



18 DAY SOUTH ISLAND TOUR

Departs Thursday 9 April 2026

DAY 1 (Thursday 9)

New Plymouth - Picton

We depart New Plymouth this morning and travel South through the Taranaki farmlands to the River City of Wanganui. Travelling on we pass through the rich farm lands of the lower North Island and follow the Kapiti Coast for some distance before arriving in Wellington. We board the Ferry to cross Cook Strait and Cruise the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound before arriving in Picton for our first night.

Picton Beachcomber Inn

PICTON

DAY 2 (Friday 10)

Picton - Christchurch

Travelling South we enjoy a visit to the **Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre** (one of the best private collections in the world – Peter Jackson's) at Blenheim before continuing on down the Kaikoura Coast with the Majestic Kaikoura Ranges on our right and the open sea on our left, pausing as we go at New Zealand's only solar salt works at Lake Grassmere & the Ohau seal colony. We enjoy lunch in Kaikoura before travelling inland through the North Canterbury area to the Garden City of Christchurch where we stay for two nights.

The Garden Hotel

CHRISTCHURCH (2 nights)

DAY 3 (Saturday 11)

Christchurch

Today is a free day to do as you wish, you may like to do one of the many half or full day City sightseeing tours, take a tour to the lovely settlement of Akaroa (perhaps take a cruise on the harbour taking in the wildlife and spot a Hector's dolphin), visit the International Antarctic Centre or spend a few hours exploring the many shops that are only a short distance from our hotel. Your coach crew will be able to advise on some of the many exciting things to do in this lovely City.

DAY 4 (Sunday 12)

Christchurch - Twizel

This morning we cross the vast Canterbury Plains to Ashburton enroute crossing the country's longest bridge (1.75km) over the Rakaia River. After a pause in Ashburton we continue on to Rangitata and a visit to the "Tin Shed" where you can talk to the animals or check out the top quality woollen goods that they have on display and for sale. Leaving the Tin Shed we then travel on to Geraldine, Fairlie and cross Burke Pass to arrive at Lake Tekapo in the McKenzie High Country, pausing to view the Church of the Good Shepherd and the sheepdog statue. Optional flights may be available along the alps (weather & time permitting). We continue on to Lake Pukaki and the Mount Cook Hermitage for a short stop before returning along the shores of Lake Pukaki and arriving at Twizel.

Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel

TWIZEL

DAY 5 (Monday 13)

Twizel - Dunedin

From Twizel we travel on to Omarama and down the Waitaki Valley to view some of the many Hydro Electric dam sights including crossing the Benmore & Aviemore and pausing at the Waitaki Dam before reaching Oamaru which is famous for its white limestone buildings. The limestone is quarried locally and has not been used successfully anywhere else in the world, we have some time in Oamaru before continuing on to view the mysterious Moeraki Boulders and on to Dunedin, Zealand's most Scottish City.

Distinction Dunedin Leisure Lodge

DUNEDIN (2 Nights)

DAY 6 (Tuesday 14)

Dunedin

This morning we enjoy a short sightseeing tour of Dunedin which includes a visit to **Larnach Castle**, the rest of the afternoon is free to wander as you wish.

DAY 7 (Wednesday 15)

Dunedin - Invercargill

Farewelling Dunedin we depart for Invercargill, via the scenic Catlins Coast Road. (Weather permitting) This is a relaxed easy day with some beautiful scenery and off the beaten track including the spectacular Purakaunui Falls.

Kelvin Hotel

INVERCARGILL (2 Nights)

DAY 8 (Thursday 16)

Invercargill

Today is your day to explore the most southern city in New Zealand. Options for today (all own cost) include a day trip to Stewart Island with a tour of the island, Queens Park, Bill Richardson Transport World, Classic Motorcycle Mecca or a stop at Hayes Hammer Hardware to see the original 'World's Fastest Indian'. There is plenty to do in Invercargill check with your coach crew.

DAY 9 (Friday 17)

Invercargill - Te Anau

No South Island tour would be complete without a stop at Stirling Point at Bluff which is commonly known as the bottom of the South Island (Bluff is famous for the delicacy, the Bluff oyster), we return to Invercargill and join the Southern Scenic Route from Invercargill to Te Anau. We take time to pause along the way at Riverton, Tuatapere, Clifden and other scenic viewpoints before arriving at Lake Manapouri where we pause before a short drive into Te Anau.

