



Southern Spectacular



Tour Summary

Tour name: Southern Spectacular

Days: 09

Sightseeing Highlights

- Explore the beautiful Garden City of Christchurch
- Travel over the Canterbury Plains
- See the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo
- View mighty Mt. Cook
- Tour the sights of Dunedin
- Cruise on Milford Sound
- See Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls
- Full day at leisure in Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure capital
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- Stay in spectacular Fox Glacier
- See the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes at Punakaiki
- Opportunity to journey on the TranzAlpine train

Quality Touring

- Rooms with private facilities in quality hotels, on a twin share basis
- Tour by luxury coach, air-conditioned, restroom equipped, reclining seats with seatbelts and panoramic windows
- Travel wallet and touring map
- Porterage at your tour hotels
- Airport transfers included

Professional Team

- Experienced services of a professional Tour Director and Tour Driver

Included Meals

- Welcome Drink
- Full Buffet Breakfasts (8) (B)
- Hotel Dinners (6) (D)

Maori Cultural Experience



Symbol denotes OPTIONAL

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Christchurch

On arrival in Christchurch you will be transferred to your hotel (flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm). You're free to explore Christchurch before a Welcome Drink with your Tour Director and fellow travelling companions. Hotel: Hotel Ibis, Christchurch.

Day 2: Mt Cook

Start the day your way – go shopping ride the Christchurch Tram or simply relax. Later, travelling over the patchwork countryside of the Canterbury Plains, the spectacular sightseeing begins. Lake Tekapo and Lake Pukaki are first up. Next we'll visit the Church of the Good Shepherd before soaking up the sensational alpine landscape of Mt. Cook National Park – a scenic highlight! You may choose to take an optional flight over Mt Cook. Hotel: Heritage Gateway Hotel, Omarama. **B D**

Day 3: Dunedin

Our day starts along the Waitaki River with the Waitaki Hydro Power Scheme and Benmore Dam. We travel through Oamaru with its famous white limestone buildings to Dunedin where we tour the city. Then you've got the afternoon to yourself – take a Wildlife Cruise, visit the Cadbury Chocolate Factory or ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway, suit yourself. Hotel: Cargill's Hotel, Dunedin. **B D**


Day 4: Dunedin – Te Anau

After a morning of time to yourself, during which you might like to tour New Zealand's Larnach Castle, we head off across South Otago's fertile, sheep-filled farming land en route to Te Anau, on the shores of Lake Te Anau, the largest lake in the South Island. Tonight you may choose to travel by boat to the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves. Hotel: Kingsgate Hotel, Te Anau. **B**

Day 5: Milford Sound

Today you'll be awestruck by great sights from Fiordland National Park – New Zealand's largest – to Milford Sound, one of the world's most amazing places. Along the way we'll see Mirror Lakes, Claudiu Valley, The Chasm, Mitre Peak, Bowen Falls, travel along the Devils Stair Case and the shores of Lake Wakatipu. At Queenstown we'll have an orientation tour, take a group photo and enjoy an alpine dinner with views over Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables. Hotel: Aspen Hotel, Queenstown, 2 nights. **B D**

Day 6: Queenstown 'Free Time'

Explore exciting Queenstown your way, all day. From wine and garden tours to jet boat rides and white water rafting. Queenstown will surprise and exhilarate. An option to dine at the Skyline Restaurant on Bob's Peak ends the day. Access is via the steepest Gondola in the Southern Hemisphere.  Experience a Kiwi Haka Maori Show as well. **B**

Day 7: Fox Glacier

First stop, Arrowtown, on the Arrow River. Second stop Cromwell and its sensational stone fruit. Then it's a trio of lakes – Lake Dunstan, Lake Hawea, Lake Wanaka. Through the Haast Pass, we view Thunder Creek Falls and enjoy a rainforest walk. Final stop, majestic Fox Glacier – a rare, still advancing glacier. Take the opportunity for an optional scenic flight over the glacier. Hotel: Fox Glacier Hotel, Fox Glacier. **B D**

Day 8 Christchurch

We visit Hokitika, home of the native greenstone (jade), for a factory visit and jewellery demonstration first up. We travel through Greymouth, the largest town on the west coast, to experience the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes at Punakaiki, before heading back to Christchurch.

Hotel: Hotel Ibis, Christchurch. **B D**

Day 9 Tue: Depart Christchurch

Explore Christchurch - the 'most English city' outside of England - at your leisure, until your Christchurch Airport transfer (flights to depart anytime). **B**