



**GREAT JOURNEYS  
NEW ZEALAND**  
AOTEAROA BY TRAIN

## **Signature | Inspirational Alps Christchurch to Queenstown. 7 days**

<p><b>Day 1</b> <b>Christchurch</b></p>	<p><b>Kia Ora!</b> Welcome to Christchurch – New Zealand’s Garden City! The largest city in the South Island, Christchurch is known for its historical earthquake in 2011 and how it rebuilt itself into a charming, multicultural city that blends modern architecture and technology with the existing 19th-century Anglican 'gothic revival' architectural influence.</p> <p>After checking into your hotel and reading your welcome letter from your Tour Director, head out and explore all that Christchurch has to offer. This is the perfect opportunity to wander through the enticing stalls at Riverside Market or explore the botanical gardens before heading to the art gallery, museums and other city attractions.</p> <p>After an exciting day on the town, your journey will officially begin as you meet your fellow travellers and Tour Director at aboard Christchurch’s historic tramway restaurant.</p> <p><b>Accommodation</b> 4 - 4.5 Star Accommodation (2 Nights in Christchurch)</p> <p><b>Meals</b> Welcome Dinner</p> <p><b>Activities</b> Christchurch Historic Tramway Dinner</p>
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## Day 2 Hokitika

### The TranzAlpine Scenic Train

The moment has come to experience the world-famous TranzAlpine journey through the Southern Alps emerging in the West Coast! On this fantastic escape, you will see epic vistas, soar on the edges of the ice fed Waimakariri River, traverse through the Great Divide, and experience ever changing landscapes. The natural scenery isn't the only marvel though. The TranzAlpine passes through the Otira Tunnel, a true engineering marvel of 100 years!

Once you arrive on the West Coast, a private coach will take you even further off the beaten track to Punakaiki Pancake Rocks. Here you will explore curious limestone formations and blowholes before finishing your day in the ocean-front town of Hokitika.

#### Accommodation

4 - 4.5 Star Accommodation (1 night)

#### Meals Included

Breakfast, Morning Tea and Lunch on train

#### Activities

- TranzAlpine Scenic Journey
- Punakaiki Pancake Rock Excursion

## Day 3 Franz Josef

### Explore the West Coast

This morning you'll start your West Coast adventure by visiting one of the South Island's most popular activities – the Treetop Aerial Walkway. This elevated adventure will get you acquainted with the locals – the ancient Rimu and Kamahi trees.

After your sky-high experience, continue south into Glacier Country. Franz Josef Glacier is quite special in that it survives in coastal rainforest temperatures. With a short walk to a viewpoint, you'll get a fantastic view of the vast valley, as well as a sneak peek of Franz Josef



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	<p>Glacier itself. If you would prefer to get up close, we recommend booking an optional helicopter flight. This will ensure you are getting the best possible view of this natural wonder.</p> <p>After indulging in the local activities and retail therapy in Franz Josef's souvenir shops, join your group for an impeccable highlight meal at Te Waonui Forest Retreat.</p> <p><b>Accommodation</b> 4 - 4.5 Star Accommodation (1 night)</p> <p><b>Meals</b> Breakfast, Dinner</p> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• West Coast Treetops Aerial Walkway &amp; Cafe</li><li>• Short Nature Walk to Glacier Viewing Point</li><li>• 5-Course Degustation Meal at Te Waonui Forest Retreat</li></ul>
<p><b>Day 4</b> <b>Queenstown</b></p>	<p><b>A Unique Road Trip Adventure</b></p> <p>Today you will explore the Haast Pass. With changing landscapes around every bend, this journey of about five hours to Queenstown, will be one of the most scenic drives you may ever take. While aboard an exciting river boat and private coach, marvel at the beaches, crystal blue lakes and rivers, mountain peaks, lush vineyards, charming plains and majestic glaciers as your Tour Director guides you between local hidden gems. Stop in unique locations that only locals know about.</p> <p>Emerging on the other side of the pass, explore the local fruit hotspot – Mrs. Jones' Fruit Stall before exploring the cobblestone streets of Arrowtown.</p> <p>After an exciting plunge into the history of this gold rush village, you will arrive in the world-</p>



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	<p>famous resort town of Queenstown!</p> <p><b>Accommodation</b></p> <p>4 - 4.5 Star Accommodation (3 Nights in Queenstown)</p> <p><b>Meals</b></p> <p>Breakfast, Dinner</p> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scenic coach journey through Haast Pass with stops along the way</li><li>• Haast River Safari</li><li>• Mrs Jones' Fruit Stall and Arrowtown Visit</li></ul>
<p><b>Day 5</b> <b>Queenstown</b></p>	<p><b>Explore Milford Sound</b> <b>The 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World</b></p> <p>Make sure you charge your camera before you set off on today's adventure. Today you're heading to Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi to be engulfed in towering peaks and waltz through plunging valleys.</p> <p>After travelling through native rainforests, meadows, and past beautiful reflective pools you will join your cruise in Milford Sound. Enjoy one of the most stunning natural features New Zealand has to offer. Aboard the cruise you will meander down the sound to experience the rumble of Bowen and Stirling Falls as they plummet from glacial hanging valleys. Marvel at the sheer pinnacle of Mitre Peak, rising from the deep waters of the fjord.</p> <p>Or if you'd like to soar like the Piopio (ancient bird), why not elevate your day by booking a flight into the Sound by plane?</p> <p>After this adventure, you will be heading back to Queenstown for a relaxing evening.</p> <p><b>Accommodation</b></p> <p>4 - 4.5 Star Accommodation (3 Nights in</p>



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	<p>Queenstown)</p> <p><b>Meals</b> Breakfast, Lunch</p> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Milford Sounds Day Excursion</li></ul>
<p><b>Day 6</b> <b>Queenstown</b></p>	<p><b>Explore Queenstown</b></p> <p>Queenstown truly has something for everyone. Personalise your day to be as active or relaxed as you'd like. Whether it's exploring Walter Peak on a horse trekking adventure, hopping on the gondola for inspiring views, or sipping wine in Gibbston Valley, there is no shortage of activities to delight your senses.</p> <p>Enjoy a 'final hurrah' this evening as we board the TSS Earnslaw Steamship Cruise, dinner and show. Reflect on your great adventure with your fellow travellers as you cruise to your dining experience at Walter peak overlooking the beautiful Table Bay. Sit back and watch a true Kiwi experience as you learn about sheep shearing and dog herding in this beautiful setting. This evening will truly encapsulate your great journey as a truly New Zealand highlight.</p> <p>Not ready to call it a night? Sip cocktails and indulge in Queenstown's exciting nightlife alongside the sparkling Lake Wakatipu.</p> <p><b>Accommodation</b> 4 - 4.5 Star Accommodation (3 Nights in Queenstown)</p> <p><b>Meals</b> Breakfast, Dinner</p> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farewell Dinner at Walters Peak</li><li>• TSS Earnslaw Cruise &amp; Farm Show</li></ul>
<p><b>Day 7</b></p>	<p><b>Departing Queenstown</b></p>



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### **Queenstown**

Your journey will end after enjoying a final breakfast with your fellow travellers.

Not ready to leave Queenstown? Reach out to our Travel Centre to pre-organise your extended stay.

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

#### **Activities**

Transfer to airport