

9D7n Glaciers & Taste of Kiwi

Daily Departure & can be extended at any city

DAY01 SINGAPORE/CHRISTCHURCH

Depart Singapore for New Zealand Tour..

DAY02 ARRIVAL IN CANTERBURY CHRISTCHURCH

On arrival in Christchurch - The South Island's largest city, Christchurch, take a short walk to International Antarctic Centre. After your Hagglund Ride, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Christchurch - The South Island's largest city, Christchurch is an entertaining mixture of refined lifestyle and cultural excitement, you will be transferred to your hotel. The tranquil Avon River meanders through the city and adjacent Hagley Park, historic buildings house a lively arts community and restored trams make it easy for visitors to get around. Heritage sites, museums and art galleries, Tram & Botanic Garden and enjoy the highly developed restaurant scene you may like to visit after check in.



In pre-European times, Maori lived in a hunter-gatherer society, living on the provisions they could glean from the sea and forests. Unlike other Pacific islands, New Zealand had no large land mammals. The Otautahi (Christchurch) area in those times was a low-lying swampy area, a rich hunting ground for eels, inanga (whitebait), fish, native pigeons and swamp birds such as the pukeko and weka. The ti trees which grew in the area had edible shoots, and many other plants could be used for food and medicinal purposes. Kiwi and other feathers were useful in providing clothing, along with native flax which was abundant in this marshy area.

Maori lived in family groups in small villages (kaika) like Ko Tane, except in times of war, when they would retreat to a fortified Pa for safety. They were a warlike people, frequently clashing over territory and food supply, but tribes would also meet to discuss important matters, to grieve for the dead, or to celebrate.

Song and dance are a powerful way for individuals to express themselves, and through sharing this experience, people from all cultures are able to come together to express their common humanity. At Ko Tane we encourage members of the audience to take part in our performances.

Willowbank prides itself on its conservation and rehabilitation of rare & endangered New Zealand species.

We invite you to watch, touch and feed our unique native wildlife, become friends with our farm animals and learn about the introduced pests that have influenced New Zealand's bio-diversity.

Your trip to New Zealand will not be complete without seeing the New Zealand kiwi bird - at Willowbank, our kiwis are housed in an open and natural enclosure allowing you incredible viewing. After dark the breeding pairs can be viewed outside under the stars (a world first). "Your Kiwi Guarantee" is our guarantee that all visitors will enjoy a kiwi experience. Kiwi viewing, kiwi hospitality and kiwi cuisine.

Hotel: Camelot or similar



DAY03 CANTERBURY CHOCOLATE & GARDEN

After being greeted with a remarkable real hot chocolate, we spend two hours with the most amazing chocolatier who has a terrific sense of humour and who will guide you through learning about the history of high quality chocolate - tasting and rating as we go. You will also taste the most pure and expensive chocolate on the planet (she is NZs only seller) - a rare and special treat!

Next she will teach you and give you hands on experience (lots of it) on how to work with chocolate and you will get to make your own chocolate treats to take away with you.

Once we are all cleaned up, we finish with a pure chocolate fondue which introduces a whole lot of new chocolate taste sensations - think blue cheese amongst others..!

You will have the opportunity to purchase the tools and chocolate used on your tour as our chocolatier has put together an attractive take away kit which includes fine chocolate, tools, moulds and small recipe and tips booklet - a great souvenir or gift for others.

After the chocolate overload (or heaven) we will drive to Hagley Park, one of New Zealand most beautiful, for a refreshing walk before sitting down to coffee and a light lunch before moving off to a fudge factory.

Here we watch the creation of one of worlds favourite confections made the good old fashion way with condensed milk and real flavours. We get to taste the fudge hot and ask plenty of questions about the process unfolding before us.

Afternoon - Hop onto a Caterpillar Garden Self Guided Tours offers informative and fully guided electric shuttle tours through Christchurch's spectacular city centre Botanic Gardens. Established in 1863, the gardens span an area of 21 hectares hosting without doubt the finest collection of exotic and indigenous plants to be found anywhere in New Zealand.



