



The South Island Tour

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Visit: Christchurch - Franz Josef - Queenstown - Te Anau - Christchurch

Escorted Experience

- Fixed Dates
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle
- First Class Hotels

Tour Vehicle

Multi Seater AC van

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Day 1 Saturday Arrive in Christchurch

On arrival to the largest city in the South Island, you will be transferred to your city hotel for the first night of your tour. Depending on your arrival time you may like to take time to enjoy the exciting redevelopment of

central Christchurch. From stunning new architectural office buildings and shopping centres to the painstaking rebuild of the historic Arts Centre. This afternoon meet your local tour representative who will provide a tour briefing and confirm tomorrow's departure details. Hotel: Distinction Christchurch Hotel

Day 02: Day 2 Sunday Christchurch to Franz Josef

Today's journey will take you across the vast Canterbury Plains before tackling the stunning Southern Alps mountain range. You may wish to take the opportunity to travel on the world famous Tranz Alpine train journey through to Arthurs Pass (additional cost). From Arthurs Pass, continue on to the coastal township of Hokitika where there is a long history of Gold Mining and Greenstone carving. Travel will conclude this afternoon with your arrival at Franz Josef township. There will be an opportunity depending on the weather for a scenic helicopter flight (additional cost) this afternoon or tomorrow morning. Dinner is included this evening at your hotel. Hotel: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier. B,D

Day 03: Day 3 Monday Franz Josef to Queenstown

Journey south today along the rugged West Coast of the South Island passing through the small township of Fox Glacier. Continue alongside exposed Bruce Bay, past lakes Paringa and Moeraki before reaching Haast and New Zealand's longest one lane bridge. From Haast, you will head inland and back across the Southern Alps. Leaving the Alps, you will travel into Queenstown Lakes District passing through Wanaka and onto the stunning alpine playground of Queenstown for the next three nights. Dinner is included this evening at your hotel. Hotel: Heartland Hotel Queenstown. B,D

Day 04: Day 4 Tuesday Queenstown

As part of your exploration of Queenstown, today there is a morning visit to Arrowtown, established on the back of a major gold rush in the 1860's. Then enjoy a cruise on the iconic TSS Earnslaw Steamship across to the Walter Peak High Country Sheep Station for lunch. B,L

Day 05: Day 5 Wednesday Queenstown at Leisure

Queenstown has so many options on offer. Exhilarating jet boat rides, 4WD adventures, Bungy Jumping, Sky Diving. The list is endless. Your tour representative will go through a list of optional tours to suit you and assist with any bookings you would like to make. Or you may simply choose to soak up the beauty of the surrounding lake and mountains views. B

Day 06: Day 6 Thursday Queenstown to Te Anau via Milford Sound

Begin today with a drive along the southern arm of Lake Wakatipu before passing through Garston – the most inland settlement in New Zealand. Continue towards Te Anau before embarking on what for many is the scenic trip of a lifetime – the drive to Milford Sound. En route stop at the magical Mirror Lakes and pass

through the Homer Tunnel before boarding your cruise and surveying the fiord. Onboard take in Mitre Peak, Stirling Falls and a range of wildlife. Following your cruise, retrace your journey back to Te Anau. Dinner is included this evening at your hotel. Hotel: Distinction Luxmore Hotel. B,D

Day 07: Day 7 Friday Te Anau to Dunedin

With an early start from Te Anau, you will arrive in Dunedin for a city tour of this southern Scottish influenced city. Your tour includes a stop at Baldwin Street, which recently reclaimed the title of the steepest street in the world. You will also visit Larnach Castle on the Otago Peninsula. Dating back to 1874, the castle has been lovingly restored by the Barker family and is one of the top attractions for visitors to Dunedin. Dinner is included this evening at your hotel. Hotel: Distinction Dunedin Hotel. B,D

Day 08: Day 8 Saturday Dunedin to Christchurch via Lake Tekapo

On leaving Dunedin this morning, the first stop is the famous Moeraki Boulders. From the boulders, you will continue north via Oamaru with its limestone architecture before heading inland up the Waitaki Valley past lakes Aviemore and Benmore. Travel to the Mackenzie Country township of Tekapo where time will be given to visit the celebrated Church of the Good Shepherd located on the shores of the turquoise coloured Lake Tekapo. From Tekapo travel through the rural service towns of Fairlie and Geraldine before returning to State Highway one for the final stretch back to Christchurch. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. Hotel: Distinction Christchurch Hotel. B,D

Day 09: Day 9 Sunday Depart Christchurch

Your tour will conclude today following breakfast and your transfer to the Airport. B

Inclusion

Christchurch, Franz Josef, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Dunedin, Tekapo

Christchurch Airport to City Hotel Transfer

Eight nights in excellent centrally located accommodation including Breakfast Daily (B)

Modern air conditioned vehicle as per Itinerary outline

Meals as stipulated in Itinerary include 5x Dinners 1x Lunch

Sightseeing includes

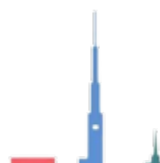
- Franz Josef Glacier Valley Road
- TSS Earnslaw cruise and Walter Peak Lunch
- Milford Sound excursion including cruise
- Larnach Castle Entrance
- Church of the Good Shepherd

Christchurch City Hotel to Airport Transfer

Exclusion

Domestic Air Fares

Additional /Optional Tour Costs



Hotel Mini Bar

Other Sightseeing/Meals not stated in Itinerary

Note

Valid for guaranteed departures between 26 Sep 2020 and 10 Apr 2021

Minimum 6 passengers to guarantee departure on dates as below

26 Sep 2020

31 Oct 2020

21 Nov 2020

23 Dec 2020 (starts Wednesday)

23 Jan 2021

20 Feb 2021

20 Mar 2021

Supplement for rental car options, private driver options or exclusive group travel is available on request

Child supplement is available on request

Supplement Cost for Optional tours is available on request

Hotel included or similar

Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier, Heartland Hotel Queenstown, Distinction Luxmore Hotel, Distinction Dunedin Hotel

Tour Dates & Pricing

