposed departure date the refund policy applicable to cancellations will apply. The taking out travel insurance to cover any last-minute changes to your tour dates is compulsory. A booking may be transferred into another person's name with no penalty fees.

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

Your tour includes:

- All accommodation as listed in the itinerary (unless otherwise advised)
- all transport and transfers to the walking trail listed in the itinerary (unless otherwise advised)
- all sightseeing and activities listed in the itinerary
- All meals listed in the itinerary.
- National Parks passes (where applicable)
- A complimentary wine allocation is offered each night (additional alcohol is available at extra cost from the restaurant). No price reduction is available for guests who choose not to drink wine, however, non-alcoholic drinks are available.
- The services of Tour Guide/s
- Trail mix to enjoy on the trails

### **TOUR EXCLUSIONS**

Your tour does not include:

- international or domestic flights unless specified
- airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
- meals other than those specified in the itinerary
- Visa and passport fees
- travel insurance
- All personal expenses.

# **SOLO TRAVELLERS**

Our guided and self-guided tour prices are based on twin share which is two people sharing one room. Solo traveller are always welcome to join our Guided walks. We are happy to match you with another solo traveller of the same gender so you can avoid paying additional costs. For those wanting their own room, you must pay the single supplement fee subject to availability as specified for each tour. Please note not all accommodation have the facilities to offer single rooms please check on individual tour details. Due to safety reasons solo travellers are unable to join our self guided walks unless accompanying friends.

### **INTERNATIONAL TOURS: PASSPORT AND VISAS**

For all international trips you must carry with you a valid passport and have obtained appropriate visas for the countries which you will visit during your trip. Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the duration of the trip. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct visas, permits and certificates for your trip; please refer to your Pre-Departure information for details. We are not responsible if you are refused entry to a country because you lack the correct passport, visa or other travel documentation.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE & INDEMNITY FORMS**

Travel insurance is mandatory for all our International trips and highly recommended for our Australian trips and should be taken out at the time of booking. We can organize this insurance for you please ask when making your booking. When choosing a travel insurance ensure you have medical coverage and a minimum coverage for repatriation and emergency rescue. The policy should over you for personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects For international tours it is a requirement that you provide your travel insurance policy number and the insurer's 24 hour emergency contact number to your guides on the first day of your trip in case of emergencies otherwise you will be unable to join the tour. For those with travel insurance connected to their credit card you will need to have details of the participating insurer, policy number and emergency contact number with you, this information is available from your bank.

Generally in remote areas in Australia a Government funded Search and Rescue helicopter service exists at no cost to the evacuee which is only used in cases where the condition is deemed to be potentially life threatening.

Instances where the injury is not life threatening but the evacuee is unable to walk out themselves such as sprains, broken limbs, severe fatigue or unexpected illness are coordinated by Commercially Operated Helicopter Services as such an evacuation varies from approximately \$2,000 up to \$6,000. Australian residents should ensure their private health care includes specific ambulance cover in case of helicopter evacuations which are not covered under domestic travel insurance.

**INDEMINTY FORMS:** All walkers will need to sign an indemnity prior to departing on their walk. This form indemnifies the company, its servants and agents or any of them from and against all costs, actions, demands, claims, and liability whatsoever and howsoever arising from or in any way connected with the walking tour (including any transportation to or from the area in which the tour is to take place) including such costs, claims, actions, demands or statutory duty or otherwise on the part of the Company, or any of its servants or agents, and including any liability in respect of or related to your death, personal injury or loss of or damage to any property owned or possessed by you.

#### **FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE**

These walks operate to the mercy of the elements and weather and require our guests to arrive with a flexible attitude. The itinerary may be subject to alteration without prior notice due to local weather on the day. Walks will normally operate in all but exceptional weather conditions. Weather such as fog, mist, drizzle, showers, rain, sleet and strong winds do not affect normal operation of our walks.

#### **CHANGE OF ITINERARY**

While we endeavour to operate all trips as described we reserve the right to change the trip itinerary.

*Before departure:* If we are forced to make a significant change to the itinerary before your tour we will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before the departure.

