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Queenstown, West Coast & TranzAlpine

5 DAYS | QUEENSTOWN TO CHRISTCHURCH | ZWC5

**Cruise on the TSS Earnslaw • Dinner at a sheep station
Free day in Queenstown • Explore Franz Josef Glacier
Journey on the TranzAlpine**

Day 1: Queenstown

On arrival at Queenstown Airport you'll be transferred to your hotel (flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm). The remainder of your day is free to take in the many scenic vistas. Tonight, make your own way to the Steamer Wharf for your cruise on the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner at the Colonel's Homestead. An entertaining sheep show between courses provides a glimpse into high country farm life. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort (R) or Millennium Hotel (S), Queenstown, 2 nights. D**

Day 2: Queenstown Free Time

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Queenstown. Perhaps try white water rafting, a jet boat ride or a wine tasting tour (all own expense). You could simply relax, shop or enjoy time at one of the many cafés and restaurants while soaking up the alpine views. **B**

Day 3: Queenstown – Franz Josef Glacier

Travel along the rugged West Coast Road and over the Haast Pass. Through the Gates of Haast is a lost world that's so spectacular and remote UNESCO designated it a World Heritage area. This afternoon there's free time to explore Franz Josef township. Perhaps take a scenic

flight over the magnificent Franz Josef Glacier or over Mt. Cook (own expense). Franz Josef Glacier is widely regarded as the gem of New Zealand's West Coast glaciers. Tonight you'll enjoy a special West Coast dinner at your hotel. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Graham Wing (R) or Douglas Wing (S), Franz Josef. B D**

Day 4: Franz Josef – TranzAlpine – Christchurch

This morning continue to Greymouth, the largest town on the West Coast. Here you'll board the world-famous TranzAlpine, one of the top six train journeys in the world. Your train departs Greymouth and climbs into the Southern Alps before descending the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. There are 19 tunnels and four viaducts, with Staircase Viaduct being 73 metres high. Dinner is at your hotel. **Hotel: Ibis Hotel (R) or Novotel (S), Christchurch. B D**

Day 5: Farewell from Christchurch

Your short break concludes this morning after breakfast. You'll be transferred to Christchurch Airport for your onward flight (flights anytime). **B**

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