

7 DAYS SOUTH ISLAND TOUR (GLACIER - 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 – Glacier Township (B)

Transfer to the train station and board the famed Tranz Alpine train across the Alps to Greymouth. Snake across rich farmland and along the shore of the mighty snow fed Waimakariri River, you climb slowly into the spine of the Southern Alps. Cross numerous viaducts high across river ravines to Arthur's Pass township. Plunge into Otira Tunnel to emerge on the western side of the mountains. Pass small farming hamlets and beautiful Lake Brunner to arrive at Greymouth. Connect the InterCity bus and continue to glacier township arriving late afternoon.

Note: (This service is without commentary)

Day-03: Glacier - Queenstown (B)

Travel from the remote splendour of Fox Glacier to the exciting adventure playground that is Queenstown on this full-day sightseeing tour.

Step on board a luxury coach in the small village of Fox Glacier on New Zealand's West Coast and travel through lush native rainforest and along the untamed rocky coastline. Journey through the Haast Pass, the southernmost pass between the South Island's two coasts, surrounded by native beech forest, waterfalls and crystal-clear rivers.

On the other side of the Southern Alps, enjoy picture-postcard views of vibrant blue glacier-fed lakes like Lake Hawea, Lake Wanaka and Lake Dunstan.

Your day tour concludes late afternoon in world famous Queenstown.

Day-04: Milford Sound (BL)

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 cruise.



Day-05: Queenstown Highlights (BD)

Spend a morning exploring Queenstown on a guided tour, taking in some of the region's best sights and activities. 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. Gondola Ride & buffet dinner in the evening.

Day-06: 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-07: 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

4 star

Twin: US\$ 1,800.00 US\$ 1,990.00

Triple: US\$ 1,720.00 US\$ 1,890.00

Single: US\$ 2,460.00 US\$ 2,840.00

Valid: 01 May – 30 Sep 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\$ 6.00 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

Heartland Fox

or similar

Aspen Hotel

or similar

4 Star

Novotel Hotel

or similar

Scenic Hotel Franz Josef

or similar

Millennium Hotel Queenstown

or similar

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