

SOUTHERN ESCAPE

Wellington to Christchurch 10 Days

Wellington ■ Blenheim ■ Christchurch
Fox Glacier ■ Queenstown
Te Anau ■ Dunedin ■ Lake Tekapo



YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ 9 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director and experienced Driver
- ✓ Premium air-conditioned coach travel
- ✓ 15 delicious meals – 9 breakfasts (B) and 6 dinners (D)
- ✓ A special Farewell Dinner
- ✓ All sightseeing, cruises, tours and entrance fees as specified
- ✓ Airport transfers on the first and last day

INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

- ☆ Cruise the Cook Strait on the Interislander Ferry
- ☆ Embark on a whale watching cruise in Kaikoura
- ☆ Bask in idyllic views during your special stay at Copthorne Hotel & Apartments Queenstown Lakeview
- ☆ Cruise Milford Sound and enjoy spectacular views
- ☆ Experience stunning views at Aoraki Mt Cook National Park
- ☆ Stay on the shores of Lake Tekapo and indulge in a Farewell Dinner

Day 1. Arrive Wellington

Arrive in Wellington and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Tour Director.

Stay: Travelodge Hotel Wellington.

Day 2. Wellington, Cook Strait, Blenheim ☆

Board the Interislander ferry across Cook Strait through the Marlborough and Queen Charlotte sounds. Admire coastlines defined by tiny coves and rocky shores on the way to Blenheim.

Stay: Blenheim, Quality Hotel Marlborough.

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Day 3. Blenheim, Kaikoura, Christchurch ☆

Head to Kaikoura today and embark on an exciting whale watching cruise. Continue your journey onwards to Christchurch.

Stay: Christchurch, Quality Elms Hotel.

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Day 4. Christchurch, Fox Glacier

Drive through the Southern Alps to Westland Tai Poutini National Park, home to the Franz Josef and Fox glaciers as well as spectacular lakes and rainforests. Travel along the west coast to enjoy views of the picturesque alps. Over thousands of years, these remarkable natural wonders have created immense valleys.

Stay: Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier.

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TRANZALPINE TRAIN

Perhaps take a renowned scenic rail journey aboard the TranzAlpine Train – travelling to Arthur's Pass. See page 34 for details.

Day 5. Fox Glacier, Queenstown ☆

Travel past the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps, through Haast Pass, skirting the shores of lakes Wanaka and Hawea to Queenstown. Settle in for a two-night stay with the dramatic backdrop of towering mountains overseeing Lake Wakatipu. Renowned for its world-class culinary scene, delicious food is always on the menu. During time at leisure, perhaps enjoy one of the many local restaurants. Two Nights: Copthorne Hotel & Apartments Queenstown Lakeview.

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SAVE \$300 per couple*
See page 18-19 for details



Southern Escape

Day 6. Queenstown

Today, during time at leisure, you have the freedom to choose one of our Select Experiences. You may wish to join the TSS Earnslaw for a cruise to Walter Peak Station, offering an insight into farming life in New Zealand's high country. Or, perhaps take a gondola ride to the top of Bob's Peak for the most expansive panoramic views over Queenstown (both at own expense - see page 34). This evening, perhaps tantalise your taste buds as you discover Queenstown's thriving dining scene. **B**

Day 7. Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau ☆

This morning after breakfast, skirt The Remarkables mountain range, tracing the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Fiordland National Park and beyond to Milford Sound. **Cruise the full length of Milford Sound, a magnificent fiord with spectacular landscapes surrounding this World Heritage-listed area.** Carved by ancient glaciers, today Milford Sound is widely regarded as one of the most incredible natural wilderness areas on earth. Later, continue by coach to Te Anau. After time to settle in to your hotel, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **Stay:** Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau. **BD**

Day 8. Te Anau, Dunedin

Leaving the Fiordland region, today you'll journey through rolling Southland countryside before arriving in Dunedin. Enjoy a tour taking in the city's most significant landmarks and learn of its rich history. Later, head to the nearby hills to take an intriguing tour of Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle. Steeped in scandal and tragedy, filled with magnificent antiques and offering breathtaking views, Larnach Castle provides a memorable holiday highlight. Take some time at leisure to explore the town as you please, before dining with your fellow travellers. **Stay:** Scenic Hotel Dunedin City. **BD**

Day 9. Dunedin, Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo ☆

Journey along the east coast to see the Moeraki Boulders. These large spherical stones were formed more than 60 million years ago and can be found along a stretch of Koekohe Beach. Continue to Oamaru to see some of New Zealand's finest 19th-century architecture. Later, en route to Lake Tekapo, **journey into Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to view Australasia's highest mountain, Aoraki (Mt Cook), and admire the sublime alpine scenery.** **Arrive at your hotel, Peppers Bluewater**

Resort, situated near the shores of Lake Tekapo. This evening, dine on fresh local produce at your hotel's stylish restaurant during a memorable Farewell Dinner. **Stay:** Lake Tekapo, Peppers Bluewater Resort. **BD**

Day 10. Lake Tekapo, Depart Christchurch

Your final day in New Zealand begins with a visit to the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd on the edge of Lake Tekapo. Enjoy the pristine natural beauty. Your journey then concludes on arrival at Christchurch Airport. **B**

1. Visit Lake Tekapo's historic Church of the Good Shepherd

2019/20 Dates & Prices (A\$)

10 Days – Wellington to Christchurch (NTWC10)

2019 Per Person	Twin Share	Solo Traveller
May 12 ; Sept. 8, 15 , 22, 29 .	\$2,695	\$3,495
Oct. 10 , 17 , 24 , 31.	\$3,795	\$4,945
Nov. 7, 14, 21 , 28; Dec. 19.	\$3,795	\$4,945
2020 Per Person		
Jan. 9 , 16 , 23 , 30 .	\$3,795	\$4,945
Feb. 6 , 17 , 20 , 24 , 27.	\$3,795	\$4,945
Mar. 5 , 12 , 19 ; 23, 26 ; Apr. 20 , 30.	\$3,795	\$4,945
May 14 ; 28; June 18.	\$3,395	\$4,445
Sept. 10 , 17 , 24; Oct 1 .	\$3,595	\$4,695
Oct. 8, 15, 29.	\$3,995	\$5,195
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 17.	\$3,995	\$5,195

Bold dates indicate guaranteed departure.

Trip Notes

Itinerary effective 10 October 2019 – 1 October 2020. Tours departing outside these dates follow a different itinerary (8-day tour NTCC8) – please enquire for details. Senior Card holders and Aust/NZ pensioners deduct \$50. See pages 36-37 for full terms and conditions.