*During the tour:* The Company reserves the right to alter the accommodation and/or itinerary or cancel a tour without notice as may be found necessary for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to road, weather, bushfires or traffic conditions, track or park closures, strong winds, high seas, operational conditions and requirements. Where a tour is altered due to these conditions, our guides will provide the best alternative itinerary possible.

#### **AUTHORITY ON TOUR**

Our group trips are run by our Tour Guides who are responsible for all aspects of your walking holiday including group safety, operation of the tour and of course enjoyment. They have authority to do whatever is necessary to achieve these objectives, including the decision to refuse a guest to participate in a specific walk they deem would compromise the overall safety and/or interests of the group. The decision of the Guide is final on all matters likely to affect the safety or well-being of any traveller or staff member participating in the trip. If you fail to comply with a decision made by our Guide, or interfere with the well-being or mobility of the group, the group leader may direct you to leave the trip immediately, with no right of refund. We may also elect not to carry you on any future trips booked. You must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited, and you also agree to travel in accordance with our responsible travel guidelines.

### **CLAIMS & COMPLAINTS**

We want to provide you with an enjoyable walking holiday, but no matter how careful we are, things might sometimes go wrong. We'd like to have complaints remedied as quickly as possible. If you have a complaint about your trip please inform your Guide at the time in order that they can attempt to rectify the problem. If the problem cannot be resolved please contact our head office immediately by phone or email or put in writing to us within 30 days of the end of the tour.

#### **PHOTOS AND MARKETING**

You consent to us using images of you taken during the trip for advertising and promotional purposes in any medium we choose. You grant us a perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide, irrevocable licence to use such images for publicity and promotional purposes. If you do not wish to have images of you used please tick the box on your indemnity form.

#### **PRIVACY POLICY**

Any personal information that we collect about you may be used for any purpose associated with the operation of a tour or to send you marketing material in relation to our events and special offers. The information may be disclosed to our agents, service providers or other suppliers to enable us to operate the tour. We will otherwise treat your details in accordance with our privacy policy (available for viewing on our Website).

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF RISK**

You acknowledge you have read and understand these booking conditions and participation involves an increased degree of personal risk than normal and that you undertake the walking holiday freely, voluntarily and absolutely at your own risk and with a full appreciation of the nature and extent of all risks involved in the walk.

It is your own responsibility to acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information and the nature of your itinerary.

### LIABILITY

To the maximum extent permitted by law we exclude all liability whatsoever to you or any other person (whether in contract tort or otherwise) for any loss (whether direct, indirect, consequential) including death or personal injury or damage of any kind that may be suffered as a result of any act or omission whether negligent or otherwise by or on behalf of us in connection with the Services or any other matter or thing relating to these Booking Conditions except to the extent that such loss or damage is incurred as a direct result of our fraud or wilful misconduct. This clause does not limit or exclude your rights under the Consumer & Competition Act 2010.

#### Limitation of Liability

Where the law implies a warranty into these Booking Conditions which may not lawfully be excluded (in particular warranties under the CCA) our liability for breach of such a warranty will be limited to either supplying the Services again or payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.

#### Indemnity

You indemnify us (and all of our subsidiaries, officers, employees, contractors and agents) against all losses, claims actions, proceedings, damages, costs and expenses (including legal fees) arising from any claim by a third party arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with:

(a) your access or use of the Services, this includes your delegate's access or use of the Services; and

- (b) any breach by you (or your delegate) of:
- (i) these Booking Conditions; or
- (ii) any additional terms applicable to providing the Services,

except to the extent that such loss or damage as a direct result of our fraud or wilful misconduct.

#### Third parties

We contract with network of companies, activity а providers, accommodation providers, airlines, transfer companies, local guides, government agencies, independent contractors and individuals to assist in the running of our tours as agent for these third parties (Third Party Supplier). Third Party Suppliers may also engage the services of local operators and sub-contractors. Although we take all reasonable steps to select reputable Third Party Suppliers, we cannot be responsible for their acts or omissions. Any services provided by Third Party Suppliers may be subject to the terms and conditions imposed by these Third Party Suppliers and you may be required to sign additional terms when undertaking these activities. These may limit or exclude the liability of the Third Party Supplier. You acknowledge that Third Party Suppliers operate in compliance with the applicable laws of the countries in which they operate and we do not warrant that any Third Party Supplier is in compliance with the laws of your country of residence or any other jurisdiction.

