



# Southern Spectacular Tour of New Zealand

*Comprising 12 Days of Quality Coach Touring*



# 12 Day Southern Spectacular Tour

Queen Charlotte Sound, Golden Bays, Glaciers, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Dunedin...



## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ◆ Selected economy class return airfares from Sydney to Wellington then back to Sydney from Christchurch
  - ◆ Note Airline Surcharges are not included
- ◆ Meet and Greet on arrival in New Zealand with return New Zealand Airport Transfers
- ◆ Quality hotel accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with single supplement) all with private facilities
- ◆ Cooked Breakfasts (B), Lunches (L) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary, including a highlight dinner in Queenstown at the Colonel's Homestead
- ◆ Tour Admissions as per itinerary, including 3 Scenic Boat Cruises: Wellington Harbour, Abel Tasman, TSS Earnslaw Cruise on Lake Wakatipu, and Milford Sound
- ◆ Tranz Alpine Train Journey
- ◆ Touring in a modern air conditioned coach with full commentary driver

## PER PERSON TOUR PRICES (\$AUD):

- ◆ Land + Air Share Twin/Double \$5999.00
  - ◆ Single Supplement Extra \$1300.00
  - ◆ Deposit due at time of booking \$500.00
- Balance of tour payment due no later than  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

## DAILY ITINERARY:

**Day 1 Saturday, 16 October 2021**

### ARRIVE WELLINGTON

Welcome to New Zealand! *You are met on arrival at the Wellington International Airport* before being transferred to your hotel. Time permitting subject to your flight arrival we will have a brief sightseeing tour of Wellington this afternoon.

*James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel*

**Day 2 Sunday, 17 October 2021**

### WELLINGTON – NELSON

Today begins with a *cruise through Wellington Harbour* out onto the Cook Strait on the Interislander and through New Zealand's only true sound, the *picturesque Queen Charlotte Sound* into Picton. The bustling port of Picton is the terminal for inter-island ferries, and gateway to the 'Mainland', the South Island's self-proclaimed nickname. Reboarding our coach

you continue to tour through to *Pelorous (D) Bridge*. Here you can walk through the Beech and Podocarp Forest as well as view the many sculptured *boulders in the Pelorous River*. Continuing on for a tour of Nelson – this being the first city of New Zealand.

*Rutherford Hotel, Nelson – 2 nights*

**Day 3 Monday, 18 October 2021**

### ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK CRUISE (B)

Today travel to nearby picturesque *Abel Tasman National Park to enjoy a cruise along the coast*. On show here see stunning granite and marble formations, golden sandy beaches and crystal-clear streams that join the ocean. At the end of the cruise, travel back to the hotel in Nelson where you are at leisure for dinner - there are plenty of restaurants to choose from close by.



**Day 4 Tuesday, 19 October 2021**

**NELSON – CHRISTCHURCH (BD)**

Passing *Brightwater, the birth place of Lord Rutherford, the New Zealand science pioneer who split the atom*, travel through the Golden Downs Forest to Murchison through the Maruia Forest over the Lewis Pass then into *Hamner Springs*. Time out here for lunch in this lovely alpine village (at own expense) before joining the upper reaches of the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch where you'll *enjoy the sights of the 'Garden City'* also known as "the most English city outside of England", en-route to our accommodation.

*Quality Hotel Elms, Christchurch*

**Day 5 Wednesday, 20 October 2021**

**CHRISTCHURCH – FRANZ JOSEF (B)**

From Christchurch *traverse the Southern Alps aboard the famous Tranz-Alpine rail journey to Arthurs Pass*. 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. Crossing Southern Alps, into the village of Arthurs Pass where you will be met by coach to continue your journey to the West Coast – or "the Coast" as locals call it, stopping in Hokitika where a visit is made to the *Greenstone and Glass Blowing factories*. Further south, tour the *Westland National Park, the home of Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers*. On arrival, time is available for optional scenic flights, before continuing onto our accommodation for the night.

*Scenic Franz Josef Hotel, Franz Josef*

**Day 6 Thursday, 21 October 2021**

**FRANZ JOSEF – QUEENSTOWN (B)**

Driving towards the southern end of the South Island's West Coast Road, there is a strong sense of entering a primeval land, and a feeling of total isolation. Arriving at Haast, you are surrounded by a landscape of rainforest, wetlands, sand dunes and surf-pounded shingle beaches. This wilderness forms part of the *South West New Zealand World Heritage Area*, so designated because South Westland and Fiordland have some of the most dramatic

forest and mountain scenery and natural resources in the world. From the Westland National Park, travel through the Haast River valleys and over the Haast Pass to Makaroa and onto the upper reaches of Lake Wanaka. Travelling past *Lake Hawea*, reaching the popular *Lake Wanaka*, the starting point of the mighty Clutha River. This afternoon you travel via Cromwell following the Kawarau Gorge Road into Queenstown. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars.

