

# 11 Day Southern Discovery

Christchurch → Wellington



## Highlights

- + Visit the Church of the Good Shepherd
- + World Heritage listed Mt Cook National Park
- + Fiordland National Park
- + Spectacular Southern Lakes District
- + West Coast Glaciers
- + Punakaiki Pancake Rocks & Blowhole

## Featured Experiences:

- + Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise
- + Skyline Gondola & Dinner, Queenstown
- + Cruise the famous Abel Tasman National Park

## Iconic Sightseeing

- + World of Wearable Arts & Classic Cars Museum
- + Scenic Interislander cruise
- + Christchurch & Wellington City Tours

## Day 1 Arrive Christchurch

On arrival in Christchurch, a Kirra representative will greet you and transfer you to your downtown city hotel.

Stay: *Rendezvous Hotel*

## Day 2 Mt Cook, Omarama (B,D)

After a brief tour of Christchurch, cross the Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. Stop to view the Church of the Good Shepherd before visiting Mt Cook National Park with its 70,000 hectares of breathtaking alpine scenery. Optional ski-plane and helicopter flights are available subject to weather conditions.

Stay: *Heritage Gateway Hotel*

## Day 3 Arrowtown, Queenstown (B,D)

Begin the ascent over the Lindis Pass to the township of Cromwell and continue on to the historic gold mining village of Arrowtown. On arrival in Queenstown, New Zealand's premier holiday destination, we ride the Skyline gondola to the top of Bob's Peak where both the dining and the views are unsurpassed.

Stay: *Copthorne Lakefront Hotel & Resort (3 nights)*

## Day 4 At leisure in Queenstown (B)

Queenstown boasts an incredible array of adventure and leisure activities in all its various forms and your Coach Captain will happily recommend and assist with any optional activities you would like to do.

## Day 5 Spectacular Doubtful Sound Wilderness Experience (B,L,D)

After an early breakfast, we travel to Manapouri where we enjoy a leisurely cruise across this picturesque lake to West Arm. Travel over the Wilmot Pass and view Doubtful Sound glistening far below. Board 'Patea Explorer' for a three

hour cruise through this pristine fiord. During the cruise, knowledgeable and friendly nature guides will share with you their passion for the region through their commentary. As the majesty of Doubtful Sound unfolds before you, its vastness will take your breath away. Return to Queenstown late evening and enjoy dinner at your hotel on arrival.

## Day 6 Wanaka, Franz Josef (B,D)

After a brief stop at Lake Wanaka, view the untouched wilderness and pristine lakes of the Mt Aspiring and Westland National Parks before arriving on the rugged West Coast, home to Fox and Franz Josef glaciers.

Stay: *Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier*

## Day 7 Hokitika, Punakaiki (B,D)

At Hokitika, we stop to visit a Pounamu (Jade) factory. Marvel at the bizarre limestone landscapes that are the Pancake Rocks & Blowhole before checking into our eco resort located in the Paparoa National Park and only a stone's throw from the beach.

Stay: *Punakaiki Resort*

## Day 8 Murchison, Nelson (B,D)

Skirt the west coastline before heading inland to Murchison, then travel north to Nelson, a charming city that boasts the busiest fishing port in New Zealand. Visit the World of Wearable Art & Classic Car Museum on our arrival.

Stay: *Grand Mercure Monaco Resort (2 nights)*

## Day 9 Abel Tasman National Park (B,D)

Enjoy a scenic cruise of the famous Abel Tasman Park, calling in to picturesque beaches and coves. Pause to view Split Apple Rock and the antics at Tonga Island Seal Colony. An optional coastal walk may be available for those wishing to spend time ashore, see your Coach Captain for details.

## Day 10 Picton, Wellington (B,D)

At the picturesque village of Picton, we board the Interislander and cruise through the spectacular Marlborough Sounds into Cook Strait. Enjoy stunning views of New Zealand's capital city as you arrive into Wellington Harbour.

Stay: *Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay*

*An option to return to Christchurch aboard the Coastal Pacific Train may be available today - please ask for details.*

## Day 11 Depart Wellington (B)

Sadly, your holiday ends today and you will be transferred to Wellington airport to connect with your onward flight.

*Coach Captains - "Ross's knowledge of the little places to stop was great throughout the trip. I always looked forward to morning tea to see what delightful place he would take us."*



## Inclusions

- + 10 nights premium accommodation
- + Full breakfast daily (B), 1 lunch (L) & 8 dinners (D)
- + Travel by 5 star luxury touring coach
- + Guided by a professional Coach Captain
- + All sightseeing, excursions and entrance fees as shown
- + Hotel portage
- + Complimentary private airport transfers on arrival & departure

## Guaranteed Tour Dates 2017/18

Start	Finish	Code
Sun 24 Sep 17	→ Wed 04 Oct 17	SG701
Sun 08 Oct 17	→ Wed 18 Oct 17	SG703
Sun 19 Nov 17	→ Wed 29 Nov 17	SG709
Sun 26 Nov 17	→ Wed 06 Dec 17	SG711
Sun 07 Jan 18	→ Wed 17 Jan 18	SG801
Sun 28 Jan 18	→ Wed 07 Feb 18	SG805
Sun 18 Feb 18	→ Wed 28 Feb 18	SG809
Sun 11 Mar 18	→ Wed 21 Mar 18	SG813
Sun 18 Mar 18	→ Wed 28 Mar 18	SG815
Sun 08 Apr 18	→ Wed 18 Apr 18	SG819

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