

# Milford Track Winter Hiking Transport Package

Wild, tempestuous and ruggedly beautiful - all of these words describe the Milford Track between late April and October. During this time of year, the famous waterfalls, forests and mountain views come alive in vivid blues, greens and snowy whites.

If you're an experienced hiker looking to walk the Milford track during the off-season, then this transport package is the ultimate way to bring your adventure to life. A collaboration between Trips and Tramps and Fiordland Water Taxi, you can relax in the knowledge that both operators are Qualmark-rated and experts in the world of Fiordland hiking.



## ITINERARY

Leave Te Anau at 8am and be transported by bus to Te Anau Downs.

Travel via water taxi from Te Anau Downs to Glade Wharf, leaving at 8.30am and arriving at the start of the Milford Track (Glade Wharf) at 9.30.

After completion of the track, pick up is from Sandfly Point (the end of the trail) at 2.30pm and travel to Milford Sound via water taxi.

At 3pm, journey from Milford Sound back to Te Anau by bus, enjoying the commentary of an onboard nature guide from Trips and Tramps.

## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

In-depth local knowledge and years of guiding experience means we can offer advice on what to expect, preparation, hut bookings and any other questions you may have.

## SAFETY FIRST

Hikers need to be well prepared to walk the Milford Track between May and October. Winter walking conditions can include cold, windy and very wet weather, as well as a risk of snow, ice

and avalanches. Alpine equipment and experience is essential. Because huts are not serviced during the off-season, hikers need to bring fuel for cooking and heating, as well as lighting and radios.

During the winter season bridges are removed, so knowledge and experience of river crossings is essential. Heavy rainfall makes streams and rivers in Fiordland rise very quickly, and track flooding is common. Be prepared to wait for water levels to decrease before attempting to cross any waterway - it's a good idea to bring supplies for an extra few days in case you are delayed.

Always check the latest weather report before you depart, and don't hesitate to change your plans if necessary. While the Milford Track is wild and beautiful during the off-season, you do need to be prepared for challenging weather conditions.

We'll be able to help with any off-season hiking queries you may have, but we strongly recommend you also read through the Department of Conservation's 'Winter Hiking on the Milford Track' webpage.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/tracks-and-walks/fiordland/northern-fiordland/milford-track/plan-and-prepare/winter-tramping/>

## THE PACKAGE

\$190/person



### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

50% DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING.

PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE ONLY FROM LATE APRIL TO OCTOBER.

48-HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY APPLIES. DEPARTURES ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT.

### FOR BOOKINGS OR ENQUIRIES

#### Trips & Tramps

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