

Small  
Group

Luxury  
Tour

# THE SIR EDMUND HILLARY EXPLORER 'PINNACLE TOUR' HOSTED BY PETER HILLARY

*"Adventure for the sake of a dream, for the pleasure of searching"*  
- Sir Edmund Hillary

15 DAY SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND RAIL & COACH TOUR

14th January 2027



THE KIWI EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

INCLUDES THE FAMOUS FOUR RAIL ADVENTURES  
OF THE SOUTH ISLAND

TranzAlpine • Kingston Flyer (Steam) • Taieri Gorge • Coastal Pacific

This exceptional 5-star, Small Group Tour is inspired by one of the greatest and most iconic adventurers of our time. The Sir Edmund Hillary Explorer invites you on an epic journey by rail and luxury coach throughout the majestic South Island of New Zealand, hosted by Peter Hillary, son of Sir Edmund Hillary.



TranzAlpine



Kingston Flyer



Coastal Pacific



Taieri Gorge



## INTRODUCING YOUR HOST - PETER HILLARY

"Hello, my name is Peter Hillary and I will accompany the Sir Edmund Hillary Explorer Pinnacle tours around the South Island of New Zealand.

My father Sir Edmund Hillary is famous for making the first ascent of Mt Everest in 1953 with his climbing partner Tenzing Norgay but it is the Southern Alps of New Zealand where he learned the skills of mountaineering that he loved the most. He took his family into the mountains and around the coasts of the South Island and we all fell in love with this part of this beautiful country. Now I have done the same with my family and there are three generations of Hillarys who know and love the amazing landscapes of the south and that is what I want to share with you on the Sir Edmund Hillary Explorer Pinnacle Tour.

Not only do we go to some of the most spectacular places in the South Island but we will use trains, planes, boats, luxury coach, helicopters to see it at its best. Some of these vehicles will be vintage steam

trains and steam ships. We will meet people who can provide insights into life in the rugged South Island from a Queenstown mayor to a New Zealand historian to a botanist rewilding degraded farmland into native forests filled with NZ birds. Every day of the tour I will provide a commentary about the sights and experiences and we will finish the day with a twilight briefing about the day to come and some stories from expeditions at the ends of the earth. (I have been on over 50 expeditions around the world, 5 on Everest, the 7 summits, skied to the South Pole and flown with Neil Armstrong and Ed Hillary to the North Pole. I am the chair of the Himalayan Trust that operates education, healthcare, infrastructure and environmental programmes in the Himalayas. And I run an adventure travel business, write books and make films.)

I look forward to you joining me for the Sir Edmund Hillary Explorer Rail & Coach "Pinnacle" Tour around the South Island of New Zealand. We go to incredible places, travel in extraordinary transportation and share remarkable experiences that you will treasure always."

