

# TOUR UPDATE

## Tours impacted with New Zealand road closures due to significant rain fall

Heavy rain, slips and floodwaters have inundated parts of New Zealand over the weekend (7/8 Dec) and more heavy rain is predicted to continue.

All Grand Pacific Tours groups are safe and alternative touring arrangements are being put in place on a day by day basis to ensure itineraries continue with minimal disruption.

Timaru District Council, which manages State Highway 72 have advised the Upper Rangitata River at the Arundel Bridge re-opened on 9 Dec, hence all tours can now get in and out of Christchurch.

In South Westland, crews are beginning to tackle multiple slips on the Fox Hills, between the two glacier townships (Fox Glacier & Franz Josef Glacier). State Highway 6 through South Westland is closed north of Haast and south of Harihari, hence all groups will be relocated from Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Glacier to alternative destinations.

Specific details for each tour group affected will be listed on the website [www.gptnz.com](http://www.gptnz.com) once alternative arrangements are secured by Grand Pacific Tours Melbourne.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Grand Pacific Tours**

**Tours with confirmed arrangements already in place or actioned are:**

TOUR CODE	TOUR DATE	AFFECTED DATE	BROCHURE HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL	TRANZALPINE
<b>19 Day Ultimate Rail Cruise &amp; Coach</b>					
UGPRC201119	20-Nov-19	7-Dec-19	The George (final night)	Distinction Dunedin Alternative outbound flight plans made for all travellers	Yes
UGPRC281119	28-Nov-19	8-Dec-19	Distinction Fox	The George Christchurch Travellers heading to Queenstown 9-Dec-19	Yes
<b>16 Day Ultimate Explorer</b>					
UGPEX051219	5-Dec-19	11-Dec-19	Distinction Fox	Hermitage Mount Cook	Yes

TOUR CODE	TOUR DATE	AFFECTED DATE	BROCHURE HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL	TRANZALPINE
<b>10 Day Ultimate South Island Tour</b>					
UGPSI091219	9-Dec-19	10-Dec-19	Te Waonui Forest Retreat	Sudima Hotel Christchurch City Travellers heading to Queenstown 11-Dec-19	Yes
<b>11 Day Festive South Island</b>					
GPX201219	20-Dec-19	22-Dec-19	Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier	Heritage Gateway Omarama Travellers heading to Queenstown 23-Dec-19	Yes