

# the best day-walks in the **SOUL-BUILDING SOUTHERN LAKES**

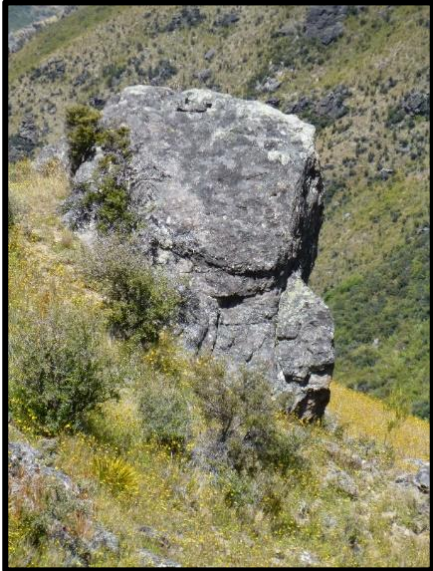
## HIGHLIGHTS

- The spectacular trails around the edge of Lake Wakatipu
- Picturesque Queenstown, the alpine jewel of the South Island
- Picture-perfect reflections in Moke Lake
- The scenic wonders at the start of one of our most popular Great Walks (Routeburn)
- The relatively unknown scheelite mines which contributed to the Allied war effort
- Historic Arrowtown: gold mining relics and *Lord of the Rings* locations
- The grandeur of Mount Aspiring National Park – graced by our 2<sup>nd</sup> highest peak.
- Wonderful lakeside and riverside trails in the Wanaka district
- The cheeky kea at the Rob Roy Glacier lookout
- Fascinating geology and gold-mining relics (Cromwell area)

<b>DATES</b>		9-16 April 2023 / 6-13 April 2025	
<b>DATE REGISTRATIONS CLOSE</b>		9 February 2023 / 9 February 2025	
<b>STARTING POINT</b>		Queenstown	8.00 a.m.
<b>FINISHING POINT</b>		Queenstown	8.00 p.m.
<b>COST</b>		6pax\$1350,5pax\$1450,4pax\$1550,3pax\$1650 Note: This excursion is more expensive than our other trips because this region commands premium rates for accommodation.	
<b>DAY</b>	<b>POSSIBLE WALKS</b>		<b>OVERNIGHT</b>
<p>Walks that are highly recommended are printed in <b>red</b>.</p> <p>All times given are for a return (out and back) walk, a loop walk, or a linear walk with transport to/from each end.</p>			
<b>Day 1</b>	<p><b>Meet and greet. Initial briefing.</b>  <b>Queenstown Highlights</b>  <i>Walks selected from:</i>                  Queenstown Hill (2h15m)                  Sunshine Bay Walk (1h30m) Arawhata Bridle Track (1h)  <b>Frankton Arm Walk (1-2h)</b>  <b>Kelvin Grove/Peninsula Walk (1-2h)</b>                  Jack's Point (1h30m)</p>		Queenstown
<b>Day 2</b>	<p><b>Lake Wakatipu Area</b>  <i>Longer Options:</i>  <b>Ben Lomond - Moonlight Track to Arthur's Point (5h + 2h return for side-trip to summit)</b>                  Ben Lomond Summit and return (5-7h).                  Ben Lomond-Moke Lake (7h)                  Arthur's Point-Moonlight-Moke Lake (4-5h)  <i>Shorter Options:</i>                  Ben Lomond Saddle (3-4h), Fernhill-One Mile Track (3-4h),                  One Mile Creek (1-2h).                  Twelve Mile Bay to Bob's Cove (1h30m-2h)                  Twelve Mile Loop Track and Mt. Creighton (2-4h)                  Seven Mile to Wilsons Bay (1-2h)  <b>Moke Lake Circuit (2-3h)</b>                  Moke Lake to Lake Dispute (3-4h)</p>		Queenstown

