



Milford Road

Remember to drive on the **left hand side** of the road.

SHORT WALKS

A range of scenic stops and short walks on the Milford Road allow plenty of opportunities to view the spectacular scenery.

For detailed information please pick up a copy of the Department of Conservation's brochure which includes short walk options, track advice and information on local flora & fauna. A list of options are listed below.

MILFORD ROAD WALKS

Lake Mistletoe	45 min return
Mirror Lakes	10 minutes
Knobs Flat	info panels
Lake Gunn Nature Walk	45 min return
Key Summit	3 hours return
Lake Marian Falls	20 min return
Lake Marian	3 hours return
East Homer Nature Walk	20 min return
The Chasm	20 min return
Piopiotaahi Milford Foreshore Walk	30 minutes

THE MILFORD ROAD IS NOT JUST A JOURNEY – IT'S A DESTINATION IN ITSELF

Climbing through the Southern Alps, State Highway 94 (SH94) the Milford Road is one of the highest and most scenic state highways in New Zealand, it is also the only road access to *Piopiotaahi* Milford Sound. More of an adventure than a drive, the road to Milford Sound gives visitors a taste of Te Wahipounamu – South West New Zealand World Heritage Area and the diverse scope of Fiordland's landscapes.

The drive from Te Anau to *Piopiotaahi* Milford Sound covers it all, from lush beech forest and vast valleys to mirror-like lakes, towering mountains and impressive feats of roading engineering. While the final reward is the breathtaking vista of *Piopiotaahi* Milford Sound, the Milford Road delivers a journey which is every bit as impressive as the destination.

The road is fully sealed, but visitors should note that the terrain is narrow and winding in places and the 120 kilometres (72 miles) from Te Anau to Milford takes a minimum of 2½ hours driving (without allowing for stops). Take your time and enjoy. Be a safe and considerate driver.

Safety!

Despite its remote location and challenging conditions, visitors travel along the Milford Road throughout the year on their way to *Piopiotaahi* Milford Sound. While the road is busier during the summer months, drivers should be aware they will share the road with coaches, campervans and minibuses at any time throughout the year.

The Milford Road is not to be underestimated as it traverses one of New Zealand's most challenging environments.

There is a comprehensive safety management programme for the Milford Road including avalanche control during winter and spring. During the winter months the Road will be closed if there is avalanche danger until snow in the mountains can be displaced by explosives and the Road cleared of debris by heavy machinery. Plan your trip, always check the Road conditions before you leave and allow plenty of time. Alternatively take a coach! Let someone else watch the weather and the road for you.

Campervans

Please note that there are dump stations at Te Anau, Manapouri, Knobs Flat and Milford. There are NO dump stations at any of the campsites on the Milford Road, please do not discharge waste/water along the road or into the National Park. Take your rubbish away with you.

Coach & Cruise

We recommend this option allowing visitors to hang up the keys for the day and truly enjoy the scenery outside the window! Please see list of operators overleaf. If you think you are going to miss your cruise you can usually be accommodated on a later cruise so don't take unnecessary risks on your drive to Milford.

Allow yourself time

Once in Milford Sound allow 45 minutes to park and get to the cruise terminal. Check-in is 20 minutes prior to departure.

milfordsoundtourism.co.nz
fiordland.org.nz

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Fuel

Make sure you fill the car before leaving Te Anau or Manapouri. There is no fuel in Milford Sound.

Toilets

There are a limited number of public toilets on the Milford Road. These can be found at Te Anau, Knobs Flat and Milford Sound.

Phone

There is no mobile phone coverage on the Milford Sound highway and this is also only intermittent on the road between Queenstown and Te Anau, and Invercargill and Te Anau. The only telephone services on the Milford Road are card phones at Knobs Flat and Milford Sound.

TRAVELLING TIPS

- Make sure you have a full tank of petrol before leaving Te Anau
- Take food and beverages with you. The only food outlets on the Milford Milford itself. There are limited cafe options in Milford Sound.
- Dress warmly with comfortable and appropriate footwear to enjoy the many roadside walks and stopping opportunities. While it might be a sunny day when you leave and be warm within your vehicle, the weather in alpine conditions can change quickly and you need to be well equipped for these rapid changes in conditions. Make sure you have wet weather clothing and warm layers. You should also have a wind proof jacket to wear on the cruise boat to ensure you can maximise the views from outdoor viewing decks even if there is a brisk sea breeze!
- We recommend you pack insect repellent for sandflies which you will encounter on the Milford Road and in Milford Sound itself.
- Allow plenty of time — the scenery and road conditions combined mean that we advise people to allow plenty of time to drive within the region. While a destination may not seem far away in kilometre terms, the winding and narrow roads can mean that it takes much longer to travel.
- If you are lucky enough to see kea, or any other birds or wildlife, please don't feed them.



Coach & Cruise Operators

Cruise Milford cruisemilfordnz.com	W R
Fiordland Tours - Milford Sound Small Group Tour fiordlandtours.co.nz	R
Southern Discoveries southerndiscoveries.co.nz	W R
Go Orange GoOrange.co.nz	W R
JUCY Coach and Cruise www.jucycruise.co.nz	W R
Mitre Peak Cruises mitrepeak.com	W R
Real Journeys realjourneys.co.nz	W R
Trips & Tramps tripsandtramps.com	W R

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