Operating a continuous daily service, Caterpillar Garden Tours allows visitors to discover the natural beauty, history and culture of this central city oasis while at the same time being taken around the gardens in all weather, comfort and style.

The professionally-guided tours have been designed to allow visitors the flexibility of staying on the shuttles for the full circuit to embrace the flora and fauna of the gardens at their leisure. Alternatively visitors can choose to "hop on or hop off" at any of the clearly-identified stops around the Gardens.

DAY04 CANTERBURY CHRISTCHURCH – GREYMOUTH – GLACIER COUNTRY

The TranzAlpine –Christchurch to Greymouth, rated one of the world's great scenic railway journeys!

The TranzAlpine scenic train journey travels between Christchurch & Greymouth, from one coast of New Zealand to the other. From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Your train then climbs into the Southern Alps before descending through lush beech rain forest to the West Coast town of Greymouth. Connect a coach to Glaciers.

Hotel: Glacier Country or similar

DAY05 GLACIER COUNTRY – QUEENSTOWN (B)

By coach into the Westland World Heritage Park to Haast Pass (Haast is located in the heart of the Te Wāhipounamu South-West New Zealand World Heritage Area. This incredible scenic landscape takes in Westland Tai Poutini National Park, Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park to the east, and Fiordland and Mt Aspiring National Parks further south) then continue to Lake Wanaka and end over at Queenstown.

Make your way to Skyline Skyride - Enjoy a sumptuous dinner in the Skyline Restaurant, serving up a Taste of New Zealand buffet of legendary proportions.

Hotel: Kingsgate or similar

DAY06 MILFORD SOUND

Milford Sound is simply stunning. It is a natural wonder of world fame. In Maori legend, the fiords were created not by rivers of ice, but by Tu Te Raki Whanoa, a godly figure who came wielding a magical adze and uttering incantations. Milford Sound (Piopiotahi) is without doubt his finest sculpture.

Whatever the fiord's mood - teeming with rain or with sun glistening on deep water - it will inspire you. Nowhere else in Fiordland do the mountains stand as tall, straight out of the sea.

In the foreground of the fiord stands the legendary Mitre Peak, a remarkable presence dominating the skyline.

The Milford Road (between Te Anau and Milford) travels through some of the world's most impressive alpine scenery. Our experienced drivers love sharing some of the breathtaking highlights and there is plenty of time for photo opportunities.

A selection of hot and cold dishes using the freshest ingredients of International Buffet with Rock Lobster Starter will serve on board the Milford Cruise.



DAY07 ARROWTOWN, BUNGY BRIDGE, LOTR SITE + KAWARAU JET & UNDERWATER OBSERVATORY

We depart and head to Queenstown Hill for the first of several photo stops. The view point offers panoramic vistas over town, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables Mountain Range. (10 minute stop) The most spectacular photo opportunity in Queenstown. Spectacular panoramic views over the town centre, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables Mountain Range. Remember to bring your camera for picture postcard photo opportunities.

The tour then follows a route along the Frankton Arm and into the Wakatipu Basin, past stunning Lake Hayes, home of several protected bird species. Then on into the mouth of the Kawarau Gorge, one of many filming locations for The Lord of The Rings – Pillars of the Kings: Be transported to Peter Jackson's Middle Earth at the Kawarau Gorge, film location for the Pillars of the Kings. Beautiful views of river & mountains, Great for photo.

On crossing the Kawarau river there are great views of our next stop, the world famous AJ Hackett Bungy Bridge, the birthplace of bungy jumping as we know it. Here we join the "Secrets of Bungy Tour" a 20 minute tour that gives a behind the scenes look at how bungy jumping started, the technology used and it allows access to restricted viewing areas to watch live bungy jumping action. The photo op. is up close and very personal. Get a behind the scenes look at how bungy jumping started, how bungy cords are made and privileged access to restricted viewing platforms. Fantastic photos of the Kawarau Suspension Bridge, the bungy jumping platform and all the live bungy action.

