10 Days Ultimate South Island

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
10 Days	**$7,829**	**Coach Tours**	**GPT**

Overview

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Itinerary

1

Arrive Christchurch

Meals: Two Course Dinner

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

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Franz Josef - Queenstown

Meals: Full Breakfast

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast to the Fox Glacier township. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants. Hotel Millennium Queenstown (2 nights)

4

Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader will assist with the many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. 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....

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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. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional). Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (2 nights)

6

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

7

TE Anau – Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the ‘Edinburgh of the South’ and enjoy a city tour. Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will 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. Hotel Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

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Dunedin - Mt Cook

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 travel to Mt Cook, New Zealand’s highest peak. Hotel The Hermitage Hotel

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MT Cook – Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning there is the opportunity to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving in Christchurch for an introductory city sights tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your newfound friends. Hotel Sudima Christchurch City or similar

10

Depart Christchurch

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

Inclusions

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS • TranzAlpine Rail Journey • Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw • Lakes District Museum • Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch • Larnach Castle and Ultimate High Tea • Dunedin City Sights Tour • Christchurch City Sights Tour COACH FEATURES • 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach • 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with 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 • 9 nights 4.5 star accommodation • 2 two night stays • Hotel porterage • 1 rail journey • 2 cruises • All sightseeing and prepaid attractions • Extensive Optional Activities • Ultimate Documentation Pack MEALS • 9 cooked breakfasts • 8 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 2 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch • 1 lunch: Milford Sound Cruise • 1 Ultimate High 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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