

# 8-Day, 7-Night Chinese New Year South Island Semi-Independent Tour - Classic Route

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## Itinerary

### DAY 1 Queenstown

Welcome to Queenstown's Alpine Paradise

Ease into your holiday amid spectacular mountain scenery and the shimmering waters of Lake Wakatipu.

For airport transfers, please contact our team.

Explore at Your Leisure:

Lake Wakatipu's waterfront, Queenstown Gardens, and the town centre's distinctive restaurants and stylish bars.

Breakfast☐Own arrangements☐Lunch☐Own arrangements☐Dinner☐Own arrangements ☐Accommodation☐The Dairy Private Hotel Queenstown

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### DAY 2 Queenstown

Choose Your Queenstown Experience

Skyline Gondola

Ride to the top of Bob's Peak for sweeping views over Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountains.

TSS Earnslaw Cruise

Cruise Lake Wakatipu aboard a historic steamship, enjoying spectacular alpine scenery and a touch of old-world charm.

Breakfast☐Hotel Breakfast☐Lunch☐Own arrangements☐Dinner☐Own arrangements ☐Accommodation☐The Dairy Private Hotel Queenstown

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### DAY 3 Queenstown

Explore Queenstown at Your Own Pace

Enjoy plenty of free time to discover local sights, browse boutique shops and savour Queenstown's vibrant food scene.

### Optional Experience: Milford Sound Day Trip

Cruise beneath towering peaks and cascading waterfalls, taking in the breathtaking beauty of this pristine fiord.

Breakfast ☐ Hotel Breakfast ☐ Lunch ☐ Own arrangements ☐ Dinner ☐ Own arrangements ☐ Accommodation ☐ The Dairy Private Hotel Queenstown

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### **DAY 4** Queenstown → Lake Tekapo

Take in the beauty of Lake Tekapo at your own pace and ease into a relaxing lakeside escape.

Departure: Queenstown

Athol Street (in the middle of the car park)

Departure time: 8:00 AM

Arrival: Lake Tekapo

Outside the Dark Sky Building, 1 Motuariki Lane

Arrival time: 1:39 PM

Breakfast ☐ Hotel Breakfast ☐ Lunch ☐ Own arrangements ☐ Dinner ☐ Own arrangements ☐ Accommodation ☐ Chinese New Year Special – Lake Tekapo Holiday Home Stay

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### **DAY 5** Lake Tekapo – Mount Cook – Lake Tekapo

Journey through the heart of the South Island to Mount Cook National Park, taking in snow-capped peaks, alpine lakes and sweeping valleys.

Departure: Lake Tekapo

Outside the Dark Sky Building, 1 Motuariki Lane

Departure time: 7:00 AM

Return: Lake Tekapo

Outside the Dark Sky Building, 1 Motuariki Lane

Return time: 5:30 PM

If you have booked a Mount Cook helicopter experience, please let our team know in advance so we can arrange transfers to and from the departure point.

Breakfast ☐ Own arrangements ☐ Lunch ☐ Own arrangements ☐ Dinner ☐ Own arrangements ☐ Accommodation ☐ Chinese New Year Special – Lake Tekapo Holiday Home Stay

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### **DAY 6** Lake Tekapo – Christchurch

Enjoy views of Lake Tekapo before continuing to Christchurch, where you'll check in to your city centre hotel.

Departure: Lake Tekapo

Outside the Dark Sky Building, 1 Motuariki Lane

Departure time: 2:25 PM

Arrival: Christchurch

Cathedral Square

Arrival time: 5:54 PM

Breakfast☐Own arrangements☐Lunch☐Own arrangements☐Dinner☐Own arrangements ☐Accommodation☐Fable  
Christchurch

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## **DAY 7** Christchurch Day Tour

Explore Christchurch at your own pace, or enjoy an optional day trip for more memorable experiences.

