

9 DAY EXPLORER PACKAGE

# SOUTH ISLAND DISCOVERY

\$2999

PER  
PERSON  
TWIN  
SHARE

QUEENSTOWN • CHRISTCHURCH • DUNEDIN • WANAKA • DOUBTFUL SOUND

## THE OFFER

Forests, glaciers and castles, oh my! Like an epic fantasy world brought to life, New Zealand's South Island doesn't require movie magic to dazzle and delight every one of your senses. From the 'garden city' of Christchurch to Queenstown, misty Doubtful Sound to Dunedin, this nine day coach tour will take you behind the fabled scenery to uncover its diverse wonders in comfort and style.

Soak up the culture and quirkiness of Christchurch, home of the Cardboard Cathedral and gorgeous Botanic Gardens; witness stunning scenery aboard the TranzAlpine train, New Zealand's most famous rail trip; and gaze in wonder at the famous Franz Josef Glacier in Westland National Park. Delve into the heritage of New Zealand with a visit to a greenstone factory; spot resident fur seals in Doubtful Sound; and feel like you've been transported to Scotland with a visit to Dunedin, home to magnificent Larnach Castle. Want to see even more? The famed Moeraki Boulders, serene Blue Pools of Wanaka, and lakeside adventure capital of Queenstown are all ready and waiting. This amazing trip includes eight nights quality accommodation, transport by luxury coach, and more!

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# THE ITINERARY

## Day 1 Arrive Christchurch

Haere Mai (Welcome) to your New Zealand adventure starting in Christchurch. Known as the Garden City, it's an intriguing spot where old meets new. Your afternoon will be spent exploring the streets and laneways to discover creative street art and hidden eateries. See how Christchurch earned its nickname as the Garden City by visiting the Botanic Gardens. Take a walk down Hereford St to see the 'Cardboard Cathedral' and the earthquake memorial of 185 White Chairs.

**Overnight: Rydges Latimer**

**Meals included: Dinner**

## Day 2 Christchurch to Hokitika

Today you'll make your way to Christchurch Train Station, where you'll start your adventure aboard the TranzAlpine train, considered to be one of the world's greatest train journeys. Prepare to be blown away by epic vistas of forests, plains and mountains.

Upon arrival in Greymouth, you'll be met by your driver and guide before heading down the incredibly scenic 'wild' West Coast. Greymouth is a historic town known for jade hunting, gold mining and dramatic river floods before arriving into the vibrant, artistic town of Hokitika. We'll visit the amazing Greenstone and Glass blowing factories and watch some talented artists at work before getting settled in at the Beachfront Hotel. You'll have the option of visiting The National Kiwi Centre (not included) this afternoon before we meet for dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Beachfront Hotel Hokitika**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

## Day 3 Hokitika to Haast via Jackson Bay

Travel south along the coast to the Westland National Park, home of the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. This remarkable part of the country was shaped by the dynamic glaciers and boasts lush temperate rainforest growing beneath towering mountains.

Stop in Franz Josef township for morning tea and drive to the glacier viewpoint. The afternoon drive to Jackson Bay is spectacular and something not many people will be able to say they've done! Jackson Bay marks the farthest point of the West Coast's road network. Enjoy an amazing West Coast lunch at The Craypot - a quirky, little caravan-style restaurant on the esplanade before heading back towards Haast.

Tonight stay at the Heartland Hotel, a popular local establishment where the locals come to mix and mingle at the Frontier Bar.

**Overnight: Heartland Haast**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

## Day 4 Haast to Queenstown

View incredible scenery as you travel past the untouched wilderness and pristine lakes of the Mt Aspiring National Park. Stop in Wanaka along the way, a popular township on the lake's edge with a spectacular mountain backdrop. Next visit Arrowtown, an area steeped in fascinating history relating to early settlement and the gold mining era. Finally, skirt the shores of Lake Wakatipu to the picturesque alpine resort of Queenstown.

Enjoy some downtime this evening, as you kick back, relax and admire the amazing alpine and lake views!

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**Overnight: Novotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Queenstown Free Day

Today is yours to experience New Zealand's adventure capital for yourself. Queenstown boasts an incredible array of activities and your tour guide can assist with booking any optional extras (not included) you'd like to do. Take a ride on the world-famous Shotover Jet Boat, travel to the top of Bob's Peak by gondola for spectacular views, take a tour to the gold mining area of Skippers Canyon, or for the adventurous, try white water rafting or bungee jumping. Alternatively, browse in the many shops and galleries in town or relax at one of the many cafes or bars along the lakefront.

