

from **\$1,945**



Wellington



Christchurch Tram



10 Day Southern Discovery

Day 1 – Wellington/Picton/Blenheim

Your tour departs from the Bay Plaza Hotel, 40 Oriental Parade at 8.00am. Join the **Interislander Ferry** and cruise to the South Island with spectacular views of the city left behind. Sail across Cook Strait and into the sheltered waters of Queen Charlotte Sound. In Picton, you are welcomed by your South Island Coach Captain. Explore Picton, before making the short drive to Blenheim for an afternoon's sightseeing and a visit to the **Montana Winery** for a complimentary tasting and **afternoon tea**.
Blenheim Country Hotel (1 night)

Day 2 – Blenheim/Kaikoura/Christchurch

Past Lake Grassmere and follow the coastline to Kaikoura, an area noted for whale watching. Over the Hundalee Ranges and onto the Canterbury Plains to reach the Garden City of Christchurch. Visit the **International Antarctic Centre** before a city tour, noting the city's strong English influence. See the parklands and River Avon before boarding the **Tourist Tram** for a circuit of the city which showcases the main points of interest.
Pavilions Hotel (1 night)

Day 3 – Christchurch/Mt Cook/Omarama

Cross the Canterbury Plains and enter the foothills near Geraldine to the barren MacKenzie Country. View the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Collie Dog memorial overlooking the milky waters of Lake Tekapo. Time for a spectacular flight over the Southern Alps, lakes and glaciers with Air Safaris (optional). Visit Mt Cook National Park, with New Zealand's highest snowcapped peak, before travelling around Lake Pukaki to Twizel and Omarama.
Heritage Gateway Hotel (1 night)

Day 4 – Omarama/Dunedin

Wait large hydro lakes as you travel down the Waitaki Valley to Oamaru and Dunedin the "Scottish" city. An early arrival allows for a choice of excellent optional activities. Combine a Monarch harbour cruise or Newton's Citibus tour to see albatross, penguins and seals. Board the Taieri Gore Railway or explore the city yourself. This evening prior to Dinner you will be treated to a traditional **Scottish Haggis Ceremony**, complete with piper, address to the Haggis and gift.
Cargills Hotel (1 night)

Day 5 – Dunedin/Lake Manapouri/Te Anau

Visit historic **Olveston House**, then cross rich farmlands to the agricultural towns of Gore and Lumsden. Visit Lake Manapouri before arriving at Lake Te Anau.
Fiordland National Park Hotel (2 nights)

Day 6 – Milford Sound Day Trip

A highlight of any tour. Follow the Eglinton and Hollyford Valleys where the beech forests reach to the roads edge and snow capped peaks tower

TRANZ ALPINE OPTION

Join the world famous Tranz Alpine train for a journey through the Southern Alps to Christchurch. Ask Kirra Tours for details.
See note on page 5.

above. Descend into the Cleddau Canyon to **Milford Sound**, dominated by Mitre Peak. A **launch cruise** takes you to the open sea and to Bowen and Stirling Falls. Time to take a walk into the rainforest to visit The Chasm, a spectacular waterfall, or to the entrance of Homer Tunnel. If conditions permit, your Coach Captain may make a short drive into the Hollyford Valley. Return to Te Anau late afternoon.

Day 7 – Te Anau/Queenstown

Cruise across Lake Te Anau to explore the underground world of rushing water and drift beneath the luminous shimmer of thousands of **glow-worms**, an unforgettable sight. This afternoon drive north to Kingston and around the shores of Lake Wakatipu to picturesque Queenstown. This evening, cruise across the lake aboard the **steamship TSS Earnslaw** for dinner in the Colonel's Homestead at **Walter Peak High Country Farm**.
Rydgas Hotel (2 nights)

Day 8 – Queenstown

A day to explore the delights of this alpine resort at leisure. Your Coach Captain will happily advise on the many optional sightseeing activities available. We recommend the world famous Shotover Jet Boat ride, take a Gondola ride to the Skyline high above the resort, a tour to the gold mining area of Skippers Canyon, white water rafting or browse in the many shops and galleries.

