

10 Days & Stars Romance

Daily Departure & can be extended at any city

DAY01 Singapore/Christchurch

Depart Singapore for New Zealand Tour..

~ (Honeymoon)

DAY02 Arrival in Canterbury Christchurch (D)

On arrival in Christchurch - The South Island's largest city, Christchurch is an entertaining mixture of refined lifestyle and cultural excitement, you will be transferred to your hotel. The tranquil Avon River meanders through the city and adjacent Hagley Park, historic buildings house a lively arts community and restored trams make it easy for visitors to get around. Heritage sites, museums and art galleries, Tram & Botanic Garden and enjoy the highly developed restaurant scene you may like to visit after check in.

Hotel: The Chateau on The Park Hotel or similar.

DAY03 Canterbury Christchurch – Greymouth – Pancake Rock (B)

The TranzAlpine –Christchurch to Greymouth, rated one of the world's great scenic railway journeys!

The TranzAlpine scenic train journey travels between Christchurch & 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 lush beech rain forest to the West Coast town of Greymouth – a great base for visits to Punakaiki and the always popular glaciers.

About 2.15pm, you will be pick-up for your Pancake Rock Tours. Paparoa National Park the most popular is the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes walk, suitable for families (20 minutes return), the other is the Truman Track (30 minutes return). The famous Pancake Rocks and Blowholes are just a 20 minute loop walk from where you park your vehicle on the main highway at Punakaiki. Looking like giant pancakes the curious limestone formations are especially spectacular at high tide in a westerly sea.

Take the left-hand branch at the first fork. It passes through a dark canopy of wind-shorn coastal forest where there are fine examples of nikau - New Zealand's only native palm. Tree ferns and kiekie vine feature among the tangle of subtropical species closer to the forest floor. In clear weather Aoraki//Mt Cook and other high peaks of the Southern Alps make a picture in the far south.

At the first fork on the track listen for the sound of activity at the Sudden Sound Blowhole a few metres straight ahead. This blowhole only sprays when the sea is very rough but it does emit a noise like a train in a tunnel as the sea surges through subterranean passages.

To the left of the fork the track descends to the Surge Pool where you look down on a dramatic spectacle as the sea powers in underneath, sometimes through a huge build-up of foam.

Nearby, the Chimney Pot Blowhole emits columns of spray as the sea gushes in through a narrow rock channel. The track crosses a bridge between pot and pool and climbs to a viewpoint above Putai - the biggest blowhole.

Putai is more a fissure than a hole. When the sea thunders through the caverns below, a mixture of compressed water and air escapes upward as a wall of spray, visible for a long distance on stormy days.

Hotel: Kingsgate Hotel or similar

DAY04 Greymouth – Twin Glaciers – Lake Matheson – Franz Josef Glacier (B)

Set off your journey South into South West New Zealand World Heritage Area huge rivers of ice, living remnants of the ice ages, carve a spectacular landscape from the snowfields of the Southern Alps to their terminal faces near sea level. Get up close and hear the glaciers creaking and cracking as they constantly grind down the valleys. Near Fox Glacier is Lake Matheson, formed some 14,000 years ago from a huge sheet of trapped ice. On calm days, the deep, still waters provide a brilliant reflection of Mt Cook and Mt Tasman.

Hotel: Westwood Lodge or similar

DAY05 Franz Josef Glacier – Queenstown (B/D)

By coach into the Westland World Heritage Park to Haast Pass (Haast is located in the heart of the Te Wāhipounamu South-West New Zealand World Heritage Area. This incredible scenic landscape takes in Westland Tai Poutini National Park, Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park to the east, and Fiordland and Mt Aspiring National Parks further south) then continue to Lake Wanaka and end over at Queenstown. Make your way to Sky Line Sky Ride Station. Have a romantic night where you can view the Queenstown Lake & Mountain by sunset for your Buffet Dinner with Gondola.

Hotel: Rees Hotel (Lake View subject to availability) or similar.

DAY06 Queenstown – Milford Sound – Queenstown (B/L)

Milford Sound is simply stunning. It is a natural wonder of world fame. In Maori legend, the fiords were created not by rivers of ice, but by Tu Te Raki Whanoa, a godly figure who came wielding a magical adze and uttering incantations. Milford Sound (Piopiotahi) is without doubt his finest sculpture.

