

# 16 Day Ultimate Explorer



## NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

### PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- Larnach Castle\*
- Milford Sound Nature Cruise & Lunch
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Rainbow Springs Nature Park\*
- National Kiwi Hatchery Tour\*
- Thermal mud pools & geysers\*
- Te Puia Traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds\*
- Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Kauri Museum\*
- City sights tour of Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington & Auckland

\*Guided tour.

### ULTIMATE SMALL GROUP TOURING

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet & 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
- 15 nights 4.5 star hotel accommodation
- 4 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- **BONUS** Group photo

### MEALS

- 15 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 12 sumptuous dinners including 3 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Maori Hangi & Concert, Rotorua; Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Auckland
- 1 picnic lunch: Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle

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


### GUARANTEED departures

2019	2020
Sep 27	Jan 11, 26
Oct 13, 28	Feb 13
Nov 12	Mar 1, 10, 29
Dec 5	May 6

**SEASONAL OFFER** Save \$300 per person on highlighted departure dates.

### ALL INCLUSIVE tour price

Tour includes airfares, taxes, Ultimate 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star hotel accommodation, most meals, sightseeing & attractions.

	Tour including airfare	Pre paid taxes**	Total per person twin share
 Sydney	\$7859 +	\$185 =	<b>\$8044</b>
Melbourne	\$7859 +	\$185 =	<b>\$8044</b>
Brisbane	\$7859 +	\$185 =	<b>\$8044</b>
Gold Coast	\$7859 +	\$185 =	<b>\$8044</b>
Canberra	\$8089 +	\$245 =	<b>\$8334</b>
Cairns	\$8139 +	\$230 =	<b>\$8369</b>
Adelaide	\$8159 +	\$190 =	<b>\$8349</b>
Hobart	\$8159 +	\$190 =	<b>\$8349</b>
Launceston	\$8159 +	\$190 =	<b>\$8349</b>
Perth	\$8409 +	\$175 =	<b>\$8584</b>
<b>Land Only</b>			<b>\$7559</b>
<b>Single Supplement</b>			<b>\$2220</b>

### Stay a little longer

City	Twin share	Single
Christchurch	<b>\$205</b>	<b>\$410</b>
Auckland	<b>\$155</b>	<b>\$310</b>

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.

## ITINERARY

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

### DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch (D)

On arrival into Christchurch you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative who will transfer you to your hotel. Meet your travelling companions over a complimentary pre dinner drink.

**Hotel** The George

### DAY 2: Christchurch - Mt Cook (B,D)

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, visit The Church of the Good Shepherd and view the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps.

**Hotel** The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

### DAY 3: Mt Cook - Dunedin (B,D)

Depart Mt Cook and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy an informative city tour followed by some free time to explore at leisure. You might be interested in a tour of the Speight's Brewery (optional) or the chance to see local wildlife in their natural habitat (optional).

**Hotel** Distinction Dunedin

### DAY 4: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to the Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

**Hotel** Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas

### DAY 5: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

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. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

**Hotel** Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Cruise aboard the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak; Agrodome, an educational hands on experience; the patchwork plains of the Canterbury region; Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

#### DAY 6: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. There are many sightseeing options available including the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or 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 gourmet barbecue dinner where the chef will prepare in front of you 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.

#### DAY 7: Queenstown - Fox Glacier (B,D)

Travel to Arrowtown, an old goldmining village and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers before arriving at your hotel.

**Hotel** Distinction Fox Glacier

#### DAY 8: Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,D)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue to Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to the elegant city of Christchurch. On arrival your Ultimate Coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

**Hotel** The George

#### DAY 9: Christchurch - Picton - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine. Continue to Picton, where you will board the Interislander Ferry for your journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Strait to Wellington.

**Hotel** InterContinental Wellington (Deluxe Room. 2 nights)

#### DAY 10: Wellington (B)

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. Reboard your coach for a city tour. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also free to choose your own dining arrangements.

#### DAY 11: Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua (B,D)

Depart Wellington and view the snow capped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as you travel to Lake Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls then travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua.

**Hotel** Regent of Rotorua or similar (2 nights)

#### DAY 12: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride at the Skyline Rotorua for breakfast, with spectacular views and time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is the Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Continue to the Rainbow Springs Nature Park, home to the world's largest kiwi hatchery for a unique behind-the-scenes tour where over 1800 kiwi chicks have been hatched to

### > MUST DO OPTION



#### UNFORGETTABLE SKIPPERS CANYON

Take an excursion into Queenstown's backcountry to the historic Skippers Canyon. Your guide will recount the history of the goldmining era as well as show you dramatic landscapes only accessible by 4WD.

date. Enjoy free time before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

#### DAY 13: Rotorua - Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel north to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Continue to the Bay of Islands and this afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

**Hotel** Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (Deluxe Room. 2 nights)

#### DAY 14: Bay of Islands (B)

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands on board a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia for a free afternoon where a range of optional activities are available. This evening is also free and you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

#### DAY 15: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,SD)

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei and Dargaville to Matakoho. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your new found friends.

**Hotel** Crowne Plaza Auckland

#### DAY 16: Depart Auckland (B)

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