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FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL

# **11 Day** Ultimate Christmas Tour



### >> NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

### PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- International Antarctic Centre
- · Larnach Castle\*
- · Milford Sound Nature Cruise & Lunch
- · Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- · Lakes District Museum
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- City Sights tour of Christchurch & Dunedin

### **ULTIMATE SMALL GROUP TOURING**

- · Personalised meet & greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Ultimate Small Group Tour Coach with 20 luxury leather reclining seats on a full size vehicle, 2 door access and panoramic windows

- · Professional Coach Captain
- 10 nights 4.5 star hotel accommodation
- 3 two night stays Hotel porterage
- · All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- BONUS Group photo

### **MEALS**

- 10 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including 2 specialty dinners: Christmas Dinner Walter Peak, Queenstown; Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch
- 1 picnic lunch
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle

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





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### >> 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. Meet your travelling companions over a complimentary pre dinner drink. Hotel The George (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 enjoy free time to explore. This evening is also free.

### DAY 3: Christchurch - Mt Cook (B,D)

Travel through the Southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. Visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and view the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. Enjoy a scenic flight (optional, time and weather permitting) over the Southern Alps.

Hotel The Hermitage Hotel

### DAY 4: Mt Cook - Dunedin (B,D)

Depart Mt Cook and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy an informative city tour followed by some free time. Hotel Distinction Dunedin

# DAY 5: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, hear the tragic and scandalous stories on a guided tour followed by an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Continue south through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau. **Hotel** Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas (2 nights)

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

This morning enjoy a fascinating drive to Milford

Sound where you board your launch for a nature cruise on this magnificent fiord. Enjoy a picnic lunch onboard before returning to Te Anau for free time.

### DAY 7: Te Anau - Oueenstown

### - Christmas Day (B.SD)

Merry Christmas! Today travel to Queenstown, a year round resort, situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise to Walter Peak Station for a delicious gourmet Christmas dinner in the Colonel's Homestead. Reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano on your return cruise.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

### DAY 8: Queenstown (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. There are plenty of sightseeing options available. This evening is also free to dine at leisure.

### DAY 9: Queenstown - Fox Glacier (B,D)

Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to view the snow capped Southern Alps enroute to the township of Fox Glacier. You may like to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Distinction Fox Glacier

### DAY 10: Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,SD)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue to Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, one of the great train journeys of the world. Enjoy the spectacular scenery through to Christchurch. This evening you will be treated to a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your new found friends.

Hotel The George

### 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.