

Hollyford Track Walk Packing List and Information

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

On your first night, you will stay at Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas. Throughout the walk you will stay at exclusive purpose-built lodges featuring open fires, drying rooms, hot water, fresh linen, flushing toilets and essentials such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, hair dryers etc. There are also wood fired hot tubs located at the lodge in Martins Bay. Please note that the lodges do not have washing facilities.

CONNECTIVITY

The lodges run on battery-powered electricity, so some electrical facilities are switched off overnight to conserve energy; however, lighting is always available with 24-hour power in the communal living spaces. The remote location of the Hollyford Wilderness Experience means that there are no modern communication amenities such as cell phone reception. Your guides are equipped with specialised communication devices in case of emergencies.

WHAT YOU CARRY

You must keep your pack as light as possible as you'll be carrying it for 19.5 km, from the Hollyford Road end to Ka Tuku Lodge on Day 2. If you follow the checklist below, your pack should weigh roughly 7kg. Please ensure this is packed into a hiking pack, as suitcases are not suitable to carry. You will be able to store any additional luggage/cases that you don't require at the *Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas*. Once you've reached the Lodge, you will be provided with a smaller day pack for your essentials for the remaining two days of hiking, while your main pack will be transported via jet boat between the lodges.

WHAT'S SUPPLIED?

For your comfort, you are welcome to bring and use your own items, but the following are provided at the pre walk briefing:

- A hiking pack to transport all your belongings
- A day pack to use on day three and day four
- Raincoats as needed – however, we strongly recommend bringing your own
- Guides carry comprehensive first-aid kits and emergency communication devices

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

- A large water bottle or hydration pack
- Boots and spare socks – sturdy waterproof hiking boots with mid-to-high ankle support are a must due to the uneven terrain; boots should be comfortable and worn in
- Comfortable hiking clothing - we recommend long loose-fitting clothing for sun and wind protection and to shield your legs and arms from stray branches
- Layered clothing is recommended – a set of thermal tops and bottoms, a few t-shirts, a long-sleeve shirt, a pair of shorts, a fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Beanie or woollen hat and gloves (even during the summer months)
- Long pants – waterproof or quick-dry material is advised (not cotton or denim)
- Change of clothes and lightweight shoes/sandals for evenings at the cabins

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- Swimwear for use in the hot tubs at Martins Bay
- Sun protection, including a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses
- Day pack – we have single-sized packs you can borrow, but for comfort, we recommend bringing your own, so you know it is correctly sized
- Small towel and swimsuit if you intend to swim
- Hiking poles - if you have unsteady ankles or knees, you may like to bring your own walking pole/s to help you navigate the uneven terrain (some are available to borrow).
- Prescription glasses and/or any medication you may require (including an EPI pen)
- Personal toiletries in small containers, including insect repellent
- Your camera and/or mobile phone, chargers, spare batteries
- Travel adapters (if required)
- Bank card (or preferred device) for purchasing incidentals

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