



10 DAY TOP OF THE SOUTH TOUR

Tuesday 29 October

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.

Picton Beachcomber Inn - PICTON

Wednesday 30 October

Picton - Collingwood

Departing Blenheim we travel to Havelock, the Greenshell Mussel Capital of the world and the gateway to the Pelorus & Kenepuru Sounds, the lovely area of Pelorus Bridge through the Rai Valley to Nelson. We then commence our journey around Tasman Bay through the old tobacco growing regions of Motueka & Riwaka to cross the Takaka Hill (New Zealand's Marble Mountain) to Takaka where we capture our first glimpse of Golden Bay and Collingwood in the distance. There will be some interesting stops along the way today and some lovely scenery as we pass by Abel Tasman National Park and the Bays.

Collingwood Park Motel - COLLINGWOOD (or similar)

Thursday 31 October

Farewell Spit Day Tour

This morning we have time to explore Collingwood and enjoy lunch (included), before joining a specialist tour operator approved by DOC to enjoy a sightseeing tour of Farewell Spit and the unique scenery and nature of this delightful area. Visit Cape Farewell (the most northern point on the South Island), from the cliff top seals and their pups can be seen basking on the rocks. We travel for approx. 30 kms along the ocean beach to the lighthouse where we pause. Take time to learn about the unique families that lived and worked here in days gone by. On our return there are more scenic stops—a day to be enjoyed by all.

Friday 1 November

Collingwood to Westport

Leaving Collingwood and our hosts we once again pass over the Takaka Hill through the old tobacco growing regions of Riwaka & Motueka and over the Hope Saddle to the earthquake town of Murchison. We then travel through the scenic Buller Gorge and on to Westport (home for 2 nights). During the day we will take time to make interesting stops.

Chelsea Gateway Motor Lodge - WESTPORT

Saturday 2 November

Karamea Day Trip

We enjoy a tour today to visit Denniston, take a step back in time with Gary & Sylvia at the Friends of the Hill Museum where they tell stories so we can start to imagine what life was like living 'on the hill' in the late 1800's and working the famous Denniston rail incline. It is then through the little town of Granity as we continue our scenic drive as far north as the historic town of Karamea. During the day we learn some of the local history of the area and take a step back in time. (Lunch is included).

Sunday 3 November

Westport to Christchurch

We bid Westport farewell this morning as we journey south where we follow the stunning coast-line and beech clad hillsides through the small coastal settlements that will see us arrive in Greymouth and on through to Kumara Junction where we turn onto the Arthur's Pass Road. There are many interesting and photographic places to stop today as we cross Arthur's Pass and Porters Pass, going from the mixed rainforests of Westland, the snow and ice of the Main Divide, the tawny tussocklands surrounded by scree-sloped mountains, and the fertile flats and broad shingle beds of Canterbury. Christchurch is our home for the night.

Garden Hotel - CHRISTCHURCH

Monday 4 November

Christchurch – Hanmer Springs

Today you have a free morning to relax or you may like to do a half day city sightseeing tour. Early afternoon we commence our journey north to Waipara where we turn inland towards Hanmer Springs our home for the night. There will be time to relax in the Thermal Hot Pools which is a short walk from our accommodation or enjoy a coffee in one of the many cafes.

Drifters Inn - Hanmer Springs

Tuesday 5 November

Hanmer Springs to Picton (via Molesworth Station)

This morning we meet our guide for our fascinating tour through Molesworth Station. During the day we stop to visit the 146 yr old Acheron Cob House out in the Clarence Valley, on thru the Acheron Valley before climbing up and over the very steep Wards Pass into the Awatere Valley and on to the old Molesworth Cob Cottage, down thru the Awatere passing many well known High Country Stations with a short visit to one of these. (Lunch is included). We are sure this will be a day enjoyed by all, once you re-join the coach it is a short drive to Picton for our final 2 nights.

Picton Beachcomber Inn - PICTON

Wednesday 6 November

Picton

Today we have a leisurely morning in Picton before joining our afternoon mail-run cruise designed to take you off the beaten tourist path so you can experience the real Queen Charlotte Sounds it is the most comfortable way of cruising and taking in the vista of the waterways. Keep your camera handy for any wildlife encounters!

Thursday 7 November

Picton to New Plymouth

This morning we board the ferry for our return journey back through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound and across Cook Strait to Wellington and homeward, making a couple of stops on the way.

We hope you have enjoyed your Top of the South Tour and made many new friends or caught up with friends made on previous tours.

Thank you for selecting DALROY TOURS, we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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