**Overnight: Novotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 6 Queenstown to Te Anau via Doubtful Sound

Travel around Lake Wakatipu and through lush farmland to Fiordland National Park. On to Manapouri, where you enjoy a leisurely cruise across the lake to West Arm. This is followed by a short coach trip on New Zealand's most expensive road, travelling over Wilmot Pass and pausing along the way to experience the dense Fiordland rainforest and view Doubtful Sound glistening far below.

At Deep Cove, board a modern catamaran and allow the majesty and vastness of the fiord to take your breath away. Enjoy the on-board commentary that provides insight into the region's history, flora and fauna as you view spectacular towering mountains and wildlife. Tonight have dinner at the Distinction Hotel, Te Anau

**Overnight: Distinction Luxmore Te Anau**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 7 Te Anau to Dunedin

Today express through to Dunedin to make the most of the time in this Scottish city, but not without a stop in Gore for a trip to the Illicit Past... Gore's colourful past as a centre for illicit whisky distilling and bootlegging is brought to life at the Hokonui Moonshine Museum.

The adventures of the Scottish settlers and their exploits to avoid run-ins with the law are kept alive through dioramas, audio-visuals and artefacts. You can taste Old Hokonui made to the original recipe at the end of your visit, or even take a bottle home with you. In the afternoon enjoy a walking tour and explore the wonderful Scottish architecture.

**Overnight: Southern Cross**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Dunedin to Christchurch

After breakfast this morning, visit the iconic Larnach Castle of Dunedin for a stroll through the magnificent gardens before heading onto the mystical Moeraki Boulders, geological marvels that began to form about 60 million years ago and were exposed by the erosion of sedimentary rocks over time.

Then continue to the township of Oamaru, home to some of the best-preserved heritage buildings in New Zealand. The journey north takes travels up the coast and across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, where your trip comes to an end.

**Overnight: Rydges Latimer**



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**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 9 Christchurch

Today is the final day of the tour, where we exchange photos and stories over breakfast before saying our goodbyes and parting ways.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the wonders of New Zealand's South Island

Visit Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure capital

Witness stunning scenery aboard the TranzAlpine, NZ's most famous train trip

Soak up the historic charm of scenic Arrowtown

Admire the tranquil Blue Pools in Wanaka

Visit a Greenstone and Glass Blowing Factory

See the 'Cardboard Cathedral' of Christchurch

Marvel at the wild beauty of Doubtful Sound

Visit Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle

Discover the vibrant street art scene of Dunedin

View the Moeraki Boulders on Koekohe Beach

Witness the remarkable Franz Josef glacier

Wet your lips at the Hokonui Moonshine Museum

Enjoy an authentic seafood experience in Haast

## ACCOMMODATION

8 nights quality hotel accommodation

## DINING

Enjoy 13 meals including daily breakfast

## TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour guide

## TRANSPORT

Luxury coach

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 10 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 60 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.*

### \*Book With Confidence

If your stay is affected by Government travel restrictions as a result of COVID-19, a one off date change will be permitted free of charge. For any changes not associated with COVID-19, please refer to the Schedule of Fees.

- Please note: Date change requests need to be made at least 31 days prior to the original date of travel and are subject to availability.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 14th March 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$850 applies.

### Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 4 - 4.5 Star (self-rated)

Christchurch: Rydges Latimer

Hokitika: Beachfront Hotel

Queenstown: Novotel

Te Anau: Distinction Luxmore

Dunedin: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

#### 3 Star (self-rated)

Haast: Heartland Hotel

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

3 (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

*Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.*

### Bedding Configuration

Twin/Double rooms with rollaway bed for 3rd person (subject to availability).

## Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 24 per vehicle.

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## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)
- International Flights / Arrival & Departure Transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as





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providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Average daytime temperatures during spring range between 19 degrees Celsius (°C) in the north to 16°C in the south. Expect a mixture of weather – crisp, sunny days can briskly change to cooler temperatures with spring showers. Spring in New Zealand spans September, October and November.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

13 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours

are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour guide (when available) and driver throughout the tour and are at your own discretion.

### Sightseeing

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

### Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

A tourist visa is not required if travelling to New Zealand on an Australian passport.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those

changes requiring an airline ticket, date/accommodation changes or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