*Peter Hillary*



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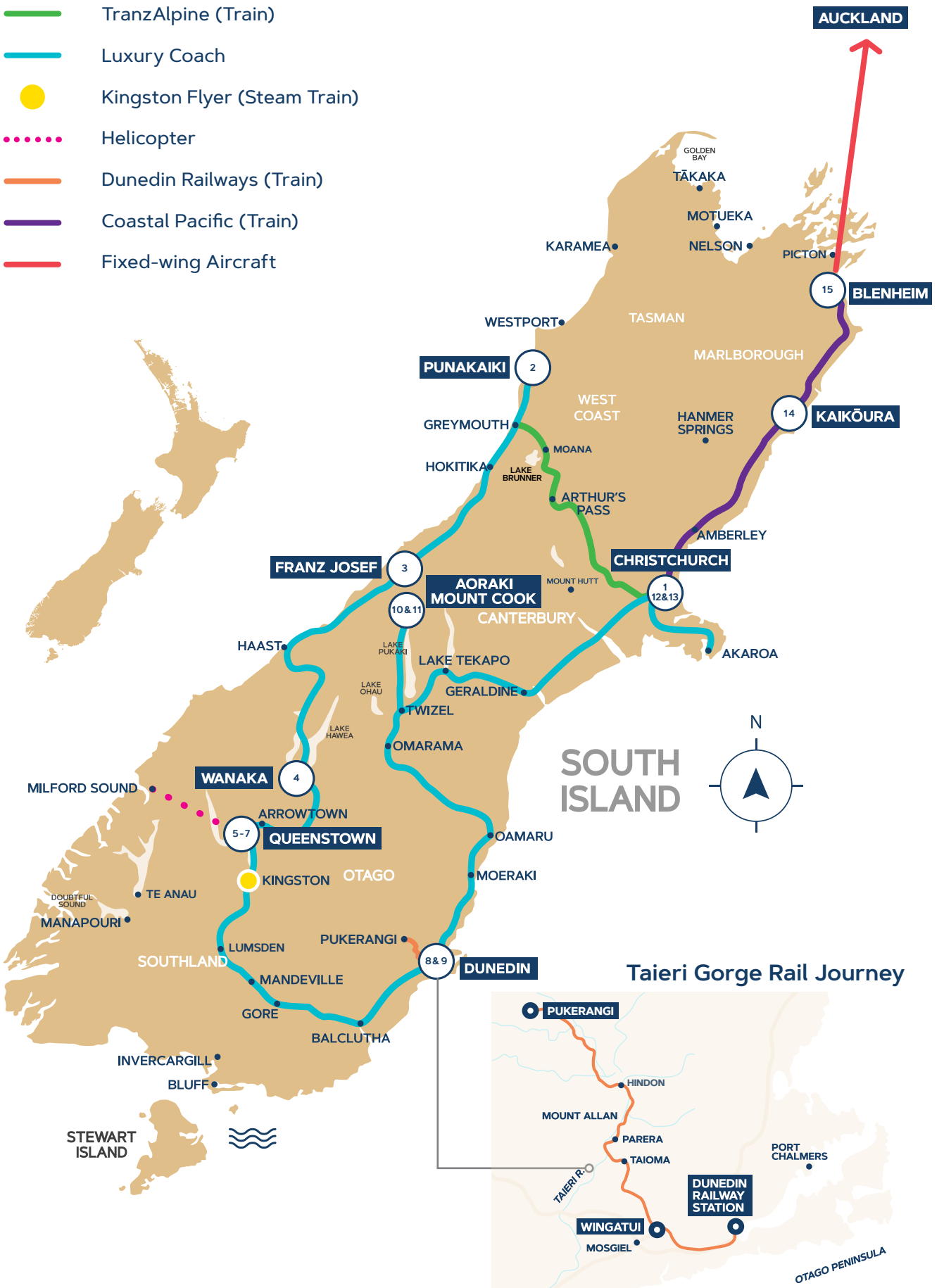


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# 15-DAY TOUR DEPARTING CHRISTCHURCH

- TranzAlpine (Train)
- Luxury Coach
- Kingston Flyer (Steam Train)
- ⋯ Helicopter
- Dunedin Railways (Train)
- Coastal Pacific (Train)
- Fixed-wing Aircraft



# SIR EDMUND HILLARY EXPLORER RAIL & COACH "PINNACLE" TOUR

**Featuring the Famous Four Rail Adventures of the South Island of New Zealand, and so much more...**

TranzAlpine • Kingston Flyer (Steam) • Taieri Gorge • Coastal Pacific

Sir Edmund Hillary, the first person to climb Mt Everest, epitomised the New Zealand spirit of adventure and he is our inspiration when planning your journey to explore the postcard perfect vistas and dramatic alpine scenery that New Zealand is renowned for. Your guided journey is accompanied by Sir Edmund Hillary's son Peter Hillary who is also a mountaineer and Mt. Everest climber, and he will be your travelling raconteur and guide for the Sir Edmund Hillary Explorer "Pinnacle" Tour.