*Copthorne Lakefront Hotel - 2 nights*

**Day 7 Friday, 22 October 2021**

**QUEENSTOWN (BD)**

*Today is at leisure*. Visit the Remarkable's or Coronet Peak. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover or Kawarau Rivers. Perhaps a scenic 4 wheel drive excursion through Skippers Canyon, it's up to you. *Take a cruise this evening, across Lake Wakatipu on the steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station to dine at the Colonel's Homestead*.

**Day 8 Saturday, 23 October 2021**

**QUEENSTOWN – TE ANAU (B)**

Leaving Queenstown you skirt the shores of Lake Wakatipu, New Zealand's third largest lake. Travelling via Te Anau to reach the *beautiful Eglinton Valley* climbing to Homer Tunnel before descending through the spectacular Cleddau Canyon to reach *Milford Sound and enjoy a cruise of the Sound*. The Sound is dominated by the grandeur of *Mitre Peak and the Bowen Falls*. From Milford Sound you return to Te Anau reaching our overnight accommodation.

*Distinction Luxmore Hotel, Lake Te Anau*

**Day 9 Sunday, 24 October 2021**

**TE ANAU – DUNEDIN (B)**

Departing Te Anau, travel through some of New Zealand's most populated sheep country through to Lumsden and onto Gore before arriving in *Dunedin – "the Edinburgh of the South"*. Upon our arrival into Dunedin, you have the opportunity to board an optional train ride - the Taieri Gorge Train Excursion from the historic Dunedin Railway Station for a scenic

train ride into the spectacular Taieri Gorge to Pukerangi and return.

*Scenic Dunedin City Hotel, Dunedin*

**Day 10 Monday, 25 October 2021**

**DUNEDIN – OMARAMA (BD)**

This morning, visit *Oveston House* – an impressive turn-of-the-century house that is still home to all the lavish furnishings and art collections that have been collected from all corners of the world. Continue to then take in the sights of this old Scottish City before travelling onto Oamaru where you will have time to look at the *'White Stone City'* where the old buildings have been constructed with local limestone. It was from Oamaru that New Zealand's first frozen meat was shipped in 1882 taking over three months to reach England, and thus began New Zealand's most important export industry. Travelling inland through Benmore and Otematata, through Sailors Cutting before arriving at Oamaru.

*Heritage Gateway Hotel, Oamaru*

**Day 11 Tuesday, 26 October 2021**

**OMARAMA – CHRISTCHURCH (BD)**

Today is a day for spectacular sights as you head north to skirt the shore of Lake Pukaki to *Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain*. Time is available to enjoy an optional scenic flight over the ancient rivers of ice and the West Coast Glaciers (weather permitting – a highly recommended option). Travelling to Tekapo, you'll witness the *magnificent blue waters of Lake Tekapo*. Visit the *Church of the Good Shepherd and the statue of the Collie dog*, before travelling the *vast Mackenzie Basin*, over Burke's Pass through Fairlie, Geraldine, Ashburton and across the Canterbury Plains into Christchurch.

*Quality Hotel Elms, Christchurch*

**Day 12 Wednesday, 27 October 2021**

**CHRISTCHURCH – HOME PORT (B)**

Farewell from New Zealand. After breakfast you will be *transferred from the hotel to Christchurch International Airport* for your flight back home.



# Booking Terms & Conditions

*And also some handy touring information....*

## Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

It is understood that the terms and conditions of travel are accepted by the passenger when the required deposit has been paid.

## Seat Changes

Passengers rotate seats in the coach daily so that all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy forward and window seating. All passengers are expected to participate as a booking condition.

## Itineraries

Itineraries were correct at the time of printing, but are subject to change without notice. This could come about due to road or weather conditions, or any changes imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary. If a passenger amends their itinerary by starting or concluding the itinerary earlier or later or during an itinerary then it becomes their responsibility to arrange tour or flight connections as necessary.

## Activities and Optional Tours

We do not operate the attractions mentioned in our touring brochure, therefore will not be responsible for any injury, actions, loss, damage or acts of negligence committed by the operators mentioned in this brochure arising from these attractions.

## Single Passengers

Passengers may opt for a guaranteed single room by paying the single supplement, but if passengers wish to travel in a twin room with another passenger of the same gender then smoking is not permitted in their room. If someone is not compatible with the person they have been matched up with, all additional costs incurred to assist with changing the room type to a guaranteed single room will be at the passenger's expense and will be subject to availability. Acceptance of a twin share basis is subject to the individual's medical condition being suitable for this type of arrangement.

