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HOLIDAYS

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STYLES
OF
TOURING



Featuring Milford Sound Overnight Cruise departing on Christmas Day

11 Day Festive South Island Tour

-  Suggested arrival/departure
-  TranzAlpine Train
-  Overnights



>> NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- **HIGHLIGHT** Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
- Cruise Lake Te Anau, visit Glow Worm Caves
- Silver Fern Seaside Rail Journey
- Haggis Ceremony & Gift
- Larnach Castle*
- Olveston Historic Home*
- City sights tour of Christchurch & Dunedin

*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
- Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
- 3 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 2 rail journeys
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)
- Comprehensive documentation pack

MEALS

- 10 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including 4 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Christmas Dinner, Milford Mariner; Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin; Farewell Dinner, Christchurch
- 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 Distinction Christchurch (2 nights)

DAY 2: Christchurch (B)

Today visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at your leisure, one of Christchurch's leading attractions. This evening is free to explore the local cuisine.

DAY 3: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, 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 arriving at 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 4: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south 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 to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel and Resort Lakefront (2 nights)

DAY 5: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown. Your Tour Guide and Coach Captain are available to assist with the many options available. 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 on your return cruise.

DAY 6: Queenstown - Milford Sound Overnight Cruise (B,D)

Merry Christmas! This morning take in the stunning scenery and lakeside vistas as the road winds around Lake Wakatipu. Enjoy a short stop in the picturesque township of Te Anau before travelling into the Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Board the Milford Mariner for your amazing overnight cruise. There is plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife - you're bound to encounter seals and if you're lucky maybe dolphins and penguins. This evening enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings prepared by the onboard chef.

Overnight Milford Mariner

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>> TOUR HIGH LIGHTS



DAY 7: Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,D)

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) to explore more of the fiord. Return back to the wharf to meet your coach and enjoy the scenic drive to Te Anau. This afternoon enjoy a cruise across Lake Te Anau to visit the Glow Worm Caves where you will admire the incredible limestone caverns, waterfalls and mystery of the Glow Worm Grotto.

Hotel Distinction Luxmore (Deluxe Room)

DAY 8: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,SD)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin. After time for lunch board the Silver Fern railcar for a journey along spectacular clifftops overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Blueskin Bay. On return to Dunedin's historic Edwardian Railway Station, board the coach for an informative city tour. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, Haggis Ceremony and gift.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross (2 nights)

DAY 9: Dunedin (B,D)

This morning travel 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. Return to the city for some free time. You might choose to board The Taieri Gorge Limited for a journey through spectacular scenery only accessible by rail (optional).

DAY 10: Dunedin - Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning visit Olveston Historic Home, containing treasures from a bygone era before travelling to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your new found friends.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

DAY 11: Depart Christchurch (B)

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



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Board the Milford Mariner for an amazing overnight cruise; vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw; time to walk through Larnach Castle's Garden of International Significance; the Christchurch Tram is one of the city's leading attractions.