The guided journey begins in "The Garden City" Christchurch, where the iconic TranzAlpine train awaits. Often regarded as one of the world's great train journeys you will see epic vistas, traverse the majestic Canterbury Plains, travel the edges of the ice-fed Waimakariri River, cross the Southern Alps, and see vast stretches of ancient beech forest.

A luxury coach awaits in Greymouth to escort you to the village of Punakaiki - home to the "Pancake Rocks" and blowholes, along an absolutely spectacular coastline.

We then head south to experience the "Paparoa Experience" - an immersive and unique Māori cultural experience following which you enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Tree Top Walkway - an exhilarating treetop adventure among temperate rainforest giants.



Departing the West Coast, we encounter the mighty Haast River on a Jetboat Safari and journey into the heart of Te Wahipounamu - the South West World Heritage Area to experience a close-up encounter with this untouched landscape and its remarkable natural features. We then travel over the Haast Pass, journeying through large tracts of native rain forest and over the Southern Alps that are the mountainous spine of the South Island. This remote area has a ruggedly beautiful landscape of vast rainforests, gushing waterfalls of 'gin clear water' and snow-capped mountains. Journeying through Makarora on the border of Mount Aspiring World Heritage Park, we travel along the shores of the crystal-clear waters of Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea. The journey pauses for a night in the township of Wanaka that sits on the edge of the lake with views to the mountains all around. The next day we will drive into the mountains and the stunning Matukituki Valley on a 4WD adventure that reaches into the Mt Aspiring National Park. On the way, we will visit the high-country farm of old Hillary friends, the Aspinall family who have farmed this country for four generations at Mt Aspiring Station.

The adventure playground of Queenstown awaits. In the morning, take a helicopter flight through the spectacular mountains of Fiordland to cruise the "eighth wonder of the world", Milford Sound - former Queenstown mayor & businessman, Jim Boulton, will join us at dinner and share his experiences.

The next day, we join a lake cruise on board the historic TSS Earnslaw, the historic 1912 Edwardian steamship, which takes us across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet dinner.

Departing Queenstown, we continue to the village of Kingston which is nestled on southernmost end of Lake Wakatipu. Here, the iconic Kingston Flyer

Steam Train awaits to take you on a memorable journey between Kingston & Fairlight.

A special journey is made to Waimea Plains Railway, home to a static display of the historic Rogers K92 Steam Locomotive (the original Kingston Flyer) and the Croydon Aviation Museum.



Onward to Dunedin where we enjoy another iconic rail journey through the rugged landscape of the world-famous Taieri Gorge, an epic rail journey over white water rapids, towering viaducts and historic tunnels that lead to the gold fields of old Central Otago. The tour also takes in a visit to the Taiaroa Head Albatross Colony, and the hidden underground Fort Taiaroa and the worlds' only Armstrong Disappearing Gun. Later we enjoy the company of a well-known local historian, Seán Brosnahan, at dinner to provide us with some insights into the history of New Zealand.

Our departure from Dunedin continues by luxury coach along the coastal route to Oamaru with a stop to admire the famed boulders at Moeraki Beach. Detour inland to "mountain country" and New Zealand's highest peak, Aoraki Mount Cook, where Edmund Hillary became the great mountaineer that would eventually lead him to climbing Everest; making that historic first ascent. We will stay at the prestigious Hermitage Hotel. Take in the awe-inspiring Tasman Glacier by helicopter and ski plane in the morning, a glacier explorer cruise in the afternoon and then the nightly twilight briefing and storytelling by Peter Hillary prior to dinner. Visits to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre will also be available to see the museum.

Returning to the East Coast to Christchurch by luxury coach (via the turquoise waters of Lake

Tekapo), highlights include the International Antarctic Centre, a visit to the historic town of Akaroa renowned for its unique French heritage, colonial architecture, and stunning harbor views, and a guided walk through the Hinewai Private Nature Reserve with well-respected botanist, Hugh Wilson.