A short drive up the road takes us to Gibbston Valley Winery, one of the pioneering vineyards in the region which has gone on to win world acclaim for the fine wines it produces. The Pinot Noir Reserve 2000 was voted the World's Best Pinot Noir in the 2001 International Wine Challenge held in London. There is the opportunity to taste a selection of 4 wines, browse around the wine shop delicatessen

Next stop is the historic gold mining settlement of Arrowtown, one of the "Must-Do" activities for those visiting the area. The picturesque town retains its old world charm through careful preservation of its colourful history and colonial style architecture. The Lakes District Museum located in the old Bank of New Zealand building is well worth a visit. It has fine exhibits of early European settlement and the gold-rush era of the mid 1800's. Ample time to wander around the shops and cafes in the main street or follow the marked trail through the Chinese Settlement. The picturesque town

retains its old world charm through careful preservation of its colourful history and colonial style architecture. Highlights are the Lakes District Museum, Remarkables Sweet Shop and the great shops and cafes in the high street. . Afternoon make your way to Main Town Pier in the centre of Queenstown. Across the pristine waters of Lake Wakatipu and through the tranquil beauty of the willow lined Kawarau River, the Jet boat then speeds into the shallow, fast moving braids of the Shotover River. The 43 kilometre, hour long adventure highlights the magnificent diversity of Queenstown's waterways.

Unique glimpses of local life are afforded as the homes lining the lakeshore flash by, before passengers take in stunning views of the Remarkables mountain range and natural land formations. But it's not just the views and river gardens – the excitement begins on the Shotover River, where your driver's skills are challenged as he navigates the shallow, braided channels of this world-renowned river. At speeds of up to 85 kilometres per hour, in water often less than 10cm deep – this is where the Jet boat comes into its own.

When you return to the Main Town Pier you'll descend beneath the lakes surface to view the Underwater Observatory where you can feed the fish that thrive close to the shore. Photos from your trip can be purchased here as mementos of your unique Jet boat adventure.

In an unforgettable Jet boat experience you'll be transported from the sophisticated downtown area into the channels of two of New Zealand's most scenic rivers.

DAY08 MT COOK NATIONAL PARK – CANTERBURY CHRISTCHURCH

You will be transferred to coach depot & then travel up north over the Lindis Pass to reach Mt Depart Queenstown and travel through the rugged and beautiful landscape of Otago. Cross the Lindis Pass into the Mackenzie Country to visit Mount Cook Village at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain Aoraki / Mount Cook. Here there is time to experience an optional scenic helicopter or skiplane flight with a snow landing (weather permitting). At 3754 metres, New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki Mount Cook is dazzling, yet there are 27 other mountains in this alpine backbone which peak at over 3050 metres, and hundreds of others not far short of that – all making up the famous Southern Alps.

Continue your journey via the Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo, before continuing to your destination of Christchurch.

Hotel: Camelot or similar

DAY09 CHRISTCHURCH – SINGAPORE

You will be transferred to airport for your home sweet home.

Inclusive:

**Detail itinerary and comprehensive tour wallet.*

**Seven nights accommodation – room only basis. (Breakfast at Glacier Hotel)*

**Antarctic Centre with Hagglund ride*

**Maori Culture Dinner Show & Willowbank*

**Chocolate and Garden tours*

**Caterpillar Garden tours pass*

**Tranz Alpine train.*

**Skyline and Buffet Dinner*

**Milford Sound cruise with Lobster starter buffet lunch*

**Arrowtown, winery tours*

**Jet Boat & Underwater Observatory*

**All coach & all transfers*

9D7n Glaciers and Taste of Kiwi	01APR11 – 30SEP11			01Oct09 – 31Mar10			01APR10 – 30SEP10		
	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Room only	2689	2659	3429	2759	2719	3669	2729	2689	3629
With Breakfast	2898	2868	3638	2978	2938	3888	2938	2898	3858

Note: Rates is in NZD and Subject to our In-House Ex-change Rates. Are rates are subject to changes without prior notice.

*## For reservation, **please call for appointment**. – Depart Nov to Mar please book early (less than one month is **Urgent Booking** – Admin Charge may apply!!)*