

7 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

SOUTH ISLAND SELF DRIVE

\$1699

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

TRANZALPINE TRAIN • MILFORD SOUND • QUEENSTOWN • FRANZ JOSEF

THE OFFER

Snowy mountain peaks, deep glacial lakes, beautiful beaches, golden grasslands and so much in between; New Zealand's South Island is home to some of the most captivating landscapes on earth. But don't just take our word for it. Put yourself in the picture on this amazing seven day South Island self drive and rail tour - complete with rental car hire, quality accommodation and more.

Taking in diverse sights from Christchurch to Queenstown, Lake Wanaka to Franz Josef Glacier and Milford Sound, this self drive tour is a chance to travel at your own pace... and sit back and relax too. After a night at leisure in vibrant Christchurch, you'll witness breathtaking views aboard the famous TranzAlpine as it makes its travels 223 kilometres along the edges of the ice-fed Waimakariri River and the Southern Alps to Greymouth. From there, collect your car hire and let your self drive adventure begin. Breathe in the wonders of Franz Josef and Westland National Park; stop for a photo at the famous Wanaka Tree; embrace your spirit of adventure in Queenstown; and embark on an unforgettable cruise on Milford Sound! Sound like a dream holiday? Make it a reality today.

SEASON 1 (SEPT-OCT)

\$1699

SEASON 2 (NOV-DEC)

\$1799

SEASON 3 (JAN-MAR)

\$1849

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Day 1 Arrive Christchurch

Upon arrival into Christchurch, please make your own way to the hotel.

Please note: check-in time is from 2:00pm. However, if you arrive earlier, you can store your luggage with reception and head out and discover the city.

Christchurch is a city reimagined from the ground up - a cultural hub that has embraced change yet refuses to lose its identity. Spend your afternoon exploring all this vibrant city has to offer by foot, tram or hop-on/hop-off bus.

Your accommodation tonight is located in the heart of the CBD near Manchester and Hereford Streets. You're in good company, surrounded by trendy cafes, restaurants or bars. Please make sure to re-confirm your takeaway breakfast for tomorrow morning.

Overnight: BreakFree on Cashel Christchurch

Meals included: None

Day 2 Christchurch - Franz Josef

After collecting your takeaway box breakfast, make your own way to Christchurch Train Station to check-in for your TranzAlpine train prior to 7:45am. The Christchurch Railway Station is located a short 4.5km or 15-20minute taxi ride from your accommodation. It is recommended you enquire about pre-ordering your taxi or shuttle upon check-in on day 1.

TranzAlpine

Check in: 07:45am

Departs Christchurch: 08:15am

Arrives Greymouth: 01:05pm

The TranzAlpine is one of the world's great scenic train trips from one coast to another through the dramatic contrast of dry beech forests and tussock land on one side of the Alps and lush green landscapes on the other. From Christchurch, cross the patchwork farmland of the Canterbury plains, follow the Waimakariri River, climbing into alpine scenery on a series of spectacular viaducts. Then, after stopping at Arthur's Pass, emerge from the long Otira Tunnel and descend through sub-tropical rain forest past beautiful Lake Brunner and on to Greymouth.

On arrival at Greymouth Train Station, make your way to the Thrifty Car Rental desk to collect your car and continue your journey south to glacier country, where you will find this evening's motel accommodation in Franz Josef Glacier Village. The drive to Franz Josef is approx. 2.15 hours, however there are many spots along the way you might like to stop.

Hokitika, a short 30 minutes from Greymouth is a perfect stop for afternoon tea. This small artistic town boasts incredible Greenstone (Pounamu) and Glass Blowing studios where you can see artists at work. It also hosts many galleries featuring local and New Zealand artists. Don't leave before checking out the driftwood strewn beach and snapping a photo of the Hokitika driftwood sign.

Overnight: Punga Grove Motel and Suites, Franz Josef

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Free Day Franz Josef

Today is yours to admire the pristine beauty of Franz Josef Glacier and Westland National Park.

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Points of interest: Glacier scenic flights, nature tours, spas & hot pools (all not included), and local self-guided walks.

Walking opportunities: Franz Josef Walk, the carpark 4km from Franz Josef township is access to this 5.4km return walk to view the glacier terminal (subject to track conditions), Lake Matheson, 30min by car, this lake, famous for its mirror views of Aoraki and Mount Tasman, offers 40 minute and 1:30 hours walks.

