

Overview

Hiking and idyllic walks being among our favorite Lynch Family global travel activities, we feel New Zealand's extraordinary "Milford Track" to be truly the "finest walk in the world(!)" Located within the picturesque mountains and temperate rainforests of Fiordland National Park, on New Zealand's South Island, this is one of the globe's great family outdoor hiking adventures. The Milford Track hiking option is an ideal pristine complement to our luxury New Zealand private tour featuring Queenstown and the spectacular 5,000 acre Wharekauhau Lodge and County Estate near Wellington. The medium level difficulty 33 mi trail (for ages 11 and above) starts at the head of Lake Te Anau (near Queenstown) and ends at otherworldly Milford Sound, traversing lush, green rainforests, wetlands and a striking alpine pass.

NEW ZEALAND Temperature Highs: High 60's Lows: Mid 50's Area 270,534 SQ KM 104,454 SQ MILES Population 4.5 Million Language English/Maori Capital Wellington Currency New Zealand Dollar	
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Day 1

Fly to Queenstown

Through our sister company, Premium Air Provider Travnet, we may assist with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Arrive Queenstown

Upon arrival in Queenstown, you will be privately transferred to Eichardt's Private Hotel.

Eichardt's Private Hotel

This is our favorite 5-star luxury property in the resort town of Queenstown. Eichardt's Private Hotel is a small boutique property located in the lakeside historical district, with easy walking distance to many restaurants and shopping. This hotel includes 5 suites (each with a fireplace) and a 2-bedroom lakefront cottage—high touch, personal service besides Lake Wakatipu!

Meals: --

Accommodations: Eichardt's Private Hotel

Day 3

Hollyford Track Heli/Hike

We feel this is among the most unique/personal outdoor experiences in all of New Zealand; a 1-day guided Heli-Hike to discover more remote areas of Hollyford Valley. Throughout the day you will be accompanied by a nature guide to explain the history, flora and fauna of this wondrous World Heritage designated area. Your helicopter will transport you from Queenstown and fly over the majestic Southern Alps.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Eichardt's Private Hotel

Day 4

Shotover River & Bungee Bridge

Today you will visit the rapid Shot River where you will board a jet boat touring through the dramatic canyons. Your day will end to Kawarau Bridge, considered the most famous bungee leap in the world.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Eichardt's Private Hotel

Day 5

Fly Queenstown/Nelson

Upon arrival in Nelson, you will be transferred to a private helicopter ride through Abel Tasman National Park. You may wish for a remote beach landing on Awaria Bay and continue to Mt. Owen in Kahurangi National Park.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Stonefly Lodge

Day 6

Fly-Fishing Option

The Nelson /Tasman region boasts some of New Zealand's best brown trout rivers, some only a short drive from Nelson city and well over 30 fishable rivers within a two hour drive from Nelson. We may provide heli-fishing options in high country rivers.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Stonefly Lodge

Day 7

Fly Nelson/Wellington

After an arrival in Wellington, you will stroll through the artistic center of New Zealand, home to exceptional museums, restaurants, and a fine music scene. Your tour includes Wellington's alluring botanic garden via a cable car. After seeing the likes of native species and foreign, like the Californian redwood, you will visit Otari Reserve Rain Forest and walk above the forest canopy on the "Tree Top Walkway." Your day will end visiting Wellington's city-center institutions and monuments.

Wharekauhau Lodge and Country Estate (RL)

This is a spectacular 5,000 acre working sheep station/country estate that is a big favorite of clients seeking a private idyllic setting with many optional activities. Bill Gates is a regular visitor here. Similar to Southern Ocean Lodge, the accommodations/dining here are world-class, beyond 5 star luxury. Activities include horse trekking overlooking Palliser Bay, fishing, archery, picturesque hiking and mountain biking, even clay target-shooting! The pasturelands here climb through lake-dotted forests into the adjacent mountains, and can only be described as amazingly emerald green. The white stucco cottage suites feature a fireplace, among other luxury amenities. The spa is a big plus, in addition to a 65 ft. indoor pool, a tennis court and fitness gym. Yes, Wharekauhau may be close to heavenly!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Wharekauhau Lodge and Country Estate

Day 8

Wellington Countryside

Taking a break from the buzzing city of Wellington, you will visit a farm in Wharekauhau showcasing New Zealand's legendary farming heritage, including sheep shearing demonstrations, and sheepdogs in action.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Wharekauhau Lodge and Country Estate

Day 9

Winelands

Today you will spend time at New Zealand's esteemed small-scale winelands. Not only will you taste the acclaimed wines, but meet the owners and sample other products like olive oil, fruit, and other gourmet creations.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Wharekauhau Lodge and Country Estate

Day 9

Fly Wellington/Home

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: --