

A genuine experience in remote Fiordland, this is what wilderness is all about.

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THIS IS ADVENTURE AT ITS BEST

Sea Kayak

MILFORD SOUND &
DOUBTFUL SOUND



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It is exciting
being out on
the water and
there is the
feeling of really
experiencing
an exceptional
place.

WELCOME

Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound lie within Fiordland National Park - a massive wilderness of rugged snow-capped peaks, almost vertical cliffs and luxuriant rainforest.

Kayaking within this world heritage area is unbeatable. Gliding along, taking in the sights and sounds, dwarfed by cliffs hundreds of metres above - it's exhilarating. Wildlife is often encountered when hugging the shoreline and you'll hear native bird song in beautiful detail.

We're passionate about kayaking in Fiordland and have been running guided trips since 1992. We are a founding member of the New Zealand Sea Kayak Operators Association, employ experienced kayaking guides and use top quality equipment.

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For all of our experiences

A moderate level of fitness and competence in the water is required.
Minimum age 16 years unless specified.

Looking up at Mitre Peak, Pembroke Glacier and thundering waterfalls from water level is awe-inspiring



DEPART MILFORD

8.30am Nov - Mar

9am Apr & Oct

9.30am Sep - 1-16 May

Duration from 6hrs 30mins

Pick-up at the Milford Lodge

DEPART TE ANAU

6.30am Nov - Mar

7am Apr - Oct

7.30am Sep - 1-16 May

Duration from 6hrs 30mins

If you have travelled with us from Te Anau and we can't kayak due to deteriorating weather, the kayaking is replaced by a boat cruise and the nature tour home is extended.



MILFORD SOUND MUST DO

Milford Sound is stunning. With an experienced guide and a small group of kayakers you'll explore this spectacular fiord paddling towards the mighty Mitre Peak. Possible wildlife sightings include seals and occasionally penguins and dolphins. Four to five hours of kayaking is involved and a stop for lunch (weather permitting) on a secluded beach. If the afternoon breeze comes up we will raft our kayaks together and sail back - what a highlight!

Travelling with us along the Milford Road is definitely part of the experience. We'll provide quality Kiwi music, tell stories and stop at our favourite places.

4 - 5hrs kayaking involved

Small groups, maximum eight per guide

Hot drinks and snack provided

Te Anau coach connections available

Get up close to Sinbad Gully - the valley of New Zealand's most photographed mountain of Mitre Peak



THE BOWEN BREEZER

This morning sea kayaking adventure is not to be missed. You'll explore the spectacular Lady Bowen Falls and learn about the Sinbad Sanctuary Project and the special native wildlife that make this area their home.

As you paddle along the shoreline view the rainforest in beautiful detail. 2.5 - 3 hours of kayaking is involved in this leisurely trip - a great morning out. If joining this trip with transport to and from Te Anau - enjoy some free time exploring Milford Sound on foot in the afternoon, before returning to Te Anau with us later in the day.



2.5 - 3hrs kayaking involved

Small groups, maximum eight per guide

Te Anau coach connections available if required

DEPART MILFORD

8.30am Nov - Mar

9am Apr

Duration approximately 4hrs

Pick ups available from
Milford Sound Lodge



MILFORD MAGIC

Join us in Milford Sound for this full day adventure - enjoy a leisurely morning kayak experience followed by a nature cruise on the fiord in the afternoon.

2.5 - 3 hours of kayaking is involved in the morning - followed by a 2.5 hour Real Journeys Nature Cruise, out to the Tasman Sea. A picnic lunch is included.



2.5 - 3hrs kayaking involved

Real Journeys Nature Cruise included

Picnic lunch is included

Small groups, maximum eight per guide

DEPART MILFORD

8.30am Nov - Mar

9am Apr

Duration approximately 7hrs 30mins

Pick ups available from Milford Sound Lodge



This is the
ultimate water
experience
by kayak
and cruise



THE TRACK TASTER

Join us on this great half day, afternoon trip that starts with a paddle around Deep Water Basin in Milford Sound and up to the infamous Sandfly Point. You'll explore the shores of the Arthur River before setting foot on the world famous Milford Track.

Enjoy an easy walk along the track, admiring the impressive waterfalls and birdlife along the way and learn about the history of the area from your guide.

You will spend approximately 2 hours on the track and 2 hours kayaking on this trip - it is a great mix of paddling and walking and a perfect opportunity to get out and experience Fiordland. Suitable for family groups (minimum age 14 years).



2hrs kayaking involved

2hrs walking involved

Small groups, maximum eight per guide

Minimum age 14yrs

DEPART MILFORD

3pm Dec - 31 Jan

9am Apr

Duration approx 4hrs 30mins

Pick ups available from
Milford Sound Lodge

Admiring the impressive waterfalls and birdlife along the way you learn about the history of the area from your guide





DOUBTFUL SOUND OVERNIGHTER

The Doubtful Sound overnighter is all about allowing yourself some quality time to experience a personal adventure; a genuine sea kayaking and camping trip in a remote environment that epitomises what Fiordland wilderness is all about - and of course having fun along the way! Each day involves approximately five hours kayaking amidst towering cliffs, waterfalls and lush rain forest. Penguins, seals and dolphins are sometimes encountered and bird song breaks the silence as we paddle the shoreline.

