

# Island of Delight

12 Days Christchurch to Christchurch



*Why not enjoy a spectacular nature cruise on stunning Milford Sound?*

## TRANZCOASTAL TRAIN & THE MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

The TranzCoastal train journey between Christchurch, the South Island's largest city, and the delightful port of Picton, travels through 22 tunnels and crosses 175 bridges. Marvel at the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of your train and the rugged Pacific Coastline on the other as you travel past some of New Zealand's finest horticultural & farmland areas. It features an open air viewing carriage where all your senses are awakened with the clean, fresh, sea air. Enjoy two days relaxing in the stunning Kenepuru Sound. Resort staff will share their love of the area with you through an exciting range of water and nature based experiences. Return to Christchurch, stopping at the coastal town of Kaikoura, a place offering unparalleled wildlife experiences including whale-watching.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive Christchurch

Hotel Grand Chancellor

### Day 2: TranzCoastal Train to Picton & the Marlborough Sounds (B)

The Portage Resort (2 nights)

### Day 3: Enjoy the Stunning Kenepuru Sound (B)

### Day 4: Kaikoura Coast, Christchurch (B)

Hotel Grand Chancellor

### Day 5: Spectacular TranzAlpine Train, Franz Josef & Fox Glaciers (B)

Te Weheka Inn

### Day 6: Haast, Lake Wanaka & Queenstown (B)

Heritage Hotel (4 nights)

### Days 7, 8 & 9: Explore Queenstown & the Fiordland National Park (B)

### Day 10: Arrowtown, Mt Cook National Park (B,D)

Mt Cook Hermitage Hotel – Aoraki Wing

### Day 11: Tasman Glacier, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch (B)

Hotel Grand Chancellor

### Day 12: At leisure until departure from Christchurch (B)





### TRANZALPINE TRAIN & WEST COAST GLACIERS

Rated as one of the most scenic train journeys in the world, the famous TranzAlpine train departs from Christchurch and takes you deep into the heartland of the South Island on a coast-to-coast excursion through the some of New Zealand's most extreme and beautiful scenery. With the Southern Alps to the east and the Tasman sea to the west, travel along the thin stretch of coastal land that is the dramatic, rugged West Coast to the glacier townships of Franz Josef & Fox. There is the opportunity to experience optional scenic flights over the glaciers (weather permitting). As you head inland, you'll view incredible scenery as you pass the native forests & pristine lakes of the Haast Pass & Westland National Park.

### QUEENSTOWN, FIORDS & MT COOK NATIONAL PARK

Lake Wanaka's spectacular mountain and lake views will leave you breathless as you make your way to the beautiful alpine resort of Queenstown, New Zealand's premier holiday destination. The region boasts leisure & adventure activities in all forms and is a great base from which to explore the Fiordland National park, home to the awesome Milford & Doubtful Sounds. Enjoy 3 full days to enjoy and explore the area before travelling north through the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown & the spectacular Crown Range to the world heritage listed Mt Cook National Park.

Ski-plane and helicopter flightseeing tours are available subject to weather conditions. The highlight of your stay here is a unique glacial expedition by boat on Lake Tasman. On occasions you may even see the release of icebergs from the 5km ice-face of the Tasman Glacier into the murky waters of this glacial lake, an amazing phenomenon to behold! Your journey ends where it began, in the Garden City of Christchurch, a city alive with colour, atmosphere and world class attractions.

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Group size won't exceed 16 guests
- 11 nights superior hotel accommodation
- 2 night stopovers in Marlborough Sounds & Christchurch
- 4 nights in majestic Queenstown
- Accompanied throughout by professional, experienced Tour Host
- Full breakfasts daily & 1 dinner
- Scenic Tranz Coastal train journey to Picton
- Stunning Kenepuru Sound
- World famous Tranz Alpine Train through the magnificent Southern Alps
- Twin Glaciers of Franz Josef & Fox
- Historic Arrowtown and beautiful Southern Lakes District
- Optional tours & overnight cruises to Milford & Doubtful Sounds
- World-Heritage listed Mt Cook National Park
- See & touch glaciers & icebergs up-close on your Tasman Glacier Explorer expedition
- Lake Tekapo & the Church of the Good Shepherd
- Complimentary airport transfers by limousine



### Departure Dates & Prices

2007: May: 19; Jun: 23; Jul: 28; Aug: 25; Sep: 22; Oct: 06, 20, 27; Nov: 03, 10, 17, 24; Dec: 01, 08, 15, 22  
 2008: Jan: 05, 12, 19, 22, 26; Feb: 02, 09, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26; Mar: 01, 04, 08, 15, 22, 29; Apr: 05, 12, 19, 26

**\$4,895 share twin    \$6,439 single traveller**

