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## 7 Day Alpine Express

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**TOUR ITINERARY**

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### 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.

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Christchurch Hop On Hop Off City Tour - 24 Hour Pass** Discover the true magic of city sightseeing on-board this city tour bus. With a mix of open and closed top buses, you will ride in comfort and style, enjoying spectacular views. Join friendly local guides as they take you on a journey of discovery through Christchurch. Listen to "live" entertaining and informative commentary and learn about the fascinating history, from pioneering days to modern times

### DAY 2

Destination	Christchurch 🚆 Greymouth 🚆 Franz Josef
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Private transfer accommodation to Christchurch Train Station A private driver will collect you from your accommodation and transfer you to the Christchurch train station in time for your train journey.

**TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Christchurch to Greymouth** Your early morning departure is rewarded with incredible scenery today onboard the TranzAlpine Scenic Train, considered one of the world's great train journeys. It travels between Christchurch and Greymouth, from one coast of New Zealand to the other. From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Your train then climbs into the Southern Alps before descending through the lush beech rain forest to the West Coast town of Greymouth - a great base for visits to Punakaiki and the West Coast glaciers.

**Greymouth Train Station to Franz Josef with GreatSights** Your coach to Franz Josef Glacier departs from the Greymouth Railway Station. The journey to the Glaciers is southward through the lush bush covered landscape at the base of the Southern Alps. Travel down the West Coast enjoy the beautiful landscape of vast rainforests, gushing waterfalls and snow-capped mountains before arriving into the small village of Franz Josef. From here you can explore the world famous Franz Josef Glacier.

**Glacier Valley Shuttle** You will be met at your accommodation by a representative from Glacier Shuttles and taken on a

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short tour to view the glacier. Your shuttle vehicle will transfer you up the Franz Josef valley to the road end. Here you will have the opportunity to walk to view the glacier from a viewing platform. Or enjoy one of the short walks available in this area. You will be returned to your accommodation by the Glacier Valley Shuttles.

### DAY 3

Destination	Franz Josef 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Franz Josef to Queenstown with GreatSights Leave the small village of Franz Josef, access point to the world famous Franz Josef Glacier, and journey through the remote and rugged landscape of the West Coast. Cross over to the East Coast through the Haast Pass, the southernmost pass in the Southern Alps. On the other side, enjoy picture-postcard views of vibrant blue lakes like Lake Hawea, Lake Wanaka and Lake Dunstan as you make your way into scenic Queenstown, arriving in the late afternoon.

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - TSS Earnslaw cruise to Walter Peak including gourmet BBQ dinner and a farm tour** Go back in time on this return trip to Walter Peak High Country Farm aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw Steamship. You'll be greeted off the boat and guided through beautiful lakeside gardens to the charming homestead. Here you'll enjoy a Gourmet BBQ dinner which your chef will prepare in front of you. The seasonal menu includes an expansive array of local produce, including succulent meats cooked on the outdoor rotisserie and a selection of delicious vegetables and salads. Finish your meal with an irresistible dessert, New Zealand cheeses and freshly brewed tea and coffee. After dinner, an entertaining and informative demonstration gives you a glimpse of life in the high country. On your cruise home, enjoy the camaraderie of a singalong with the ship's pianist or breathe in the fresh night air as you watch the lights of Queenstown draw nearer.

### DAY 4

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

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 🚌 Milford Sound 🚌 Queenstown

Meals included Lunch

Accommodation N/A

Milford Sound Nature Cruise with return luxury coach transfers from Queenstown Return luxury coach transport from Queenstown to Milford Sound, with an extended two hour Nature Cruise along the full length of the fiord. On board a Real Journeys luxury glass-roofed coach in Queenstown, you will enjoy a relaxing trip along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and through the rolling countryside to Te Anau. The coach driver provides an informative commentary. After a morning tea break in Te Anau, where you have the option of purchasing refreshments, the coach continues along the spectacular Milford Road. There is time for photo stops and short walks along the way. On reaching Milford Sound, you board the Milford Mariner for a leisurely extended cruise of the fiord. The cruise provides excellent viewing opportunities and plenty of time is available to enjoy waterfalls, rain forest, mountains and wildlife with extensive commentary by the onboard nature guide. Includes picnic boxed lunch.

### DAY 6

Destination Queenstown 🚌 Mt Cook 🚌 Christchurch

Meals included Lunch

Accommodation N/A

Queenstown to Christchurch with GreatSights (Includes Lunch) Travel to the foothills of New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki / Mount Cook, on a full-day sightseeing tour from Queenstown to Christchurch. Travel through ruggedly beautiful landscape and over the Lindis Pass into the Mackenzie Country. Enter the amazing Aoraki / Mt Cook National Park, home to New Zealand's highest mountain and stop at Mount Cook Village, where you will enjoy a delicious lunch at the famous Hermitage Hotel. In the afternoon, travel past Lake Pukaki to Lake Tekapo, where you can view the solitary Church of the Good Shepherd. Then continue through the diverse farmland of the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, where your tour concludes.

### DAY 7

Destination Christchurch

Meals included

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

5 nights in 3 star hotel accommodation  
All coach tour transport as specified in this tour package  
TranzAlpine Train from Greymouth to Christchurch  
Taieri Gorge Train Journey, Dunedin  
Queenstown Skyline Gondola  
Real Journeys Milford Sound Cruise with Lunch

### Fine Print

#### EXCLUSIONS

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

#### HOTEL LIST

Christchurch - Bella Vista Christchurch or similar  
Franz Josef - Punga Grove Motel & Suites or similar  
Queenstown - Blue Peaks Lodge

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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 \$971 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.

### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$440 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.

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!

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