The final stage of the journey joins the Coastal Pacific Scenic train, one of the most picturesque journeys on New Zealand's railways. The train will meander along the Pacific coast just above spectacular beaches, with mountains on one side and the sea on the other, on a journey of breath-taking beauty to picturesque Kaikōura, where the great mountains of the Seaward Kaikōura range rise from the deep trenches of the Pacific Ocean just offshore, home of the famed resident sperm whales that feed here. Pause and enjoy whale watching and the abundance of bird life on high-speed catamarans.



Boarding the Coastal Pacific train again, we depart Kaikōura's dramatic mountain backdrops to the Marlborough winelands region at the northern end of the South Island. The coastal route heads inland, crossing the historic railroad bridge at Seddon and bursting out to the Awatere Valley, then through the Dashwood Pass to Blenheim. Explore the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, which features a world-class exhibition of WW1 & WW2 aircraft concluding with a wine tasting and farewell dinner at Allan Scott winery. The final day we travel by Air New Zealand to the national aviation hub of Auckland to connect you with your post tour activity or your homeward bound journey.

# 15 DAY PINNACLE TOUR

Tour departs from Christchurch on **14th January 2027**; ending in Blenheim (then flight to Auckland) on 29th January 2027.

DAY	ITINERARY	HOTEL	MODE
1	<b>CHRISTCHURCH</b> Christchurch Tram (on your own) Meet & Greet at hotel at 5:30pm Welcome Dinner	Distinction Christchurch	
2	<b>CHRISTCHURCH - GREYMOUTH - PUNAKAIKI</b> TranzAlpine to Greymouth (Scenic Plus carriage) Coach to Punakaiki Punakaiki (Pancake Rocks) and DoC centre Paparoa Experience - immersive Māori cultural experience Meal Inclusions – Breakfast, lunch onboard train & dinner	Scenic Punakaiki	TranzAlpine Train / Coach
3	<b>PUNAKAIKI - ROSS - FRANZ JOSEF</b> Coach to Greymouth West Coast Tree Top Walk The Historic Empire Hotel, Ross (lunch) Meal Inclusions – Breakfast, lunch & dinner	Legacy Te Waonui Franz Josef	Coach
4	<b>FRANZ JOSEF - HAAST - WANAKA</b> Ships Creek river & beach walk Haast Jet Boat River Safari Experience Haast Pass canyon lookout Meal Inclusions – Breakfast, picnic lunch & dinner	Edgewater Hotel, Wanaka	Coach
5	<b>WANAKA - QUEENSTOWN</b> Mt Aspiring Station 4WD drive with lunch included - Aspinall family Meal Inclusions – Breakfast & farm lunch (dinner on your own)	Queenstown Park Boutique Hotel	Coach
6	<b>QUEENSTOWN - MILFORD</b> Helicopter flight to Milford Sound Milford Sound Premium Cruise Helicopter flight to Queenstown Dinner with Guest Speaker, Jim Boulton Meal Inclusions - Breakfast, lunch & dinner	Queenstown Park Boutique Hotel	Helicopter / Cruise / Helicopter
7	<b>QUEENSTOWN</b> Day of leisure in Queenstown (contingency flight day) TSS Earnslaw & Walter Peak Homestead Gourmet dinner Meal Inclusions – Breakfast & BBQ dinner (lunch on your own)	Queenstown Park Boutique Hotel	Steam ship
8	<b>QUEENSTOWN - MANDEVILLE - DUNEDIN</b> Coach to Kingston Kingston Flyer Steam Train to Fairlight (return) Coach to Croydon Aviation Museum & Waimea Plains Railway, "Rogers K92" static display & lunch at Miss Cocoa Café, Mandeville Coach from Mandeville to Dunedin Meal Inclusions – Breakfast, lunch & dinner	Distinction Dunedin	Coach / Kingston Flyer Steam Train / Coach