Whatever the fiord's mood - teeming with rain or with sun glistening on deep water - it will inspire you. Nowhere else in Fiordland do the mountains stand as tall, straight out of the sea. In the foreground of the fiord stands the legendary Mitre Peak, a remarkable presence dominating the skyline.

The Milford Road (between Te Anau and Milford) travels through some of the world's most impressive alpine scenery. Our experienced drivers love sharing some of the breathtaking highlights and there is plenty of time for photo opportunities.

The Milford Sound cruise is included with the Lobster Starter & International Buffet Lunch.

After cruise you will be traveling back to Te Anau then return back to Queenstown. Arrive back to Queenstown is about 7.30pm.

DAY07 Queenstown (B)

Today is a free day for you to join some optional tours.

Like LOTR Tours, Jet boat, white water rafting, The Earnslaw steamer cruises, etc.

DAY08 Queenstown – Mt Cook National Park – Lake Tekapo (B)

You will be transferred to coach depot & then travel up north over the Lindis Pass to reach Mt Depart Queenstown and travel through the rugged and beautiful landscape of Otago. Cross the Lindis Pass into the Mackenzie Country to visit Mount Cook Village at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain Aoraki / Mount Cook. Here there is time to experience an optional scenic helicopter or skiplane flight with a snow landing (weather permitting). 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.

Continue your journey the Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo.

Obtain an idyllic photograph of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Lake Tekapo with its backdrop of magnificent alpine scenery.



Mount John Observatory & Lake Tekapo ...



This is a unique opportunity to visit a fully functioning scientific observatory where astronomers from the University of Canterbury (New Zealand) and Nagoya University (Japan), amongst others, are conducting fascinating research using large 1-metre and 1.8-metre telescopes.

Our experienced guides will describe the exciting new MOA (Microlensing Observations in Astrophysics) project which uses the largest telescope in New Zealand (see image right) to observe over fifty million stars each clear

night, searching for dark matter and new planetary systems orbiting other stars.



Enjoy the stunning panoramic views while learning about the spectacular geographical features of the Mackenzie basin, its alpine lakes, glacial deposits and mountain ranges. Your guide will also relate the history of the area, recounting infamous tales of sheep stealing and lupin spreading!

Take time out and relax in the surrounds of our ultra-modern glass Astro Café and enjoy fresh food and great coffee while sitting 300 metres above the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo.

Stargazing tours depart nightly from our office in the Lake Tekapo township. We will take you to our observatory high above the village where we will explore features of the majestic Southern Sky.



Tonight you will see the million stars – if weather is good! We provide the equipment and the guidance, all you need to bring are keen eyes, warm clothes and a desire to see, learn, and experience!

Navigating our way through the Southern Sky using various telescopes and the naked eye, we will show you amazing sights such as our own Milky Way Galaxy, the Southern Cross, Alpha-Centauri – our closest neighbouring star at only 4.3 light years away – and Sirius, the brightest star in our sky.

Behold and learn about our closest neighbouring galaxies, the Magellanic Clouds, which grace our night sky along with constellations such as Orion the Hunter and Scorpius. You may also have the opportunity to see star clusters like the beautiful Jewel Box; awe-inspiring planets; nebulae, immense clouds of gas and dust; and distant galaxies which test the limits of human imagination.

Hotel: Godley Hotel or similar.

DAY09 Lake Tekapo – Christchurch (B)

Travel up north across the Canterbury plains - heart of the South Island is a region of sweeping plains, rolling hills and unspoiled coastline. Set against a backdrop of the spectacular Southern Alps, the Central South Island is diverse, authentic, and full of unexpected discoveries. The Central South Island is the ideal destination for your next holiday. Including the towns of Fairlie, Geraldine, two hours drive south of Christchurch.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel or similar.

DAY10 Christchurch – Singapore

You will be transfer to airport for your home sweet home.

Inclusive:

*Eight nights accommodation

*Tranz Alpine train.

*Pancake Rock Tours.

*Twin Glaciers with Lake Matheson.

*Meals as per itinerary

*Milford Sound cruise day trip with Lobster Starter & Buffet

*Gondola with Buffet

*Mt John Day tour

*Stargazing night tour

*All coach transfers

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	Double	Double	Double
	3559	3789	3689

*Note: 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 Reservation will be not accepted!)*