

NEW ZEALAND

Tour Code: NZ17

24 January 2009 and September (Special Rail Tour) 2009**

Price: \$3800 per person twin share
Single Supp: \$4575

Deposit: \$500 at time of booking
Final Payment: 22nd August 2009

Day 1 Saturday 24th January

Dubbo - Christchurch

Depart Dubbo for your travel to Sydney International Airport. Fly from Sydney to Christchurch where you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel late evening. **Hotel** All Seasons Christchurch.

Day 2 Sunday 25th January

Christchurch

This morning have a sleep-in after your late arrival the night before. Today is free for you to explore Christchurch at your leisure before meeting the rest of the group at tonight's dinner.

Day 3 Monday 26th January

Christchurch - Omarama

After a city 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 (time and weather permitting) to enjoy a scenic flight (optional) over the Southern Alps before travelling to Omarama. **Hotel** Heritage Gateway Hotel.

Day 4 Tuesday 27th January

Omarama - Dunedin

Depart Omarama and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin, a well preserved Victorian city. Enjoy an informative tour including a visit to Olveston House, a prestigious historic home. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift. **Hotel** Mercure Leisure Lodge.

Day 5 Wednesday 28th January

Dunedin - Te Anau

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Visit Glenfalloch Woodland Gardens and view the superb collection of flowers, followed by a delightful morning tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Tonight you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional). **Hotel** Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Superior Rooms).

Day 6 Thursday 29th January

Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown

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. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake

(D) 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** Mercure Resort (2 nights).

Day 7 Friday 30th January

Queenstown (Free Day)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain is available to assist with the many sight-seeing options available, whether it be the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or the helicopter ride of a lifetime. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. On arrival sit back and relax as you are treated to the best of New Zealand's high country cuisine in 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 8 Saturday 31st January

Queenstown - Arrowtown - Fox Glacier

Travel to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel to Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers. **Hotel** Scenic Circle Glacier Country Hotel.



Day 9 Sunday 1st February (BD)

Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into 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 coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel: All Seasons Christchurch.

Day 10 Monday 2nd February (BD)

Christchurch - Picton - Wellington

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

Hotel: Hotel Ibis (2 nights).

Day 11 Tuesday 3rd February (B)

Wellington

Today explore this exciting region and enjoy an extensive city tour which explains the history and culture on show in New Zealand's capital, Wellington. A highlight will be a guided tour of Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views of the land, environment and people. Enjoy some free time to explore at leisure late this afternoon. This evening is also free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Day 12 Wednesday 4th February (BD)

Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua

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:** Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (2 nights).

Day 13 Thursday 5th February (BSD)

Rotorua

Today begins with a Gondola ride to Skyrides Restaurant where a buffet breakfast and spectacular views are on offer. Travel to the Aerodrome where you see performing sheep, a shearing display and sheep dog trial. Next visit Paradise Valley Springs, a superb wildlife park where you can hand feed rainbow trout. Some free time is available before an afternoon transfer to see the boiling mud pools and the awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening you will experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

Day 14 Friday 6th February (BD)

Rotorua - Auckland - Bay of Islands

This morning depart Rotorua and travel north via Auckland to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Continue via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

Hotel: Hotel Paihia (2 nights).

Day 15 Saturday 7th February (BD)

Bay of Islands

This morning travel aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Stopover at Otehei Bay before returning via Russell to Paihia for a free afternoon. A range of optional activities are available or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront.

Day 16 Sunday 8th February (BSD)

Bay of Islands - Auckland

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 you will be treated to a special farewell dinner including entertainment with your new friends. **Hotel:** Copthorne Anzac Avenue.

Day 17 Monday 9th February (B)

Auckland - Dubbo

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Sydney after a memorable New Zealand holiday. Returning to Dubbo late evening.

Passport & Visas

All visitors require a passport to enter New Zealand which must have a minimum validity of 6 months remaining. Australian passport holders do not require visas; neither do Australian permanent residents with current resident return visas.



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