



With like-minded travellers, experience the best of the South Island

# 11 Day Signature South Island SOLO Travellers

No hidden extras

## TOUR CODE SGPSO11

**STYLE** Signature Mid-Size Group  
**COACH** 32 seat Premium Economy  
**ACCOMMODATION** 4 star

**STARTS** Christchurch  
**FINISHES** Christchurch

### ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE GUARANTEED SINGLE ROOM

Fully escorted tour includes transfers in New Zealand, Premium Economy 32 seat coach travel, 4 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing and attractions.

#### THEY SAID IT ...

*"Wonderful trip, a great idea for singles. Both the Coach Captain and Tour Leader were friendly and helpful. Lots of space on the coach and it was very comfortable. All meals were good."*

**M.N.** - Australia

*"I wanted to see the South Island and this tour has introduced me to many of the key areas/sites that I had targeted. It also gave me the chance to see a wide range of countryside, lakes, mountains - all beautiful. Some of the stops for coffee/lunch were good surprises. Overall a fantastic tour of the South Island."*

**M.M.** - United Kingdom



Tour Highlight: The TranzAlpine Rail Journey.

#### PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- International Antarctic Centre
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Larnach Castle\*
- City sights tour of Christchurch and Dunedin

\*Guided tour.

#### COACH FEATURES

- 32 Premium Economy Comfort seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; seat back tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

#### EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- Experienced Tour Leader
- 10 nights 4 star accommodation
- 3 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 rail journey
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Signature Documentation Pack

#### MEALS

- 10 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 2 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Farewell Dinner including pre-dinner drink, Christchurch
- 1 lunch: Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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

## Itinerary and Hotels

(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 and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

**Hotel** Distinction Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

### DAY 2: Christchurch (B)

This morning visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. Feel the chill of the Antarctic storm room, take a ride on the Hagglund all-terrain vehicle, see the little blue penguins and be astonished within the immersive 4D theatre. This is followed by a city tour of Christchurch. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure to explore further.

### DAY 3: 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** Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier

### DAY 4: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south into picturesque Queenstown. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

**Hotel** Mercure Queenstown Resort (2 nights)



One of the New Zealand's most famous and photographed icons is the Church Of The Good Shepherd on the stunning lakefront of Lake Tekapo.

## Optional Activities



### WEST COAST WILDLIFE CENTRE

Visit the home of the hatching programme of the world's rarest kiwi called the rowi. This unique attraction brings together nature, live kiwi and wildlife.



### SHOTOVER JET

Enjoy a jet boat ride in the spectacular Shotover River Canyons, carved out over the ages by a vast volume of fast flowing water. Hold on tight and take a spin in the iconic Big Red for wall to wall action from start to finish.

### DAY 5: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise to Walter Peak Station to enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along.

### DAY 6: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. This innovative museum is heavily involved in the protection of the historic buildings scattered around town. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

**Hotel** Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (2 nights)

### DAY 7: 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 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 8: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin for a city tour then travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle for a guided tour followed by Devonshire Tea.

**Hotel** Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

### DAY 9: Dunedin - Mt Cook - Twizel (B,D)

Travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone, then follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay.

**Hotel** Distinction Mackenzie Country

### DAY 10: Twizel - Christchurch (B,SD)

Continue to Lake Tekapo, view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving in Christchurch. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

**Hotel** Distinction Christchurch Hotel

### DAY 11: Depart Christchurch (B)

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



**"A GUARANTEED Single Room is a fabulous feature of this SOLO tour."**  
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