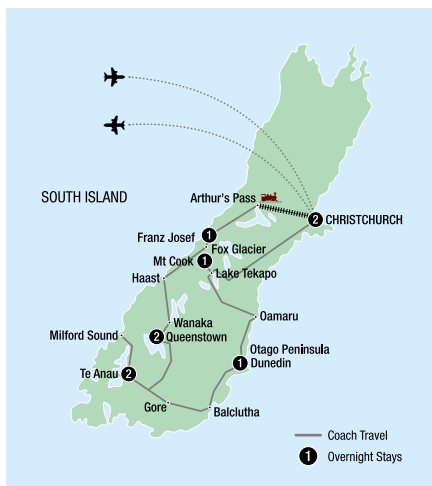


Enjoy an ultimate escape to New Zealand's dramatic South Island

# 10 Day Ultimate South Island



## TOUR CODE UGPSI10

**STYLE** Ultimate Small Group  
**COACH** 20 seat Business Class  
**ACCOMMODATION** 4.5 star

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

**2025 GUARANTEED DEPARTURE**  
Dec 20

### ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Tour includes airfares, taxes, transfers in New Zealand, Business Class 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions and a range of VIP extras.

### FESTIVE SEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Due to public holidays, some included attractions will be rescheduled to alternate days.

## No hidden extras

### PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

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

\*Guided tour.

### COACH FEATURES

- 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

### EXPERIENCE

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- 9 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 rail journey
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Ultimate Documentation Pack

### MEALS

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

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

### THEY SAID IT ...

*"Great coach, very comfortable and spacious seats. The seat numbering and rotation is a great idea and works well. An excellent Coach Captain who gave a very informative commentary throughout the trip. Hotels were all good and meals delicious and varied."*

**L.S.** - Australia



Tour Highlight: The TranzAlpine Rail Journey.

## 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 as you meet your travelling companions.

**Hotel** Sudima Christchurch City

### DAY 2: 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 the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

**Hotel** Te Waonui Forest Retreat

### DAY 3: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue 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, you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

**Hotel** Rendezvous Heritage Queenstown (2 nights)

### DAY 4: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food 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.



### CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Day immerse yourself in the beauty of Fiordland with a memorable Milford Sound Cruise including lunch. In the evening, celebrate the holiday spirit with your fellow travellers, enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner at the hotel including a pre-dinner drink.

See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard.

## Optional Activities



### NEVE DISCOVERER

Take a helicopter flight over staggering ice formations and the rugged South Island terrain of the West Coast. Touch down on snowy glacial plains, inhale the mountain air and take snaps with your chopper in the background.



### FIORDLAND CINEMA

No visit to Fiordland is complete without taking in the breathtaking film, 'Ata Whenua - Shadowland'. Screened in a purpose-built theatre, you will take an unforgettable journey.

### DAY 5: 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 Te Anau Hotel & Villas (2 nights)

### DAY 6: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau - Christmas Day (B,L,D) 🎁

Merry Christmas! Start your day with a scenic drive from Te Anau to the stunning Milford Sound. Board a cruise for a breathtaking journey through this majestic fiord, taking in the awe-inspiring Bowen Falls and the towering Mitre Peak, all while enjoying lunch onboard. Return to Te Anau in the afternoon for some leisurely free time. In the evening, enjoy a pre-dinner drink before savouring a delightful Christmas dinner with your fellow travellers at the hotel.

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

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South' and enjoy a city tour. 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 and a delicious Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom.

**Hotel** Distinction Dunedin Hotel

### DAY 8: Dunedin - Mt Cook (B,D)

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak.

**Hotel** The Hermitage Hotel

### DAY 9: Mt Cook - Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning 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. Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving in Christchurch for an introductory city sights tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your newfound friends.

**Hotel** Sudima Christchurch City

### DAY 10: Depart Christchurch (B)

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



"The best holiday I have ever had! The Coach Captain was the most helpful, friendly and knowledgeable person."

- G.M. - *Past Traveller*