

11 Days Western Highway!

Day01 Singapore – New Zealand

Day02 Canterbury

After arrive pick up your car at airport. Make your way to your hotel.

Informative, exciting and altogether Antarctic!

Our Aquarium displays some of the actual specimens from the Antarctic ocean floor in McMurdo Sound.



Explore our Gallery area which is packed full of informative displays showcasing modern day Antarctica, including the Antarctic treaty partners, the human impact on the continent, the wildlife and plant systems and Antarctica's effect on the globe. Our gallery area encourages 'touching' of most of the exhibits to ensure visitors experience Antarctica in a fun and interactive way.

Visitors conclude their Antarctic journey with a 14 minute sound and light show "Beyond the Frozen Sunset". Filmed by Emmy award winning film maker, Mike Single, it follows a seasonal arc from sunset to

sunrise, weaving in stunning footage shot by mounting a camera to the underside of a helicopter.

This majestic audio visual show captivates its audience and leaves visitors with a moving experience of "having been there".

The nocturnal nature of the Little Blue penguin means that most people miss out on sharing in the magic of these little birds.....UNTIL NOW!

The New Zealand Penguin Encounter is New Zealand's first combined indoor/outdoor penguin viewing area with capacity to hold up to 26 Little Blue penguins.

Climb aboard the amazing Hagglund genuine as-used-in-Antarctica all terrain vehicle, sit back, hold on and experience travelling across rough terrain in this unique and exciting machine! We aim to simulate the same travelling conditions as scientists would experience riding in a Hagglund across the icepack.

This ride is the only one of its type in the world. It showcases the demanding capabilities of the Hagglund ATV.

The outdoor adventure course we have built is designed to put the Hagglund through its paces in a fun but very safe environment. Visitors buckle up before they are taken out on an exhilarating ride over mounds, a crevasse, speeding across open ground and through a pond of water to display the Hagglund's amphibious capabilities.



Day03 Tranz Alpine

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.

Pancake Rock - 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.

Day04 Glaciers

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.

The fly-in, fly-out helihike combines the excitement of walking on the Fox Glacier with the thrill of helicopter flights. By flying in you are able to access and explore a part of the glacier where its forces work hardest and often create spectacular ice caves and arches.

Equipped with sturdy leather boots and other equipment, you board the helicopter for your first flight over the pinnacles of the lower icefall. Here, the ice is in constant motion. You then circle the upper icefall and Victoria Falls before landing.

Your landing site on the ice is a remote and exceptionally beautiful part of the glacier. At this stage, your guide outfits you with crampons, specially designed for these ice conditions and you follow the ice steps cut by your guide as you explore the amazing formations and ice caves which are only seen here.

Each departure is a true voyage of exploration. There are so many changing features that the guides always find something new. Weather permitting, ice time is about 2.5 hours.

Please note that this is a natural and ever changing environment. Ice features change constantly and no guarantee can be given that specific features will be seen.

#Conditions – Subject to weather conditions. Minimum of 4 people required (if you have less than 4 people in your group, we will do our best to put you on a trip with other people). Minimum age – 7 years. Some fitness and agility is required.



Day05 Mt Aspiring National Park

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). 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.

Day06 Queenstown

Travel the beautiful Lake of Lake Wanaka & Lake Hawea, stop over Wanaka Puzzling World. Stuart Landsborough's Puzzling World is a world unique attraction specialising in puzzling eccentricity. For over 35 years this remarkable business has entertained and amazed visitors of all ages, attracted to this beautiful part of the world. Offering the world's first "modern-styled" Great Maze, incredible Illusion Rooms, a Puzzle Centre/Café, large Gift Shop and eccentric architecture & Oddities. Follow your journey to Arrowtown and Queenstown.

Day07 Milford Sound

Drive to 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

Across the pristine waters of Lake Wakatipu and through the tranquil beauty of the willow lined Kawarau River, the Jet boat then speeds into the shallow, fast moving braids of the Shotover River. The 43 kilometre, hour long adventure highlights the magnificent diversity of Queenstown's waterways.

Unique glimpses of local life are afforded as the homes lining the lakeshore flash by, before passengers take in stunning views of the Remarkables mountain range and natural land formations. But it's not just the views and river gardens – the excitement begins on the Shotover River, where your driver's skills are challenged as he navigates the shallow, braided channels of this world-renowned river. At speeds of up to 85 kilometres per hour, in water often less than 10cm deep – this is where the Jet boat comes into its own. When you return to the Main Town Pier you'll descend beneath the lakes surface to view the Underwater Observatory where you can feed the fish that thrive close to the shore. Photos from your trip can be purchased here as mementos of your unique Jet boat adventure.

In an unforgettable Jet boat experience you'll be transported from the sophisticated downtown area into the channels of two of New Zealand's most scenic rivers.

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner in the Skyline Restaurant, serving up a Taste of New Zealand buffet of legendary proportions.

Day09 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.

Day10 Canterbury

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

Day11 Singapore

Return your car at airport.

Total cost

01 Oct 2009 – 30 Apr 2010 / 01 Oct 2010 – 30 Apr 2011 # Breakfast Add NZD326					
Standard Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	2899	2819	2729	NA	NA
Intermediate	2939	2859	2759	NA	NA
Full Size	2989	2889	2779	2559	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	2939	2809	2689

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011# Breakfast Add NZD313					
Standard Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	2969	2909	2799	NA	NA
Intermediate	2989	2929	2829	NA	NA
Full Size	3039	2959	2869	2719	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	2969	2859	2739

Note: Rates is in NZD and Subject to our In-House Ex-change Rates. Are rates are subject to changes without prior notice.

