

12 Days 10 nights

Sky of Million Stars in 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.

Dinner at hotel

Hotel: The Chateau on The Park Hotel or similar.

DAY03 Canterbury Christchurch – Lake Tekapo (B/D)

Travel by road to Mount Cook, Australasia's highest mountain, through the spectacular scenery of the Canterbury

Mount John Observatory & Lake Tekapo ...



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Plains, the foothills of the Southern Alps from Geraldine to Fairlie and through the MacKenzie Basin, with its brown snowgrass-covered landscape which has an almost desert like aspect, to Lake Tekapo.

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

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.

Dinner at Hotel

Hotel: Godley Hotel or similar.

DAY04 Lake Tekapo – Mt Cook National Park (B/D)

Today you will travel to Lake Pukaki where the Tasman Valley opens into the MacKenzie Basin with Mount Cook and the surrounding snow covered peaks in the background.

The alpine village of Mount Cook, 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.

You can enjoy 4WD safaris, boating on the glacier lakes, horse treks, fishing, scenic flights with snow landings and numerous walks & Hikes. During the winter guided ski experiences onto New Zealand's longest glacier, the Tasman, is a popular activity and a unique Mount Cook wedding location!

Dinner at Hotel

Hotel: Hermitage Hotel or similar.

DAY05 Mt Cook National Park – Queenstown (B/D)

Bypass Twizel - has a rich but brief history linked to the development of the massive Waitaki Valley hydroelectric scheme. Follow journey to Queenstown - is an internationally recognised four seasons alpine and lake resort. With a wide variety of things to see and do, it is perfect for adventurers and leisure seekers alike.

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 – Milford Sound – Te Anau Fiordland National Park (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.

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

DAY07 Te Anau Fiordland National Park – Dunedin (B/D)

By luxury coach 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.

Dinner at hotel 3 Course (choice of one must advise at point of reservation – NO Amendment).

Hotel: Mercure Hotel Dunedin or similar.

DAY08 Dunedin / Taieri Gorge Train – Queenstown (B)

The Taieri Gorge 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

Dinner at Hotel

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 – Glacier Country (B)

Today you will travel by coach into Mount Aspiring National Park (established in 1964) is a wonderful mixture of remote wilderness, high mountains and beautiful river valleys. It is a walker's paradise and a must for mountaineers. The views are endless and unforgettable. The park is part of Te Wahipounamu - Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area.

Into The West Coast region is located on the west coast of the South Island of New Zealand. It is one of the more remote and sparsely populated areas of this beautiful land with just over 30,000 inhabitants (2001 census) living peacefully on a land area of more than 23,000 km².

A country of contrasts, New Zealand boasts two of the world's most accessible glaciers. Whether you just want a peek or want to thrust an ice axe in to a peak, Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers give visitors an amazing opportunity to view these ancient giants firsthand.

The Fox Glacier offers a different type of glacier experience than the Franz Josef Glacier, and visitors are increasingly booking activities on both glaciers during their visit to Glacier Country. Local companies provide access to the Fox Glacier with guided walks, heli-hikes and scenic flights (with or without snow landings). Fox Glacier is also internationally renowned for Lake Matheson's stunning reflections of Aorangi/Mount Cook and Mount Tasman.

Hotel: Westwood Lodge or similar

DAY11 Glacier Country – Greymouth – Christchurch (B)

By coach along the West Coast to Greymouth - long, thin strip of beautiful New Zealand paradise, the Westland District is a sparsely populated area of over 11,000 square kilometres. A fascinating history, National Parks and a World Heritage area make this region a true New Zealand experience.

Passing by Hokitika for the world renowned Wild Foods Festival, before come to Greymouth - the largest town on the West Coast, and the commercial centre of the region. As such it offers a range of retail, banking, medical, dental and other services.

Afternoon you will be travel by Tranz Alpine train through the mountains to Christchurch.

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

The TranzAlpine scenic train journey travels between Greymouth & Christchurch, 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.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel or similar.

DAY12 Christchurch – Singapore (B)

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

Inclusive

*Detail itinerary and comprehensive tour wallet.

*Ten nights accommodation

*Meals as per itinerary (B- Breakfast / L- Lunch / D-Diner)

*Mt John Daydream Observatory

*Stargazing night tour

*Milford Sound cruise with Lobster lunch

*Gondola with Buffet Dinner

*Taieri Gorge train

*Tranz Alpine train.

*All transfers

12D10N Sky of Million Stars in Romance	01APR10 – 30SEP10	01OCT10/11 – 31MAR11/2012	01APR11 – 30SEP11
	Double	Double	Double
	4199	4399	4299

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 is **Urgent**

Booking – Admin Charge may apply!!)