

# 12D10n Glaciers & Winter Experience

Daily Departure & can be extended at any city

## **DAY01 Singapore/Christchurch**

Depart Singapore for New Zealand Tour..

## **DAY02 Arrival in 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: Camelot Cathedral Hotel or similar.

## **DAY03 Christchurch – Greymouth – Pancake Rock**

**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 – Queenstown**

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 and end over at Queenstown.  
Hotel: A Line Hotel (Scenic Circle) or similar

**DAY06 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.

**DAY07 Queenstown**

Today is a free day for you to join some optional tours.

Like LOTR Tours, Jet boat, white water rafting, The Earnslaw steamer cruises, etc.

**DAY08 Queenstown – SKI**

This morning is ideal day on the mountain for the first time skier. You will be transferred to the mountain, with Jacket & Pants, Souvenir Gloves, Skis, Boots & Poles.

*(Note: Skiing is subject to skiing season & weather. Best period is mid June to mid September.)*

**DAY09 Queenstown – Mt Cook National Park – 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.

**DAY10 Christchurch – SKI at Mt Hutt**

Join one of our exclusive Skiing Packages for a great days skiing at Mount Mutt. These are tailor made packages for individuals and small groups. Our experienced driver / guide will collect you from Christchurch accommodation at approximately 7.30am in comfortable vehicles.

Transportation to & from your accommodation & full day Novice Lift Pass (platters only) & a full kit of Recreational Skiing Equipment, & a one and half ski lesson designed to meet the needs of the novice skier.

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**DAY11 Christchurch – Harmer Spring (L)**

Visit the naturally picturesque and tranquil setting of Harmer Spring nestled in a valley surrounded by a superb by a superb expanse of mountains and forest-clad hills. Enjoy the excitement (01 choice) of river rafting, jet boating or bungy jumping at Thrillseekers Canyon. Visit a working sheep farm. Once in Harmer Springs lunch at the Garden House Café and in the afternoon drive up Jacks Pass into the mountains overlooking the Harmer Springs. End the day by relaxing in the hot thermal pools found in the centre of the village. As an alternative in the afternoon a therapeutic massage is available for relaxation or golf can be arranged for your enjoyment.

**DAY12 Christchurch – Singapore**

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

Inclusive:

- \*Detail itinerary and comprehensive tour wallet.
- \*Ten Seven nights accommodation – room only basis.
- \*Tranz Alpine train.
- \*Pancake Rock
- \*Twin Glacier
- \*Lake Matheson
- \*Milford Sound cruise.
- \*Ski Queenstown
- \*Ski Mt Hutt
- \*Hanmer Spring
- \*All coach & train journeys. All transfers



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	TWN	TRP	SGL
Room only	2999	2969	3469
With Breakfast	3468	3438	3898

*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!!)*