

# 9 Days Express Outlook!

## **Day 1 ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH**

On arrival at Christchurch Airport you are met and transferred to your accommodation. (Self-drive passengers collect your rental car at airport).

## **Day 2 CHRISTCHURCH - GREYMOUTH - WEST COAST GLACIERS**

One of the world's best scenic train journeys - The Tranz Alpine winds across spectacular gorges and river valleys, over the massive Southern Alps in Arthur's Pass National Park and through lush beech forest to Greymouth on the West Coast. Continue southwards by coach along the coast to reach Westland National Park and the glacier region. (Self-drive passengers travel over the Canterbury Plains over to Arthur's Pass and then en route to Westland National Park).

## **Day 3 WEST COAST GLACIERS - QUEENSTOWN**

We depart this morning through the South Westland Heritage Park and across the rugged Haast Pass and Lake Wanaka. This afternoon's travel is through the Kawarau Gorge to reach Queenstown.

## **Day 4 QUEENSTOWN - DOUBTFUL SOUND EXCURSION - TE ANAU**

Your Doubtful Sound adventure begins as you cruise the crystal clear waters of Lake Manapouri – a stunning lake renowned for its numerous islands and deserted beaches. Then it's over Wilmot Pass, on one of New Zealand's remotest and prettiest sub-alpine roads, stopping along the way to experience some of Fiordland's densest rainforest and to view Doubtful Sound glistening far below. On reaching Deep Cove, you will board the Patea Explorer our spacious catamaran, for a three hour cruise that takes in the most dramatic scenery of Doubtful Sound. Our nature guides provide an engaging commentary and point out highlights. Keep a look out for wildlife as bottlenose dolphins frequently swim alongside our vessel, fur seals bask on the rocks around the fiord and rare penguins can at times be observed. Return to the pier where you re-board your coach for your return journey to Te Anau.

Cruise across Lake Te Anau on board a modern catamaran Luminosa to Cavern House located on the western shores. This purpose built vessel has large outdoor viewing areas and a spacious cabin. The crew will share stories about the natural history and early pioneers of the region. On arrival, join the specialist nature guide for the Te Anau Glowworm Caves experience. Above ground the nature guide will detail aspects of the caves and its various inhabitants in the visitor interpretation centre. Then below ground there is a twisting network of limestone passages filled with the whirlpools and waterfalls of the Tunnel Burn Stream. By geological standards, the caves are very young and are still being carved out by the force of this river that flows through them. Follow the path deep underground before transferring into small boats to drift silently along the river below a display of the New Zealand glowworm; thousands of glowworms inhabit a silent hidden grotto. Retrace your steps out of the caves and return to Te Anau by catamaran. Suitable for passengers of all ages except infants.

*NOTE: A REASONABLE AGILITY LEVEL IS NECESSARY (SOME BENDING IS REQUIRED DUE TO LOW CAVES ENTRANCE AND STEPS ARE INVOLVED). NOT SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIR PASSENGERS OR HEELED SHOES.*

## **Day 5 TE ANAU FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK – DUNEDIN**

Travel from Fiordland National Park gateway city Te Anau, you go across Southland (has experienced remarkable growth and development in recent years and boasts a range of world-class facilities, many initiatives of regional benefit and an expanding range of visitor attractions that feature some of the most distinctive landscapes in the country Farming, forestry and horticulture form the region's economic base, but Southland also has a diversity of manufacturing for export. It is one of the fastest growing tourist regions in New Zealand due to its unspoilt nature and wide recognition of it being a place to restore the soul) to Dunedin.

Visit to the Cadbury World – take a fun filled, fascinating guided tour around the Cadbury World Dunedin chocolate factory and sample Cadbury chocolate along the way! Included is a visit to the unique chocolate fall housed in a five storey high silo.

