

The Classic Collection

The Classic Collection is our premiere touring option. With no more than 16 guests on any tour and such an incredible choice of things to do and places to see, we set out to give you plenty of time to sightsee, relax and savour the local lifestyle and culture.

Relax in stylish surroundings

Accommodation is usually high up on the list of importance on any holiday. At the end of a day's travel or activity, you'll want to freshen up and relax in a hotel that makes you feel at home. That's why the properties featured in our Classic Collection series have been very carefully chosen for their superior level of comfort, exceptional amenities, friendly staff and service and for their superb location.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to stay a few extra nights in the gateway cities, either at the beginning or end of your holiday. We particularly recommend this for travellers who may be arriving off long-haul flights. An extra day or two will certainly help you in getting over any jet lag and will ensure you are relaxed and refreshed before setting off on your journey around New Zealand.

Bed & Breakfast (price per person)	Share twin	Single
Auckland		
Duxton Hotel	\$130	\$230
Heritage Auckland Hotel	\$150	\$265
Christchurch		
Novotel	\$135	\$235
Heritage Christchurch Hotel	\$150	\$265
Wellington		
James Cook Grand Chancellor	\$135	\$240

Please note: Normal hotel check-in time is 2.00pm on the day of arrival. Whilst hotels will do all possible to accommodate an earlier check-in, this cannot be guaranteed.



More than just the usual sightseeing

Our Classic Collection tours include all the 'must-see' highlights of New Zealand plus many exclusive extras. We feature a fantastic mix of cultural, adventure & general sightseeing activities, some of which are only available to small groups.

On any given day, you could be cruising across a crater lake, swimming in natural thermal pools, flying over glaciers, mountains, waterfalls & rainforests, getting up close to & tasting ice from 500-year old icebergs, exploring spectacular fiords, experiencing the thrills of an action packed jet-boat ride or enjoying a guided heli-tour of an active volcanic island. Our trips feature them all!

But on those days when nothing is planned, we let you decide what you want to do.

Holidays are traditionally a great time to spread your wings & try something new but experience has shown that some of the best things in life involve the unexpected, which is why we don't plan everything for you. We believe it's important to have the right balance between a full, well-organised itinerary & the freedom to do your own thing, so within the framework of your journey with us, there is ample time and flexibility for your own personal exploration.

We offer excitement, leisure and adventure in their various forms and you can put them together to end up with the holiday you want! Your Tour Host will be only too pleased to advise & guide you as to all the options available.

Fabulous cuisine

We appreciate that individual appetites vary. Every day begins with a full cooked breakfast at your hotel and some tours may feature evening and specialty meals. When not included, we encourage you to seek out and enjoy the great variety of bistros, cafés and restaurants that offer indoor and al-fresco dining. After all, discovering new and exciting places to eat is a fun part of any travel experience!

Complimentary airport transfers

We offer all our guests complimentary, private limousine transfers on arrival and departure. Simply have your travel agent provide us with your flight details and we will meet you on arrival and see you to your first night's accommodation. At the end of your holiday, we'll make sure you get to the airport in plenty of time for your onward flight.



Island of Delight

12 Days – Christchurch to Christchurch



Highlights & Inclusions

- Group size won't exceed 16 guests
- 11 nights superior hotel accommodation
- 2 night stopovers in Marlborough Sounds & Christchurch
- 4 nights in majestic Queenstown
- Accompanied by professional Tour Host on days 3-12
- Full breakfasts daily & 1 dinner
- Scenic TranzCoastal train journey to Picton
- Stunning Kenepuru Sound
- World famous TranzAlpine Train through the magnificent Southern Alps
- Twin Glaciers of Franz Josef & Fox
- Historic Arrowtown and beautiful Southern Lakes District
- Optional tours & overnight cruises to Milford & Doubtful Sounds
- World-Heritage listed Mt Cook National Park
- See & touch glaciers & icebergs up-close on your Tasman Glacier Explorer expedition
- Lake Tekapo & the Church of the Good Shepherd
- Complimentary airport transfers by limousine



The South Island is a land of contrast and is your chance to escape the ordinary. Here, you'll find a magical land where the air is pure and the lakes an unearthly shade of blue, where stunning fiords wait to be explored and towering mountains cloak wide-open spaces of pristine, untouched wilderness. Whether you seek relaxation or adrenaline-fuelled adventure, you'll find it here – against a backdrop of the most amazing scenery you'll ever encounter.

Day 1 – Arrive Christchurch

On arrival, you will be met by our representative & transferred by limousine to your city hotel.

Stay Heritage Christchurch Hotel

Day 2 – TranzCoastal train to Picton & the Marlborough Sounds (B)

This journey is a scenic feast of New Zealand, with the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of your train and the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on the other. Travel through some of New Zealand's finest horticultural and farmland areas and see amazing wildlife such as dolphins, seals and penguins from the comfort of your train carriage. The TranzCoastal travels through 22 tunnels and crosses 175 bridges, one of them being New Zealand's only road-rail bridge. The TranzCoastal includes an open air viewing carriage where all your senses are awakened with the clean, fresh, sea air. On arrival in Picton, join your water taxi transfer to your resort.

