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SOUTH ISLAND SPECTACULAR & AURORA AUSTRALIS

Escape the familiarity of skyscrapers and dive into the serenity that sweeps over the South Island. Worlds apart from our concrete jungle, the island is overflowing with captivating natural wonders.

TOUR CODE: **NZST10**



SHOTOVER RIVER,
QUEENSTOWN

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| RELAXED | | | ACTIVE |

HIGHLIGHTS

NEW ZEALAND

SOUTH ISLAND

- Arthur's Pass
- Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park
- Arrowtown
- Blue Pools Walk
- Church of the Good Shepard
- Eglinton Valley
- Fiordland National Park
- Franz Josef Glacier
- Gibbston Valley Winery
- Hokitika
- Homer Tunnel
- Pancake Rocks
- Lake Matheson
- Kawarau Gorge Suspension Bridge
- Lake Pukaki
- Lake Te Anau
- Lake Tekapo
- Lake Wanaka
- Milford Sound
- Mirror Lakes
- Mrs Jones' Fruit Orchard
- Tasman Sea
- The Chasm

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

- 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners

3★HOTELS

- **CHRISTCHURCH:** Breakfree on Cashel
- **DUNEDIN:** Cargill
- **HOKITIKA:** Beachfront Hotel
- **MOUNT COOK:** Mount Cook Lodge
- **QUEENSTOWN:** Goldridge Resort
- **TE ANAU:** Fiordland Hotel
- **WANAKA:** Wanaka Hotel

*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered accommodation similar to this list.



Day 1 SINGAPORE > CHRISTCHURCH

Meet at Changi Airport for your flight to New Zealand.

Day 2 CHRISTCHURCH > MOUNT COOK

Western Dinner

Start the vacation with a brief city tour before journeying towards New Zealand's highest point – **Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park**. You will stop over at the town of **Ashburton** for a break before making a photo stop at **Lake Tekapo**. Admire the **Church of the Good Shepard** set against this beautiful backdrop before checking into the hotel. At night, you may wish to bask in the exquisiteness of the vast landscape of Mount Cook and enjoy a stroll under the stars. The only International Dark Sky Reserve in New Zealand, Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park offers one of the best stargazing experiences. With luck, the fascinating **Aurora Australis** might present itself to you.

Day 3 MOUNT COOK > DUNEDIN

Breakfast, Dinner

Explore the area in the morning, at your own leisure. As an option, you may want to go on a scenic helicopter flight and observe the South Islands from a bird's eye view. In the afternoon, you will embark on a drive along the scenic road where you can spot the tranquil **Lake Pukaki** which is one of the few lakes that generates hydropower in the district. Then, make a stop at the **Moeraki Boulders** for a photo. Over 50 of these large spherical formations sit along the coast of the **Koekohe Beach** and are a testament of the wonders of nature and time. Thereafter, make your way to **Dunedin** and rest for the night.

Day 4 DUNEDIN > TE ANAU

Breakfast, Dinner

Begin the morning on board a short city tour where you will get to visit **Baldwin Street**, the World's Steepest Street according to the Guinness Book of Records. En route to the town of **Te Anau**, a possible photo stop at **Tunnel Beach** which is well known for its manmade tunnel passage to the beach as well as its stunning views. Travel towards **Te Anau** to check in and have dinner. At night you are free to take part in an optional tour of the Glowworm Caves in Te Anau and experience the amazing sparkling display.

Day 5 TE ANAU > MILFORD SOUND > QUEENSTOWN

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - Barbecue

Travel to the famous **Milford Sound** located within **Fiordland National Park**. You will drive through **Eglinton Valley**. While there, watch out for a section of the road also known as 'The Avenue of the Disappearing Mountain' where the mountain ahead gradually disappears as you drive towards it! Photo opportunities will be in abundance as you drive past more of New Zealand's wonders. If weather permits, you will be able to witness the surrounding mountain ranges perfectly reflected on the still waters of **Mirror Lakes**. Then, drive through the amazing **Homer Tunnel**, a 1.2km passage that pierces through the solid granite mountains which took nearly two decades to complete. Proceed to experience **The Chasm** on footbridges that take you through a series of powerful swirling waterfalls and rapids. Upon arriving at



MILFORD SOUND,
FIORDLAND

Milford Sound, you will get on board a catamaran to begin a 1 hr 45 min scenic cruise covering the length of the fiord. Be blown away by the grandeur of your natural surroundings and discover the secrets of Milford Sound on this interactive tour before concluding the day in Queenstown.