Please note that this Itinerary is subject to change

DAY	ITINERARY	HOTEL	MODE
9	<b>DUNEDIN</b> Dunedin Railways Taieri Gorge train Albatross & Fort Taieroa Tour Dinner with Guest speaker (historian), Seán Brosnahan Meal Inclusions – Breakfast, lunch on train & dinner	Distinction Dunedin	Train / Coach
10	<b>DUNEDIN - OAMARU - AORAKI MT COOK</b> Coach from Dunedin to Oamaru via Moeraki Beach Lunch at award-winning Riverstone Kitchen in Oamaru Coach to Aoraki Mt Cook via Waitaki Valley Meal Inclusions - Breakfast, lunch & dinner	Hermitage Hotel Aoraki Mount Cook	Coach
11	<b>AORAKI MT COOK</b> Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre Ski plane / helicopter combo to Tasman Glacier in morning Glacier Explorer Cruise in afternoon Meal Inclusions – Breakfast & dinner (lunch on your own)	Hermitage Hotel Aoraki Mount Cook	Ski Plane – Helicopter & Glacier Cruise
12	<b>AORAKI MT COOK - CHRISTCHURCH</b> Coach to Christchurch (via Lake Tekapo) Barkers Foodstore & Café in Geraldine for lunch Christchurch International Antarctic Centre Meal Inclusions – Breakfast, lunch & dinner	Distinction Christchurch	Coach
13	<b>CHRISTCHURCH - AKAROA - CHRISTCHURCH</b> Explore Akaroa on your own Visit Hinewai Private Nature Reserve with Botanist and author Hugh Wilson Meal Inclusions – Breakfast (lunch & dinner on your own)	Distinction Christchurch	Cruise / Coach
14	<b>CHRISTCHURCH - KAIKŌURA</b> Coastal Pacific Scenic Train to Kaikōura (Scenic Plus Carriage) Whale Watch Cruise Meal Inclusions - Breakfast onboard train & dinner (lunch on your own)	Sudima Kaikōura	Coastal Pacific Train / Cruise
15	<b>KAIKŌURA - BLENHEIM</b> Coastal Pacific Train to Blenheim (Scenic Plus Carriage) Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre – WW1 & WW2 Allan Scott wine tasting and private farewell dinner Meal Inclusions - Breakfast, lunch onboard train & dinner	Chateau Marlborough Blenheim	Coastal Pacific Train / Coach
<b>Tour Ends</b>	<b>BLENHEIM – AUCKLAND</b> Tour ends Flights to Auckland Accommodation (Optional) Meal inclusions – Breakfast	Flights arranged by Tour  Optional Auckland Accommodation	Regional Flight

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## DAY 1

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### *Christchurch*

Enjoy a leisurely hop on/hop off Tram journey around Christchurch in immaculately restored heritage carriages. The meet & greet with your host, Peter Hillary, your fellow “explorers” and your tour guides is at 5:30pm at Distinction Hotel followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Passengers stay at the premier Distinction Hotel centrally located in the heart of Christchurch.

## DAY 2

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### *Christchurch – Greymouth – Punakaiki*

Your journey begins with transport from your hotel by luxury coach to the Christchurch Railway Station, where the iconic TranzAlpine awaits. You will be seated in “Scenic Plus” seats which is a premium onboard dining experience. Often regarded to be one of the world’s great train journeys for the scenery through which it passes. The journey is 223 kilometres one-way, taking almost five hours. You will see epic vistas, traverse the majestic Canterbury Plains travel the edges of the ice-fed Waimakariri River, and cross the Southern Alps, via Arthur’s Pass. A luxury coach awaits in Greymouth to escort you to the village of Punakaiki - home to the “Pancake Rocks” and blowholes, along an absolutely spectacular coastline. Then, the “Paparoa Experience” - an immersive and unique Māori cultural experience

Passengers stay at the Scenic Hotel, Punakaiki.