	<i>Note: Taking the gondola can shorten Ben Lomond walks.</i>	
<b>Day 3</b>	<p align="center"><b>Glenorchy - Kinloch Area</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p>Mount Alfred (6-8h), <b>Routeburn Flats (5h + 2h for side-trip to Routeburn Falls)</b>, Lake Rere Loop (4-6h), Lake Sylvan-Rockburn Hut site (4-6h), Sugarloaf Saddle Loop (6-8h).  <i>Whakaari Conservation Area Scheelite Huts: Mt. Judah and Heather Jock Tracks (4-5h)</i>, Mt. McIntosh Loop (8-10h).</p> <p align="center"><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Glenorchy Wetlands (1h), Greenstone Carpark to Caples Junction (2h), <b>Invincible Mine (2-3h)</b>, Glacier Burn (3-4h), Lake Sylvan (1h), Diamond Creek (1h), Double Barrel Falls (40m), Lake Diamond (2-3h).</p>	Glenorchy
<b>Day 4</b>	<p align="center"><b>Arrowtown - Lake Hayes – Gibbston - Kingston Area</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p align="center">Macetown Rd (6-8h), Big Hill Track (6-8h)</p> <p align="center"><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Chinese Settlement Walk (30m), Oxenbridge Tunnel Walkway (30m), Arrowtown Anniversary Walk (1h), Tobin's Track (1h30m), Sawpit Gully (2-3h, add 1 h for Big Hill), <b>Lake Hayes Loop (2-3h)</b>, Gibbston River Trails (1-3h), Wye Creek (4h).  Kingston: Lakefront (30m), Shirt Tail Track I(1h30m).</p>	Wanaka
<b>Day 5</b>	<p align="center"><b>Lake Wanaka Area</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p>Roys Peak (5-6h), Skyline Track (7-8h), Glacier Burn (5-6h), Mt. Pisa (6-7h), <b>Clutha River Trail (5h)</b>, <b>Isthmus Peak (5-6h)</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p>Mount Iron (1h30m), <b>Millenium Track (Glendhu Bay to Wanaka) (up to 3h30m)</b>, <b>Diamond Lake-Rocky Mountain (2h)</b>, Lake Outlet Walk (1h), Lakeside Walk (3h).</p>	Wanaka
<b>Day 6</b>	<p align="center"><b>Matukituki or Makarora</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p>Aspiring Hut (4-5h), Glacier Burn (5-6h), Junction Flat (5h).</p> <p>Breast Hill/Pakituhi Hut (7-8h), Brewster Hut (5-6h), Dingle Burn Peninsula (6-8h), Sawyer Burn to hut (5h), Grandview Mountain Track (4-6h), Isthmus Peak (5-6h), Young Valley from Blue Pools (4h), Blue Valley (4h), Mt. Shrimpton (5h).</p> <p align="center"><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Rob Roy Valley and Glacier (3h30m-4h)</b></p> <p>Lake Hawea Track (2h30m), Sawyer Burn to bushline (2h), Kidd's Bush Nature Walk (30m), Davis Flat Bridle Track (3h), Makarora Bush (15m).</p>	Cromwell

<p><b>Day 7</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lake Dunstan Area</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Longer Options:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roaring Meg Pack Track (6-8h), Cardrona to Lowburn Packtrack (8-10h), <b>Duffer's Saddle-Quartzville via Carricktown (5-6h)</b>, Duffer's Saddle-Old Woman Hut (4-5h), Cairnmuir Hill Tk to Clyde (8-10h), Mount Pisa (8-10h).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shorter Options:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cromwell Old Reservoir and Firewood Creek (1h), Cromwell to Bannockburn (2h), North Lakeside (1h30m), South Lakeside (3h), Bannockburn Sluicings and Stewart Town (2h) , Bannockburn to Pisa Moorings (2h), 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel Track (1h), Quartz Reef Tailings (45m), Northburn Tailings (1h), Aurora Creek (1h30m), Cairnmuir Hill (2h30m). Bendigo Historic Reserve (2h), Cromwell Historic Town (2h).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Travel to Queenstown. Farewell Dinner. Trip concludes.</b></p>	
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Spaceship Rock and Old Man Rock on the Roaring Meg Pack Track



Clutha River Trail