



LAND TOUR

JEWELS OF THE SOUTH

2024 – 2025

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14 days / 13 nights Land Tour



Christchurch to Wellington

ITINERARY

To view the itinerary in greater depth, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list to unveil its details. Discover daily activities, immersive experiences and insider local tips that make your travel unforgettable.



CHRISTCHURCH TO WELLINGTON

14 days / 14 nights Land Tour

DAY 1

Arrive Christchurch

Once you've arrived in Christchurch, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Spend the afternoon relaxing before enjoying a Signature Experience, followed by a welcome dinner.



Signature Experience – Tram Ride Through Christchurch

Step aboard a beautifully restored heritage tram and embark on a private tour of Christchurch. Enjoy drinks and canapés as you spot many of the city’s iconic sights. You’ll also learn about the regeneration of this vibrant city following the devastating 2010 and 2011 earthquakes.

Signature Experience:

These all-inclusive, once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises.

Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch

Daily: • Dinner

DAY 2

Christchurch, Lake Tekapo/Takapō Aoraki/Mount Cook

Today, you’ll traverse the Canterbury plains to visit the Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo/Takapō. Later, venture into Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, where you will enjoy a Signature Experience and then embark on a sightseeing activity of your choice.

Signature Experience – Aoraki/Mount Cook

Journey into Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, a bewildering landscape of towering mountain peaks, alpine herb fields and epic glaciers. See New Zealand’s tallest mountain, Aoraki/Mount Cook and stay at the iconic Hermitage Hotel. Dine at the hotel’s Alpine Restaurant this evening, indulging in a delicious seasonal menu that incorporates the finest local ingredients.

Freedom of Choice – Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre

Visit the state-of-the-art Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre and discover the history of the iconic surrounding region. The museum is dedicated to the achievements of the famous mountaineer and explorer Sir Edmund Hillary and his affiliation with Aoraki/Mount Cook.

Freedom of Choice – Stargazing

Learn all about the stars of the southern sky with an expert astronomer.

Freedom of Choice – Glacier Explorer Cruise

Step aboard a MAC boat for an up-close encounter with stunning icebergs on the terminal lake of the Tasman Glacier (summer months only).



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Freedom of Choice:

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options to suit your interests.

Stay: Aoraki/Mount Cook, The Hermitage Hotel, in a room with alpine views

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 3

Aoraki/Mount Cook, Dunedin

Set out along the shores of Lake Pukaki to Oamaru. Continue to Koekohe Beach to view the unusual spherical-shaped Moeraki Boulders/Kaihinaki. Arrive in Dunedin in the late afternoon and enjoy time at leisure before dinner.

Stay: Distinction Dunedin Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 4

Dunedin, Te Anau

This morning, discover the history of Larnach Castle and its beautiful gardens on a guided tour. Situated on the stunning Otago Peninsula, it is New Zealand's only castle and dates back to 1871. Afterwards, enjoy breathtaking scenery as you travel to the lakeside settlement of Te Anau. Tonight, a sensational Signature Experience awaits.

Signature Experience – Taste of Fiordland Dinner

Delight in a delectable Taste of Fiordland dinner this evening at the exceptional MacKinnon Restaurant & Explorer Bar. With a menu that has been carefully crafted to showcase the South Island's regional cuisine, you'll savour mouth-watering local fare made from the finest artisan produce.

Stay: Two Nights: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 5

Te Anau



Waking in Te Anau this morning, decide how to spend your day thanks to our range of Freedom of Choice activities on offer.

Freedom of Choice – Te Anau Glowworm Caves

For a truly magical underground experience, journey into caves lit by thousands of glowworms. The tiny creatures guide the boat's path through the dark interior.

Freedom of Choice – Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise

Explore the beauty of this vast fiord on a cruise and soak up the serenity of this untouched wilderness area.

Freedom of Choice – Fiordland Jet Boat Ride

Take a jet boat down the Waiau River and across Lake Manapouri to the ancient forests inside Fiordland National Park, where you'll have time to explore.

Freedom of Choice:

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options to suit your interests.

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 6

Te Anau, Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, Queenstown

This morning, travel through the Eglinton and Hollyford Valleys as you wind down the Milford Road. Continue your journey into Fiordland National Park and arrive at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, where you will cruise along the full length of the fiord during a spectacular Signature Experience. Afterwards, Queenstown awaits.

Signature Experience – Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Cruise

A cruise through Milford Sound/Piopiotahi draws you into a magical world of snow-dusted mountains, breathtaking scenery and engaging wildlife. Edge close to tumbling waterfalls and colonies of seals and penguins, all beneath the ramparts of mighty peaks that rise sheer from the water as they stretch to the vast sky above.

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Stay: Three Nights: Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner



DAY 7

Queenstown

Today, discover Queenstown your own way with an included Freedom of Choice sightseeing activity. Later, choose where to enjoy dinner with our Freedom of Choice dining options and savour the tantalising tastes of New Zealand's celebrated South Island.

Freedom of Choice Sightseeing – 'The Lord of the Rings' 4WD Safari

Discover why this beautiful landscape was chosen to portray Middle-earth in 'The Lord of the Rings' on this sensational 4WD safari. Visit several breathtaking locations where the iconic motion picture trilogy was filmed.

Freedom of Choice Sightseeing – Wine Tour

Embark on a personalised sightseeing tour of New Zealand's southernmost wine region, as you indulge in tastings from various wineries.

