

15 Days Best of 2 Islands Highway!

Call us to adjust your itinerary and re-costing!

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 **Wellington**

Travel north over Kaikoura – Pacific Coastal into Marlborough where do you Interislander Ferry Crossing to North. This journey is a scenic feast of New Zealand, with the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of your train and the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on the other. Along the way you pass through the village of Kaikoura. Travel through some of New Zealand's finest horticultural and farmland areas, and you may see amazing wildlife such as dolphins, seals and penguins. One of the world's most scenic journeys, travels through 22 tunnels and crosses 175 bridges. Interislander is the New Zealand ferry service which crosses the Cook Strait between the North and South Islands of New Zealand. The 92 km, three hour journey between Wellington and Picton is one of New Zealand's most iconic tourist experiences, and one of the most spectacular cruises in the world.

Interislander operates three ships to carry both passengers and their vehicles: Arahura, Aratere and Kaitaki. All our ships offer a safe, comfortable and affordable journey, as well as a complete range of onboard services. Offering up to 11 sailings a day, passengers also have the convenience of a wide choice of travel times. Your trip across the Cook Strait will be both enjoyable and unforgettable.

Wellington is compact, cultured and full of character. Nestled between the harbour and the hills, the downtown area is ideal for explorations on foot. Enjoy cafes, restaurants, museums, theatre and all kinds of shops.

Day12 **Rotorua**

Travel up north onto coast Motorway 1 that via Otaki, Levin, Bulls onto Manawatu Region. Real Kiwi culture comes in many forms here. Garden lovers will enjoy visiting some fabulous private and public gardens, including one of the top five rose gardens in the world. In Palmerston North, you can explore the world's first museum devoted to the rugby or see a local drama production. Around Horowhenua you'll find quirky attractions such as an owl park, a farm devoted to Clydesdale horses, and an operational Dutch windmill. Follow The 800 square kilometre Tongariro National Park (a World Heritage Area) is the centre of attraction for this region. It was gifted to the country by the local Ngati Tuwharetoa people, who recognised that a treasure so precious needed to belong to all New Zealanders. Next come to Lake Taupo - This beautiful lake is about the size of Singapore - more of an inland sea really. Make a stop at Huka Falls - The thundering waters of Huka Falls. New Zealand's most visited natural attraction, Huka Falls provides a fantastic photo opportunity - more than 220,000 litres of water tumble over the cliff face every second. Located in Wairakei Park, just 5 minutes drive north of Lake Taupo or a half hour riverside walk, the waterfall can be seen from several viewing platforms.

Craters of the Moon - feel the heat! This is a walk with a difference. Named for its other-worldly atmosphere, the Craters of the Moon thermal area in Wairakei Park sprang up in the 1950s, when the nearby power station lowered underground water levels. The 30 minute walk visits bubbling craters, mud pools and steam vents. You can also see a lot of interesting plants that have adapted to thrive in the hot, steamy conditions. Enjoy this fantastic geothermal area free of charge along well-formed pathways with elevated viewing platforms.

Huka Prawn Park - Shawn the Prawn' is so proud of his unique Park that he is inviting visitors to come and experience his huge playground. Shawn's Walk shows off the world of the prawn, how they breed, what they eat, how to catch one and how to eat one! Shawn's Walk is a fascinating day of education, adventure and entertainment and there's lots for the whole family to enjoy. Polynesian Spa - await you for a hot spring pool relaxation.

Day13 Rotorua & Hobbiton

Experience Te Puia, a place of Maori culture and a thermal wonderland of impressive geysers and boiling mud pools. Explore Trout Springs Nature Park, which showcases native flora and fauna as well as the New Zealand Kiwi. Then see NZ's agricultural industry in action with a sheep shearing display and sheep dog trials at the Farm Show.

Your day tours are available to visit the original Hobbiton village from The Lord of the Rings movie trilogy.

Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre working sheep farm (there are 13,000 sheep and 300 beef cattle on the property) with spectacular views across the Kaimai Ranges.

Your tour guide will escort you through the ten acre site; recounting fascinating details on how the Hobbiton Movie Set was created and what went on during filming.

The Hobbiton movie set has been returned to its natural state, however hobbit holes and some structures from the film set are still present.

