



## Southern Circle



## Tour Summary

**Tour name:** Southern Circle

**Days:** 10

### Overview

#### The Evergreen Difference

- Experience the warmth of the local people with a 'Home Stay' opportunity in Dunedin

#### Tour Highlights

- Journey through the Southern Alps and the TranzAlpine rail
- Cruise the magnificent glacier carved fiords of Milford Sound
- Glide across Lake Wakatipu on the nostalgic TSS Earnslaw steamship, followed by dinner at Walter Peak High Country Station
- Visit the awesome Franz Josef Glacier
- Travel to World Heritage Mt Cook National Park
- Discover the fascinating and tragic history of Larnach Castle
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd, situated on the edge of Lake Tekapo
- Marvel at the unique Moeraki Boulders

#### Inclusive Value

- New Zealand specialist Tour Director and Coach Captain
- 9 nights first class accommodation including a total of 3 nights in Christchurch and relaxing 2 night stays in Queenstown
- 17 quality meals including 9 breakfasts and 8 dinners

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1: Christchurch (D)

Welcome to New Zealand. Be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Tonight join your Tour Director and travelling companions for dinner.

**Overnight Stay:** Grand Chancellor Hotel.

### Day 2: TranzAlpine Rail - Franz Josef & Fox Glacier (BD)

Today's touring takes you for an unforgettable rail journey through the magnificent Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine. Disembark at Arthurs Pass and continue on to Hokitika to see skilled craftsmen carving Pounamu

(Jade). Its then on to view the awesome Franz Josef Glacier. Opportunity to experience a scenic helicopter flight with snow landing (own expense and weather permitting).

**Overnight Stay:** Scenic Circle Fox Glacier Country Hotel

### Day 3: Haast Valley – Arrowtown - Queenstown (BD)

Travel through the sub-tropical rainforest to Haast Pass. Visit popular Arrowtown, a quaint and historic gold mining town. Continue on to picturesque Queenstown and your hotel overlooking beautiful Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables mountain range.

**Two Night Stay:** Mercure Resort, Lakeview Rooms.

### Day 4: Queenstown Free Day - TSS Earnslaw Cruise & Dinner (BD)

Today is free to explore at your own pace. Your Tour Director will assist with suggestions (optional activities at own expense). Late this afternoon cruise Lake Wakatipu on the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw. Enjoy wine tasting and dinner at Walter Peak High Country Station.

### Day 5: Milford Sound Cruise - Te Anau (BD)

Today travel through the breathtaking Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound, where you will experience an unforgettable cruise. Return to lakeside town of Te Anau.

**Overnight Stay:** Luxmore Hotel.

### Day 6: Te Anau - Dunedin (BD)

Journey to Dunedin, a university city of Scottish heritage and New Zealand's oldest city.. *Opportunity to experience the warmth of the local people during a one night 'Home Stay'. Included in the tour at no extra cost. Must be pre-booked.*

**Overnight Stay:** Kingsgate Hotel.

### Day 7: Larnach Castle - Moeraki Boulders - Omarama (BD)

This morning enjoy a Dunedin city sights tour, before continuing on to Larnach Castle. Experience a guided tour of the castle with its tragic and fascinating history. Continue on to the intriguing Moeraki Boulders, before following the Waitaki River to Omarama.

**Overnight Stay:** Heritage Gateway Hotel.

### Day 8: Mt Cook National Park - Lake Tekapo - Christchurch (BD)

Pass picturesque Lake Pukaki, then stop and view Mount Cook (weather permitting). Continue on to visit Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd, and then on to Christchurch for a sightseeing tour. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel.

**Two Night Stay:** Grand Chancellor Hotel.

### Day 9: Christchurch at Leisure (B)

Today is free to enjoy this beautiful city. Your Tour Director will assist with any arrangements (optional activities at own expense).

### Day 10: Christchurch - Homeport (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight home. It's "haere ra" (goodbye) to New Zealand.

**Key (B: breakfast; L: lunch; D: dinner)**