

# The Southern Circuit and Westland Mountain Country. - itinerary

Please Note: This trip requires a moderate level of fitness, and there will be days where a certain level of independence is necessary.

A group of Australian dance enthusiasts will be joining our tour, promising to add an extra layer of fun and excitement to our journey together!

## DAY ONE

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Embark on a breathtaking journey as you land in Queenstown, where the majestic landscapes of New Zealand welcome you. A comfortable transfer ushers you into the heart of adventure. This afternoon we give you time to settle into your accommodation in Queenstown and unwind. As evening falls, gather for a social drink, a perfect prelude to dinner at the hotel's on-site restaurant, capping off your first day in this picturesque town.

## DAY TWO

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Let's embark on a day of unparalleled beauty and adventure, commencing with a hearty breakfast served onsite at the hotel, setting the stage for an unforgettable journey. Our day unfolds with a scenic lakeside drive to the charming Glenorchy Village, where the majestic landscapes of New Zealand's South Island await to captivate the soul. Delve into the heart of nature with a Beech Forest Walk to Bob's Cove, immersing yourself in the tranquil beauty of the surrounding wilderness. Pause for a breathtaking photo opportunity at Bennett's Bluff, where panoramic vistas stretch as far as the eye can see. As the afternoon unfolds, indulge in free time to explore the vibrant streets and charming boutiques of Queenstown at your leisure. Then, prepare for an evening of culinary delights as we embark on a cruise aboard the iconic HMS Earnslaw, journeying to the scenic Walter Peak Station. We'll enjoy a quintessential Kiwi experience – a delicious gourmet BBQ buffet meal and a farm demonstration in amidst the stunning backdrop of Lake Wakatipu as the sun sets on an unforgettable day. We will cruise back to Queenstown on the HMS

Earnslaw to the comfort and of our accommodation.

## DAY THREE

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Join us for an epic journey to the breathtaking Milford Sound, a trip to Fiordland that promises a day of awe-inspiring beauty and adventure. Prepare for an early departure from Queenstown, where you'll be transferred to begin your Milford Sound Cruise and Coach experience. As you traverse the stunning landscapes of Fiordland, marvel at the rugged beauty of the region, with towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls creating a dramatic backdrop. During the cruise, indulge in a culinary experience of your choosing, with a variety of lunch options available for purchase onboard. Whether you opt for a sumptuous a la carte meal or prefer a lighter snack from the café menu, there's something to satisfy every palate. As the day draws to a close and we journey back to Queenstown, you will need to purchase a meal for dinner to take away with you for the return journey. Arriving back in Te Anau, there's a brief opportunity for a quick bathroom stop before continuing onward to Queenstown, where the comfort of your accommodation waits after your day.

## DAY FOUR

B, D

Today will be filled with discovery and enchantment, beginning with a delightful breakfast served onsite, setting the stage for an adventure-packed journey. Our day unfolds with a scenic drive to the majestic Coronet Peak Mountain & Skifield, where panoramic views and alpine wonders await to captivate the senses. After this we'll visit gorgeous Arrowtown, steeped in history, you can delve into the fascinating heritage of the region's Chinese gold mining camps. There will be free time to enjoy this pretty historical town with its lovely eateries and shops. From here we will continue through to the iconic Cardrona Hotel which offers a glimpse into the past, where you can unwind with a refreshing drink amidst historic surroundings. As the day progresses, we will arrive in Wanaka, immerse yourself in the serene beauty of Lake Wanaka, where shimmering waters and snow-capped peaks create a mesmerizing backdrop. We will enjoy our new accommodation, where a delectable dinner awaits at the on-site restaurant. Tonight, there is an

option in the evening to join in a casual fun dance evening hosted by our Australian friends.

## DAY FIVE

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Let's begin our day with a delightful breakfast to fuel your adventures ahead. Today we set sail on a captivating Lake Wanaka Cruise to Stevenson's Island, where nature's wonders await. You will be treated to a leisurely cruise through picturesque landscapes, culminating in a guided nature walk on Stevensons Island. As you traverse the island's rolling green pastures and ascend to its summit, breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and pristine wilderness unfold before you. After returning from this enriching experience, enjoy a leisurely lunch in Wanaka before delving into the fascinating exhibits at the National Transport & Toy Museum. With the afternoon free to explore the charms of Wanaka at your leisure, immerse yourself in the beauty of this lakeside town before indulging in a delicious dinner at the hotel's on-site restaurant.

## DAY SIX

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Today will be an exhilarating exploration through the pristine landscapes of New Zealand's South Island, beginning with a hearty breakfast to fuel your adventures. Departing from the hotel, our journey takes us to the breathtaking Meads Bay on Lake Hawea, with scenic lookouts dotting the route, offering panoramic views of the surrounding beauty. Our first stop will be the charming Makarora Tourist Centre before continuing our journey along the Haast Highway, where we'll encounter the cascading wonders of Fantail Falls, Thunder Creek Falls, and Roaring Billy Falls, with short walks offering glimpses of their natural splendour. We'll enjoy a leisurely lunch amidst the stunning wilderness, before embarking on an exhilarating Haast River jet boat tour, promising thrills and unparalleled views of the rugged landscapes. Departing from the Roaring Billy Walk, the adventure unfolds as we navigate the pristine waters of the Haast River, immersing ourselves in the untamed beauty of this World Heritage area. As the day draws to a close, retire to the comfort of Hotel in Haast, where dinner awaits at the on-site restaurant.