Day 6 QUEENSTOWN

Breakfast

Explore Queenstown freely on this day of leisure. As an option, you may wish to embark on the century old TSS Earnslaw to marvel at more of New Zealand's beauty. Alternatively, you may wish to go on an optional tour to **Doubtful Sound**. This exclusive fiord is only accessible by cruise via **Lake Manapouri**. There, you might be able to come across Fiordland, home to penguins, bottlenose dolphins and fur seals.

**Note: TSS Earnslaw will not be in operation from mid May – mid June 2016 due to annual maintenance*

Day 7 QUEENSTOWN > WANAKA

Breakfast

At exciting experience awaits at the first stop – **Shotover River!** You have the option of getting on a gravity defying jet boat that will whisk you through the canyon at high speed. Next, stopover at the **Kawarau Gorge Suspension Bridge** to witness daring bungee jumpers launch off this 43m plunge before heading to **Arrowtown**. Explore the historical gold mining town at your own leisure. Thereafter, proceed to **Gibbston Valley Winery** for a wine tasting experience before stopping by in **Cromwell** at Mrs Jones' Fruit Orchard for your chance to purchase a refreshing bite. The day ends as you retire to your hotel located in the area of **Lake Wanaka**. Again, with luck, the

fascinating **Aurora Australis** might present itself to you here.

Day 8 WANAKA > HOKITIKA

Breakfast, Dinner – Western Buffet

The day's journey to **Hokitika** will see you witnessing some of the most magnificent views. During the drive, get blown away by the breathtaking sight of **Lake Hayes**. You will travel through a sliver of land, just 1000m wide, known as **the Neck** that separates **Lake Wanaka** and **Lake Hawea** that lie parallel to each other. Drive past **Makarora** and onto **Haast Pass**, making your first stop of the day at the **Blue Pools Walk**. Spot the fishes as you take a short walk on a swing bridge above the crystal clear blue waters of Makarora River. Continue the journey via **Mount Aspiring National Park** and **Westland National Park** to stop at **Lake Matheson**. One of the best views of Aoraki / Mount Cook can be seen from the lake and a clear reflection of the mountain can be found on a calm day. Carry on driving north along the coast to the visit **Franz Josef Glacier** before heading to the hotel for the night.



LAKE MATHESON, WEST COAST

Day 9 HOKITIKA > CHRISTCHURCH

Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast, head towards the town of **Punakaiki** which sits on the edge of **Paparoa National Park**. There, visit the famous **Pancake Rocks** – formations that get their name from the appearance of layered limestone. Continue your journey to the town of **Hokitika** and make a stop at a jade factory before proceeding to **Christchurch** via **Arthur's Pass**. There, you will embark on a brief tour of the largest city in the South Islands before dinner. As an option, you may wish to go on the **TranzAlpine** – a train that will take you on a scenic journey between Christchurch and Greymouth.

Day 10 CHRISTCHURCH > SINGAPORE

Breakfast

Enjoy the morning at leisure until it is time to get on your flight back to Singapore. We hope you enjoyed your vacation with EU Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again on your next trip.

Note:

- A minimum group of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- During major events, accommodation may be relocated without prior notice.
- We are unable to guarantee that you will observe the **Aurora Australis** as it is a natural phenomenon. The land mass in the Southern Hemisphere is less than the North, reducing sighting chances. However, should the **Aurora** appear, it will more likely be in South Island towards the Southern horizon around **Lake Wanaka** and **Dunedin**.