Distinction Luxmore Hotel Te Anau

TE ANAU (2 Nights)

DAY 10 (Saturday 18)

Te Anau - (Milford Sound Day Tour)

Today we visit New Zealand's most stunning natural attraction. With its magical combination of mountain peaks, ink-dark waters and superb dramatic forest-clad cliffs, it must be seen to be believed. We travel through the lush Beech forests, driving alongside rugged canyons and towering mountain peaks, pausing to take photographs at many locations including the fabulous MIRROR LAKES and many others. We pass through the famous Homer Tunnel to pause at the Chasm before finally descending to Milford Sound. We cruise beneath the towering Mitre Peak and watch the cascading waters of the Lady Bowen Falls, Stirling Falls and others as we take in the spectacular scenery of this area. Lunch is included today. We then return to Te Anau.

DAY 11 (Sunday 19)

Te Anau - Queenstown

An easy morning as we travel northwards, passing through Five Rivers and on to Kingston at the South end of beautiful Lake Wakatipu. We follow the Lake shore beneath the towering Remarkable Mountain Range to Arrowtown where we have lunch and time to explore this wonderful old town and all its inherent beauty before returning to Queenstown.

Copthorne Hotel & Apartments Queenstown LakeView

QUEENSTOWN (2 Nights)

DAY 12 (Monday 20)

Queenstown

Today is free to relax and do as you wish, wander the streets of Queenstown, take a ride up the spectacular Gondolas, take a trip on the steam ship "Earnslaw", or maybe a Jet Boat ride on the Shot Over or Kawerau River. Your coach crew will be able to assist with the things to see and do in this fantastic town.

DAY 13 (Tuesday 21)

Queenstown - Wanaka

Today we leave Queenstown and travel north to cross the Shotover River after which we pass a number of vineyards before entering the Kawarau Gorge where we view the historic Kawarau Bridge. We get a passing view of the Roaring Meg creek and its hydro electric power station. After which we pass some old gold diggings which are still being worked as a tourist attraction. We stop at Mrs Jones orchard for a comfort break and time to purchase some fresh fruit if you wish. We pause at Cromwell before following the Clutha River to Clyde, stopping at the Clyde Dam along the way before arriving at Alexandra our lunch stop for the day. After some free time we back-track and follow the shores of Lake Dunstan and on through to Wanaka. This afternoon we visit the **National Toy & Transport Museum** before checking into our hotel for the night.

Wanaka Hotel

WANAKA

DAY 14 (Wednesday 22)

Wanaka - Fox Glacier

Our first visit today is **Puzzling World** with a mix of bizarre buildings & rooms of illusion this attraction is designed to baffle your brain and challenge your perceptions of reality. We then follow the shores of first Lake Hawea and then Lake Wanaka before we cross the Haast Pass, with views of Fantail Falls and Thunder Falls before arriving in Haast township, before travelling up the rugged West Coast to Fox Glacier.

Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier

FOX GLACIER

DAY 15 (Thursday 23)

Fox Glacier - Hokitika

This morning there is time for scenic flights over the Glaciers for those who may desire to do so (optional extra) before we travel on up the West Coast to Ross, a former "Gold Town". We then continue on to the Greenstone town of Hokitika for lunch, before our visit to **ShantyTown Heritage Park**, ride the steam train, try your hand at panning for gold, enjoy their new holographic show and relive the past. It is then a short drive back to Hokitika, our home for night.

Beachfront Hotel

HOKITIKA

DAY 16 (Friday 24)

Hokitika - Nelson

We leave Hokitika pausing for a look around Greymouth before continuing north to view the unique Pancake Rocks at Punakaiki. After which we travel on to Westport, the oldest European settlement on the West Coast before we turn inland to travel through the scenic Buller Gorge to Murchison and on

over the beautiful hills & Golden Downs forestry to the Sun Province of New Zealand, Nelson.

The Hotel Nelson

NELSON

DAY 17 (Saturday 25)

Nelson - Wellington

This morning we enjoy sightseeing time in Nelson including the Famous Cathedral before travelling through the lovely settlement of Havelock and on to Picton. This afternoon we bid the South Island farewell and enjoy our cruise back through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound to Wellington.

Brentwood Hotel

WELLINGTON

DAY 18 (Sunday 26)

Wellington - New Plymouth

We have an easy start this morning, before travelling northwards towards our home destinations.

We trust you have enjoyed your tour with us: made many new friends and had a great time, we thank you for joining us and hope to see you all in the very near future.

INCLUDES:

Accommodation on a share twin basis with private facilities,

17 Dinners, 17 Full cooked breakfasts, 1 Lunch

All sightseeing as per the itinerary.

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SEE US FOR ALL YOUR TOUR OR GROUP REQUIREMENTS

BOOKING CONDITIONS

COST:	Per person Share Twin	\$ 5450.00
	Requested Single Room	\$ 7090.00

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$ 1000.00 per person is required at the time of booking and the full payment is due by **9 March 2026**.

CANCELLATION FEES: If you are forced to cancel your reservation

More than 30 days before departure 100% of the published deposit is forfeited

Less than 30 days prior to departure 100% of the tour price is forfeited

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