

Jewels of the South

Christchurch to Wellington

14 days / 13-night Classic Journey

Visit 15 places

Polished, precious and breathtaking by their beauty, come together and discover the jewels that New Zealand's south island has to offer. Your trip culminates in Wellington, but not before exploring Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, cruising Milford Sound and indulging in the finest flavours at a Marlborough Dinner in Blenheim.

Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Christchurch
02	Aoraki Mt Cook
03	Dunedin
04-05	Te Anau
06-08	Queenstown
09	Franz Josef
10	Christchurch
11-12	Blenheim
13-14	Wellington

Signature Experiences

- Discover Australasia's highest peak in Aoraki Mt Cook National Park.
- Cruise pristine Milford Sound.
- Take in idyllic surrounds at Franz Josef.
- Embark on an impressive rail adventure aboard the TranzAlpine train.
- Surrender your taste buds to a three-course dining experience in the Marlborough region.
- Cruise across Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry.

Key

- Signature Experiences
- Freedom of Choice
- BD Breakfast Dinner

Day 01: Arrive Christchurch

We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. Tonight enjoy drinks and canapes on a historic tram. **D**

Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch.

Day 02: Christchurch, Aoraki Mt Cook

Today you'll traverse the Canterbury plains to visit the Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo, before journeying into Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to view Australasia's highest mountain, Aoraki (Mt Cook). This afternoon, you may join a guided nature walk. Alternatively, during the summer months, board a MAC boat and discover icebergs on the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake. Perhaps visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, or a visit the planetarium for a stargazing session with an astronomer. **BD**

Stay: Aoraki Mt Cook, The Hermitage Hotel, in a room with alpine views.

Day 03: Aoraki Mt Cook, Dunedin

Set out along the shores of Lake Pukaki to Oamaru. Continue to Koekohe Beach to view the Moeraki Boulders. Scattered across the Koekohe Beach, these large, spherical stones were formed more than 60 million years ago. Arrive in Dunedin in time for a delicious dinner at your hotel. **BD**

Stay: Distinction Dunedin Hotel.

Day 04: Dunedin, Te Anau

Begin your day with your choice of sightseeing activity. Afterwards, absorb the breathtaking scenery as you travel to the lakeside settlement of Te Anau. **BD**

Two Nights: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas.

Day 05: Te Anau

Waking in Te Anau this morning, decide how to spend your day thanks to our range of Freedom of Choice activities on offer. Perhaps you may like to explore an underground

network of limestone caves, lit by thousands of glow worms. Alternatively, you may prefer to set off on a wilderness cruise on Doubtful Sound. Or, you might take an exciting jet boat ride along the Upper Waiau River. Spend this evening at leisure to reflect on your day. **B**

Day 06: Te Anau, Milford Sound, Queenstown

This morning, wind through the Eglinton and Hollyford valleys. Get your camera ready as you travel through the Homer Tunnel, to be met by the sight of Mitre Peak. Continue to Milford Sound where you will cruise along the full length of this fiord deep within Fiordland National Park. After, Queenstown awaits. **BD**

Three Nights: Millennium Hotel Queenstown.

Day 07: Queenstown

Discover Queenstown your own way with an included Freedom of Choice sightseeing activity. If you consider yourself a movie buff, you may like to visit key Lord of the Rings filming locations. Meanwhile, for the thrillseekers, why not join in on a Skippers Canyon adventure for an exciting 4WD tour through the region. Others may prefer a cruise on Lake Wakatipu. This evening, select from a number of restaurants to dine at. **BD**

Day 08: Queenstown

Wake this morning and enjoy a day at leisure. You may like to take a stroll along the shores of Lake Wakatipu, or take part in the thrill of a lifetime in the country's 'adventure capital'. **B**

Day 09: Queenstown, Franz Josef

Today skirt the shores of lakes Wanaka and Hawea, before crossing Haast Pass into Westland Tai Poutini National Park. Continue to Franz Josef, then arrive at your luxury eco-resort in time for a four-course dinner. **BD**

Stay: Franz Josef, Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Day 10: Franz Josef, TranzAlpine Train, Christchurch

⊛ Seize the day and board New Zealand's famous TranzAlpine train and experience one of the world's greatest rail journeys. Enjoy stunning views as you pass by the striking patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, through deep gorges and river valleys. Follow the Waimakariri River and travel across the Southern Alps all the way to Christchurch. **B**
Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch.

Day 11: Christchurch, Kaikoura, Blenheim

⊛ This morning, follow the east coast to Kaikoura, before traversing the Marlborough region to Blenheim. Here, prepare to indulge in the finest flavours as you savour a Highlights of Marlborough Dinner. An exciting experience, the unique fusion of quality produce and ethnic influences have helped shape New Zealand's food and wine culture as one of the best in the world. Tonight, local chefs will present each dish before you, showcasing superb local artisan produce, perfectly paired with wines from the region. **BD**

Two Nights: Blenheim, Scenic Hotel Marlborough.

Day 12: Blenheim

⊛ Today, perhaps embark on a tour of the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, enjoy the sheer beauty of Marlborough Sounds during a greenshell mussel cruise, or choose to visit some of the region's best wineries. **B**

Day 13: Blenheim, Picton, Wellington

⊛ This morning, cruise across Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry. You'll traverse the stunning waters of Marlborough and Queen Charlotte sounds while taking in breathtaking surrounds. This afternoon, take part in a fascinating city sights tour of Wellington. **BD**
Stay: InterContinental Wellington.

Day 14: Depart Wellington

We say goodbye before we transfer you to the airport for your flight. **B**



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Dates and Prices (A\$)	Twin From	Solo From
14 Days Christchurch to Wellington (NZCCN14)		
2020 January 9, 25 ; February 8, 13, 29 ; March 21	\$6,995	\$9,195
April 2 ; September 19	\$6,795	\$8,895
2020/2021 October 3, 24 ; November 14 ; December 5, 19 January 2, 16, 30 ; February 6, 13, 27 ; March 13	\$6,995	\$9,445
April 3; May 15; September 11	\$6,795	\$9,045

Please note: Prices listed are indicative and may not be available on all departure dates listed. Prices are seasonal and are subject to change. This tour forms part of the Essence of New Zealand tour (NZCA20) pages 36-39, days 1 to 14. Bold dates indicate Guaranteed Departures. Prices are fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, cruises, meals as specified and accommodation. Itinerary effective 3 October 2020 – 11 September 2021. Tours departing outside these dates follow a different itinerary – enquire for details. See pages 60-61 for all other terms and conditions.

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