

13 Days Southland 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 Dunedin

Travel up north Motorway follow to Moeraki Boulder Moeraki Boulder - It is also home one of New Zealand's most iconic natural wonders – the Moeraki Boulders and, offers the opportunity to view wildlife in their natural habitat. From artists' studios to a seal colony to seaside restaurants and cafes, North Otago's coast is a detour worth taking. Moeraki Boulders 40kms south of Oamaru and encompasses five sites that collectively offer a mixture of natural, historical and built attractions.

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.

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Visitors are seated in an outdoor viewing area where they listen to an informative commentary about blue penguins.

birds return home from their days fishing, make their way onto the beach, up a stony ramp, and into the Colony. This happens at different times during the year as daylight/nightlight change. the summer months Evening Viewing is as late as 9:00 pm while during the winter our birds are home as early as 5:30 pm. Arrival numbers vary from Summer to Winter from up to 180 summer to under 30 in Winter. From when the first bird arrives, it takes approx an hour birds to return.

protection of our birds we have a no camera/filming policy. Binoculars are okay. The Oamaru Penguin Colony, New Zealand's largest scientifically monitored blue penguin colony, sits on the Coast beach front, only two minutes from the centre of Oamaru.

Local sightseeing including Historic Precinct which boasts 19th century streetscape featuring a unique collection of buildings made from local Oamaru stone, then continue to the Oamaru Lookout. Yellow eyed penguins viewing. Short walk to best viewing

locations in public viewing area at Bushy Beach. Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony.
Follow to Dunedin - acquired an impressive amount of ostentatious Victorian architecture.

Day04 Day of Wildlife

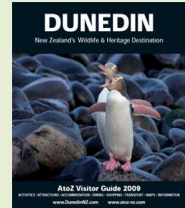
This premier package includes the full Otago Harbour and Taiaroa Head Wildlife Cruise, scenic Otago Peninsula bus tour, and guided tours of the Royal Albatross Colony, the Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve.

In the colony, the penguins are offered nest boxes that provide them with shelter, shade and privacy they require for successful breeding. Nest boxes also provide some protection against introduced predators such as stoats, ferrets and wild house cats. An on-going trapping effort is also undertaken to protect the chicks from predation. New bushes and shrubs are planted to provide shade during hot summer days. Injured penguins and orphaned chicks are taken into our sick station and cared for with a very high success rate.

New Zealand's only Castle Unique architecture, a Neo-Gothic Castle with Colonial veranda. Fascinating history, of William Larnach, his three wives, his career in politics and banking, and his eventual scandalous suicide Castle's history, periods of neglect, abandonment and restoration Ghostly presence Magnificent carved ceilings carved by the best European craftsmen Breathtaking views from the Tower, 360° Views of Dunedin, Otago Peninsula, Harbour & Pacific Ocean Antiques, a superb collection of New Zealand antiques, including a unique nine piece totara knot suite Magnificent Ballroom.

The Royal Albatross Colony at Taiaroa Head, on the tip of the Otago Peninsula, New Zealand, is the only mainland breeding colony for any albatross species found in the southern hemisphere. The first Taiaroa-reared albatross chick flew in 1938 and this now protected nature reserve has grown into an established colony with a population of around 140 birds.

The sight of a soaring albatross is unforgettable - held aloft on slim wings up to 3 metres (9'6") across, the great Albatross is capable of swooping speeds of more than 115kph. Viewing these majestic seabirds in their natural environment is not to be missed.



Day05 Invercargill

"When it comes to landscapes, Southland's most enduring image is that of stretching plains filled with well-groomed farmland, green the year round, where sheep and other stock contentedly graze. The backdrop for this comforting pastoral scene is an arc of mountains white-crowned in winter, beyond which lie some of the remotest, wildest, least-inhabited environments in New Zealand." [Neville Peat, in Murihiku – The Southland Story]

Invercargill's long, wide streets, elegant and spacious parks and gardens, striking Victorian and Edwardian architecture and huge beaches are made even that more impressive by the endless blue skies.

Located in the heart of the city, Queen's Park features botanical wonders, an art gallery and museum, a tuatara house, golf course and much, much more. This park is a local favourite.

The Stirling Point signpost marks the beginning of State Highway 1 - a ribbon of bitumin that leads all the way north to Cape Reinga. Stirling Point is one of those "must do" places.

Several walking tacks can be accessed from Stirling Point. They pass through vegetation gnarled and twisted by ocean gales to suburb viewing points of rugged coastline. One of these walks leads to Bluff Hill with unobstructed panoramic views of Southland, Stewart Island and Bluff's township and port. Get the camera out!

Bluff is New Zealand's oldest European settlement. Fishing has been the community's foundations and this seafaring heritage is celebrated at the Bluff Maritime Museum. However, Bluff would have to be most famous for its iconic seasonal delicacy - the Bluff oyster, dredged from the cold waters of Foveaux Strait.

#Highly Recommended to add extra night or two for Stewart Island! - Rakiura National Park covers more than 80 percent of the island. It's home to many of the island's indigenous species such as the Stewart Island brown kiwi and robin, tui, dotterel, and kaka. The island also boasts some of the country's most inspiring and invigorating nature walks.



Day06 Te Anau

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.

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

Breakfast serve at the farm. After check out 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 Kaikoura

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.

Follow to Kaikoura – majestic mountains, snowcapped for several months of the year, overlook the seaside settlement of Kaikoura, situated midway between Christchurch & Picton on the rugged east coast of the South Island. Kaikoura is world-renowned as the whale-watching centre of New Zealand, with tours available both by boat & air to view the giant sperm whale, dolphins, fur seals & royal albatross.

