

11D9N Otago & Lord of The Ring

Daily Departure & can be extended at any city

DAY01 Singapore/Christchurch

Depart Singapore for New Zealand Tour.

DAY02 Arrival in Canterbury Christchurch

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: Cotswold Hotel or similar.

DAY03 Lord of The Rings Edoras Tours

Join us on the Lord of the Rings Tour and journey to the remote and beautiful Mt Potts high country station, home of Mt Sunday; and see how this peaceful mountain was transformed into Edoras, the capital city of the Rohan people in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Immerse yourself in the natural, unspoilt beauty of this breathtaking area with its sparkling clear lakes, glistening blue rivers and fresh, crisp mountain air.

This amazing day includes 4WD access onto Mt Sunday/Edoras itself, a delicious champagne picnic lunch, full running commentary from our friendly and knowledgeable kiwi tour guides and spectacular scenery you will never forget

DAY04 Canterbury Christchurch – Dunedin

Travel by coach across the Canterbury Plains is about as straight and flat as roads get in New Zealand. On a clear day, the Southern Alps provide outstanding scenery. The town of Rakaia sits on the southern side of the Rakaia River, and it's 'the salmon capital of New Zealand'. The Rakaia bridge spans 1.8 kilometres of one of the world's best examples of a 'braided' river system.

Ashburton, which sits between the Rakaia and Rangitata rivers, is a large town that serves the local rural community. Your trip south is straight and flat. Timaru is a small but beautifully formed city. The historic walk will introduce you to many of the heritage buildings.

The town of Oamaru has a population of around 12,000 and an impressive heritage. Many of the elegant historic buildings were made from the local sandstone. Visit the Harbour-Tyne area - the best-preserved collection of historic commercial buildings in New Zealand. You should also check out the penguin colony, the museum and the pretty public gardens.

Follow into Dunedin - acquired an impressive amount of ostentatious Victorian architecture.

Hotel: Kingsgate Hotel or similar.

DAY05 Dunedin

This premier package includes the full Otago Harbour and Taiaroa Head Wildlife Cruise, scenic Otago Peninsula bus tour, and guided tours of the Royal Albatross Colony, the Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve and a visit to wading bird habitats. Include a tour of Larnach Castle, one of Dunedin's great landmarks.

DAY06 Dunedin – Queenstown / Taieri Gorge Train

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

Hotel: A-Line Hotel or similar.

DAY07 Queenstown – Milford Sound – Queenstown

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.

DAY08 Queenstown – Jet Boat “Lord of The Rings Site”

Start your Deer Park Safari with an exciting Jetboat trip from Queenstown Bay, onto the Kawarau & Shotover River. Enjoy some stunning views of Queenstown and stop to hand-feed the exotic animals in The Deer Park. The *Lord of the Rings* was filmed on The Deer Park for 6 weeks in the autumn of 2001, incorporating the fabulous elevated panoramas from the top of The Deer Park and the stunning Remarkables mountain ranges.

Walk through the spectacular backdrops of Middle Earth used in all three *Lord of the Rings* movies. See where Gandalf rode towards Gondor, where the refugees escaped from Rohan, where the attack of the Wargs (wolves) occurred and where Eowyn provided Aragorn with his tasty stew.

DAY09 Queenstown – Trails Weapons “Lord of The Rings”

Half day tours are great for those without the time to enjoy the versions of the iconic Trails of Middle-earth tour.

Trails Weapons

See two locations # Emphasis of the tour is on the rare weapons and other memorabilia from the movies. Spend time, over a hot drink and a bite to eat, reading the scripts and other paperwork from the making of the movies. Perhaps even check up on excerpts from the books. Plenty of time to learn how to handle the weapons and costume items, learn their histories and take as many photos as you like. These weapons are very rare and the chances of holding them even more so. Weapons include: Anduril, Hadhafang, Sting, Gimli's Axe, Herugrim, Aragorn' hunting knife, The White Knives, Eowyn's Sword and Narsil.

#Not recommended for children

DAY10 Queenstown – Mt Cook National Park – Canterbury Christchurch

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 via the Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo, before continuing to your destination of Christchurch

Hotel: Cotswold Hotel or similar.

DAY11 Christchurch – Singapore

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

Inclusive:

- ⇒ Detail itinerary and comprehensive tour wallet.
- ⇒ Nine nights accommodation – room only basis.
- ⇒ Lord of the Ring at Canterbury
- ⇒ Monarch Wildlife Cruise
- ⇒ Taieri Gorge Train
- ⇒ Milford Sound cruise
- ⇒ Jet Boat with LOTR
- ⇒ LOTR Trails Weapons

⇒ All coach & train journeys. All transfers

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	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Room only	2959	2939	3909	3169	3139	3999	3069	3039	3939
With Breakfast	3338	3298	4158	3458	3428	4318	3398	3368	4198

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!!)*