

12 DAY THE SOUTHERN DRIFT

DESTINATIONS

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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

On arrival in Christchurch you will be transferred by private car to your hotel. Spend some time at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Perhaps visit the International Antarctic Centre or Orana Wildlife Park, New Zealand's only open-range zoo. This evening, join your Journey Director for Welcome Reception.

DAY 2

Destination	Christchurch 🚗 Arthur's Pass 🚗 Franz Josef
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

It's all aboard the TranzAlpine train. Rated as one of the world's great scenic railway journeys, you'll travel in comfort across the Canterbury Plains through the Southern Alps. From Arthur's Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, the heritage and cultural centre of the West Coast, and meet a local greenstone (jade) carver for a jewellery demonstration. Later we continue to Franz Josef. Your eco-friendly accommodation is set amid native bush, with an emphasis on relaxation and rejuvenation. This evening, why not enjoy Franz Josef's local geothermal hot pools or perhaps a massage?

DAY 3

Destination	Franz Josef Glacier
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

After a relaxed start we explore this area, where a local guide explains the history behind the mighty Franz Josef Glacier. Later, you may want to get up close and personal with the glaciers on an optional helicopter flight. Your flight will hover over the snow face and may land high up in the valley so that you can walk across the ice fall – subject to weather conditions.

DAY 4

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

This morning it's time for an adventure as we travel in a purpose-built fully enclosed river jet boat and journey down the Haast River. After a lunch stop at Makarora we head to Queenstown, taking time to stop to explore the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown on the Arrow River. The adventure-capital awaits you for your extended 3 night stay, and you'll have the opportunity to explore it during an orientation tour when you arrive.

DAY 5

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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Today is your choice of sightseeing, you could join a wine tour, view The Lord of the Rings film locations and scenery of Queenstown and Glenorchy on a scenic tour or spend time having a relaxing massage in the spa.

DAY 6

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Make the most of your extended stay in Queenstown. Why not sit back and enjoy a peaceful cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard New Zealand's oldest steamship, the TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak Station. Otherwise, you could simply relax, shop or enjoy time at one of the many cafés and restaurants while soaking up the alpine views. Tonight, enjoy a Local Dining Experience at one of Queenstown's exclusive restaurants.

DAY 7

Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Te Anau 🚗 Milford Sound
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau on the shores of the South Island's largest lake. Later you'll travel through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park, sighting glaciers and mountain ranges before driving through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel to the amazing Mirror Lake. Afterwards, walk to see the Chasm on your way into Milford Sound. Tonight, stay at the magical Milford Sound Lodge, with views of the Cleddau Valley.

DAY 8

Destination	Milford Sound
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Wake up to the breathtaking beauty of Milford Sound. Learn more about breathtaking Fiordland National Park with an informative talk by a local expert. Later, board the Southern Discoveries vessel for a half day exploration of Milford Sound, often called the 'eighth natural wonder of the world'. Sail out to the Tasman Sea, looking for wildlife along the way, for a visit to the Underwater Observatory and the opportunity to go sea kayaking in Harrison Cove.

DAY 9

Destination	Milford Sound 🚗 Gore 🚗 Dunedin
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

We leave the majestic Fiordland National Park for the fertile sheep-dotted pastures of South Otago. Travel through Te Anau known for its beautiful lake and on to the country musical town of Gore at lunchtime, before arriving in Dunedin, New Zealand's southernmost city. Enjoy dinner tonight at Parcels Restaurant at your hotel.

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DAY 10

Destination	Dunedin
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, join an exclusive tour of Larnach Castle. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway or take a wildlife cruise of the Otago Peninsula.

DAY 11

Destination	Dunedin 🚗 Omarau 🚗 Timaru 🚗 Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel up the east coast of the South Island via Omarau and Timaru. Once back in Christchurch embark on a sightseeing tour of the city to learn about its rebirth after the devastating 2011 earthquake. This evening, toast your trip at a Celebration Dinner with your new-found friends and Journey Director.

DAY 12

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Say farewell to your fellow travellers as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and we transfer you to Christchurch Airport for your onward flight.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Hand-picked accommodation, selected to immerse you in your destination
Most meals, including Local Dining Experiences.
Complimentary refreshments throughout the journey
Travel by bespoke vehicle with reclining seats, WiFi and air-conditioning
A maximum of 20 guests to share your journey
Expert Driver Guide escorts
All entrance and National Park fees
Sustainable Travel Kit, including refillable water bottle and backpack
Exclusive immersive activities and interaction with local communities
Built-in leisure time, to explore destinations as you wish
Airport transfers (see Flight Information below)

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$200 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$1186 per person within 28 days.

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!

OPTIONAL TOURS

None

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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 AUD \$3000 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.

HOTEL LIST

Christchurch - Hotel Montreal
Franz Josef - Te Waonui Forest Retreat
Queenstown - Hotel St Moritz
Milford Sound - Milford Sound Lodge
Dunedin - Distinction Dunedin Hotel
Christchurch - Hotel Montreal