

KIWI EXPERIENCE

**SMALL GROUPS, BIG ADVENTURES
AUTHENTIC NEW ZEALAND EXPERIENCES**

8 DAY TOUR

SOUTH ISLAND

▶ **Start Christchurch** ▶ **Finish Christchurch**

Spectacular scenery and lots of opportunity for adventure! Experience a magical landscape of wild snow-capped mountains, jaw-dropping pristine lakes, and roaring rivers. Queenstown, Wanaka and Franz Josef are all a part of this epic road trip.

FROM
NZ **\$1260**



On the night before your tour starts, accommodation is included at: All Stars Inn, Christchurch. If you'd like, feel free to join us for a group welcome meeting at 6pm the night before the tour departure in the lobby.

DAY 1

Christchurch ▶ **Lake Tekapo**

Saying goodbye to Christchurch we'll hit the road and cruise into the magnificent Mackenzie Country, home to Lake Tekapo. Here we will visit the charming stone Church of the Good Shepherd (included), sit next to the breathtakingly blue waters of the lake framed with colourful lupins. As night falls, we will visit the 'Dark Sky Project' situated amongst the UNESCO Dark Sky reserve. (Included)

ACCOMMODATION: Lakefront Lodge Tekapo or similar

Included Experiences:

- ▶ Church of the Good Shepherd
- ▶ Dark Sky Project, Lake Tekapo



DAY 2

Lake Tekapo ▶ Mt Cook ▶ Wanaka

Cruising past the 'powerade factory' Lake Pukaki (you'll know what we mean when you see it) we head for Mount Cook village where we will hike the Hooker Valley Walk (included) which has breath-taking views which will break your internet and blow your mind. Here you will have the opportunity to experience the Tasman Glacier by helicopter or take a scenic flight through the Aoraki National Park. From mid - morning, we will continue to cruise through the National Park, through the stunning Lindis Pass through to Wanaka.

ACCOMMODATION: YHA Wanaka or similar

Included Experiences:

- ▶ Church of the Good Shepherd
- ▶ Dark Sky Project, Lake Tekapo



DAY 3

Wanaka ▶ Queenstown

Here in Wanaka, we will have the morning to hike the famous Roys Peak (included), snap 'That Wanaka tree' or climb Mount Iron (included). For the more daring in the group there's the option to experience via ferrata 'Wild Wire' or hit up the lakeside trails on a mountain bike. Late afternoon, you can catch your breath in the back of the bus as we cruise through the Crown ranges and head for the adrenaline fuelled Queenstown. We'll end the day heading up the Gondola (included) for a tasty dinner at the 'Skyline' overlooking Queenstown.

ACCOMMODATION: Nomads Queenstown or similar

Included Experiences:

- ▶ Queenstown Skyline Gondola & dinner



DAY 4

Free day in Queenstown

Carrying on the adrenaline pumping theme, you have a full day to fill with activities that suit all budgets and appetites for adventure. Try your hand at activities such as white water rafting, bungee jumping, skydiving, jet-boating or paragliding... if you dream it, it probably exists here in Queenstown. Speak to your Guide who will be able to point you in the right direction.

ACCOMMODATION: Nomads Queenstown or similar



DAY 5

Free day in Queenstown

Today we will head out into the heartlands of Otago to the picturesque town of Glenorchy to experience a scenic landscape brimming with southern charm.

ACCOMMODATION: Nomads Queenstown or similar

Included Experiences:

- ▶ Glenorchy tour



DAY 6

Queenstown ▶ Franz Josef

Leaving bright and early we leave behind Queenstown and set off for Franz Josef. This is one of the most scenic drives of your tour. We'll cruise by the breath-taking Lake Hawea, past the aptly named 'Blue Pools' and visit the pounding Thunder Creek Falls before visiting Lake Matheson; a spot that makes a mockery of Instagram filters. We'll then arrive in Franz Josef where we'll retire to a wilderness hostel deep in the rainforest itself.

ACCOMMODATION: Rainforest Lodge or similar

Included Experiences:

- ▶ Scenic drive
- ▶ Visit the Thunder Creek Falls & Lake Matheson



DAY 7

Free day in Franz Josef

Today free day in Franz Josef where you have the opportunity to experience a Heli-Hike to the famous Glacier or you can explore this lush corner of New Zealand (for free) on foot and hit up the many trails in the area. For those wanting something a little more special to take home with them; passengers can head up the road to nearby Hokitika to carve their own greenstone necklace (pounamu).

ACCOMMODATION: Rainforest Lodge or similar

Included Experiences:

- ▶ Explore the glacial valleys of Franz Josef & carve your very own pounamu pendant



DAY 8

Franz Josef ▶ Christchurch

On your final day we will cruise through the Arthur's Pass National Park, a landscape of two halves. On the eastern side you'll see wide, shingle-filled riverbeds and vast swathes of beech forest. Descend the western side and you venture through dense rainforest alongside and over deeply gorged rivers. Along this road we will stop off at the Devil's Punch Bowl and the breath-taking Castle Hill. (Included.) You tour will end in Christchurch, a small city with a big heart.

Included Experiences:

- ▶ Arthur's Pass National Park
- ▶ Devil's Punch Bowl, Castle Hill