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01 Oct 2009 – 30 Apr 2010 / 01 Oct 2010 – 30 Apr 2011# Breakfast Add NZD308					
Motels	TWN	TRP	2 Bedroom-4pax	2 Bedroom-5pax	2 Bedroom-6pax
Compact	2729	2669	2519	NA	NA
Intermediate	2769	2699	2559	NA	NA
Full Size	2799	2729	2629	2519	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	2729	2599	2389

Note: IF ANY City 2 bedroom unit / Motels is Not Available, Higher Cost APPLY!

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011# Breakfast Add NZD298					
Motels	TWN	TRP	2 Bedroom-4pax	2 Bedroom-5pax	2 Bedroom-6pax
Compact	2629	2569	2499	NA	NA
Intermediate	2659	2589	2529	NA	NA
Full Size	2699	2609	2559	2479	NA

8 Seater	NA	NA	2659	2559	2389
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Package Inclusion:

- 9 nights accommodations
- 9 days rental car
- Tours – Antarctic Centre, Tranz Alpine Train, Heli Hike, Puzzling World, Milford Sound Cruise, Jet boat & Underwater Observatory, Skyline Skyride & Buffet Dinner, Mt John day tours & Stargazing night tours.
- Arrival & Railway station transfers.
- Children (2-12 years old) cost 80% of adult twin (with 2 adult travel) – share existing bedding.

Tour Payment:

Payment will be required as follows:

- Non refundable deposit of \$500 per pax for reservation
- Balance required 30 days before date of departure.

Amendments:

Once confirmation advise, Any Amendments instigated by the client may incur a \$75.00 per amendment fee to cover administration and communication costs.

Cancellation & Refund Policy:

Cancellations by the client must be in writing and are subject to the following forfeit of cost per person:

- Cancellation 45 days or more before departure date No Refund of Deposit
- Cancellation between 45 days and 30 days before departure date: 50% of the package value lost
- Cancellation less than 30 days before departure date: 100% of the package value lost

No refunds will be made once travel has commenced: nor will any refund be available in respect of any tours, accommodation, hires, services or inclusions not utilized. Weather interruptions to itineraries/tour packages and rounds of golf are beyond our control. We will do all possible to rearrange services in such event, but cannot be held financially responsible for interruption under such circumstances.

Payments unused are non-refundable unless cancelled by the operator of the service. Unfortunately there can be no exceptions to this.

Rental Car (Different car company may have different policy & rates):

Your rental will require at NZ\$150 security bond to be paid to Budget Rent a Car at the commencement of the rental.

An Airport & Ferry collection fee of NZ\$31.75 is payable on all rentals, PICKED UP or DROPPED OFF at any commercial New Zealand airport and from the inter-island ferry terminals in Wellington and Picton.

This is to be paid direct by you to Budget Rent a Car at the commencement of the hire, and is only payable once for each rental.

Motor Vehicle insurance is included with your Budget Rent a Car. This insurance is subject to an insurance excess of NZ\$2812.50 which means in case of an accident you are liable for the amount of the insurance excess.

For a fee of NZ\$31.50 per day you may purchase the Budget Protection Plan. This reduces the vehicle excess from NZ\$2812.50 to NZ\$253.12. A decision you can make at the time of collecting your car

01 Oct 2009 – 30 Apr 2010 / 01 Oct 2010 – 30 Apr 2011# Breakfast Add NZD335					
Superior Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	3289	3219	3099	NA	NA
Intermediate	3339	3269	3029	NA	NA
Full Size	3379	3289	2979	2889	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	3169	3039	2929

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011# Breakfast Add NZD321					
Superior Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	3099	2999	2879	NA	NA
Intermediate	3139	3059	2929	NA	NA
Full Size	3189	3099	2959	2869	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	3169	3039	2899





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Apartments	2 bedroom – 4pax	3 bedroom -5 pax	3 Bedroom-6pax	Mix -7 pax	Mix – 8 pax
Compact	2999	NA	NA	NA	NA
Intermediate	3089	2969	NA	NA	NA
Full Size	3159	3079	NA	NA	NA
8 Seater	3479	3359	3269	3179	3089

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011# Breakfast Add NZD					
Apartments	2 bedroom – 4pax	3 bedroom -5 pax	3 Bedroom-6pax	Mix -7 pax	Mix – 8 pax
Compact	2779	NA	NA	NA	NA
Intermediate	2829	2759	NA	NA	NA
Full Size	2889	2809	NA	NA	NA
8 Seater	3109	2999	2889	2799	2689

Low Cost Car Rates Valid FROM 01Nov 2009 till further notice & <i>Subject to Changes without prior notice.</i>		Youth Hostels Multi Share
Compact		1888
Intermediate		1958
Full Size		2028
<i># FULL Cancellation Charge once confirm – Reservation Full Payment! Every Amendment NZD 75 per file.</i>		

Compact 1.3 Manual	Intermediate 1.8 Auto	Full Size 2 & above Auto	8 seater 2.4 Auto
			

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