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## 2019/20

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Enjoy an Ultimate escape to New Zealand's dramatic South Island

# 10 Day Ultimate South Island Escape



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## NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

### PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
  - Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
  - Lakes District Museum
  - Milford Sound Nature Cruise & Lunch
  - Larnach Castle\*
  - City sights tour of Christchurch & Dunedin
- \*Guided tour.

### 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
- 9 nights 4.5 star hotel accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- **BONUS** Group photo



### MEALS

- 9 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including 2 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, 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.

## 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. Enjoy luxe benefits and a complimentary pre dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.  
**Hotel** Sudima Christchurch City

### 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 Ultimate 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** Te Waonui Forest Retreat

### 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** Heritage Queenstown (2 nights)

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

Today is a free day with plenty of sightseeing options to choose from. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon or 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 your 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 Te Anau Hotel & Villas (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 nature 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



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**ICONIC  
ATTRACTION**



is available. You may like to visit the Fjordland 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,D)**

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Enjoy an informative city tour followed by some free time to explore at leisure. Options available include a tour of the Speight's Brewery, which produces New Zealand's most popular beer, see Albatross in their natural habitat or take a tour of Olveston Historic Home, containing many treasures of a bygone era.

**Hotel** Distinction Dunedin

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

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, hear the tragic and scandalous stories on a guided tour. There is time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Mt Cook.

**Hotel** The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

**MUST DO OPTIONZ**



**AWESOME TOURS  
WILDLIFE TOUR**

From Dunedin travel to the beautiful Otago Peninsula where a variety of wildlife can be viewed in their natural habitat. Look out for NZ Fur Seals, Sea Lions, Little Blue and Yellow-Eyed Penguins and if you are lucky a Royal Albatross.



**DART RIVER  
WILDERNESS JET**

Experience a spectacular journey into the heart of the Mt Aspiring National Park. Combine wilderness jet boating, a guided walk and backcountry tour by 4WD bus and take in the breathtaking scenery.

**DAY 9: Mt Cook - Christchurch (B,SD)**

This morning 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. 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 introductory city sights tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your new found friends.

**Hotel** Sudima Christchurch City

**DAY 10: 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: The Milford Sound Cruise continues to be the highest rated South Island attraction by our travellers; relax in the luxury, leather reclining seat as you take in the stunning scenery; Queenstown, situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu; Christchurch the gateway to the South Island.