

15 Day Warbirds Over Wanaka Tour



GUARANTEED departure

5 - 19 April 2020

ALL INCLUSIVE tour price

Fully escorted tour includes airfares, taxes, modern coach travel, 4 star hotel accommodation, most meals, sightseeing & attractions + 3 Day Gold Pass + BONUS GPT Tour Jacket.

	Tour including airfare	Pre paid taxes**	Total per person twin share
Sydney	\$5999 +	\$185 =	\$6184
Melbourne	\$5999 +	\$185 =	\$6184
Brisbane	\$5999 +	\$185 =	\$6184
Gold Coast	\$5999 +	\$185 =	\$6184
Canberra	\$5799 +	\$245 =	\$6044
Cairns	\$6249 +	\$230 =	\$6479
Adelaide	\$6299 +	\$190 =	\$6489
Hobart	\$6299 +	\$190 =	\$6489
Launceston	\$6299 +	\$190 =	\$6489
Perth	\$6549 +	\$175 =	\$6724
Land Only			\$5699
Single Supplement			\$1600

Stay a little longer

City	Twin share	Single
Wellington	\$135	\$270
Christchurch	\$125	\$250

Extra night rates are per person and based on room only. Subject to availability.

Prices are in Australian Dollars. **Prepaid taxes are subject to change. Exact amounts will be confirmed by your travel agent at time of booking.

>> NOT ATTENDING AIRSHOW?

If you do not wish to attend the 3 Day Warbirds Over Wanaka Airshow deduct \$300 per person. Please advise at time of

booking. There are a number of sightseeing options available in Queenstown (own expense).

NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

AIRSHOW INCLUSIONS

- 3 Day Warbirds Over Wanaka Gold Pass
- Grandstand seating
- Exclusive marquee access with CCTV
- Souvenir Gold Cap and Badge
- Airshow Programme
- Opportunity to walk the flight line
- Entry to the Warbirds & Wheels Museum
- Complimentary drink voucher
- Complimentary tea, coffee and water throughout the Airshow

PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre*
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Cruise & Lunch
- Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre
- Bill Richardson Transport World*
- Burt Munro, World's Fastest Indian Memorabilia
- Larnach Castle*
- Speights Brewery Tour & Tasting*
- Air Force Museum of New Zealand*
- City sights tour of Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch

*Guided tour is included with 1 guide per 24 travellers.

ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 1: Arrive Wellington (D)

On arrival into Wellington you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Lambton Room)

DAY 2: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim (B,D)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. This afternoon board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board your coach for the short journey to Blenheim.

Hotel Chateau Marlborough

DAY 3: Blenheim - Kaikoura - Christchurch (B,D)

This morning a fascinating guided tour of the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre will transport you from WWI to WWII featuring an extensive collection of aircraft belonging to Sir Peter Jackson. Tour through the Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine, then travel to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch for a city tour on arrival.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch

TOURING

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet & Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 48 seat modern coach travel, 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain & Tour Guide
- 14 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 1 four night stay
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 2 cruises
- 1 rail journey
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- **BONUS** GPT Tour Jacket

MEALS

- 14 cooked breakfasts
- 13 sumptuous dinners including 1 specialty dinner: Speights Ale House - Dunedin
- 2 picnic lunches
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle

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

DAY 4: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

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 coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing to Franz Josef, where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Te Waonui Forest Retreat

DAY 5: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south 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 at leisure and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Mercure Queenstown (Lakeview Room. 4 nights)

DAY 6: Queenstown - Wanaka (B,D)

Today you have the choice of either a free day in Queenstown or travelling to Wanaka for the opening day of the Warbirds Over Wanaka Airshow. No flying will occur today, however some practice



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Milford Sound Cruise will be a highlight of your tour around the South Island; Arrowtown at its best in Autumn; Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre; watch some of the world's top pilots perform aerobatics.

will be happening overhead. On the ground check out the static displays which include classic cars and Warhorses (military vehicles), sport aircraft and aviation trade stands. Taste wine and food from Central Otago or use your voucher to visit the Warbirds and Wheels Museum, which showcases the story of Sir Tim Wallis, founder of the Warbirds Over Wanaka International Airshow.

DAY 7: Warbirds Over Wanaka (B,D)

Travel to Wanaka over the next two days where Wanaka Airport will become your home as you are entertained by the world's best display pilots flying aircraft overhead. Your ticket will gain you access to the Gold Pass Enclosure. Enjoy the ultimate in Airshow luxury as you will be situated on the flight line with grandstand seating and a plush marquee where you can relax in comfort and watch the show from the best seats in the house.

DAY 8: Warbirds Over Wanaka (B,D)

On the final day, all eyes will be in the air as you watch some of the world's most iconic Warbird aircraft plus modern military machines, aerobatics, sport aircraft and so much more. The aerial action is backed by world-class pyrotechnics when the Airfield is defended by the fighters from an attack by enemy aircraft. The show culminates in a massed Fighter flypast, a sight not to be missed!

DAY 9: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel to Arrowtown, best known for its spectacular autumn colours. Visit the Lakes District Museum a treasure trove of stories and exhibits about the exciting mining era of the late 1800s. Continue to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Deluxe Rooms. 2 nights)

DAY 10: DAY 10: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a 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 might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, *Ata Whenua - Shadowland*, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

DAY 11: Te Anau - Invercargill (B,D)

Today travel to Mandeville Airfield to visit the Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre where the aircraft is mostly from the 1920s and 30s including the largest collection of de Havilland aircraft in the southern hemisphere. Travel via Gore to Invercargill, New Zealand's southern most city. This afternoon a guided tour is included of the Bill Richardson Transport World, an amazing private collection housed in a purpose-built Art Deco building. Displays include vintage trucks, rare classic cars, petrol pumps as well as an ever-growing showcase of Wearable Arts.

Hotel The Ascort Park Hotel

DAY 12: Invercargill - Dunedin (B,L,D)

A trip to Invercargill wouldn't be a complete without a visit to see some of the memorabilia of the legendary Burt Munro, Speed Bike Racer, as depicted in the movie 'The World's Fastest Indian'. Continue through the remarkable region of The Catlins, where lush rainforest spills onto brilliant beaches. Visit the spectacular triple tiered cascading waterfall at Purakauni and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue to Nugget Point, where there are opportunities to see wildlife as you walk to view the lighthouse with spectacular views.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross (2 nights)

▶ OPTION



TWIN GLACIER HELICOPTER FLIGHT

Fly over both the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, and then following the ice flow high into the upper reaches. Land in the snow at the head of a glacier and survey the path that the glacier has carved below you.

DAY 13: Dunedin Sightseeing (B,SD)

Travel along the beautiful Otago Harbour viewing many scenic highlights. At Larnach Castle enjoy a guided tour and hear the tragic and scandalous history which is followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea in the Ballroom. Return to the city for an orientation city tour followed by time at leisure. Later visit Speight's Brewery, a Dunedin icon, for an interactive tour through this working brewery. The tasting session will be followed by a delicious dinner at the Ale House Restaurant.

DAY 14: Dunedin - Christchurch (B,D)

Depart Dunedin and travel through Oamaru, famous for its Limestone. Arrive into Christchurch and visit the Air Force Museum of New Zealand for a 'behind the scenes' tour which showcases the restoration projects in action and provides a rare opportunity to climb inside a Bristol Freighter aircraft. This evening enjoy dinner with your new friends.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch Airport Hotel

DAY 15: Depart Christchurch (B)

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