## **Day 6 DUNEDIN (TAIERI GORGE TRAIN) – QUEENSTOWN**

The Taieri Gorge (*For Coach passengers only. Self drive passenger can do a return trips during Summer at extra cost*) Railway comprises 60 km of the Otago Central Railway of the New Zealand Railways, started in 1879 and closed in 1990. It takes you on a journey through the rugged and spectacular Taieri River Gorge, across wrought iron viaducts and through tunnels carved by hand more than 100 years ago. With full commentary, photographic stops, comfortable heating in winter and on board refreshments the train offers

year round, all-weather entertainment. You can make the return journey to Pukerangi, or Middlemarch, or use the train as the one leg of your journey to or from Queenstown and Central Otago on our connecting 'Track & Trail' coach

#### Day 7 QUEENSTOWN - MACKENZIE

This morning we travel over the Lindis Pass to reach Mt Cook around lunch time. Mt Cook National Park - At 3754 metres, New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki Mount Cook is dazzling, yet there are 27 other mountains in this alpine backbone which peak at over 3050 metres, and hundreds of others not far short of that - all making up the famous Southern Alps. We continue through to Lake Tekapo. Church of Good Shepherd & Close by is the bronze statue of a sheepdog, a tribute to the hardy dogs "without the help of which the grazing of this mountain country would be impossible.

#### Day 8 MACKENZIE - CHRISTCHURCH

Alp Spring where you can relax under the Hot Pool  
Depart Lake Tekapo and across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch.

#### Day 9 DEPART CHRISTCHURCH

Transfer to the airport is included for your departure flight. (Self-drive passengers return your car directly at the airport).

#### Inclusions

- 8 nights accommodation
- Document wallet
- 15 % GST
- Tranz Alpine train journey (seat-in coach)
- Taieri Gorge train journey (seat-in coach)
- Doubtful Sound (Cruise only for self drive)
- Glowworm Caves
- Skyline & 2 luges
- Cadbury World
- Star Gazing
- Hot Pool
- All transfers and coaching as per itinerary (seat-in coach)
- 8 days rental car with basic insurance, unlimited mileage and road maps (self-drive)

#### Seat-in Coach

	Single	Twin	Triple	With B/F SGL	With B/F Twn	With B/F Trp
<b>Standard</b>	3789	2979	2929	4098	3178	3158
<b>Superior</b>	4199	3099	3059	4328	3358	3318
<b>First</b>	4359	3289	3229	4558	3508	3468

#### Self-Drive Option/ Daily Breakfast add NZD27 per pax per day

Pax. No.	CAR TYPE COMPACT								
	Standard			Superior			First		
	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP
1	3079			3359			3499		
2	2829	2069		2999	2309		3339	2439	
3	2769	1999	1959	2899	2229	2169	3219	2389	2329
4	2699	1919	1859	2789	2129	2059	3129	2299	2239

Pax. No.	CAR TYPE INTERMEDIATE								
	Standard			Superior			First		
	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP
2	3059	2179		3199	2439		3469	2589	
3	2969	2099	2029	3129	2389	2339	3399	2519	2469
4	2869	2029	1959	3059	2289	2219	3299	2459	2399
5	2789	1959	1869	2929	2189	2119	3189	2389	2309

Pax. No.	CAR TYPE FULL SIZE								
	Standard			Superior			First		
	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP
2	3229	2299		3389	2589		3619	2709	
3	3109	2219	2169	3229	2489	2419	2529	2619	2559
4	2939	2089	2019	3099	2419	2359	3459	2489	2409

5	2799	1999	1899	2969	2269	2189	3299	2399	2239
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Pax. No.	CAR TYPE FAMILY								
	Standard			Superior			First		
	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP
5	2879	2129	2029	3129	2459	2329	3399	2519	2429
6	2729	2039	1939	3019	2339	2259	3299	2409	2319
7	2639	1909	1839	2899	2219	2119	3139	2299	2209
8	2519	1799	1689	2809	2119	2009	3019	2189	2059

*Note: Valid till 30 SEP 2012 - Rates is in NZD and Subject to our In-House Ex-change Rates. Are rates are subject to changes without prior notice.*

*## For reservation, **please call for appointment**. – Depart Nov to Mar please book early (less then one month is **Urgent Booking** – Admin Charge may apply!!)*