Recommended Day Trips:

- Kaikōura Whale Watching
- Akaroa Day Tour

Breakfast☐Hotel Breakfast☐Lunch☐Own arrangements☐Dinner☐Own arrangements ☐Accommodation☐Fable  
Christchurch

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## **DAY 8** Christchurch · Depart at Your Leisure

A Leisurely Morning in Christchurch

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy free time to explore the Garden City at your own pace.

For a relaxed city walk, stroll along the Avon River, visit the iconic Cardboard Cathedral and explore colourful New Regent Street, with its charming cafés and boutique shops.

Follow your interests, pause wherever you please and soak up Christchurch's relaxed atmosphere.

For airport transfers or additional nights' accommodation, please contact our team.

Breakfast☐Hotel Breakfast☐Lunch☐Own arrangements☐Dinner☐Own arrangements

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Indicative price **NZD 2,428** /person

## **What's included**

#### Included

- Selected Accommodation
- (Final hotel arrangements are subject to booking confirmation.)
- ☐ Three Nights in Central Queenstown · Breakfast Included
- Boutique accommodation at The Dairy Private Hotel Queenstown
- ☐ Two Nights in Tekapo · Breakfast Not Included
- A local holiday home specially selected for your Chinese New Year stay
- ☐ Two Nights in Central Christchurch · Breakfast Included
- Fable Christchurch
- ☐ Intercity Transport
- GreyCheetah Bus tickets are included throughout the following route:
- Queenstown → Lake Tekapo → Mount Cook → Christchurch

#### Not included

- Optional activities and meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses, including minibar purchases, laundry, phone calls and hotel luggage storage.
- Visa fees, international and domestic flights, and travel insurance.
- Additional transport, accommodation or other costs arising from personal circumstances.
- Additional costs due to events beyond our control.

### **Terms & Conditions**

Please read the following terms carefully before booking. By making a booking and payment, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and accepted these conditions.

### **Important Information**

#### **No-Smoking Policy**

Smoking is strictly prohibited in hotel rooms and on balconies. Hotels may impose a smoking charge starting from NZ\$500. Guests responsible for the room must pay any charges imposed by the hotel. Unpaid charges may be referred to New Zealand's Disputes Tribunal for recovery, and any associated costs will be the responsibility of the guests concerned.

#### **Travel Insurance**

We strongly recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover unexpected events, accidents, medical expenses and loss or damage to personal belongings. Claims are subject to your insurer's policy terms and must be submitted directly to the insurer. We do not provide insurance claims services.

Please keep your luggage, valuables and cash secure throughout your journey. To the extent permitted by law, the travel agency, drivers and guides accept no liability for lost, stolen or damaged personal belongings.

#### **ACC Accident Cover**

New Zealand's Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) provides cover for certain accidental injuries sustained in New Zealand, including injuries to visitors. Cover is subject to eligibility and may not meet all treatment costs. ACC does not replace travel insurance or cover all medical and

travel-related expenses. Separate travel insurance is strongly recommended.

## **Travel Tips**

### **1. Passports & Visas**

Travellers holding Chinese passports should obtain the appropriate visa before departure. We recommend travelling with at least six months' passport validity and carrying a printed copy of your eVisa. You are responsible for ensuring that all travel documents meet the entry requirements. If entry is refused due to missing or invalid documents, we cannot accept responsibility, and tour fees are non-refundable, subject to applicable law.

### **2. Seasons & Time Difference**

New Zealand's seasons are opposite to those in China. Mainland New Zealand is four hours ahead of China during standard time and five hours ahead during daylight saving. Daylight saving runs from the last Sunday in September to the first Sunday in April.

### **3. Currency & Payments**

The local currency is the New Zealand dollar (NZD). Exchange rates fluctuate, so check the current rate before travelling. Visa is widely accepted, and UnionPay is available at selected businesses. Carrying a small amount of cash is also useful.

### **4. Language**

English is widely spoken and is the main language used in everyday interactions. Basic English will be helpful during your stay.

### **5. Shopping Hours**

Many shops close earlier than you may be accustomed to, and some have shorter hours or close on Sundays and public holidays. Please check opening hours and plan your shopping accordingly.