Overnight: Punga Grove Motel and Suites, Franz Josef

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Franz Josef to Queenstown

We recommend an early start today as you make your way further south to Queenstown. You will wind your way through lush forest before reaching the coast again at the town of Haast. From here you will again head for the mountains and the spectacular Haast pass with some more stunning bush scenery, emerging at the top of Lake Wanaka you will then drive along beside the lesser known but just as beautiful Lake Hawera.

Depending on how many short walk and photo stops you have taken along the way, you may choose to take a break in the Lakeside town of Wanaka before continuing on the last 1:30hr drive to Queenstown. Unless you are familiar with New Zealand mountain roads it is recommended that you take the slightly longer route to Queenstown via State Highway 6.

Drive Franz Josef to Queenstown (5 hours non stop drive time)

Points of interest: Blue Pools walk, Wanaka

Your accommodation for the next three nights is at Rydges

Lakeland Resort Queenstown, located on the shores of stunning Lake Wakatipu, just a five minute flat walk along the lake to the town centre of Queenstown.

Overnight: Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Free Day Queenstown

After your long driving day yesterday, today is free to explore at your own pace. Whether you like to indulge your inner explorer or simply relax and enjoy the finer things in life, you will be sure to find something to suit.

Activities: Jetboat, Whitewater Rafting, Bungy Jumping, Scenic Flights (not included)

For a quieter pace day, take a trip on the Skyline Gondola (not included) and take in the stunning views, or a leisurely drive to a winery for lunch or to the picturesque settlement of Arrowtown which sits alongside the gold-bearing Arrow River and is just 20 minutes from Queenstown (not included). A special highlight is the Chinese settlement at the edge of the river. Built by Chinese miners from 1868, this area of restored shelters and buildings paints a picture of earlier times.

Enjoy a night out in Queenstown dining in one of its many excellent restaurants. For something a little different visit the Minus 5° Ice Bar, or line up for a 'famous Fergburger' (not included).

Overnight: Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Milford Sound Day Trip

This morning after collecting your breakfast box you will

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board your coach for an unforgettable Milford Sound experience. The road to Milford Sound is as much a scenic experience as the fiord itself, so make sure you have your camera ready as there will be photo stops and short walks along this incredible route.

Once in Milford you will join the original Nature Cruise to explore the 8th wonder of the world. This cruise will get you so close to this famous fjord you can reach out and touch the sheer rock walls, there will be plenty of opportunities to view amazing geology and occasional wildlife.

Overnight: Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 7 Queenstown - Free Morning

After your breakfast this morning, spend the rest of your time exploring Queenstown before dropping your car back at Queenstown Airport at 1:30pm.

Meals included: Breakfast

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the stunning landscapes of New Zealand's South Island

Travel at your own pace on a self guided experience

Explore Franz Josef Glacier and Westland National Park

Enjoy time at leisure in beautiful Queenstown and Christchurch

Cruise the iconic Milford Sound on a full day tour from Queenstown

Admire breathtaking views on the Tranzalpine train from Christchurch to Greymouth

Keep an eye out for an abundance of native wildlife

ACCOMMODATION

1 night quality accommodation at BreakFree on Cashel, Christchurch

2 nights quality accommodation at Punga Grove Motel and Suites, Franz Josef

3 nights quality accommodation at Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown

DINING

Enjoy 6 breakfasts and 1 picnic lunch

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Full day Milford Sound trip ex Queenstown (Coach both ways, Nature Cruise and picnic lunch)

TRANSPORT

TranzAlpine Train, Christchurch to Greymouth

5 Day Rental Car Hire (Automatic Compact, Toyota Corolla or similar)

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.

*Booking Guarantee

Booking is subject to final confirmation from the tour provider. If you do not receive an email from the tour provider within 7 Business Days please contact TripADeal. If the selected dates cannot be secured an alternative date can be selected. In the event no available dates are suitable, a full refund will be provided.

Please refrain from booking travel arrangements prior to final email confirmation from the accommodation provider.

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: 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 25th of March 2022.

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

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

- Season 1 (Sept-Oct): \$899
- Season 2 (Nov-Dec): \$999
- Season 3 (Jan-Mar): \$1049

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Departure Cities

Christchurch

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Christchurch: BreakFree on Cashel, Christchurch
- Franz Josef: Punga Grove Motel and Suites
- Queenstown: Rydges Lakeland Resort

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

2 people.

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

Not available

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (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 2, maximum group size 2 per vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS

- Domestic / International flights
- Airport transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Climate & Average Temperatures

The best time to visit New Zealand is during the summer months of December to March, which bring long, bright and sunny days and temperatures of 16°C to 24°C.

COACH TOUR

Meals

Daily breakfast is 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.

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 leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tipping is optional and at the customers discretion.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

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

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

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.