## DAY 3

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### *Punakaiki – Ross – Franz Josef*

Leaving Punakaiki, we head south to enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Tree Top Walkway – an exhilarating treetop adventure among temperate rainforest giants. Lunch at the historic Ross Hotel, then journey to the beautiful glacial township of Franz Josef.

Passengers stay at the Legacy Te Waonui, Franz Josef.





## DAY 4

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### *Franz Josef – Haast – Wanaka*

Leaving Franz Josef, and travelling down the spectacular West Coast, we encounter the mighty Haast River on a Jetboat Safari and journey into the heart of Te Wāhipounamu UNESCO World Heritage Area to experience a close-up encounter with this untouched landscape and its remarkable natural features. We then travel over the Haast Pass, journeying through large tracts of native rain forest and over the Southern Alps. This remote area has a ruggedly beautiful landscape of vast rainforests, gushing waterfalls and snow-capped mountains. Continuing through Makarora on the border of Mount Aspiring World Heritage Park, we pass by the crystal-clear waters of Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea. The journey pauses for a night in beautiful Wanaka.

Passengers stay at Edgewater Hotel, Wanaka.



## DAY 5

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### *Wanaka – Queenstown*

Enjoy a unique and intimate experience at an iconic high-country farm at Mt Aspiring Station homestead with the Aspinalls, family friends of The Hillarys. The adventure playground of Queenstown then awaits! Cap off a special day as we take in The Remarkables Mountain Range and the view of Lake Wakatipu from the hotel.

Passengers stay in elegant luxury at Park Boutique Hotel, Queenstown.





## DAY 6

### *Queenstown*

A Queenstown highlight is a return helicopter flight to the nearby attraction of Milford to enjoy a premium cruise of the “eighth wonder of the world”, Milford Sound, where we take in some of the most spectacular natural scenery to be viewed anywhere in the world. The cruise around the fiord enables you to experience its wonders up close and see landmarks like Mitre Peak and amazing wildlife, such as dolphins and seals. Cruise the inner most reaches of Milford Sound to the open Tasman Sea and back.

A one-day itinerary with return helicopter flights is enough to see all the beautiful views along the way, and get back to Queenstown in time for dinner with a well known local guest speaker, Jim Boulton, at award-winning “Nest” at Kamana Lakehouse.

Passengers stay again in elegant luxury at Park Boutique Hotel, Queenstown.

## DAY 7

### *Queenstown*

Unwind during a well-deserved day of leisure in Queenstown followed by a lake cruise on board the historic TSS Earnslaw, the 1912 Edwardian steamboat, which takes us across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet BBQ dinner.

Passengers stay again in elegant luxury at Park Boutique Hotel, Queenstown.



## DAY 8

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### *Queenstown – Kingston – Dunedin*

Departing Queenstown, we continue to the village of Kingston which is nestled on the southernmost end of Lake Wakatipu. Here, the iconic Kingston Flyer Steam Train awaits to take you on a memorable journey between Kingston & Fairlight. Then southward to Mandeville, where a special journey is made to Waimea Plains Railway, which is home of a static display of the historic Rogers K92 Steam Locomotive (the original Kingston Flyer) and we also explore the Croydon Aviation Museum. Continue to Dunedin by luxury coach, through rolling hills and lush scenic rural landscapes that the deep south is renowned for.

Passengers stay at Dunedin's premier Distinction Hotel, nestled in the heart of the city.



## DAY 9

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### *Dunedin*

In the morning, we explore the remote Taieri Gorge by Dunedin Rail over river gorges, weaving our way through a myriad of historic tunnels and guide you to the historic Wingatui Viaduct, a marvel of 1880s construction that remains the largest wrought iron structure in New Zealand. That afternoon we take in a visit to the Taiaroa Head Albatross Colony, the hidden underground Fort Taiaroa and the world's only Armstrong Disappearing Gun. Later we enjoy the company of a well-known local historian at dinner, Seán Brosnahan.