## Health and Fitness

Passengers should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances to fully appreciate all of the sightseeing opportunities in the itinerary. By paying the deposit passengers acknowledge that you are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel, and are not travelling contrary to medical advice. We reserve the right to cancel a booking or to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day to day running of the tour. Passengers bringing a quantity of medication with them are advised to carry a doctor's certificate to avoid possible problems with customs officials. Doctor's prescriptions are needed to obtain certain drugs in both Australia and New Zealand.

## Travel Insurance

We strongly advise all passengers to purchase a travel insurance policy. An important part of planning the holiday is to purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy as it may prevent passengers from spending extra money in case of an emergency and will help passengers feel protected during the holiday.

## Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing, however we reserve the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or major fluctuation in the exchange rates, or increases in government or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

## Exchange rate fluctuations

Until we receive full payment, your tour price is subject to exchange rate fluctuations. We consider anything over 4% a major fluctuation, and in this instance we will absorb up to the first 4% before surcharging.

## Payments

A deposit of \$A500.00 per person is required on booking to confirm the seat at the time of booking. All balance payments must be received by the agent no later than 45 days prior to tour commencement.

## Flights

Airlines require all Trans Tasman flights to be ticketed within 5 days of booking. If the tour package includes flights, then ticketing will be completed once the deposit payment has been received. A further deposit to cover the associated taxes and levies is also required at the time of the booking. Airfares/ tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Tickets requiring re-issue due to a mis-spelling of names on the advice given to the agent will incur a re-issue fee of \$A150.00 per person per change. A handling charge of \$A150.00 per passenger will be levied for lost airline ticket.

## Airline Taxes

Airline Taxes and Surcharges are included in the advertised prices

## New Zealand Airport Transfers

New Zealand airport transfers are included on all of our Tours. If however passengers have made independent pre/post tour arrangements outside of the itinerary then transfers are not included.

## Checked Baggage

Due to space limitations aboard the motor coaches and the on-tour flights used in New Zealand & Australia, each passenger is permitted only one average-sized piece of checked baggage weighing a maximum of 20kg (44lbs), plus their carry on luggage.

## Clothing and Packing

Passengers will find casual clothing of all types comfortable and relaxing. Lightweight drip-dry clothing is ideal. Warmer clothing for evenings will be handy. As New Zealand can experience 'four seasons in one day' layering is key. Regular laundry facilities are available throughout the tour. For special dinners many guests like to dress up, but by all means be comfortable; on the remaining nights "smart casual" is suggested. We recommend that passengers pack their prescription medicines (an adequate supply to last through the journey) along with the travel documents and a change of clothing in the carry-on bag to avoid any inconvenience in the event that a flight or luggage is delayed.

## Passports & Visas

All visitors require a passport to travel to and to enter New Zealand or Australia which must have a minimum validity of 6 months remaining. It is a good idea to carry a photocopy of the 'Photo Page' of their passport, as well as to leave photocopies of the travel documents and identification papers with someone at home.

## Entry to New Zealand

Australian passport holders do not require visas; neither do Australian permanent residents with current resident return visas. All other visitors to New Zealand must possess a return or onward ticket to a country to which you have right of entry.

## Customs and Immigration

Compliance with any Australian and/or New Zealand immigration, customs and/or quarantine regulations is the client's responsibility. We cannot, under any circumstances, be held liable nor responsible if applicable rules and regulations are not observed.

## Amendments, Cancellations and Refunds

We reserve the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. We also reserve the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date will be offered or a full refund will be made available.

## Refund Schedule

- 60+ days prior to tour commencement a loss of deposit plus any applicable airline cancellation fees
- 45-59 days prior to tour commencement receives a 75% refund.
- 31-44 days prior to tour commencement receives a 50% refund.
- 30 days or less prior to tour commencement receives no refund.
- No Refunds on any unused portions of itinerary.

## Air Component

- Fares and schedules are correct at the time of writing but are subject to change without notice until ticketed.
- Airfares/ tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable.
- Tickets requiring re-issue due to a mis-spelling of names on the advice from the agent will incur re-issue fee of \$150.00 per person per change.
- A handling charge of \$150.00 per passenger will be levied for lost airline ticket.
- Visa's – Australian Citizens only require a current Australian passport valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of return from tour to Australia. Other nationalities please ask your agent.
- Airline Surcharges and Departure Taxes are not included.

Contact us...

Tel: (02) 4421 0332

Address for payments:  
339 Greenwell Point Road  
Worrigeer NSW 2541

Email:

[equiry@stuartcoaches.com.au](mailto:equiry@stuartcoaches.com.au)