Day 9 – Queenstown/Haast Pass/Fox Glacier

Pass picturesque Lake Hayes on to an area steeped in fascinating history relating to early settlement and the goldmining era, to Lake Wanaka, a picture postcard resort on the lakes edge with a spectacular mountain backdrop. Pass Lake Hawea and the upper reaches of Lake Wanaka to Makarora into Mt Aspiring and Westland National Parks. Drive north along the coast to the glacier region. Explore the township or take the optional guided walk to the glacier terminal face.
Fox Glacier Hotel (1 night)

Day 10 – Fox Glacier/Christchurch

Time for an optional helicopter flight over the glaciers, then on to Greymouth to a **Greenstone (Jade) factory** to see craftsmen cutting and polishing giant boulders to create fine jewellery. Cross the Oira Gorge and Arthurs Pass to the Canterbury Plains and into Christchurch. Your tour will conclude at approximately 5.30pm.

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON	COST			
01 May 2007 to 30 Sep 2007	\$1,945	V262	30 Dec 07	08 Jan 08
01 Oct 2007 to 31 Jan 2008	\$2,225	V27	01 Jan 08	10 Jan 08
01 Feb 2008 to 30 Apr 2008	\$2,255	V28	08 Jan 08	17 Jan 08
01 May 2008 to 30 Sep 2008	\$2,020	V29	15 Jan 08	24 Jan 08
Breakfast (9) Supplement add	\$155	V30	22 Jan 08	31 Jan 08
Dinner (8) Supplement add	\$240	V302	27 Jan 08	05 Feb 08
Single Room Supplement add	\$600	V31	29 Jan 08	07 Feb 08
Tranz Alpine Train Option add	\$145	V312	03 Feb 08	12 Feb 08
		V32	05 Feb 08	14 Feb 08
		V322	10 Feb 08	19 Feb 08
		V33	12 Feb 08	21 Feb 08
		V332	17 Feb 08	26 Feb 08
		V34	19 Feb 08	28 Feb 08
		V342	24 Feb 08	04 Mar 08
		V35	26 Feb 08	06 Mar 08
		V352	02 Mar 08	11 Mar 08
		V36	04 Mar 08	13 Mar 08
		V362	09 Mar 08	18 Mar 08
		V37	11 Mar 08	20 Mar 08
		V38	18 Mar 08	27 Mar 08
		V39	25 Mar 08	03 Apr 08
		V392	30 Mar 08	08 Apr 08
		V40	01 Apr 08	10 Apr 08
		V402	06 Apr 08	15 Apr 08
		V41	08 Apr 08	17 Apr 08
		V412	13 Apr 08	22 Apr 08
		V42	15 Apr 08	24 Apr 08
		V43	22 Apr 08	01 May 08
		V432	27 Apr 08	06 May 08
		V44	29 Apr 08	08 May 08
		V45	06 May 08	15 May 08
		V452	11 May 08	20 May 08
		V46	13 May 08	22 May 08
		V47	20 May 08	29 May 08
		V48	27 May 08	05 Jun 08
		V49	03 Jun 08	12 Jun 08
		V50	10 Jun 08	19 Jun 08
		V51	17 Jun 08	26 Jun 08
		V53	01 Jul 08	10 Jul 08
		V55	15 Jul 08	24 Jul 08
		V57	29 Jul 08	07 Aug 08
		V58	05 Aug 08	14 Aug 08
		V60	19 Aug 08	28 Aug 08
		V62	02 Sep 08	11 Sep 08
		V11	09 Sep 08	18 Sep 08
		V12	16 Sep 08	25 Sep 08
		V122	21 Sep 08	30 Sep 08
		V13	23 Sep 08	02 Oct 08
		V132	28 Sep 08	07 Oct 08
		V14	30 Sep 08	09 Oct 08
		V142	05 Oct 08	14 Oct 08

(1) Start Sunday Finish Tuesday