

# 12D10N “Lord of The Ring” w/ Glaciers

Daily Departure & can be extended at any city

## **DAY01 Singapore/Christchurch**

Depart Singapore for New Zealand Tour.

## **DAY02 Arrival in Canterbury Christchurch – Antarctic Centre**

On arrival in Christchurch - The South Island's largest city, Christchurch, take a short walk to International Antarctic Centre. After your Haggglund Ride, 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 Canterbury Christchurch – Greymouth – Pancake Rock – Greymouth**

**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 – Glacier Country**

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: Glacier Country or similar

## **DAY05 Glacier Country – Wanaka (B)**

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. Wanaka is the resort of the 'locals'. Set on the shores of Lake Wanaka for boating, and at the edge of Mt Aspiring National Park for tramping and beneath the ski resorts of

Treble Cone and Cardrona, Lake Wanaka is an all-year destination. Wanaka is also home to the internationally acclaimed "Warbirds Museum" and location of the famous bi-annual "Warbirds over Wanaka" event.

Hotel: Mount Aspiring Motel or similar

#### **DAY06      Puzzling World**

**Puzzling World** is a world unique attraction that has been entertaining families of all ages to Wanaka for over 35 years.

Challenge yourself in the 3-D Great Maze – Kids love to take on their parents to see who will be the first to find the 4 Towers then the Exit! Don't worry there are emergency doors for those with limited time, patience or energy! Nourish the family in our Puzzle Centre/Café - when trying out the puzzles, look up and you'll see a Mirrored Ceiling that acts as a giant Kaleidoscope!

You'll be astonished by the Illusion Rooms, astounded by the Holograms & confounded by the Puzzles. Using the Toilets here is a must – you'll find out why!

*Other optional – Cardrona Adventure, Wilderness Adventure, Kidz Go, Backcountry Adventure, Skydive, etc.*

#### **DAY07      Wanaka – Queenstown – LOTR (Deer Park)**

Travel south to Queenstown via Cromwell area where many winery and fruit orchard is before arrive at Queenstown.

Afternoon go for LOTR Deer Park 2 hours Tours. The Deer Park's superb alpine views have been utilised in many film and advertising shoots, also appearing in *Wolverine (X-Men)* and Walt Disney's *The Rescue*. Come with us on a magical adventure into the very heart of alpine New Zealand. Be rewarded with fabulous panoramas over the entire Queenstown basin with elevated vistas over the lakes and surrounding mountains. Visit the country's most spectacular alpine animal park featuring breath-taking *Lord of the Rings*, *Wolverine(X-Men)* and *The Rescue* film locations. Stop to hand-feed and photograph red deer, bison, llama and 13 other exotic animal species. Trek around the summit tarn (lake), view footage of the movies and learn the local Maori legend and the history of the gold rush.

Hotel: A-Line Hotel (Scenic Circle) or similar

#### **DAY08      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.

#### **DAY09      Queenstown – Dart River Safaris Jet “Lord of The Rings Site”**

The Wilderness Safari takes you on a spectacular 1<sup>1/2</sup> hour Jet Boat journey through the Dart's ever-changing braided river system, where you'll be thrilled by our Jet Boat's capabilities including jet spins and awed by your surroundings of breathtaking snow-capped mountains, ancient native forest, waterfalls and glacial valleys frozen in time.

It includes an easy guided 30 - 40 minute walk through the 'Heritage Trail' at Paradise, where your knowledgeable guide will enliven your walk with an informative and entertaining commentary about the ancient native beech forest, the unique flora and fauna, as well as the fascinating Maori and colonial history of the area.

You'll also journey by 4WD coach via a scenic back-road route, while hearing stories about the surrounding countryside and stopping to view scenery that has formed the epic backdrop for many international films, including 'The Lord of the Rings'.

#### **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 Lord of The Ring Edoras**

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.

**DAY12 Christchurch – Singapore**

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

**Inclusive:**

\*Detail itinerary and comprehensive tour wallet.

\*Ten nights accommodation – room only basis.

\*Tranz Alpine train.

\*Pancake Rock

\*Twin Glacier

\*Lake Matheson

\*Puzzling World

\*Milford Sound cruise

\*LOTR – Deer Park

\*LOTR – Dart River Jet Safaris

\*LOTR – Christchurch

\*All coach & train journeys. All transfers

12D10N LOTR with Glaciers	01APR09 – 30SEP09			01Oct09-31Mar10 01Oct10 – 31Mar11			01APR10 – 30SEP10		
	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL	TWN	TRP	SGL
Room only	3399	3369	4459	3589	3559	4529	3559	3529	4499
With Breakfast	3808	3778	4798	3958	3928	4888	3938	3898	4858

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!!)