

10 Days Southern Alps & Thermal

(Low Cost)
Valid Till: Sep 2018

Day 1: Arrive Christchurch

Arrival transfer to hotel or collect rental car for self drive option.

Day 2: Christchurch – Glacier

The TranzAlpine – Christchurch to Greymouth, rated one of the world's great scenic railway journeys! 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. 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.

Day 3: Glacier – Queenstown

This morning you will continue your journey south along the West Coast before again crossing the Southern Alps over the Haast Pass and arriving in Queenstown

Day 4: Milford Sound

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.

Day 5: Queenstown – Mt Cook – Christchurch

Today you will travel up North into The Waitaki district is a place of haunting natural beauty, complemented by Oamaru's historic whitestone architecture. In the two cities of the region, Christchurch and Timaru, great care has been taken to preserve Canterbury's colonial heritage. Grand architecture, historic homesteads and immaculate parks intermingle with the technology and style of modern life. Then come to Canterbury plains then to Christchurch.

Day 6: Christchurch – Auckland

Return the car at airport and after arrival at Rotorua pick up car at Rotorua Airport.

Day 7: Auckland – Waitomo – Rotorua

Travel south of Auckland to Rotorua via the famous Waitomo Caves. This tour enables you to visit the Waitomo Glowworm Caves World renowned and a magnet for both local and overseas visitors, the Waitomo Glowworm Caves occupy a high placing in almost everyone's New Zealand vacation wish-list. 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.

Day 8: Rotorua Sightseeing - 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.

Day 9: Rotorua – Auckland

More time in Rotorua this morning before returning to Auckland.

Day 10: Depart Auckland

Transfer you to the airport or return your rental car at airport.

Inclusive

- 10 night motels/hotels
- Christchurch – The Garden City
- Tranz Alpine Train (seat in coach)

- West Coast Glacier Region
- Queenstown
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Mt Cook National Park
- Auckland - The City of Sails
- Waitomo Caves
- Rotorua
- Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- Agrodome
- Trout Springs
- Hobbiton
- Self Drive - 10 day 2L Car (unlimited km)

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| <i>Low Cost/Budget</i> | <i>1</i> | | | |
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| | <i>4</i> | <i>1589</i> | <i>1529</i> | <i>2389</i> |
| <i>Standard</i> | <i>1</i> | | | |
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