

NEW ZEALAND CRUISE & COACH TOURS



2020/21



21 Day Ultimate South Island Experience and Cruise









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TRAVEL SERVICES

- · Internal flight from Christchurch to Auckland
- · Airport to hotel transfer in Christchurch, Day 1
- · Port taxes
- · Comprehensive Documentation Pack

ULTIMATE SMALL GROUP TOURING (DAY 1 - 10)

- 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 accommodation
- 1 three night stay
- · Hotel porterage
- 9 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including 1 specialty dinner: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown
- 1 picnic lunch
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle
- Souvenir group photo

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- · Skyline Queenstown Gondola and Luge Ride
- · Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- · Lakes District Museum
- Bill Richardson Transport World*
- Burt Munro, World's Fastest Indian Memorabilia
- · Larnach Castle*
- · Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre
- International Antarctic Centre
- · City sights tour of Christchurch

*Guided tour.

CELEBRITY ECLIPSE® CRUISE (DAY 11 - 21)

- BONUS US\$50 onboard credit per Stateroom
- AquaClass® Stateroom
- World-class dining in a range of unique venues (Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily)
- Awesome entertainment
- · Endless engaging and exciting activities
- · Ports of call:
- Auckland, 'City of Sails'
- Tauranga, Bay of Plenty
- Napier, Art Deco Capital
- Wellington, 'Coolest Little Capital'
- Picton, Marlborough Sounds Gateway
- Christchurch, free time to explore
- Dunedin, Edinburgh of the South
- Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sound, Fiordland National Park
- · Gratuities on board

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 and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a complimentary pre dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

DAY 2: Christchurch - Arthurs 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 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,D)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast to the township of Fox Glacier. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu.

Hotel Heritage Queenstown (Studio Suite, Lakeview. 3 nights)

DAY 4: Queenstown Sightseeing (B,SD)

This morning board a scenic Gondola for a ride to the top of Bob's Peak to take in the panoramic views of Queenstown and surrounding mountains. There is even time for a thrilling luge ride! Enjoy some free time at leisure. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food 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 (Free Day) (B)

Enjoy a day at leisure to soak in the atmosphere of one of New Zealand's most exciting and beautiful destinations. With many sightseeing options on offer, your Coach Captain is available to assist. Why not experience the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or get up close to a Kiwi bird. This evening is also free to dine at one of the many eateries found in town.

DAY 6: Queenstown - Invercargill (B,D)

Farewell Queenstown and travel to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you can visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to New Zealand's southernmost city, Invercargill. This afternoon a guided tour is included of the Bill Richardson Transport World, an amazing private collection housed in a purpose-built Art Deco building. Displays include vintage trucks, rare classic cars, petrol pumps as well as an evergrowing showcase of Wearable Arts.

Hotel The Ascot Park Hotel

DAY 7: Invercargill - Dunedin (B,L,D)

A trip to Invercargill wouldn't be complete without a visit to see some of the memorabilia of the legendary Burt Munro, Speed Bike Racer, as depicted in the movie 'The World's Fastest Indian'. Continue through the remarkable region of The Catlins, where lush rainforest spills onto brilliant beaches. Visit the spectacular triple tiered cascading waterfall at Purakauni and enjoy a picnic lunch. Travel to Nugget Point, where there are opportunities to see wildlife as you walk to the lighthouse with spectacular views. Arrive into Dunedin for your overnight stay.

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. There is time this afternoon to discover the history of this iconic region in The Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre.

Hotel The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

DAY 9: Mt Cook - Christchurch (B,D)

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, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving into Christchurch. Here you will visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. Feel the chill of the Antarctic storm room, take a ride on the Hagglund all-terrain vehicle, see the little blue penguins and be astonished within the immersive 4D theatre. Enjoy a city tour before arriving at your hotel.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch City



DAY 10: Christchurch - Auckland (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day before boarding a local flight to the 'City of Sails', Auckland located in the North Island. You will be transferred to the wharf to board the Celebrity Eclipse® to commence your 11 night cruise around New Zealand and back to Australia.

Overnight Celebrity Eclipse® Port Times Depart 18:00

DAY 11: Tauranga (B,L,D)

Located in the Bay of Plenty, Tauranga is situated at the entrance to one of the largest natural harbours in New Zealand.

Port Times Arrive 07:45 Depart 18:30

DAY 12: Cruising (B,L,D)

Relax and enjoy the comforts of this stunning superliner. While at sea enjoy the onboard facilities, world-class cuisine and the entertainment not to mention your AquaClass® stateroom.

DAY 13: Napier (B,L,D)

The beautifully preserved 1930s Art Deco architecture is Napier's special point of difference. The best way to enjoy the streetscape is on a self-guided walk.

Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 17:00

DAY 14: Wellington (B,L,D)

Situated at the southern end of the North Island, Wellington was recently named the 'Coolest Little Capital'. On the waterfront is Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, one of the best interactive museums in the world.

Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 17:00

DAY 15: Picton (B,L,D)

Cruise through the many inlets and bays that make up the Marlborough Sounds to Picton, the gateway to the South Island. This small seaport is only a short distance from the Marlborough wine region, famous for its sauvignon blanc.

Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 17:00

DAY 16: Christchurch (B,L,D)

In Christchurch you will see state-of-theart architecture, vibrant street art, bustling restaurants, laneways and green public spaces. Take time to explore the city by tram or Edwardian punt along the tranquil Avon River.

Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 17:00

DAY 17: Dunedin (B,L,D)

Situated on the magnificent Otago coastline, explore Dunedin's historic architecture and beautiful botanic gardens.

Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 17:00

DAY 18: Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sounds (B,L,D)

Sail into the narrow fiords of Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sounds. Your ship will seem to shrink in comparison to the towering cliffs topped by lush mountain terrain. Scenic cruising.

DAY 19 - 20: Cruising (B,L,D)

Enjoy a quiet refuge by day, gazing over the sea with cocktail in hand.

DAY 21: Melbourne (B)

Time to say goodbye after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