## DAY SEVEN

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We'll commence our day of scenic wonders, with breakfast to kick-start your journey. Our adventure unfolds with a visit to the awe-inspiring Ship Creek Lookout, where the majestic beauty of New Zealand's rugged coastline awaits to mesmerize your senses. As we journey along the stunning coastal route, make stops at Knights Point and Lake Paringa to soak in the breathtaking vistas and capture memorable moments. Our morning tea stop will be at the South Westland Salmon & Café in Paringa, where you can enjoy the tranquil surroundings. Continuing our journey, we arrive at Fox Glacier Village for a leisurely lunch, offering the perfect opportunity to explore charming cafes and indulge in a culinary delight of your choice. After lunch, venture up Glacier View Rd to catch a glimpse of the magnificent Fox Glacier, a spectacle of nature's grandeur. For the adventurous souls, a walk to the Base Lookout from Fox Glacier carpark awaits, offering panoramic views of the glacier and its surroundings. As the day draws to a close, arrive at your new hotel in Fox Glacier, where dinner awaits at the on-site restaurant.

## DAY EIGHT

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Indulge in a delightful breakfast to kick off your day of exploration, followed by a departure from the hotel to embark on a journey filled with natural wonders. Join the White Heron Sanctuary Tour, a captivating excursion aboard a comfortable bus, venturing into the Waitangiroto Nature Reserve. Here, amidst ancient Kahikatea rainforest, embark on a short walk to a purpose-built viewing hide, offering a glimpse into the world of the magnificent Kotuku, or White Heron, as they nest in their natural habitat. Keep an eye out for the Royal Spoonbill and the Little Shag, who also call this sanctuary home. After immersing yourself in the wonders of nature, enjoy a delicious lunch at the White Heron Store and tearooms. Our journey continues with a visit to the West Coast Treetop Walk, located in Hokitika. Traverse the elevated walkways amidst the lush forest canopy, offering unparalleled views of the surrounding landscape. As the day ends, retire to your accommodation in Hokitika, where you can gather for a social drink before dinner.

at the on-site restaurant. Tonight, there is an option in the evening to join in a casual fun dance evening hosted by our Australian friends.

## DAY NINE

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All aboard, today will be commencing with a delectable breakfast to energize you for the adventures ahead. Our journey takes us to the iconic Punakaiki Pancake Rocks, where the dramatic coastal formations await to mesmerize your senses. After exploring the wonders of Punakaiki, enjoy a leisurely lunch in Hokitika, allowing time to soak in the laid-back charm of this coastal town. As the afternoon unfolds, prepare for a journey aboard the legendary TranzAlpine Rail, renowned for its breathtaking vistas and unparalleled comfort. As dusk descends, indulge in a delightful dinner onboard the TranzAlpine, as you traverse the picturesque landscapes of the Canterbury Plains. Upon arrival in Christchurch, you will be transferred to your accommodation in Christchurch, where comfort and elegance awaits.

## DAY TEN

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This morning we'll fuel up for the day ahead with breakfast, setting the stage for the unforgettable experiences that lie ahead. Our first stop takes us to the iconic Gondola, where breathtaking views of the city and beyond await, indulge in the panoramic vistas that stretch as far as the eye can see. Next, hop aboard the renowned Hop on Hop off Tram Tour of Christchurch, a journey through time and culture aboard these charming vintage trams. Traverse the city's streets, soaking in its rich tapestry of architecture and heritage. Please note, while we can't guarantee the entire group will board the same tram simultaneously, rest assured, each ride promises an enriching experience. Keep in mind, the final tram departs Cathedral Junction at 5:00 pm, ensuring ample time to explore at your own pace. After the tram tour, indulge in some free time to wander through the lush greenery of the Botanic Gardens or delve into the captivating exhibits of the Museum, immersing yourself in the cultural tapestry of Christchurch. As the day draws to a close, gather for a memorable dinner at the on-site Restaurant at our hotel. Tonight, there is an option in the evening to join in a casual fun dance evening

hosted by our Australian friends.

## DAY ELEVEN

### B, MT, D:

Beginning your day with breakfast, igniting your senses and energizing your spirit for the adventures ahead. Today our first stop will be at Fisherman's Bays Garden, where you can immerse yourself in the tranquil beauty of this enchanting oasis. Delight in a morning tea amidst the fragrant blooms, followed by a guided tour of the gardens, where every corner reveals a new story waiting to be uncovered. Following your garden exploration, we continue to Akaroa village to relish in some free time or to indulge in a leisurely lunch in Akaroa, the choice will be yours. You can choose from one of the quaint eateries on hand in this pretty seaside village. Next be prepared to be enchanted by The Giant's House located in Akaroa. This is a whimsical wonderland where art and imagination intertwine. Enjoy spending some free time exploring the vibrant colours and intricate mosaics that adorn this unique attraction. From here we will make our back to Christchurch before concluding our day, as the sun sets on our day of exploration, return to the comforts of our accommodation where we enjoy our final dinner. Providing the perfect opportunity to reflect on the day's adventures and toast to the new friendships and memories made.

## DAY TWELVE

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After our final breakfast together, we will be transferred to the airport to catch our flights back, fare welling the pretty garden city and our newfound friends. Cherishing all the fond memories we have made over the last week, before making it back to the comfort of owns homes.