



NEW ZEALAND

2021-2022 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



 **FIRST CHOICE** 3-17 day Fully Curated Experiences

 **BEST BUYS** 8-21 day Flexible Guided Holidays

Southern Spectacular

 10 DAYS

 CHRISTCHURCH RETURN

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6 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



HIGHLIGHTS



LOCAL
CONNECTION

Hear about a lifetime spent farming in New Zealand's Southern Alps.



INSIDER
KNOWLEDGE

Cruise Milford Sound on a nature cruise with a specialist guide, and discover the area's spectacular wildlife and natural landscapes.



CULTURAL
IMMERSION

Be treated to Southern hospitality and farming culture when visiting Walter Peak Station for a BBQ dinner and farming demonstration.



SUSTAINABLE
FOOTPRINTS

Contribute to our Sustainable Tourism Commitment to planting indigenous trees in the wildfire-affected Port Hills.



● START

● END

1 Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops



TranzAlpine Train



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WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP:

- New Zealand's South Island is an idyllic natural paradise
- Cruise iconic Milford Sound
- Experience a beautiful Punakaiki Beach sunset
- Discover the natural wonder of Franz Josef Glacier

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.**

2 Christchurch – Twizel

🌳 This morning, join our Sustainable Tourism Commitment by planting a native tree in the Port Hills of Christchurch, an area recovering from wildfire. 🏠🍷 Visit the home of Angie and Stan Taylor for a Be My Guest afternoon tea, and hear about a lifetime spent farming in the Southern Alps. 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. B BG DW**

3 Twizel – Dunedin Free Time

Your day starts with a journey tracing the Waitaki River, which marks the boundary between the regions of Canterbury and Otago. 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. This afternoon, spend your time at leisure or consider an optional experience. Tour imposing Larnach Castle, take a wildlife cruise out to the Otago Peninsula or experience an interactive tour of famous Speight's Brewery. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B DW**

4 Dunedin – Te Anau

This morning you will leave the alpine wonderland of Queenstown behind, and begin the passage through Central Otago and out to Westland. 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. **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau. B DW**

5 Te Anau – Queenstown

🌲 Your experience in magnificent Milford Sound today is sure to be one of the highlights of your holiday. 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, 2 nights. B**

6 Queenstown Free Time

You have a final day in New Zealand's adventure capital to do as you choose. You could consider an optional experience. 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. 🌃 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**

7 Queenstown – Franz Josef

Stop to visit the faithfully-restored gold-mining settlement of Arrowtown, and enjoy the serenity of the region's vivid blue lakes. Drive over the spectacular Haast Pass, passing the 96-metre Thunder Creek Falls on your way to the extraordinary Franz Josef Glacier. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Douglas Wing. B DW**

8 Franz Josef – Punakaiki

Consider an optional experience helicopter flight over the glaciers, or you may wish to take a stroll through the small but lively Franz Josef village. 🚶 Travel on to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's famous greenstone. Continue to Punakaiki to view the intriguing Pancake Rocks and Blowholes. You'll spend the night in an eco-friendly resort right on the waterfront. **Hotel: Punakaiki Resort. B DW**

9 Punakaiki – Christchurch

Join your personal guide for a tour of Monteith's Brewing Company, including tastings at the brewers' table, before sitting down to lunch. Afterwards, board the iconic TranzAlpine train in Greymouth and embark on one of the world's great train journeys, passing through magnificent landscapes ranging from the fertile farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to rugged gorges and pristine ice-fed streams and lakes. Back in Christchurch, join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Distinction. B FD**

10 Farewell from Christchurch

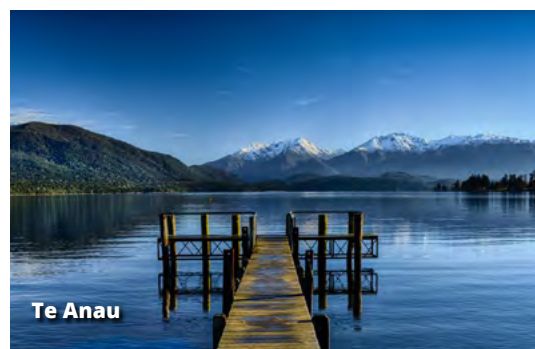
Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **B**



Christchurch



Dunedin



Te Anau



Queenstown



Franz Josef

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