

8 DAY SOUTHERN ALPS EXPLORER

DESTINATIONS

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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Private transfer Christchurch Airport to your accommodation On arrival, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your Christchurch accommodation.

DAY 2

Destination	Christchurch 🚗 Mt Cook
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Christchurch in the morning and travel through the Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo, where you can see the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd as it stands in solitude next to the vibrant blue waters. Leaving Tekapo, continue into the Southern Alps towards Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park, home to New Zealand's tallest mountain. The tour concludes on arrival at Mount Cook Village, where you can explore and soak up the views of Aoraki / Mount Cook.

DAY 3

Destination	Mt Cook 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Experience 500 year old icebergs up-close on the Mt Cook terminal lake. The Glacier Explorers tour is the only one of its kind in New Zealand - and one of only three in the world! Very few glaciers terminate into lakes and even fewer of them are accessible. See towering ice cliffs and floating icebergs from the safety of a specially designed boat. These boats provide a safe way to view unseen and inaccessible areas of New Zealand's largest glacier - The Tasman.

Mount Cook to Queenstown with GreatSights Depart Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park in the afternoon and head south through the Mackenzie Country. You pass the Mackenzie Basin and head into Central Otago before approaching Queenstown, where the impressive Remarkables mountain range and beautiful Lake Wakatipu come into view. Tour concludes this evening on arrival into Queenstown.

DAY 4

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Shotover Jet Canyon Jet Boat Ride Shotover Jet is the only company permitted to operate in the Shotover River Canyons. It's a thrilling ride! Skim past rocky outcrops at close range in your Shotover Jet 'Big Red', as you twist and turn through the narrow canyons at breathtaking speeds. And a major highlight - hold tight for the world-famous Shotover Jet full 360-degree spins!

Free day in Queenstown Although celebrated as New Zealand's 'adventure capital' Queenstown offers far more than a fast paced action-packed holiday. Settled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu beneath a soaring panorama of the Remarkables Mountain Range, this alpine town is surrounded by a plethora of historic, gastronomic and scenic wonders.

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DAY 5

Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Franz Josef
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Queenstown to Franz Josef with GreatSights Leaving Queenstown, travel by luxury coach through the stunning scenery of the South Island. Your driver guide will provide entertaining commentary and point out sites of interest as you pass by the crystal-clear waters of Lake Dunstan, Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea. After a morning tea break in Makarora on the border of Mount Aspiring World Heritage Park, you'll travel through the Haast Pass, journeying through native beech forest and over the Southern Alps, before emerging on the West Coast, arriving in the afternoon at the small village of Franz Josef. From here you can explore the world famous Franz Josef Glacier.

DAY 6

Destination	Franz Josef
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Explore Franz Josef Glacier Franz Josef is a small but lively town in the heart of the West Coast, known for its 12 km long glacier. Surrounded by lush rainforest-clad mountains the township has a vibrant and bustling atmosphere. To see the ice from a viewpoint you can walk along the valley floor to the terminal face without a guide. However, to go on the glacier itself you must take a licensed helicopter tour.

DAY 7

Destination	Franz Josef 🚗 Greymouth 🚗 Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Franz Josef to Greymouth Train Station with GreatSights This morning travel north through the small townships of Whataroa and Harihari. Stop at the Bushman's Centre for refreshments and a chance to experience a bit of West Coast humour. Continue through the township of Ross, which in the late 1800s was the centre of one of New Zealand's richest alluvial goldfields. On arrival in Hokitika there is time to purchase lunch and explore the town centre. Continue onto Greymouth Railway Station from where you catch the world famous TranzAlpine train across the Southern Alps to Christchurch.

TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Greymouth to Christchurch Considered one of the world's great train journeys, the TranzAlpine Scenic Train takes you from Greymouth to Christchurch. You'll travel across the South Island from the west to the east coast through Arthur's Pass National Park. From the comfort of your carriage see lush beech forest, deep river valleys and the spectacular peaks of the Southern Alps. Descend to the windswept Canterbury Plains before arriving in the city of Christchurch.

Private Transfer Christchurch Train Station to your accommodation On arrival at the Christchurch train station, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your accommodation.

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DAY 8

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Private transfer accommodation to Christchurch Airport A private transfer will collect you from your accommodation and transfer you to Christchurch Airport in time for your departing flight.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights in 3 star hotel accommodation
All coach tour transport as specified in this tour package
All breakfasts
Private train station transfers
Private airport transfers
TranzAlpine Train from Greymouth to Christchurch
Glacier Explorers Tour, Mt Cook National Park
Shotover jet boat ride
Independent touring flexibility

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
Tipping/Gratuities

HOTEL LIST

Christchurch - Heartland Hotel Cotswold or similar
Mt Cook - Hermitage Hotel Room Mount Cook View or similar
Queenstown - Heartland Hotel Queenstown or similar
Franz Josef - Punga Grove Motel & Suites or similar

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$525 deposit per person.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password) Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$968 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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