After visiting Bag End and the other fascinating Hobbiton Movie Set remains, you will be presented with an opportunity to pet and feed the hand-reared sheep and a demonstration by a professional sheep shearer, followed by hand bottle feeding of lambs in which you are invited to participate.

We will explain all about sheep farming and answer any questions you might have. This is your chance to get a real taste of New Zealand farming.

Tamaki Maori Valley – Journey back in time to a pre-European lifestyle experience of customs & traditions while ambling down the pathways of the rediscovered village as it comes alive to the sound & activities of tribal songs, dances, myths, legends & spiritual stories. Enjoy a night's festivities with in a time sharing & feasting to a banquet of succulent foods cooked traditionally on hot rocks in an earthen oven.

Day14 Auckland

Travel through across lush rolling farm landscape to the mystical Waitomo Glowworm Caves. The Waitomo glowworm, *Arachnocampa luminosa*, is unique to New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their unmistakable luminescent light as our expert guides provide informative commentary on the Caves' historical and geological significance.

Over your 45 minute guided tour, you'll take in the spectacular Glowworm Cave with its majestic and ornate cave decorations, the deep limestone shaft known as the Tomo and the equally magnificent Cathedral cavern where New Zealand's own opera diva Kiri Te Kanawa once performed. Your tour guide will deliver an informative and entertaining commentary, sharing stories, cultural legends and the natural wonders of this living masterpiece.

Your visit concludes with a brief, yet remarkably moving, boat trip through the Glowworm Grotto.

After lunch (own expense) enjoy a guided tour through the galleries and lofty chambers of the Caves. Your tour culminates with a boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto - lit up by thousands of tiny living lights.

Continue your journey through to Auckland – City of Sails. You may visit Mt Eden, One Tree Hill, Queens Street, Auckland Harbour Bridge, Vitoria Market & more!

Day15 Singapore

Return your car at airport.

Total cost

01 Oct 2009 – 30 Apr 2010 / 01 Oct 2010 – 30 Apr 2011 # Breakfast Add NZD458					
Standard Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	4089	3999	3799	NA	NA
Intermediate	4159	4039	3879	NA	NA
Full Size	4269	4159	3969	3759	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	4289	4119	3999

Standard Hotels – Cotswold, Kingsgate, Glaciers Hotel, Bay Plaza, City or similar.

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011 # Breakfast Add NZD438					
Standard Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	3999	3889	3679	NA	NA
Intermediate	4069	3959	3799	NA	NA
Full Size	4139	4019	3889	3659	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	4119	3989	3779

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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	3769	3639	3519	NA	NA
Intermediate	3879	3739	3599	NA	NA
Full Size	3939	3819	3689	2519	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	3889	3699	3569

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

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	3599	3499	3339	NA	NA
Intermediate	3669	3559	3229	NA	NA
Full Size	3759	3669	3539	3389	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	3739	3599	3389

Package Inclusion:

- 13 nights accommodations
- 13 days rental car
- Tours – Antarctic Centre, Tranz Alpine Train, Heli Hike, Puzzling World, Milford Sound Cruise, Jet boat & Underwater Observatory, Skyline Skyride & Buffet Dinner, Stargazing night tours, Polynesian Spa, Maori Concert Dinner Show, Te Puai, Farms Show, Trout Spring, Hobbiton & Waitomo Caves.
- Arrival & Railway station transfers.
- Interisland Ferry Crossing
- 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 NZD469					
Superior Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	4789	4659	4509	NA	NA
Intermediate	4859	4759	4619	NA	NA
Full Size	4939	4809	4699	4539	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	4999	4789	4569





Superior Hotels – Copthorne, Rydges, Glaciers Hotel, Millennium, Sky City or similar.

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011# Breakfast Add NZD455					
Superior Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	4599	4459	4269	NA	NA
Intermediate	4659	4569	4359	NA	NA
Full Size	4779	4659	4499	4309	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	4759	4599	4369

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Low Cost Car Rates Valid FROM 01Nov 2009 till further notice & <i>Subject to Changes without prior notice.</i>	Youth Hostels Multi Share
Compact	3188
Intermediate	3328
Full Size	3458
# FULL Cancellation Charge once confirm – Reservation Full Payment! Every Amendment NZD 75 per file.	

<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>
			

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