

# 6 DAYS SOUTH ISLAND TOUR (QUEENSTOWN)



## Day-01 Arrive in Christchurch

Arrive at Christchurch International Airport. Meet & greet on arrival and airport seat-in-coach transfer to your hotel for check in. Enjoy free time on own leisure. Overnight at hotel.

## Day-02: Christchurch - Queenstown (BD)

Coach journey across Canterbury Plains and climb the mountains to picturesque Lake Tekapo. Take in the view of the stone church and Sheep Dog Monument set against the backdrop of the alpine range beyond. Continue across rabbit ravaged Mackenzie Country and scenic Lindis Pass to arrive Queenstown late afternoon. Tonight experience Gondola Ride at Skyline and buffet dinner at Stratosphere Restaurant.

## Day-03: Milford Sound (BL)

Take an unforgettable journey into the heart of Milford Sound, New Zealand's most famous tourist destination. You'll experience the world-famous fiord in all its natural glory – surrounded by dense rainforest, glacier-carved valleys and beautiful waterfalls.

Leaving Queenstown, travel in comfort along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and into southern farmland to Lake Te Anau, the largest lake in the South Island. After a morning tea stop (own expense), travel along the lake and into Fiordland National Park.

Enter the picturesque Eglinton Valley, a place of ancient alpine forest and gushing waterfalls and one of only a few road-accessible glacier valleys in New Zealand, and take advantage of the photo opportunities on offer along the Milford Road, like the stunning Mirror Lakes,

where on a calm day the surrounding mountain ranges are perfectly reflected in the still waters, and Knobs Flat, where glaciers have carved their mark on the terrain.

Your glass-roof coach will provide amazing views of the dramatic skyline as you cross the Main Divide of the Southern Alps, with stunning mountain peaks all around. Stop at Monkey Creek and sample some of the purest water in the world (but watch out for cheeky kea - native mountain parrots!). Travel under the mountains through the Homer Tunnel, a 1.2km passageway drilled into solid rock, then experience The Chasm, a short but impressive walk over footbridges spanning a series of powerful, swirling waterfalls and rapids.

At Milford Sound, board your 1 hour 45 minute cruise and set off to explore the region that Rudyard Kipling called the 'eighth wonder of the world'. Travel the length of the fiord and out to the Tasman Sea, gliding past glacier-scarred rock walls and waterfalls that tumble into the sea. Lush native forest clings to steep cliffs, while wildlife including seals, penguins and dolphins are regular visitors to the icy waters. Mountain ranges surround the fiord, including Mitre Peak which rises dramatically from the depths to a height of 1,692 metres above sea level.

Lunch onboard.

After your cruise, return to Queenstown by coach.



#### Day-04: Queenstown Highlights (B)

Spend a morning exploring Queenstown on a guided tour, taking in some of the region's best sights and activities.

Travel up the Queenstown Hill and enjoy spectacular bird's-eye views of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables. Your friendly local driver guide will provide entertaining and informative commentary throughout your tour.

Discover the secrets of bungee-jumping with a behind-the-scenes tour of AJ Hackett's world famous Bungee Bridge and watch the jumpers from the viewing deck. Visit the award-winning Gibbston Valley Winery, founded by a pioneer of the Central Otago wine industry, and sample a selection of wines produced on site. You can also browse the winery's well-stocked gift shop and the region's only cheesery.

Have your camera at the ready as you are transported into Middle-earth at the Kawarau Gorge, film location for the 'Pillars of the Kings' in The Lord of the Rings. Then discover beautiful Arrowtown's captivating history and colonial architecture. Highlights are the Lakes District Museum and the Chinese miners' settlement, as well as plus boutique shopping, great cafés and restaurants.

#### Day-05: Queenstown - Mt. Cook - Christchurch (B)

Journey back to Christchurch via Mt Cook National Park travel through the Central Otago region to Lake Pukaki and Mount Cook National Park Village. Set at the foothill of the alps, you have a close up view of Mt Cook - highest mountain peak in the country. Descend the mountain range and re-cross the Canterbury Plains to arrive in Christchurch in the evening

#### Day-06: Depart Christchurch (B)

Free time until check out from your hotel and transfer to Christchurch International Airport for your flight bound for home.

#### 3 star

Twin:	US\$ 1,360.00	US\$ 1,530.00
Triple:	US\$ 1,290.00	US\$ 1,450.00
Single:	US\$ 1,920.00	US\$ 2,230.00

#### 4 star

Valid: 01 Oct 2017 – 30 Apr 2018

Pax: 2 adults minimum

Note: Hotel is subject to availability. In case standard room is not available, an upgrade surcharge is additional fee or alternative hotel of the same category has to offer.

#### INCLUSIONS:

- New Zealand Good & Services Tax
- Accommodation with daily breakfast inside hotel
- Seat-in-touring coach with English speaking driver guide
- Meals as specified
- Round trip Airport Transfers based on seat-in-coach (In & Out CHC Apt)

#### EXCLUSIONS:

- All international air ticket
- Local guide(s)
- Any extra meals
- Drinks ordered during meals
- Optional tours and activities not mentioned on the brief itinerary.
- Australia Airport Departure Tax if any.
- Gratuities for drivers / guides / porters. (Min. of NZ\$ 5.00 per person per day depending on the level of satisfactions on the services rendered.)
- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, pay movies, room services, mini bars laundries or other expenditures during the tour.

#### Hotel Selections

**3 Star**  
Elms Hotel  
or similar  
Aspen Hotel  
or similar

**4 Star**  
Novotel Hotel  
or similar  
Millennium Hotel  
or similar

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