

NEW ZEALAND ULTIMATE

SOLOS ONLY. Best Suited 55 Years and Over



11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

Discover New Zealand on this deluxe tour of the **stunning South Island of New Zealand** all in the company of like-minded solo travellers.

This trip is for the discerning traveller who appreciates the highest quality. Starting from Christchurch, you will travel on the **Ultimate Coach, a full sized coach with a luxury fit out for a maximum of 20 travellers**. This experience will redefine your opinion of a coach holiday.

Plus you will be pampered with premium accommodation and indulge in fabulous cuisine complemented with New Zealand's highly distinctive wines across your journey of the South Island.

PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- International Antarctic Centre
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Nature Cruise and Lunch
- Larnach Castle*
- City sights tour of Christchurch and Dunedin

*Guided tour.

THE ULTIMATE COACH

Be dazzled by the purpose-built Ultimate Coach featuring 20 luxury leather seats, panoramic viewing and a level of comfort unparalleled by any other vehicle. The design is state-of-the-art and complete with extensive onboard features and the latest finishes and technology including:

- 20 luxury leather fully reclining seats with adjustable headrest and calf support
- Panoramic viewing, air conditioning and seat belts and onboard restroom
- Wood grain timber tray table with built-in cup holder
- Seat side personal storage providing easy access to your travel bag
- Personal audio control unit with multiple music channels and a complimentary set of headphones
- Stylish centre galley area equipped with refrigerated drinking fountain and fridge units
- Complimentary daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance and USB port for charging devices
- Access to daily newspapers and range of glossy magazines



TOUR INCLUSIONS

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- 10 nights, 4.5 star hotels
- 10 cooked breakfasts
- 1 picnic lunch
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle
- 8 sumptuous dinners including 2 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch

Dinner on Day 1 not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

SIGHTSEEING AND GUIDES

- 1 rail journey
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions

TRAVEL

- Return airfares from your homeport (ex Australia)
- Personalised 'Meet and Greet' on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Ultimate Small Group Tour Coach with 20 luxury leather reclining seats on a full-size vehicle, 2 door access and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Porterage in and out of hotels
- Small group, not more than 20 travellers
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- Souvenir group photo

Not included:

- Airfares if booking a tour only package
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage
- Visa fees
- Porte service at airports
- Any tips at airports, drivers & local staff
- Meals and beverages not specified on itinerary
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry & medical expenses
- Incidental expenses such as taxi fares, telecommunications

Travel insurance is a mandatory requirement for joining this tour and is in addition to the package price.

TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded solo travellers
3. Small groups
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Roommate matching option

ABOUT US

At *Encounter Travel* we offer holiday groups for solo travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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TRAVEL DATES:

THU 7 - SUN 17 JANUARY 2021

TOUR PRICE:

see website for detailed prices

PRE TOUR STAY

Consider arriving a day before the tour start, or extend your stay at the tour end. Ask our travel team about this option, and the additional costs.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Arrive Christchurch

On arrival into Christchurch you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, meet your travelling companions over a complimentary pre-dinner drink.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 Christchurch

This morning visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. Feel the chill of the Antarctic storm room, take a ride on the Hagglund all-terrain vehicle, see the little blue penguins and be astonished within the immersive 4D theatre. This is followed by a city tour of Christchurch. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure to explore further.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3

Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass

located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your Ultimate Coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing to the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 Franz Josef - Queenstown

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 Queenstown (Free Day)

Today is a free day with plenty of optional activities to choose from. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon or to get up close to a Kiwi bird. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

Meals: Breakfast, Specialty Dinner

DAY 6 Queenstown - Te Anau

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. This innovative museum is heavily involved in the protection of the historic buildings scattered around town. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the



Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a nature cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You may like to visit the Fiordland Cinema, specially constructed to screen the locally filmed movie Ata Whenua - Shadowland which will take you on an unforgettable journey (optional).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 Te Anau - Dunedin

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Enjoy a city tour followed by some free time to explore at leisure. Optional activities include a tour of the Speight's Brewery, which produces New Zealand's most popular beer, see wildlife in their natural habitat or take a tour of Olveston Historic Home, containing many treasures of a bygone era.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



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DAY 9 Dunedin - Mt Cook

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, hear the tragic and scandalous stories on a guided tour. There is time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Mt Cook.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10 Mt Cook - Christchurch

This morning marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving into Christchurch for an introductory city sights tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your new found friends.

Meals: Breakfast, Specialty Dinner

DAY 11 Depart Christchurch

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

Meals: Breakfast

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