



Day 1: Monday 15 November 2021/WELCOME TO NELSON, NEW ZEALAND [D]

Please be at Brisbane International Airport two hours prior to departure for the start of your magnificent New Zealand holiday. (Flight times are subject to 2021 schedules).

- 8.00am Depart Brisbane on Air New Zealand flight NZ200
- 2.30pm Arrive Christchurch (Duration 3 hours & 30 minutes)
- 4.15pm Depart Christchurch on Air New Zealand flight NZ8852
- 5.10pm Arrive Nelson (Duration 55 minutes)

Welcome to New Zealand! On arrival at Nelson Airport you will be met by our Local Representative and tour driver and transferred to our centrally located hotel. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: Hotel Nelson – 2 nights (Free Wi-Fi)

Day 2: Tuesday 16 November 2021/ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK / NELSON SIGHTS [B,L]

This morning travel by coach to Kaiteriteri. Enjoy a **morning cruise** in style and comfort from Kaiteriteri to Totaranui and return. Stay onboard as you call into popular beaches along the coast, pausing for photographs at famous Split Apple Rock and viewing sea birds and seals at Tonga and Adele Islands. Lite picnic lunch included. Arriving back at Kaiteriteri you will have time to explore the beach, before travelling back to Nelson.

Enjoy an orientation tour of Nelson, including a visit to **WOW Museum** - where else in the world can you see a stunning selection of more than 60 wearable art garments, alongside more than 140 veteran, vintage and classic cars. The remainder of today and dinner is at leisure.

Day 3: Wednesday 17 November 2021/ NELSON TO BLENHEIM [B,L]

Depart Nelson and drive through farmlands, pine plantations then the Rai Valley to the vineyards surrounding Blenheim in the **Marlborough Wine Country**. On arrival explore Huguette Michel-Fleurie’s Monet-inspired hydrangea garden at **Hortensia House**. Masses of color coordinated flowers in hazy pastels, to blue and yellow plantings to match the trim on the Victorian style house. Forty years ago, there was hardly a commercial grape grown in the Blenheim area. Now the Marlborough district is the top wine producing area in New Zealand with its wines winning awards around the world.

Enjoy the delights of a **local winery for wine tastings** and a **scrumptious lunch**.

This afternoon visit **Bhudevi Garden** which established in 2009. There is an outdoor sculpture garden, a native garden along the creek, a secluded rock and fern garden, and an elevated garden with views overlooking the vineyards across to the Richmond range. The native garden has many sheltered and open seating areas for enjoying the birdsong, the plants, and the outdoor sculptures.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim (1 night) (Free Wi-Fi)

Day 4: Thursday 18 November 2021/BLENHEIM TO CHRISTCHURCH

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Depart Blenheim and travel along a thin ledge of land pinned between the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean and the rugged ranges to Kaikoura for a lunch stop (own cost). Kaikoura, meaning “to eat crayfish”, is a coastal town known for its abundant wildlife and its sperm whale population, which are spotted 95% of the year. The Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway winds from the town centre to lookout points at Point Kean. Close by, the rock platforms are home to a colony of New Zealand fur seals. Continue across the farmlands of the North Canterbury Plains before arriving in Christchurch and at our centrally located modern hotel. (Free Wifi available in the public areas for 1 hour per day. Or available throughout the hotel for a fee.) Dinner at the hotel this evening.

Accommodation: Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square (4 nights)

Day 5: Friday 19 November 2021/CHRISTCHURCH – AKAROA DAY TRIP

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This morning visit Ohinetahi, the famous **private garden of Sir Miles Warren** located on Banks Peninsula. Then continue on to visit the beautiful unspoilt old French whaling depot of Akaroa on Banks Peninsula. **Akaroa** was settled by the French in an early attempt to colonise New Zealand and still retains a good deal of French character in its street names, boutique shops and cafes. Here you will have time to wander the shops and purchase lunch (own cost).

After lunch board the large **modern catamaran, Black Cat and** cruise into the sweeping scenic splendour of Akaroa Harbour. During the 2-hour cruise, enjoy the skipper’s fascinating commentary as you discover playful, rare New Zealand Hector’s dolphins, fur seals, penguins and many other kinds of sea birds. After your cruise visit the **Giants House**, an historic Akaroa house with terraced gardens. Return to Christchurch, where the evening is at leisure.

