11 Days Signature South Island Christmas

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
11 Days	**$7,569**	**Special Interest**	**GPT**

Overview

Celebrate the festive season in New Zealand's South Island in Premium Economy Comfort on the Signature 32 seat coach, fully escorted. On Christmas Day enjoy a cruise on the vintage steamship; TSS Earnslaw as you cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station where you will enjoy a Christmas meal with all the trimmings. Enjoy two-night stays in Christchurch, Queenstown and Te Anau. On arrival into Christchurch, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner. Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

Itinerary

1

Arrive Christchurch

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Christchurch (B)

This morning visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. Feel the chill of the Antarctic storm room, take a ride on the Hagglund all-terrain vehicle, see the little blue penguins and be astonished within the immersive 4D theatre. Afterward embark on a city tour of Christchurch discovering its rich history and culture. This afternoon, enjoy a leisurely ride aboard the Christchurch Tram. This evening is free to explore Christchurch...

3

Christchurch – Arthur’s Pass – Franz Josef (B,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur’s Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing to the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers. Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Jose...

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Franz Josef - Queenstown

Meals: Full Breakfast, Two Course Dinner

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty. Continue to picturesque Queenstown, situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year-round resort. Hotel Millennium Queenstown (2 nights)

5

Queenstown - Christmas Day

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch

Merry Christmas! Today board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Enjoy a gourmet Christmas lunch and the best of NZ's high-country cuisine at the Colonel's Homestead. Reboard the TSS Earnslaw and enjoy a sing along by the piano on your return cruise to Queenstown. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

6

Queenstown - Te Anau

Meals: Full Breakfast, Two Course Dinner

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. This innovative museum is heavily involved in the protection of the historic buildings scattered around town. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional). Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (2 nights)

7

Te Anau – Milford Sound – Te Anau (B,L,D)

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 lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua – Shadowland, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional). Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau

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Te Anau – Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, famous for its stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture dating back to the gold rush of the 1800s. Enjoy a city tour before travelling along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy a delicious Devonshire Tea and take time to wander around this Garden of International Significance. Hotel Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

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Dunedin - Mt Cook - Twizel

Meals: Full Breakfast, Two Course Dinner

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay. Hotel Distinction Mackenzie Country

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Twizel – Christchurch (B,SD)

Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water. You will also view the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue, iconic landmarks of the Mackenzie region. Arrive in the elegant city of Christchurch. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner. Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

11

Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday. This itinerary is valid for 2026 (B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

Inclusions

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS • Christchurch Tram • TranzAlpine Rail Journey • Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw • Lakes District Museum • Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch • Larnach Castle and Devonshire Tea • Dunedin City Sights Tour • Christchurch City Sights Tour COACH FEATURES • 32 Premium Economy Comfort seats on a full-size coach • 2 door access; seat back tray table; cup holder • Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance EXPERIENCE • Return airfares from your homeport • Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival • Return airport transfers in New Zealand • Professional Coach Captain • Experienced Tour Leader • 10 nights 4 star accommodation • 3 two night stays • Hotel porterage • 1 rail journey • 2 cruises • All sightseeing and prepaid attractions • Extensive Optional Activities • Signature Documentation Pack MEALS • 10 cooked breakfasts • 8 sumptuous dinners including a complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and speciality dinner: Farewell Dinner including pre-dinner drink, Christchurch • Christmas Day Lunch: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown • 1 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.

Ready to Book?

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