On land activities include 4WD motorbiking, horse trekking, skiing at Mount Lyford just one hour away, farm tours, bird watching & cave tours. Among the many walks available, the most popular is the half-day coastal peninsular walk where you can



view fascinating limestone formations and several seal colonies.

Kaikoura is also becoming famous for its annual seafest. Each year, during the first weekend in October, up to six thousand people gather for an annual celebration of the ocean and all it represents for Kaikoura. An extravaganza of tastes, sights and sounds, Seafest is quickly becoming known as one of the premier festivals in the country.

Join a whale watch tour; by boat, light aircraft or helicopter, the choice is yours. On the tour you may view the giant sperm whale and often other whale species, dolphins, seals and the Royal Albatross.

Day12 Canterbury

Hanmer Springs - the alpine spa village of Hanmer Springs is the perfect setting for a weekend of indulgence, rejuvenation or adventure. Soak in natural thermal pools, explore 50km of mountain bike and nature trails,

enjoy gourmet dining or try your hand at a round of golf. Hanmer Springs is a picturesque and exciting destination with no shortage of activities to entertain and renew. Thermal Pools & Spa is the natural place to unwind - a world class spa experience set in a unique alpine environment.

After travel south back to Christchurch & you may like to visit Avon River for Punting boat, Caterpillar Botanic Garden Tours, or just shopping!

Day13 Singapore

Return your car at airport.

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	3299	3089	2969	NA	NA
Intermediate	3339	3229	3069	NA	NA
Full Size	3399	3179	3119	3009	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	3229	3079	2819

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	2979	2909	2719	NA	NA
Intermediate	3019	2909	2779	NA	NA
Full Size	3119	3009	2869	2769	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	3169	2919	2769

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 is Urgent Booking - Admin Charge may apply!!)

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	2919	2779	2669	NA	NA
Intermediate	2999	2829	2699	NA	NA
Full Size	3069	2969	2799	2619	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	3609	2869	2759

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	2779	2679	2569	NA	NA
Intermediate	2929	2799	2619	NA	NA
Full Size	2819	2769	2679	2519	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	2889	2759	2619

Package Inclusion:

- 11 nights accommodations
- 11 days rental car
- Tours – Antarctic Centre, Hagglund, Blue Penguin, Milford Sound Cruise, Cadbury World, Jet boat & Underwater Observatory, Skyline Skyride & Buffet Dinner, Whale watch, Hanmer Spring hot pool, Yellow Eye Penguin, Albatross, Larnach Castle.
- 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	3809	3699	3589	NA	NA
Intermediate	3969	3839	3709	NA	NA
Full Size	4109	3969	3769	3669	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	4069	3889	3779

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	3809	3669	3659	NA	NA
Intermediate	3899	3839	3739	NA	NA
Full Size	3999	3889	3739	3589	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	3959	3829	3569

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01 Oct 2009 – 30 Apr 2010 / 01 Oct 2010 – 30 Apr 2011# Breakfast Add NZD					
Apartments	2 bedroom – 4pax	3 bedroom -5 pax	3 Bedroom-6pax	Mix -7 pax	Mix – 8 pax
Compact	3369	NA	NA	NA	NA
Intermediate	3599	3809	NA	NA	NA
Full Size	3809	3899	NA	NA	NA
8 Seater	3889	3819	3689	3579	3499

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	3119	NA	NA	NA	NA
Intermediate	3239	3179	NA	NA	NA
Full Size	3369	3289	NA	NA	NA
8 Seater	3669	3579	3469	3289	3169

01 Oct 2009 – 30 Apr 2010 / 01 Oct 2010 – 30 Apr 2011# With Daily Breakfast & dinner					
Boutique/Luxury	Double	Double x 2			
Intermediate	10,388	10,168			
Full Size	10,488	10,178			
8 Seater	NA	10,288			

#Clearwater, Millbrook, Clearview, Matuka, Tekapo Grandview, Pencarrow, Queenstown House, Highland Peaks, Remarkable, Terrace Downs, Hermitage, Hapuku Lodge

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011# With Daily Breakfast & Dinner					
Boutique/Luxury	Double	Double x 2			
Intermediate	9288	9088			
Full Size	9408	9238			

8 Seater	NA	9388			
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Cancellation & Terms / Conditions Policy for Boutique / Luxury Accommodations:

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

- Deposit \$500 (non refundable) / 50% if more then 45 days.
- Once accommodations confirm, 2nd deposit to 50% of tour fare is needed within 3 working days OR Auto Cancel!
- Cancellation 45 days or more before departure date No Refund of Deposit / 50% of tours cost.
- Cancellation between 45 days & 0 days before departure date: 100% of the package value lost.
- Any Amendment after confirmation, Every Amendment Fees is NZD75 per file and subject to accommodations terms & conditions.

Low Cost Car Rates Valid FROM 01Nov 2009 till further notice & <i>Subject to Changes without prior notice.</i>	Youth Hostels Multi Share
Compact	2088
Intermediate	2188
Full Size	2288
<i># FULL Cancellation Charge once confirm – Reservation Full Payment! Every Amendment NZD 75 per file.</i>	

<i>Compact 1.3 Manual</i>	<i>Intermediate 1.8 Auto</i>	<i>Full Size 2 & above Auto</i>	<i>8 seater 2.4 Auto</i>