Passengers stay again at Dunedin's premier Distinction Hotel, nestled in the heart of the city.





## DAY 10

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### *Dunedin – Oamaru – Aoraki Mt Cook*

Departing Dunedin by luxury coach, we continue to hug the coast towards Oamaru with a pause at Moeraki Beach to view the famed spherical boulders. After lunch at award-winning Riverstone Kitchen in Oamaru, detour inland via Waitaki Valley & Omarama and onwards towards the spectacular Aoraki Mt Cook. Here, we find the home of the tallest mountain in New Zealand, where Sir Edmund Hillary developed his climbing skills in preparation for the conquest of Mt Everest. Recognised as part of the Te Wāhipounamu UNESCO World Heritage Area, the National Park is a breath-taking environment of glaciers, terminal lakes, turbulent rivers and Australasia's tallest peak, the mighty Aoraki Mt Cook soaring above at 3,724 metres.

Passengers stay at the iconic Hermitage Hotel with majestic mountain views of Aoraki Mt Cook.

## DAY 11

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### *Aoraki Mt Cook*

During your stay, enjoy a visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre - a tribute to New Zealand's global icon as well as discovering New Zealand's colourful transport, climbing and hotel history. Morning activities include the awe-inspiring Tasman Glacier by helicopter and ski plane, with expert pilots navigating their way over the glacial lake, passing soaring mountain tops over NZ's longest glacier - the 600-metre thick, Tasman Glacier. The afternoon adventures continue with glacier explorer cruise and then our nightly cocktail hour briefing and storytelling by Peter Hillary.

Passengers stay again at the iconic Hermitage Hotel with majestic mountain views of Aoraki Mt Cook.





## DAY 12

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### *Aoraki Mt Cook – Christchurch*

A morning departure from the hotel leaving Aoraki Mt Cook by coach, we journey back to the coast via Tekapo, Geraldine and Rakaia on the way to Christchurch. On arrival in Christchurch, we visit The International Antarctic Centre and experience a taste of this unique and breathtaking continent - ride a Hagglund snow vehicle, feel an Antarctic storm and meet penguins and huskies - just like the explorers before you.

Passengers stay at the premier Distinction Hotel centrally located in the heart of Christchurch.



## DAY 13

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### *Christchurch – Hinewai Private Nature Reserve – Christchurch*

Highlights of the day include: explore the historic town of Akaroa renowned for its unique French heritage, colonial architecture, and stunning harbor views, and a special visit to Hinewai Private Nature Reserve, located on the Banks Peninsula, with well-respected New Zealand botanist and author Hugh Wilson, as your host.

Passengers stay again at the premier Distinction Hotel centrally located in the heart of Christchurch.





## DAY 14

### *Christchurch – Kaikōura* *“Where the mountains meet the sea”*

Departing Christchurch on the Coastal Pacific Scenic Train in Scenic Plus seating, our destination is Kaikōura, home of resident whales, where the guardians of the seas – the mountains of the Southern Alps – rise majestically from the deep trenches of the Pacific Ocean. We join the Kaikōura Whale Watch Cruise in the morning. Several different species of whale can be seen off the coast of Kaikōura at different times of the year, and most of the time, the huge resident Sperm Whales can be sighted. The ocean trench just off the coast means sperm whales are often seen close to shore. Discover an abundance of extraordinary seabirds often seen close up including encounters with many species of majestic Albatross including 3.5 metre wing span Royal Albatross and other pelagic birds. This is an unforgettable experience in one of New Zealand’s most breath-taking destinations.

