

# FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL



*Your South Pacific Travel Specialists*

New Zealand  
**Coach Holidays**  
2022 / 23



3 Ways to Travel. 4 Styles of Touring

Valid for Departures September 2022 - May 2023

Experience the breathtaking scenic wonders of the South Island

# 9 Day Affordable South Island



 **TOUR CODE** CGPN9

**STYLE** Classic Affordable Group

**COACH** 48 seat Classic

**ACCOMMODATION** 3.5 star

**STARTS** Christchurch

**FINISHES** Christchurch

## GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

**2022**

Sep 12

Oct 7, 18

Nov 3, 13

**2023**

Jan 22

Feb 4, 14, 25

Mar 2, 13, 27

Apr 3, 10

May 2



## No hidden extras

### PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Haggis Ceremony and Gift
- Larnach Castle\*
- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- City sights tour of Christchurch and Dunedin

\*Guided tour.

### COACH FEATURES

- 48 seats on a Classic touring coach
- 2 door access; overhead travel bag storage
- Restroom; panoramic viewing

### EXPERIENCE

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- Tour Leader
- 8 nights 3.5 star accommodation
- 1 two night stay
- Hotel portage
- 1 rail journey
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Tours Programme
- Classic Documentation Pack

### MEALS

- 8 cooked breakfasts
- 7 sumptuous dinners including 2 specialty dinners: Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown
- 1 picnic lunch: Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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

## Itinerary and Hotels

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

### DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch (D)

On arrival into Christchurch, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions.

**Hotel** Heartland Hotel Cotswold or similar

### DAY 2: Christchurch - Omarama (B,D)

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, The church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available (time and weather permitting, optional) to enjoy a scenic flight over the Southern Alps before travelling to Omarama.

**Hotel** Heritage Gateway Hotel

### DAY 3: Omarama - Dunedin (B,SD)

Depart Omarama and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time. Tonight, a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift.

**Hotel** Dunedin Leisure Lodge  
- A Distinction Hotel

### DAY 4: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

**Hotel** Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Superior Room)



The Church of the Good Shepherd is a landmark of the Mackenzie region.

## Optional Activities



### SKYLINE QUEENSTOWN

Take in the stunning views as you ride the Skyline Queenstown Gondola, the steepest cable car lift in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the must-do activities in Queenstown!



### KIWI BIRDLIFE PARK

In the heart of Queenstown there is an opportunity to see a real life Kiwi as well as over twenty other kinds of endangered New Zealand native birds and reptiles.

### DAY 5: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year-round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free, you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

**Hotel** Copthorne Hotel & Resort Queenstown Lakefront (2 nights)

### DAY 6: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader are available to assist with the many optional activities available, including the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or to 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 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 7: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Fox Glacier (B,D)

Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Fox Glacier. Time is available to experience a scenic flight (weather permitting, optional) over the spectacular glaciers.

**Hotel** Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier

### DAY 8: Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,D)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains. On arrival into the elegant city of Christchurch, your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

**Hotel** Heartland Hotel Cotswold or similar

### DAY 9: Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.