Freedom of Choice Sightseeing – Skippers Canyon

Enjoy an exciting 4WD adventure following the Shotover River Valley. Admire rocky cliffs, sheer drops and breathtaking river gorges along the way.

Freedom of Choice Sightseeing – Million Dollar Cruise

Glide across the mystical waters of Lake Wakatipu, keeping your eyes peeled for local bird life, as well as enormous trout that swim in the lake's waters.

Freedom of Choice Sightseeing – Dart River Wilderness Jet

A wilderness jet boat journey on the glacier-fed Dart River takes you deep into Mount Aspiring National Park, which is part of the larger World Heritage Site of Te Wahipounamu. Here, your guide will share fascinating insights into the area's rich history.

Freedom of Choice Sightseeing – Best of Queenstown

Gaze in wonder at the beauty of New Zealand's adventure capital on this spectacular tour. Take in panoramic views of Queenstown, visit the charming township of Arrowtown and explore Gibbston, home to the world's first commercial bungee jump location. Enjoy a wine tasting at a local winery and to top it all off, relax during a scenic boat cruise on Lake Wakatipu.

Freedom of Choice – Walter Peak

Cruise aboard a vintage steamer to Walter Peak High Country Farm to enjoy a lavish BBQ dinner featuring succulent meats expertly prepared on the rotisserie and grill, vegetables, a selection of salads and bread. And be sure to leave room for dessert.



Freedom of Choice – Stratosfare Restaurant

Take a magical gondola ride up to the Stratosfare Restaurant on Bob's Peak overlooking Queenstown. Feast on an extensive range of New Zealand and international cuisines while enjoying uninterrupted views over Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables.

Freedom of Choice – Fergburger

This cult burger house achieved worldwide fame in 2015 when its burgers were crowned the world's best in a travel article on the website of news giant CNN. The best burgers in New Zealand, no doubt. The world? You be the judge.

Freedom of Choice – Finz Restaurant

Finz Seafood & Grill offers casual, relaxed waterfront dining right in the heart of Queenstown. Finz is a bustling bistro, where you can enjoy fresh seafood daily and other dishes in a fabulous location.

Freedom of Choice – Your Hotel Restaurant

Enjoy a contemporary fusion of local and international cuisine at your hotel.

Freedom of Choice:

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options to suit your interests.

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 8

Queenstown

Immerse yourself in beautiful Queenstown with a full day at leisure. You may like to enjoy a relaxing stroll along the tranquil shores of Lake Wakatipu, or perhaps take part in the thrill of a lifetime in this adventurous city.

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 9

Queenstown, Franz Josef/Waiau

Skirt the shores of Lake Wānaka and Lake Hāwea before crossing Haast Pass on your journey to Franz Josef/Waiau where a Signature Experience awaits.

Signature Experience – Franz Josef/Waiau



Drive through Westland Tai Poutini National Park and see the dramatic surrounds of the Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Tonight, you will stay at the luxurious Te Waonui Forest Retreat, located on the edge of the Franz Josef/Waiau village. Relax and unwind amid the lush rainforest and breathtaking scenery, before enjoying a four-course degustation fine dining experience.

Signature Experience:

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Stay: Franz Josef/Waiau, Te Waonui Forest Retreat

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 10

Franz Josef/Waiau, TranzAlpine Train, Christchurch

Today, travel aboard the TranzAlpine train on your Signature Experience.

Signature Experience – TranzAlpine Train

Experience the romance of rail travel aboard the TranzAlpine train. Admire ever-changing landscapes and spectacular gorges as you journey through the famous Southern Alps and alongside the Waimakariri River on one of the world's most scenic rail routes.

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Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 11

Christchurch, Kaikōura & Blenheim

This morning, follow the East Coast to Kaikōura

, before traversing the Marlborough region to Blenheim. Tonight, enjoy a Signature Experience at your hotel.

Signature Experience



Highlights of Marlborough Dinner

Indulge in the finest flavours as you savour a Highlights of Marlborough dinner at your hotel's restaurant. Local chefs will present each dish before you, showcasing a superb menu that has been thoughtfully paired with exquisite wines from the region. The fusion of quality local produce and multi-ethnic influences has helped shape New Zealand's food and wine culture as among the best in the world.

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Stay: Two Nights: Blenheim, Scenic Hotel Marlborough

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 12

Blenheim

Enjoy your selected Freedom of Choice sightseeing activity today.

Freedom of Choice – Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre

Take a guided tour of this world-class historic aircraft centre, which includes Sir Peter Jackson's World War I collection.

Freedom of Choice – Seafood Odyssey Cruise

Soak up the beauty of the Marlborough Sounds on a relaxing afternoon cruise while sampling fresh local seafood, including salmon and Greenshell mussels.

Freedom of Choice – Half-Day Wine Tour

This wonderful tour takes you right into the heart of Marlborough wine country. With visits to several of the region's premier wineries, you'll end this tour feeling like a true wine connoisseur.

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Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 13

Blenheim, Picton, Wellington



Today starts with a Signature Experience. This afternoon, take part in a fascinating sightseeing tour of Wellington.

Signature Experience – Interislander Ferry

Take the iconic Interislander ferry from Picton on the South Island to Wellington on the North Island. Enjoy stunning views of the Marlborough Sounds before cruising across Cook Strait and into the serene waters of Wellington Harbour.

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Stay: InterContinental Wellington

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 14

Depart Wellington

We say goodbye before we transfer you to the airport for your onward flight.

Daily: • Breakfast
