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HOLIDAYS

5
STYLES
OF
TOURING



Showcasing nature's best in the majestic South Island

10 Day South Island Spectacular

-  Suggested arrival/departure
-  TranzAlpine Train
-  Overnights



>> NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

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

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

TOURING

- 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
- 9 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)
- Comprehensive documentation pack



MEALS

- 9 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including 3 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin; Farewell Dinner, Christchurch
- 1 picnic lunch

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



>> ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Speciality 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 Distinction Christchurch

DAY 2: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing to the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

DAY 3: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (Lakeview Rooms. 2 nights)

DAY 4: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day. There are plenty of sightseeing options and your Coach Captain & Tour Guide are available to assist. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour of the scenic 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 5: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. This innovative museum is heavily involved in the protection of the historic buildings scattered around town. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Deluxe Rooms. 2 nights)

DAY 6: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

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 onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You

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may like to visit the Fiordland Cinema, specially constructed to screen the locally filmed movie *Ata Whenua - Shadowland* which will take you on an unforgettable journey (optional).

DAY 7: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,SD)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South' and enjoy an informative city tour. Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

DAY 8: Dunedin - Mt Cook - Twizel (B,D)

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay.

Hotel MacKenzie Country Hotel

DAY 9: Twizel - Christchurch (B,SD)

Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and see the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving into Christchurch for an informative city tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your new found friends.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

DAY 10: Depart Christchurch (B)

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



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Milford Sound Cruise continues to be the highest rated South Island attraction by our travellers; view local wildlife in the Fiordland National Park; the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journey's of the world; cruise to Walter Peak Station for a delicious gourmet BBQ in the Colonel's Homestead.