We are not responsible for the acts and omissions, whether negligent or otherwise, of these Third Parties Suppliers. Any disputes between you and any third party, are to be resolved solely between you and that party.

#### Vicarious liability

We shall not be held vicariously liable for the intentional or negligent acts of any persons not employed by us nor for any intentional or negligent acts of our employees committed while off duty or outside the course and scope of their employment.

#### SEVERABILITY

In the event that any term or condition contained in these Booking Conditions is unenforceable or void by operation of law or as being against public policy or for any other reason then such term or condition shall be deemed to be severed from this contract or amended accordingly only to such extent necessary to allow all remaining terms and conditions to survive and continue as binding.

#### JURISDICTION

This agreement and the rights and responsibilities of the parties will be construed and take effect in accordance with and be governed by the laws of NSW & VIC.

# **YOUR ITINERARY:**

Please note you can choose to opt out of walking any day of the itinerary and stay at the accommodation or campsite.

#### Day One: Queenstown - Kepler Track - Te Anau

Walk: Approximately 12.3kms. 5-6 hours walking. Easier Option 8.2kms. 4-5 hours. Note: Guests will be required to fly into Queenstown the day prior to the tour.



Meet your guides in the foyer of the Crowne Plaza Hotel Queenstown at 7.00am, this hotel is ideally located opposite the foreshore and across the road from great restaurants and cafes. This morning we drive to Te Anau, a two-hour journey which takes in spectacular views of stunning Lake Wakatipu and dramatic mountains along the way.

Upon arrival in Te Anau, we meet our helicopter on the edge of the lake for our short but spectacular flight across Lake Te Anau and up to Mt Luxmore Hut, where we disembark and start our walk along the Kepler Track. Our local nature guide will take us on a journey through alpine tussock plains to learn about the flora and fauna of this region as we make our way to the summit of Mount Luxmore the highest point on the track at 1472m. Here you will be rewarded with spectacular panoramic views of the Te Anau basin and surrounding Fiordland mountains. Afterwards, we head down the mountain, exploring silver beech forest, New Zealand silver ferns and magnificent towering limestone bluffs to Lake Te Anau, taking in amazing views all the way. We reach the sandy beach of Brod Bay and are met by our boat transfer to take us across Lake Te Anau.

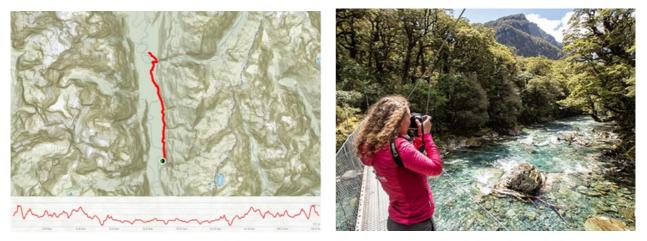
The boat ride offers an enjoyable way to complete this very beautiful guided walk on the Kepler Track. We walk the short distance to our accommodation for the night the wonderful lakefront Distinction Hotel. There's time to relax or take a swim in the pool before joining us in the restaurant for dinner. Tonight enjoy a la carte dining featuring local produce accompanied with New Zealand wines.

#### EASY OPTION:

An easier option is available today. For those not wanting to walk to the top of Mt Luxmore, the second guide will walk this group from Luxmore Hut to Brod Bay, this is a downhill walk, missing the walk to the summit of Mount Luxmore. 8.2kms. 4 -5 hours walking. Medium level of fitness. There are plenty of stops along the way for photographs, bird watching and interpretation to break the descent. Available when 8 or more guests.