Stay The Portage Resort (2 nights)

Day 3 – Stunning Kenepuru Sound (B)

A day to relax & marvel at the magic that is the Marlborough Sounds. Resort staff will share their love of the Sounds with you through the range of water and nature based experiences they put at your fingertips. The wide beach access is great for fishing, boating, sailing, swimming & sea-kayaking and there is a wealth of walks and meanderings in the immediate vicinity. There is also the opportunity to visit the vineyards & wineries that are located in the famous Marlborough wine region.

Day 4 – Kaikoura Coast, Christchurch (B)

Return by water taxi to Picton. Rejoin your coach and travel through Blenheim to Kaikoura, the world-renowned whale-watching centre of New Zealand. Continue south to Christchurch, the nation's second largest city.

Stay Heritage Christchurch Hotel

Day 5 – Spectacular TranzAlpine Train, Franz Josef & Fox Glacier (B)

This morning, join the TranzAlpine for "The Great New Zealand Rail Adventure". It is rated as one of the most scenic train journeys in the world. After crossing the huge and fertile patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, the TranzAlpine winds its way over massive viaducts, through spectacular river gorges and the stunning Waimakariri River valley. It tracks its way up and across the spectacular Southern Alps. At the alpine village of Arthur's Pass, reboard your coach and then travel along the dramatic West Coast to the township of Fox Glacier for our overnight stay.

Stay Te Weheka

Day 6 – Haast, Wanaka, Queenstown (B)

Optional scenic flights over this remarkable region are possible before our departure this morning [subject to weather conditions]. View incredible scenery as you travel past the untouched native forests and pristine lakes of the World Heritage Westland National Park and Haast Pass. There is time to wander around the popular lakeside townships of Hawea and Wanaka before our arrival in Queenstown, a beautiful alpine resort regarded as New Zealand's premier holiday destination.

Stay Heritage Queenstown Hotel (4 nights)





Days 7, 8 & 9 – Explore Queenstown & Fiordland National Park (B)

Enjoy three full days to experience this magnificent resort. Surrounded by majestic mountains, Queenstown boasts adventure activities in all forms, from extreme to relaxed exploration. Here you can take a thrilling jet boat ride, pan for gold, raft the white water rapids, take a wine trail, fish for trout, play golf or 4WD sheer canyons. It is also a great base from which to explore the Fiordland National Park. Optional day tours & overnight cruises to the awesome Milford & Doubtful Sounds are available. There are numerous activities from which to choose and your Tour Host will be pleased to offer advice and help you in your selection.

Day 10 – Arrowtown, Mt Cook National Park (B,D)

Set beneath the rugged Crown Range is Arrowtown, a fascinating collection of mining cottages with an atmosphere straight out of last century. Enjoy some time to stroll through this historic village located beside the Arrow River, once a haven for the gold prospectors of the 1860's. Later, we travel through the towns of Omarama & Twizel before driving up the western side of Lake Pukaki to the Mt Cook National Park, a World Heritage listed site. Mt Cook is Australasia's highest mountain at 3764 metres. The park covers over 70,000 hectares of breathtaking alpine scenery and is also home to the Tasman Glacier, the longest in the Southern hemisphere [optional Ski-plane & helicopter flights are available subject to weather conditions].

Stay Mt Cook Hermitage Hotel

Day 11 – Tasman Glacier, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch (B)

Experience the Tasman Glacier, New Zealand's largest, in the most unique way possible. An experienced guide will whisk you away in a stable MAC Boat to explore the melting ice-face of the Tasman Glacier. You will also get to touch &

taste 400-year old icebergs that have been carved into the murky waters of the lake. Later we visit beautiful Lake Tekapo and view the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd, built of local stone and oak in 1935. Leaving the High Country, cross the vast Canterbury Plains to the 'Garden City' of Christchurch.

Stay Heritage Christchurch Hotel

Day 12 – Depart Christchurch (B)

Sadly, your holiday is at an end and you will be transferred to Christchurch airport today for your onward flight. Here, we bid you 'Haere Ra', a fond farewell and hope you leave with many happy memories of your stay in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Departure Dates		
2011: Jan 08, 15, 18, 22, 29; Feb 05, 08, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26; Mar 01, 05, 12, 19, 22, 26, 29; Apr 02, 09, 16, 23; May 21; Jun 18; Jul 16; Aug 13, 27; Oct 16, 23; Nov 05, 12, 19, 26; Dec 03, 10, 17, 24		
2012: Jan 07, 14, 17, 21, 28; Feb 04, 07, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28; Mar 03, 10, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31; Apr 07, 14, 21, 28		
Prices	Twin	Single
01 Jan - 30 Apr '11	\$5,299	\$6,969
01 May - 30 Sep '11	\$4,510	\$5,919
01 Oct - 30 Apr '12	\$5,299	\$6,969

