

12D10n Romance in the South

DAY01 Singapore/Christchurch
Depart Singapore for New Zealand Tour..

~ (Honeymoon) ~

DAY02 Arrival in 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. Dinner at the Garden Court (subject to stay at this hotel).
Hotel: The Chateau on The Park Hotel or similar.

DAY03 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 Hasst 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: Millennium Hotel or similar.

DAY06 Queenstown – Dunedin / Taieri Gorge Train (B)

A coach from Queenstown connects with The Taieri Gorge Limited train via the Maniototo and Strath Taieri Plains. Taieri Gorge Railway can take you from Queenstown to Dunedin, on a special train'n'coach tour. 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.

Dunedin's dramatic hills surround a long, natural harbour, which attracted Maori settlers to the site over four centuries ago. More recently the area was settled by whalers, gold miners and migrants from Scotland and China. Memorable for its historical architecture, Dunedin is one of the best preserved Victorian and Edwardian cities in the Southern Hemisphere. On the doorstep of the city, you can find incredible wildlife - the world's rarest penguins, a mainland albatross colony, fur seals and sea lions.

Hotel: Dunedin City Hotel or similar.

DAY07 Dunedin – Te Anau (B)

Your coach journey to Milton – high country farming area where then turn 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 Te Anau.

The eighth wonder of the world

Fiordland was well known to Maori, who have many legends recounting its formation and naming. Demi-god Tute Rakiwhanoa is said to have carved the rugged landscape from formless rock, hewing out the steep sided valleys with his adzes.

From the lakeside townships of Te Anau and Manapouri, you can experience Fiordland in the way that suits your travelling style. Adventurers can embark on kayaking tours of the lakes and fiords; hikers have access to a choice of well known walking challenges; scenery lovers can catch a scenic flight or enjoy lake and fiord cruises; divers can discover rare black corals growing just beneath the water's surface.

Hotel: Luxmore Hotel or similar

DAY08 Te Anau – 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.

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

DAY09 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.

DAY10 Queenstown – Mt Cook – Lake Tekapo (B)

By luxury coach via Cromwell then up North across the Lindis Pass to Omarama then to Mackenzie District which rich in history set amongst some of the most magnificent scenery. Mt Cook - 3754 m New Zealand highest mountain, Aoraki Mount Cook, is certainly dazzling, yet there are twenty seven other peaks in this alpine backbone which peak at over 3050 m, & hundreds of others not far short of that – all making up the famous Southern Alps.

Follow your journey to Lake Tekapo village – on the shore of the country’s highest large lake, is in essence the ‘spiritual’ centre of the Mackenzie District with its popular landmark, the pretty stone Church of Good Shepherd host thousands of weddings since its dedication in 1935. 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.

Hotel: Godley Resort or similar.

DAY11 Lake Tekapo – Christchurch (B)

Travel across the Canterbury Plains via Fairlie – almost surreal contrast from its rich, green rolling hills & pasture as they respectfully submit to grand, open, shimmering upland & farmland. Before back to Christchurch.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel or similar.

DAY12 Christchurch – Singapore (B)

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

Inclusive:

**Ten 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 Dinner*

**Taieri Gorge*

**All coach transfers*

12D10N Romance in the South	01APR10 – 30SEP10	01OCT10/11 – 31MAR11/2012	01APR11 – 30SEP11
	Double	Double	Double
	3899	3999	3899

*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 than one month Reservation will be not accepted!)*