




Showcases the breathtaking South Island's scenic wonders

9 Day Taste of the South Island

-  Suggested arrival/departure
-  TranzAlpine Train
-  Overnights



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PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- Haggis Ceremony & Gift
- Larnach Castle*
- Milford Sound Cruise & Lunch
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- City sights tour of Christchurch & Dunedin

*Guided tour is included with 1 guide per 24 travellers.



TOURING

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet & Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Modern coach travel with 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain & Tour Guide
- 8 nights 3.5 star hotel accommodation
- 1 two night stay: Queenstown
- Hotel portorage
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)
- Comprehensive documentation pack

MEALS

- 8 cooked breakfasts
- 7 sumptuous dinners including 2 specialty dinners: Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown
- 1 picnic lunch
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle

Note: Dinner on Day 1 not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

>> ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch (D)

On arrival into Christchurch you will be met by a representative who will transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel Heartland Hotel Cotswold or similar

DAY 2: Christchurch - Omarama (B,D)

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, visit The Church of the Good Shepherd and view the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available (time and weather permitting) to enjoy a scenic flight (optional) over the Southern Alps before travelling to Omarama.

Hotel Heritage Gateway Hotel

DAY 3: Omarama - Dunedin (B,SD)

Depart Omarama and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift.

Hotel Mercure Leisure Lodge

DAY 4: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy

time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Superior Room)

DAY 5: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (2 nights)

DAY 6: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain and Tour Guide are available to assist with the many sightseeing options available, including the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or to get up close to a Kiwi bird. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner which the chef will prepare in front of you at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.



**DAY 7: Queenstown - Arrowtown
- Fox Glacier (B,D)**

Travel to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you will visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Heartland Hotel Glacier Country

**DAY 8: Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass
- Christchurch (B,D)**

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to the elegant city of Christchurch. On arrival your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel Quality Hotel Elms

DAY 9: Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You'll be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.



TOP TO BOTTOM: Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Homestead in Queenstown; the Church of the Good Shepherd, a landmark of the MacKenzie region; the Milford Sound Cruise will be a key highlight of your NZ holiday; the TranzAlpine rail journey.