In the evening we camp amidst the forest in Hall Arm beside a fresh water stream - a special place in which to relax as dusk descends.



Crossing of Lake Manapouri and Wilmot Pass included

5hrs kayaking involved each day

Overnight camping

Hot drinks provided

Small groups, maximum eight per guide

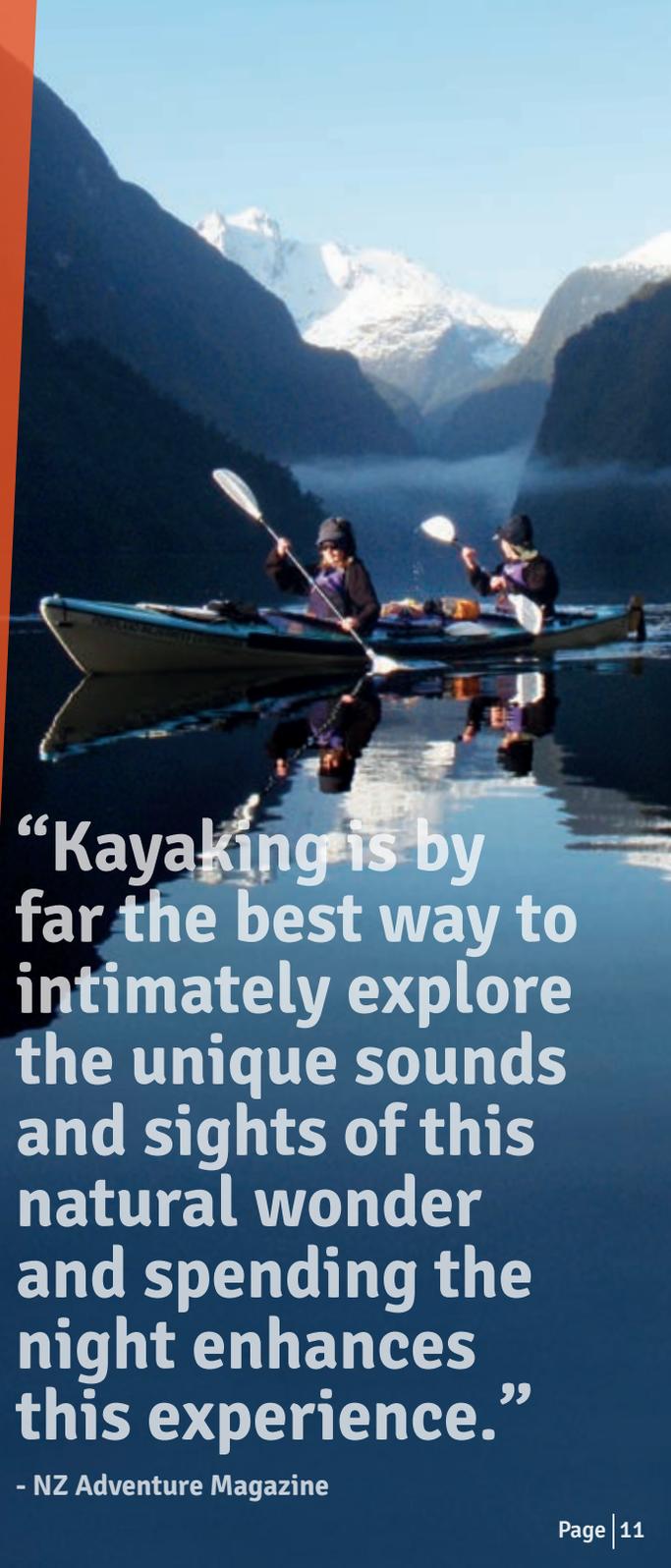
Te Anau coach connections available

DEPART MANAPOURI
6.45am Oct - Apr
Duration 2 days

If we can't kayak due to deteriorating weather, the kayaking may be replaced by a launch cruise and camping replaced with a hostel.

DEPART TE ANAU
6.15am Oct - Apr
Duration 2 days

Please phone by 5pm day prior to departure to confirm pick up place and time and to advise your height and weight (wet suit sizing).



“Kayaking is by far the best way to intimately explore the unique sounds and sights of this natural wonder and spending the night enhances this experience.”

- NZ Adventure Magazine

3 DAY EPIC 4 DAY EXPLORER 5 DAY EXPEDITION

Doubtful Sound is a vast, untouched wilderness. Three times longer than Milford Sound it has a sea surface area roughly ten times larger due to its longer length and many side arms. The more time you spend in Doubtful Sound, the greater the rewards. There are wonderful secluded waterways and islands to explore.

Our multi-day trips are designed to really enhance your understanding of wilderness and adventure. They offer a challenge at all levels and an experience of a lifetime.

Please contact us for more details.



Crossing of Lake Manapouri and Wilmot Pass included

**Small groups, maximum eight per guide
(minimum numbers apply)**

**No experience required for three day trip;
but preferred for four and five day options**

Te Anau coach connections included

Hot drinks provided; kayakers supply own food

Contact us directly to find out more. All kayakers meet at our Te Anau base the day before departure where we answer questions and work through trip details.



