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Full Day: Famous Routeburn Track

Put yourself in the picture... on this world renowned walk.

A journey to the head of Lake Wakatipu is the ideal preparation for the splendour of the world-famous Routeburn walk. As you travel towards Glenorchy on a road that clings to the very edge of the lake, your guide will introduce you to the history and landscape of the region. From time to time, the road rises to superb vantage points where you will enjoy unparalleled panoramas of jagged, snow-capped mountains, rolling alpine farmland and acre upon acre of glorious lake land tussock meadows.

Make your way on this great walk in Mount Aspiring National Park with a gradual ascent, through 130 million year old magical world of ferns, mosses, lichens and beech forest. Every step can be a story as your knowledgeable guide will describe the forest plants, point out those with medicinal benefits and ensure you stop and meet the native birds which are plentiful.

Just 2.5 hours down the track, the woodland parts to reveal the rich grassland of

Routeburn Flats, overlooked on all sides by cloud-scraping mountains, some so high they have permafrost.

The Flats is a pristine site to stop for lunch. After a delicious Kiwi style picnic lunch, we turn and enjoy the valley in reverse. Exploring the old paths of the Maori travellers as we travel along their old 'Greenstone' trails, finding new enjoyment around each corner.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Due to the nature of the terrain, altitude and alpine conditions, the duration of this walk is entirely flexible and dependent on fitness levels. You can enjoy anything from a 13 kilometer to 18 kilometer return journey, as there is an option of walking another 1.5 hours to view the entire magnificent valley from the Routeburn Falls.

The Routeburn Track, is an excellent walk for people interested in variety, lake river valley forests, mountain views, native birds or photography. Guided Walks New Zealand have been guiding this spectacular valley since 1868.

Half Day: Lakeshore, Forest and Bird



Only minutes from Queenstown, suitable for all ages and level of fitness.

You can quickly immerse yourself in native vegetation, bird life, history, scenic views and quickly isolate yourself from the busy township.

This half day walk is an easy stroll, through a unique microclimate where plants are protected from the elements so species are much larger than elsewhere. Native birds are readily seen and heard. You'll be introduced to an array of edible and medicinal plants used by Maori and European settlers on this fun half day walk.

The walk begins in native shrub and beech forest, and the track leads down through the forest to the edge of Lake Wakatipu. Great views can be had looking out through the trees and over the water to the mountains beyond.

Taken at a leisurely pace through native beech forest, with morning or afternoon tea/coffee on the lake-shore where you stop and enjoy views across the lake to The Remarkables and Cecil Peak. Before heading back through the red beech stand to your transport and Queenstown.

The track is good but uneven and winds around the lake shore with the option of a steeper climb to a lookout with magnificent views in all directions.



Full Day: Aspiring Wilderness Experience (AWE)

This spectacular full day adventure combines a Dart River Wilderness Jet trip to the start of your guided walk with off trail walking through ancient beech forest in the Mount Aspiring National Park.

Located between the Dart and Routeburn river valleys this is one of New Zealand's most scenic areas.

The jet boat drivers know their river intimately, and their superb skills behind the wheel, complement frequent stops on this unique journey to explain the geology and lore of the ancient and unspoiled lands you traverse.

30 kilometres later, your guide will meet you at a secret spot on the banks of the Dart River, then lead you on a very gentle ascent under a canopy of native beech forest, where birdsong provide nature's soundtrack.

This is in an area where Guided Walks NZ is the only company allowed to walk through 'off track'. The vast numbers of plant species compete for your attention, along with the orchestra of native bird life. Your guide will point out your new and inquisitive travelling companions as they stop by to look you over.

A delicious picnic lunch is taken on the shores of the forest and mountain framed waters of Lake Sylvan. Joined by NZ's birds - Bush Robins, Fantails and Tomtits nestled among the mountain range. The lake's brooding waters have a reddish-brown



tint picked up from plants by its feeder streams on their journey down the hillsides over the 11,000 years of its existence. Lake Sylvan teems with native trout and the most attractive species of geese and ducks when in season.

Winding back from the lake, the track ambles through to the Routeburn, flowing down the very edge of the forest and on to your luxury transport. From there, it's a short drive through rich farmland to Glenorchy, where you might like to enjoy a brief refreshing stop in the local cafe before the trip back to Queenstown.

Adventure and tranquillity in one great day!

Ngāi Tahu's tourism roots extend back to when our ancestors were the guides for many of the first European explorers. Now tourism allows Ngāi Tahu to extend to visitors our manaakitanga (hospitality) and provide rich experiences within our natural environment, now and for generations to come. Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei - For us and our children after us.

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Price Table

	Group		Private		Extras
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	
Lakeshore, Forest & Bird	\$109	\$69	\$199	\$199	
Famous Routeburn Track	\$209	\$140	\$1250	\$1250	private up to 4 pax
Aspiring Wilderness Experience AWE	\$399	\$285	\$2390	\$2390	private up to 4 pax

Minimum 2 adults required to confirm a group departure.
We provide walking poles and refreshments / lunch.
Half day trips depart at 8am & 1.30pm. Full day trips depart at 8am. Child rates 8-14 years inclusive.

Cancellation fees
Within 7 days 25%
Within 48 hours 50%
Within 24 hours 100%
Full conditions are on our website and trade library.

NOTE

Track condition is generally excellent and though sturdy footwear is always advised, in fine weather athletic shoes are adequate. All these walks are an excellent guided option for the winter months also.

Half Day walks departures are at 8.00am and 1.30pm. Full Day walks 8am. We will pick you up from your Queenstown accommodation. A full commentary is given and photo stops made while travelling by road to the start of these walks.