

9-Day New Zealand South Island Tour

• Dunedin • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Franz Josef • Christchurch •



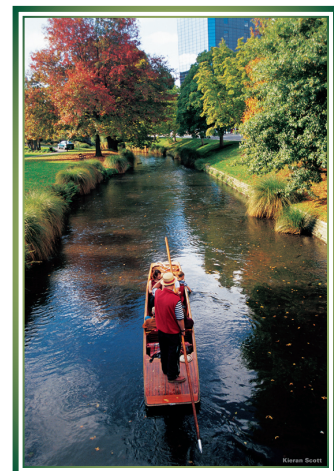
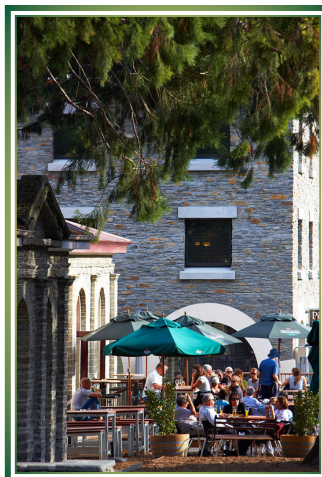
New Zealand, known as the youngest country on earth, is the last land mass to be discovered. The first inhabitants are the Maoris who migrated from the Polynesian Islands. Follow by extensive European migration in the mid-19th century and Asian and Pacific Islanders in the 20th century, help shape New Zealand into a vibrant and diverse multicultural society. It is also known for its natural beauty with stunning landscapes, lush vegetation and unique wildlife.

The South Island, though less populated, is the larger of the two major islands of New Zealand. It is full of breathtaking natural sceneries. The variety of its geological repertoire is astonishing; from mighty glaciers to subtropical rainforest, snow-capped mountain to sandy beaches; alpine passes to serene lakes, beautiful fjords to fertile plains, mysterious caves to friendly coastal towns, the opportunity for enjoying the great nature and adventure are endless.

Dunedin is located at the southern end of the Otago Peninsula, it still retains many influences from the Scottish immigrants who found the city in 1848. The city's name was derived from the word *Dineiden*, the Gaelic name for Edinburgh. The city prospered during the gold rush in the 1860s, the wealth was reflected in its ornate Gothic style buildings. Dunedin also became a city of firsts - establishing the country's first university, medical college, electric tram and cable car system, wool mill and daily newspaper. Much of the wealth gradually drifted to the North Island, but the cultural legacy makes Dunedin a characterful city. Dunedin's other assets are the world's only mainland colony of royal albatross and a colony of hoiho, the world's rarest yellow-eye penguin.

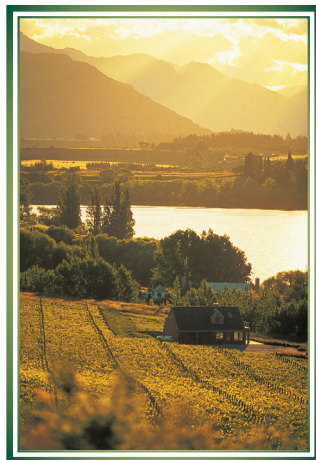
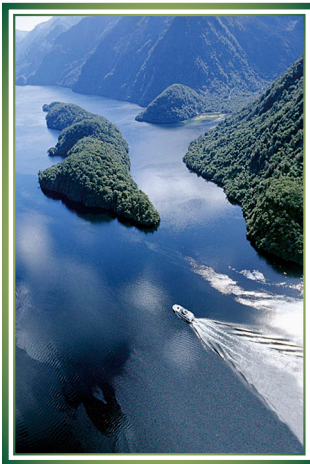
Queenstown, mirrored in Lake Waikatipu's placid surface against a backdrop of massive snow-capped mountain range, is New Zealand's ultimate picturesque resort area. It offers a variety of thrilling outdoor adventures such as white water rafting, parapenting, tandem parachuting, river surfing, cross country or glacier skiing and of course, bungy jumping. Queenstown is the birthplace of bungy jumping and the first original commercial jump site is at the Kawarau Bridge. Downtown Queenstown is friendly with superb dining establishments and shopping venues.

Christchurch is the largest city in the South Island, is the old capital of Anglicized New Zealand. Dotted with 19th century neo-Gothic architectures and parks, with the Avon river floats serenely through the town center, the city has its unique character. It was a planned Anglican settlement orchestrated by a devout English Tory, John Robert Godley, who created the Canterbury Association. The city's Anglican ideals reflected by its many impressive public buildings and home steads. The public-spiritedness bequeathed by Christchurch's founders means that a third of the city is a garden, park or nature reserve. In addition, there are many sophisticated and hip restaurants and cafes, making a visit to the city more enjoyable.





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Tour Itinerary

Day 01: U.S.-Dunedin
Depart U.S. for Dunedin.

Day 02: Dunedin
Arrive Dunedin, transfer to your hotel.
Accommodation: Dunedin City Hotel.

Day 03: Dunedin
An afternoon tour will take you to see the historical town of Dunedin; Larnach Castle; Otago Peninsula, and the Royal Albatross Colony. (B)

Day 04: Dunedin-Queenstown
Depart Dunedin by a scenic train ride on the Taieri Rail Track to Pukerangi; onward by coach to Queenstown via the Clyde Dam, Cromwell fruit and wine region, and the beautiful Kawarau Gorge. (B)
Accommodation: Novotel Garden Hotel.

Day 05: Queenstown
A half day tour will take you to visit the Queenstown Hill where you can have a panoramic view of Queenstown, Lake Waikaitipu and the Remarkable Mountain Range; AJ Hackett Bungy Bridge, birthplace of bungy jumping; Gibbston Valley Wineries and Arrowtown with its well preserved colonial style architecture. (B)

Day 06: Queenstown-Milford Sound-Queenstown
Tour to Milford Sound via Te Anau, Eglington Valley and the Homer Tunnel; and enjoy a lunch cruise on the world famous fjord runs from the Tasman Sea. (B/L)

Day 07: Queenstown-Franz Josef
Depart Queenstown this morning and travel along the shores of Lakes Wanaka and Hawea to the Haast Pass. Continue up the West Coast past spectacular mountain ranges and native forests to the glacier region of Franz Josef. (B)
Accommodation: Franz Josef Glacier Hotel.

Day 08: Franz Josef-Greymouth-Christchurch
Travel north to Greymouth and board the world famous Tranz-Alpine train, ascend through lush beech forests past the alpine village of Arthur's Pass before crossing the spectacular Southern Alps onto Christchurch. (B)
Accommodation: Rydges Hotel Christchurch.

Day 09: Christchurch
A morning city tour takes you to visit the Anglican Church Cathedral, Town Hall, Art Center, Canterbury Museum, Avon River and the Antarctic Centre. (B)

Day 10: Christchurch-U.S.
Transfer to Christchurch airport for departure. (B).

2009 Departure Tour Cost:

Tour cost per person	\$2,769
Based on double occupancy	
Single room supplement	\$675

Tour cost does not include international air transportation taxes and fuel surcharge, and subject to change without notice.