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Expedition kayaking in the isolated southern fiords - Dusky Sound and Preservation Inlet can also be arranged. Contact us for further details.

WHAT TO BRING

- Swimsuit or underwear (to wear under thermals)
- Shorts
- Soft shoes or sandals (will get wet)
- Warm socks
- Towel
- Sunblock/sunhat/sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Camera (disposable or waterproof)
- Water bottle
- Change of clothes/footwear
- Rain jacket
- Lunch (can pre-ordered at extra cost)

WE PROVIDE

- Thermal top and leggings
- Wetsuit vest (Milford Sound)
- Fleece top
- Paddle jacket
- Life jacket (buoyancy vest)
- Spray deck
- Fleece hat
- Pogies (paddling gloves)
- Dry bags (clothing and camera)
- Double kayak/paddles
- Group safety and emergency gear
- Hot drinks

WHAT TO BRING

- Swimsuit or underwear
- Soft shoes/sandals (will get wet)
- Warm socks
- Towel
- Warm tops (thermal or wool)
- Long trousers
- Rain trousers
- Waterproof jacket
- Shoes for campsite
- Warm hat
- Torch/flashlight
- Water bottle
- Sunblock/sunglasses/insect repellent
- Toiletries/personal medication
- Camera
- Sleeping bag (available for hire from us)
- Food (Te Anau has two good supermarkets which stay open late)
- Plate, cup and utensils (unless pre-ordered with us, no extra cost)
- Additional campsite clothing is required for 3-5 day trips

WE PROVIDE

- Thermal top
- Long john wetsuit
- Fleece top
- Paddle jacket
- Life jacket (buoyancy vest)
- Spray deck
- Fleece/sun/rain hat
- Pogies (paddling gloves)
- Dry bags (clothing and camera)
- Double kayak/paddles
- Group safety and emergency gear
- One or two person tents
- Thermarest/sleeping mat
- Gas cooker
- Pots/cooking utensils
- Chairs
- Communal shelter (insect proof)
- Hot drinks
- Toilet paper



WHAT TO WEAR

Please wear your swimsuit or kayaking underwear layer beneath warm clothes/waterproof jacket on pick-up (makes changing into paddling gear easier and quicker). The best way to carry your other gear to the launch point is in a backpack.

FOOD

On a kayaking trip you will eat more than usual and there is plenty of storage space on the kayaks. Bring food which is simple but nourishing, quick and easy to cook. Please remove excess packaging and carry food in bags (supermarket cloth bags are ideal).

Food suggestions:

Snacks: bananas, chocolate, muesli bars

Lunches: instant noodles/sachet soup, sandwich type food (cheese, salami, tuna), fruit, biscuits

Evening meal: pasta, rice or noodles with sauce plus soft vegetables, meat, canned fish

Breakfast: cereals, fruit, yoghurt, toast, baked beans

CANCELLATION POLICY

Fiordland Wilderness Experiences reserves the right to cancel or amend any tour due to road, water or weather conditions. If we have to cancel a tour due to such circumstances, we do not charge you or a refund is given.

If you wish to cancel or reschedule and not be charged or receive a refund, as many days notice as the number of days in your kayaking tour, are required, e.g. one day tour = 24 hours notice, two days tour = 48 hours notice etc.

You will be fully charged, no refund will be given if:

1. You do not cancel with as many days notice as the number of days in your kayaking tour.
2. You miss your tour departure.
3. You do not turn up (even if due to unexpected illness, injury, vehicle breakdown, sleeping late etc).
4. We have to cancel your booking because of client unsuitability owing to age, ill health, poor fitness, inappropriate physical size, intoxication, inability to communicate in English etc.

Due to the nature of our business and given we only work with small groups, cancellations affect us significantly and we apply a strict cancellation policy. We therefore strongly recommend that you have travel insurance which covers all potential cancellation circumstances.

A confirmed booking means that all parties to the booking have read, understood and accepted the conditions of our cancellation policy.

RISK DISCLOSURE

Sea kayaking and wilderness camping have inherent risks and can be dangerous. In Fiordland they are characterised by: remoteness, rapidly changing and sometimes extreme weather and water conditions, cold water, limited kayak landing sites and camping under forest canopy. Detailed risk management and strict safety procedures are observed, however, there still remains an element of risk. Fiordland Wilderness Experiences cannot absolutely guarantee participants' safety. Fiordland Wilderness Experiences accepts its legal responsibilities but cannot be held responsible for personal injury or for loss, theft or damage of/to your equipment outside legal responsibilities. Participants will be required to sign a liability form to this effect before starting a tour.

Changing conditions can mean that tours have to be modified. No two tours are the same. It is very rare but weather could delay your scheduled return by up to 24 hours e.g. road closures or weather conditions preventing kayaking. Clients on guided tours must listen carefully to and follow guides' instructions and adhere to safety requirements. Our reputation depends on your safety - we give it top priority and take it seriously.



“These are the guys to see about paddling on Doubtful and Milford Sounds...”

- Rough Guide