# Day Two: Hollyford Track

Walk: Approximately 15kms. 5 hours with breaks. Easy



After breakfast, we enjoy a scenic drive to the Hollyford Track. Today's walk is a valley based walk which follows a turquoise river through stunning pristine forests, that some say are even more stunning than the Milford Track.

We begin our 18km walk up the Hollyford Valley. The track undulates gently through forests showcasing a variety of native bush and ferns, with many cute bridges that cross over cascading rivers and beside tumbling waterfalls.

Abundant with birdlife, the native Kereru and tom tits can often be seen. We stop for lunch at Hidden Falls, a powerful 31 meters tall waterfall which crashes into a plunge pool below. Afterwards, we transfer back to our accommodation at Te Anau. Tonight the group comes together for dinner in the restaurant served with New Zealand's wines.

#### Day Three: Routeburn Track - Milford Sound Overnight Cruise

Walk: Approximately 8kms. 4-5 hours walking. Medium grade



After breakfast, we drive to the start of the Routeburn Track. Today we will walk the first section of the famous Routeburn Track to Key Summit, famed as one of New Zealand's most rewarding day hikes and the highlight of Fiordland National Park. The track burst with abundant birdlife along the way, and you may be lucky enough to see the bellbirds, kea or wood pigeons with their striking iridescent colours.

We begin our walk trekking through lush rainforests, past a stunning waterfall before our trail ascends 400 metres, emerging at Key Summit where you will be rewarded with absolute jaw-dropping views of surrounding snow-capped mountains and pretty alpine lakes in all their glory. You'll feel like you are on top of the world and you can enjoy breathtaking views down three of the major valleys.

Afterwards, we drive to the UNESCO world heritage area of Milford Sound where we stay overnight on board the Milford Mariner, designed in the style of a heritage built vessel. We board at 4.30pm when most of the other tourist are gone, so we can truly savour the tranquillity of this little piece of paradise.

Enjoy a cruise of the length of the sound to the Tasman Sea and stroll the decks taking in the breathtaking scenery including famous Mitre Peak. We anchor overnight in the sheltered Harrison Cove, where you can either enjoy kayaking or join small boat for some up-close views. Retire to your cabin with ensuite to freshen up, before joining the group for dinner tonight served with New Zealand wines.

# **Day Four: Milford Sound Track - End Section**

Walk: Approximately 11kms. 5 hours



After a hearty breakfast on board, we disembark our vessel and get ready for our next walking adventure on the famous Milford Sound Track. We take a short boat transfer to the other side of the sound, where we begin walking. We meander along a track of lush Fiordland rainforest, alongside the Arthur River and Lake Ada, with towering mossy trees and ferns. We eventually reach Giant's Gate Falls one of the most famous sights on the whole track, a stunning waterfall plunging into a crystal clear pool.

We stop at this picture postcard on the swing bridge so you can take photos of this spectacular location. Afterwards, we take our boat launch back across the sound and drive back to Te Anau arriving at 4.30pm with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Our overnight accommodation is back at the Distinction Hotel. Tonight we enjoy our last dinner together in the restaurant with some wonderful New Zealand wines.

#### Day Five: Kelper Track from Lake Manapouri to Rainbow Reach - Queenstown

Walk: Approximately 6kms. 3 hours walking with breaks



Our last day sees us exploring a portion of the Kelper Track from Lake Manapouri to Rainbow Reach. Hike across sandy, tree lined beaches, peek inside an authentic 'kiwi' tramping hut, discover expansive wetlands, native forest and even a swing bridge, this is a great opportunity for everyone to discover a piece of real New Zealand! From here we'll experience the thrill of jet boating down the majestic Waiau!

This picturesque river is lined by ancient beech tree forest and features in the opening scene from The Lord of the Rings. This is true Middle Earth! Experience the excitement and adventure of the surging river, then enjoy the tranquil surrounds as you cruise onto Lake Manapouri. After our jetboatting fun we will make the journey back to Queenstown, arriving at approximately 7.00pm the end of a remarkable journey.

We include an additional night stay on the first and last days of our adventures. Planning for these days are agreed upon by the group.

# ADVENTURE COST \$4,565

DEPOSIT AMOUNT \$950