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Lake Tekapo

Southern Spectacular

10 DAYS

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Christchurch • Twizel • Dunedin • Fiordland National Park • Te Anau • Milford Sound • Queenstown • Arrowtown • Haast Pass • Franz Josef Glacier • Punakaiki • Greymouth

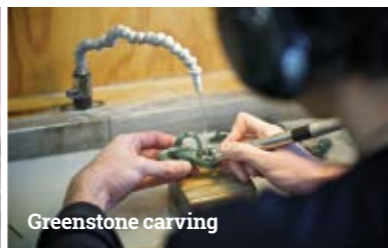
Watch master carvers working with magnificent New Zealand greenstone and learn about the joys and challenges of farming in the foothills of the Southern Alps. These personal encounters provide a human touch that complements the grandeur of the renowned natural beauty of the land of The Long White Cloud, with its soaring peaks and waterfalls, and serene lakes and pastureland.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience warm Kiwi hospitality at Morelea for a Be My Guest BBQ lunch ①
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd on Lake Tekapo
- Journey through spectacular Fiordland National Park with its magnificent scenery
- Cruise on the truly inspiring natural wonder Milford Sound
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- View Franz Josef Glacier
- Visit a green stone factory
- Walk around Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks
- Journey over the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine Train
- Cruise to a High Country farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner
- Join your personal guide for a tour and lunch at a brewery
- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw for a barbecue at a high country farm
- Learn more about the region on a Milford Sound Nature Cruise with a specialist guide
- Included Choice experiences ②



Church of the Good Shepherd



Greenstone carving

Day 1 Welcome to Christchurch

Christchurch has bounced back after the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 and is now thriving once again. Contemporary art galleries, boutiques and open-air markets add to the city's creative vibe. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Distinction Hotel, Christchurch.**

Day 2 Christchurch – Twizel

① Visit the home of Angie and Stan Taylor for a Be My Guest barbecue lunch, and hear about a lifetime spent farming in the Southern Alps. This afternoon see Lakes Tekapo and Pukaki, and view the famed Church of the Good Shepherd. Continue to the outdoor-adventure hub of Twizel. **Hotel: MacKenzie Country Hotel, Twizel. B BG DW**

Day 3 Twizel – Dunedin Included Choice

This morning, visit the spectacular Waitaki

Hydro Power Scheme on the mighty Waitaki River. Explore the historic town of Oamaru, with its stately tree-lined streets and celebrated limestone buildings, then make your way to New Zealand's southernmost city, Dunedin, home to many fine examples of Victorian and Edwardian architecture. With the rest of your morning at leisure, relax and unwind or join an optional experience to see more of the region. ② This afternoon, choose one from a range of Included Choice sightseeing experiences. Tour imposing Larnach Castle, ride the historic Taieri Gorge railway, take a wildlife cruise, or experience an interactive tour of famous Speight's Brewery. **Hotel: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin. B DW**

Day 4 Dunedin – Te Anau

Today, travel through lush green sheep-grazing country on your way to the spectacular Fiordland National Park and the town of Te Anau, nestled in the

southwestern corner of the South Island. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Hotel: Distinction Hotel, Te Anau. B DW**

Day 5 Te Anau – Queenstown

Your experience in magnificent Milford Sound today is sure to be one of the highlights of your journey. Travel first through native rainforests and lush meadows to Mirror Lakes and the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel, and marvel at the stunning Cleddau Valley. Your unforgettable Milford Sound cruise takes in cascading waterfalls, hanging glacial valleys, and the sheer pinnacle of Mitre Peak. After disembarking, travel on to beautiful Queenstown. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, 2 nights. B**

Day 6 Queenstown Included Choice

② Today, choose one from a range of Included Choice sightseeing experiences. If you're feeling energetic you have the option of riding the exhilarating Shotover Jet boat. For a more laid-back experience, a minibus excursion will take you through spectacular Skippers Canyon, or take the gondola to Bob's Peak for amazing views over Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu and then visit a Kiwi Birdlife Park. This evening, settle into a peaceful cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm, for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner and an entertaining farm show. **B HD**

Day 7 Queenstown – Franz Josef

Your destination today is the wild west coast of the South Island. Stop to visit the faithfully-restored gold-mining settlement



Twizel



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