Passengers stay at the Sudima Hotel  
Kaikōura



South Island, New Zealand 15-Day *Sir Edmund Hillary Explorer Pinnacle Tour*

## DAY 15

### *Kaikōura – Blenheim*

This morning, we board the Coastal Pacific train again, departing Kaikōura’s dramatic mountain backdrops onwards to the Marlborough region. The coastal route heads inland, crossing the historic railroad bridge at Seddon and bursting out to the Awatere Valley, then through the Dashwood Pass to Blenheim. Explore the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre on arrival, which features a world class exhibition of WW1 & WW2 aircraft. We conclude the day with a wine tasting and farewell dinner at one of Marlborough’s finest estates, Allan Scott winery.

Passengers stay at the Chateau  
Marlborough Hotel in Blenheim.



### TOUR ENDS

Wake up on the final day, where we travel by Air New Zealand to the national hub of Auckland to transfer you to your post tour activity, accommodation or to your homeward bound connection.

## **INCLUSIONS:** For your convenience the following has all been included in your tour price.

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### **ACCOMMODATION**

15 nights accommodation is included in the 15-day tour. We have selected a combination of 5-star accommodation (and if not available, 4-star) for the Sir Edmund Hillary Explorer “Pinnacle” Tour to ensure the comfort and quality of your experience for your journey of a lifetime.

### **LUXURY COACHES & TOUR OPTIONS**

A single luxury “business-class” coach will escort the tour and shadow the tour whilst travelling on the various trains throughout the journey, providing seamless transfers to your accommodation and excursions. You will be accompanied by an experienced Tour Guide, who will support your renowned host and explorer, Peter Hillary. Our team is there to guide and assist you throughout your journey.

### **PREPAID ATTRACTIONS (INCLUDED)**

- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Train Journey – premier Scenic Plus class
- Punakaiki Pancake Rocks – Self Guided
- Paparoa Experience – Cultural Immersion Tour
- West Coast Treetop Walk
- Haast Jetboat River Safari
- Mt Aspiring Station Homestead Visit
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Walter Peak Homestead
- Milford Sound Return Flights & Premium Cruise
- Guest Speaker at Queenstown Dinner – the ex-mayor of Queenstown, Jim Boulton
- Kingston Flyer Historic Train Excursion
- Croydon Aviation Museum
- Waimea Plains Railway (Rogers K92 display)
- Guest Speaker at Dunedin Dinner – local historian, Seán Brosnahan
- Taieri Gorge Train Journey
- Albatross Colony & Fort Tairaroa Tour
- Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre at Aoraki Mt Cook
- Tasman Glacier Flights
- Tasman Glacier Explorer Cruise
- Peter Hillary briefings and story telling throughout the journey
- International Antarctic Centre in Christchurch
- Hinewai Private Nature Reserve walk and presentation by botanist, Hugh Wilson.

- Coastal Pacific Scenic Train journey (two days in premier Scenic Plus class)
- Kaikōura Whale Watch Cruise
- Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre
- Wine Tasting & Farewell Function at Allan Scott Restaurant & Winery
- Flight to Auckland

### **INCLUSIONS - MEALS**

- 15 cooked breakfasts including barista coffee
- 12 Sumptuous dinners (including Gourmet BBQ dinner at Walter Peak and dinner at award-winning “Nest” at Kamana Lakehouse)
- 10 lunches
- Complimentary beverage at each hotel stay to accompany the regular Twilight briefings with Peter Hillary

### **EXCLUSIONS:**

International flights to and from New Zealand are not included. Additional accommodation before tour commencement and after tour completion is optional and not included. We recommend that you take out comprehensive travel insurance.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

For your own enjoyment and safety during the tour, please note that a reasonable level of fitness and mobility is required as there will be the need to climb and descend stairs (on coaches, excursions and at hotels), and walk some distances on uneven ground.

### **15-DAY TOUR FROM CHRISTCHURCH**

Per Person Sharing NZ \$25,995  
Single Supplement NZ \$4,990

### **BOOKINGS**

A 20% deposit is required to secure a booking; 40% six months before your tour departs and the balance due the month before your tour departs.

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