6-Day, 5-Night Classic South Island Semi-Independent Tour

Itinerary

DAY 1 Queenstown

Your Queenstown Escape Begins
Ease into your holiday surrounded by Queenstown’s spectacular mountains and the shimmering waters of Lake Wakatipu.
For airport transfers, please contact our team.
Recommended Optional Experiences:
Skyline Gondola Ride or TSS Earnslaw Cruise

Breakfast Own arrangements Lunch Own arrangements Dinner Own arrangements Accommodation The Central Hotel Queenstown

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DAY 2 Queenstown

Queenstown, at Your Own Pace
Enjoy plenty of free time to explore Queenstown’s sights, browse local shops and savour the town’s vibrant food scene.
Recommended Optional Experience:
Milford Sound Day Trip

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DAY 3 Queenstown → Wanaka

Explore Wanaka’s Lakeside Beauty at Your Own Pace
For airport transfers, please contact our team in advance.
Departure: Stanley St (Queenstown) / Upper Stanley St Bus Station
Departure Time: 8:05 AM
Arrival: 100 Ardmore Street, Wanaka
Arrival Time: 9:40 AM

Breakfast Hotel Breakfast Lunch Own arrangements Dinner Own arrangements Accommodation Wanaka Hotel or Oakridge Resort Lake Wanaka

DAY 4 Wanaka → Twizel → Mount Cook → Twizel

Journey Through the High Country to Aoraki / Mount Cook
If you have booked a Mount Cook helicopter experience, please let our team know in advance so transfers to the activity can be arranged.
Departure: 100 Ardmore Street, Wanaka
Departure Time: 10:40 AM
Arrival: Twizel Bus Shelter, Market Place
Arrival Time: 12:34 PM
12:40 PM: Change buses for Mount Cook
5:00 PM: Return to Twizel

Breakfast Hotel Breakfast Lunch Own arrangements Dinner Hotel Dinner Accommodation Distinction Mackenzie Twizel

DAY 5 Twizel → Lake Tekapo → Christchurch

Scenic Lake Views en Route to Christchurch
Enjoy views of Lake Tekapo along the way, then settle into your city-centre hotel upon arrival in Christchurch.
Departure: Twizel Bus Shelter, Market Place
Departure Time: 12:50 PM
Arrival: Cathedral Square, Christchurch
Arrival Time: 5:54 PM

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

DAY 6 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

Indicative price **NZD 1,868** /person

What's included

Included
• Selected Accommodation
• (Final hotel arrangements are subject to booking confirmation.)
• Two Nights in Central Queenstown · Daily Buffet Breakfast Included
• The Central Hotel Queenstown
• Wanaka Accommodation · Buffet Breakfast Included
• Wanaka Hotel or Oakridge Resort Lake Wanaka
• Twizel Accommodation · Buffet Breakfast & Dinner Included
• Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel Twizel
• Central Christchurch Accommodation · Daily Buffet Breakfast Included
• Fable Christchurch
• Intercity Transport
• GreyCheetah Bus tickets are included throughout the following route:
• Queenstown → Wanaka → Twizel → Mount Cook → Twizel → Lake Tekapo → 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.