

from **\$1,550**



**KIRRA TOURS**



Spectacular Milford Sound

## 8 Day Southern Highlights

### Day 1 – Christchurch/Mt Cook/Omarama

Your tour departs from the Pavilions Hotel, 42 Papanui Road at 8.00am. Cross the Canterbury Plains, with the Southern Alps to the west. Enter the foothills near Geraldine and ascend Burkes Pass into the MacKenzie Country. View the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Collie Dog memorial, overlooking the milky blue waters of Lake Tekapo. Time for a flight over the Southern Alps, lakes and glaciers with Air Safaris (optional). Visit Mt Cook National Park, with New Zealand's highest snow capped peaks, before travelling around Lake Pukaki to Twizel and on to Omarama.

*Heritage Gateway Hotel (1 night)*

### Day 2 – Omarama/Dunedin

Pass large hydro lakes as you travel down the Waitaki Valley to Oamaru and Dunedin – the "Scottish" city. An early arrival allows a choice of excellent optional activities. Combine a Monarch harbour cruise or Newton's Citibus tour to see the penguins, albatross and seals, enjoy the historic Taieri Gorge train or explore the city only a few minutes walk away. 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 3 – 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 4 – 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 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 5 – 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**. *Rydges Hotel (2 nights)*

### Day 6 – Queenstown

A day to explore the delights of this alpine resort at leisure. Your Coach Captain will happily advise on the many optional activities available. We recommend the world famous Shotover Jet Boat ride, take a Gondola 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 7 – 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 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 8 – 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 Otira Gorge and Arthurs Pass to the Canterbury Plains and into Christchurch. Your tour concludes on arrival in Christchurch at approximately 5.00pm.

Tranz Alpine Arthurs Pass



## 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.



Kawarau Bridge

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON	COST
01 May 2007 to 30 Sep 2007	\$1,550
01 Oct 2007 to 31 Jan 2008	\$1,875
01 Feb 2008 to 30 Apr 2008	\$1,960
01 May 2008 to 30 Sep 2008	\$1,610
Breakfast (7) Supplement add	\$120
Dinner (6) Supplement add	\$180
Single Room Supplement add	\$495
Tranz Alpine Train Option add	\$145

TOUR	START THU	FINISH THU
L44	03 May 07	10 May 07
L442	08 May 07	15 May 07 (1)
L45	10 May 07	17 May 07
L46	17 May 07	24 May 07
L47	24 May 07	31 May 07
L48	31 May 07	07 Jun 07
L49	07 Jun 07	14 Jun 07
L50	21 Jun 07	28 Jun 07
L51	28 Jun 07	05 Jul 07
L52	05 Jul 07	12 Jul 07
L53	12 Jul 07	19 Jul 07
L54	26 Jul 07	02 Aug 07
L55	02 Aug 07	09 Aug 07
L56	09 Aug 07	16 Aug 07
L57	16 Aug 07	23 Aug 07
L59	30 Aug 07	06 Sep 07
L10	06 Sep 07	13 Sep 07
L11	13 Sep 07	20 Sep 07
L112	18 Sep 07	25 Sep 07 (1)
L12	20 Sep 07	27 Sep 07
L13	27 Sep 07	04 Oct 07
L132	02 Oct 07	09 Oct 07 (1)
L14	04 Oct 07	11 Oct 07
L142	09 Oct 07	16 Oct 07 (1)
L15	11 Oct 07	18 Oct 07
L16	18 Oct 07	25 Oct 07
L17	25 Oct 07	01 Nov 07
L18	01 Nov 07	08 Nov 07
L182	06 Nov 07	13 Nov 07 (1)
L19	08 Nov 07	15 Nov 07
L20	15 Nov 07	22 Nov 07
L202	20 Nov 07	27 Nov 07 (1)
L21	22 Nov 07	29 Nov 07
L22	29 Nov 07	06 Dec 07
L222	04 Dec 07	11 Dec 07 (1)
L23	06 Dec 07	13 Dec 07
L24	13 Dec 07	20 Dec 07
L25	20 Dec 07	27 Dec 07
L252	25 Dec 07	01 Jan 08 (1)
L26	27 Dec 07	03 Jan 08
L262	01 Jan 08	08 Jan 08 (1)

L27	03 Jan 08	10 Jan 08
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L29	17 Jan 08	24 Jan 08
L30	24 Jan 08	31 Jan 08
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L31	31 Jan 08	07 Feb 08
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L36	06 Mar 08	13 Mar 08
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