

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.



Southern Skies

14 Days – Christchurch to Christchurch



An iconic 14 day trip of the beautiful South Island visiting world heritage listed parks, national maritime parks, spectacular glaciers, an overnight cruise in the stunning Milford Sound and wildlife in abundance. A tour guaranteed to please even the most discerning traveller!

Highlights & Inclusions

- 12 nights superior hotel accommodation
- Overnight Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- Full breakfasts daily, 1 lunch & 1 dinner
- Accompanied by professional, experienced Tour Host (days 2-12)
- 4 nights majestic Queenstown
- Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve & Hot Pools
- Whale watching cruise, Kaikoura
- Cruise & walk Abel Tasman National Park
- Punakaiki Rocks & Blowholes
- Franz Josef & Fox Glaciers
- Stunning Milford Sound
- Dart River Jet Boat Safari
- World-heritage listed Mt Cook National Park
- Entry to Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre & Museum
- Southern Skies stargazing experience
- See & touch glaciers & icebergs up close on your Tasman Glacier Explorer boat expedition
- Complimentary airport transfers by limousine



Day 1 – Arrive Christchurch

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

Stay Novotel Christchurch

Day 2 – Hanmer Springs, Kaikoura (B)

After a leisurely breakfast, travel inland to the naturally picturesque and tranquil alpine village of Hanmer Springs, nestled in a valley surrounded by a superb expanse of mountains and forest clad hills. Relax in the hot thermal pools at the Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve before continuing on to the township of Kaikoura, nestled in a narrow strip of stunning coastline that lies between mountain peaks and the Pacific Ocean.

Stay White Morph Inn

Day 3 – Whale Watch cruise, Nelson (B)

Every Whale Watch tour is a unique experience & sightings may vary from day to day. Giant sperm whales are the star of the show and are year-round residents. A typical Whale Watch tour may encounter fur seals, pods of Dusky dolphins & the endangered Wandering Albatross. Depending on the season, you may also see migrating Hump Back whales, Pilot whales, Blue whales & Southern Right whales. Later, continue north to Blenheim, gateway to the well-known Marlborough Sounds region before arriving at Nelson, a city of charm based on a harbour that is home to the busiest fishing port in New Zealand.

Stay Heritage Rutherford Hotel (2 nights)

Day 4 – Abel Tasman National Park Bush 'n' Beach walk (B,L)

Today you can choose from a number of included Cruise & Walk or Cruise only options in the famous Abel Tasman National Park. Cruise into protected bays & view the fur seal colony on Tonga Island. The launch hugs the shore, travelling in close to idyllic beaches fringed by native forest. The Abel Tasman Coastal track is well formed & shaded and comes out onto protected beaches excellent for swimming. Your Tour Host will give you details of the various choices available & will be happy to guide you as to the best tour that suits your own individual needs. Enjoy a great day on the water combining cruising, sightseeing, bush walks & beautiful beaches.

Day 5 – Nelson Lakes, Punakaiki Rocks (B)

Travel south through the Nelson Lakes region before arriving on the West Coast. Marvel at the bizarre limestone landscapes that are the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks & Blowholes.

Stay Punakaiki Resort

Day – 6 Greymouth, Franz Josef Glacier (B)

The West Coast is home to towering rainforests, mountains and glaciers, tranquil lakes and rushing rivers. It is steeped in history dating back to the gold rush era of the 1860's. Our overnight stay tonight is in the glacial village of Franz Josef. There is the opportunity to experience an optional scenic flight over this remarkable region this afternoon (subject to weather conditions).

Stay Punga Grove

Day 7 – Haast, Wanaka, Queenstown (B)

View breath-taking 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 travelling over the spectacular Crown Range to the historic gold mining village of Arrowtown. On to Queenstown, a beautiful alpine resort regarded as New Zealand's premier holiday destination.
Stay Heritage Queenstown Hotel (2 nights)

Day 8 – Explore Queenstown & its surrounds (B)

Enjoy a free day today to experience this magnificent resort. Surrounded by majestic mountains, Queenstown boasts adventure & leisure activities in all forms, from extreme to relaxed exploration. 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 9 – Milford Sound Overnight Nature Cruise (B,D)

Travel along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and through the rolling countryside to Te Anau. Continue along the spectacular Milford Road and through the hand-strewn Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound where you board the Milford Mariner for a relaxing cruise. Cruise the entire length of the Sound to the Tasman Sea & view spectacular waterfalls, rainforests, mountains & wildlife. The Milford Mariner is designed along the lines of a traditional New Zealand trading scow to reflect Fiordland's heritage and you will be accommodated in private cabins with en-suite bathrooms in this purpose-built vessel. It boasts spacious deck areas for viewing the wilderness, scenery & wildlife of Milford and activities include kayaking and excursions in the tender vessels (stabi craft) to explore the coastline.

Stay Overnight in sheltered Harrison Cove.

Day 10 – Return to Queenstown, day at leisure (B)

For those wishing to return to Queenstown by air, an optional scenic flight is available (subject to weather conditions). Upon our return, the rest of the day is free to relax & enjoy all that this spectacular resort has to offer.

Stay Heritage Queenstown Hotel (2 nights)

Day 11 – Mighty Dart River Jetboat Safari (B)

This morning, we are collected from our hotel & travel to Glenorchy to join our Dart River Jetboat Safari. Here you jet boat on crystal clear waters in a wild and scenic landscape amidst towering peaks, glaciers and the ancient rainforests of the Mt. Aspiring National Park. This is far more than a jet boat

ride... it's a rare journey into the enchanted wilderness of a World Heritage area.

Day 12 – Queenstown to Mt Cook (B)

Leaving the main tour party, travel by a regional tour operator to Mt Cook National Park. This world heritage listed site covers over 70,000 hectares of stunning alpine scenery. Optional ski- plane and helicopter scenic flights are available this afternoon subject to weather conditions. Entry to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre & Museum is included. After dinner, enjoy stargazing in the southern skies with expert astronomers. Telescopes ensure a close look at stars, planets, moon craters and distant galaxies.

Stay Mt Cook Hermitage Hotel

Day 13 – Tasman Glacier, Lake Tekapo & Christchurch (B)

This morning you get to experience the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake and icebergs up close on the only tour of its kind in New Zealand. Experienced local guides whisk you away in a stable MAC boat to explore the melting ice face of the Tasman Glacier, New Zealand's largest, and you'll be able to touch & taste 500 year old ice. Rejoin your coach early afternoon and travel to Lake Tekapo and view the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd before crossing the vast Canterbury Plains to the 'Garden City' of Christchurch.

Stay Novotel Christchurch

Day 14 – Depart Christchurch (B)

Sadly, your holiday is at an end and you will be transferred to Christchurch airport today for your onward flight.

Departure Dates		
2011: Jan 10, 17, 31; Feb 07, 14, 21, 28; Mar 07, 14, 21, 28; Apr 04, 11, 18; Oct 17, 31; Nov 14, 28; Dec 05, 19		
2012: Jan 09, 16, 30; Feb 06, 13, 20, 27; Mar 05, 12, 19, 26; Apr 02, 09, 16		
Prices	Twin	Single
01 Jan - 30 Apr '11	\$6,489	\$8,565
01 Oct - 30 Apr '12	\$6,565	\$8,665