Day 6: Saturday 20 November 2021/CHRISTCHURCH SIGHTSEEING

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This morning embark on a **sightseeing tour of Christchurch City**, including the “Cardboard Cathedral”, Victoria Square and the Bridge of Remembrance. View the site of the Christchurch Cathedral which has been in ruins in the city centre since the February 2011 earthquake. Then enjoy a tour of the Christchurch Botanic Garden, which sprawls over an area of 21 hectares. The first oak tree was planted in 1863 to mark the marriage of Edward VII and development has continued over the years, including a native New Zealand garden, the Cockayne garden of native alpine plants, the renowned central Rose Garden, extensive herbaceous borders, a floral conservatory and a fernery. More recent additions include an alpine house and a house for bromeliads and orchids.

This afternoon visit **Mona Vale** featuring rose and iris gardens, woodland plantings along the river and colour-themed borders. More recently, magnolias, many Ericaceae, herbaceous perennials and beds of annuals have been added. This evening is at leisure.

Day 7: Sunday 21 November 2021/CHRISTCHURCH - GARDEN TOUR

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This morning travel to the Ashburton area. Your first visit is to **Broadfield Garden**, about 3.5ha established 20 years. It aims for excellence in design, planting and maintenance. Many natives are used formally and informally as are New Zealand raised varieties of Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Camellias, Cherry Cornus, Maples, Peony Perennials, Daffodils, Lily, and Roses.

The Acton/Rakaia Garden is 2.4ha with wide lawn paths linking each area together with rhododendrons, camellias, thousands of annuals, perennials and roses. There is a huge boardwalk linking all the ponds together which are surrounded with New Zealand natives.

Time for lunch in Ashburton (own cost). **Winchmore Gardens** is a 1.8ha country garden, set among 5ha of original homestead trees, and developed where the original Winchmore Estate Homestead was built prior to 1870. The original trees were planted after the estate lease was taken up in 1853, on the treeless Mid-Canterbury Plains and were planted to resemble the landlords' home in London; these include many oaks, wellingtonia and poplar. Today's garden has been developed over the past 50 years to enhance these great old trees. Cuttings have been taken to extend the original buxus hedging along the winding drive, to encompass these many plantings. This evening is at leisure.

Day 8: Monday 22 November 2021/CHRISTCHURCH /TRANZ ALPINE TRAIN / FRANZ JOSEF

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We depart Christchurch and traverse the Southern Alps aboard the famous **Tranz-Alpine rail journey** to Arthurs Pass. From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Once we have crossed into the Southern Alps you are met at the Village of Arthurs Pass by your coach to continue our journey to the West Coast – or the Coast as locals call it, stopping in Hokitika where a visit is made to the Greenstone and Glass Blowing factories. Further south arrive in the Westland National Park, the home of Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. Dinner is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef (1 night) (Free Wi-Fi)

Day 9: Tuesday 23 November 2021/ FRANZ JOSEF TO QUEENSTOWN

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This morning if you would like to experience a snow landing on the Glacier, there is time available for an **optional** scenic flight (at additional cost approx. NZ\$280pp). The scenic flight travels towards the southern end of the South Island's West Coast Road, there is a strong sense of entering a primeval land, and a feeling of total isolation. For those who do not take the scenic flight, and subject to weather you may like to do a self-guided walk to the bottom of the glacier – it's 5.4km return walk. The path takes you over a shingle and rock riverbed and is a relatively easy walk. Please note, this walk does not go on the glacier or ice.

Depart Franz Josef and travel to Haast, here you are surrounded by a landscape of rainforest, wetlands, sand dunes and surf-pounded shingle beaches. This wilderness forms part of the South West New Zealand World Heritage Area, so designated because South Westland and Fiordland have some of the most dramatic forest and mountain scenery and natural resources in the world.

From the Westland National Park travel through the Haast River valleys and over the Haast Pass to Makaroa and onto the upper reaches of Lake Wanaka. Travelling past Lake Hawea we reach the popular Lake Wanaka, the starting point of the mighty Clutha River. Continue via Cromwell following the Kawarau Gorge Road into Queenstown and our hotel situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Dinner at the hotel this evening.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel & Resort Lakefront Queenstown (3 nights) (Free Wi-Fi)

Day 10: Wednesday 24 November 2021/QUEENSTOWN – ARROWTOWN SIGHTSEEING**[B]**

This morning enjoy a **sightseeing tour of Queenstown**. Then travel to **Arrowtown** on the banks of the Arrow River - a community with a colourful history. Many of the original sycamore trees, planted by gold-diggers, and stone houses still stand. In its heyday Arrowtown was a frontier city. Now there are many beautiful and interesting walks around the historic area, but you can also visit some of the great art galleries, boutiques or cafes that are now on the main street.

The afternoon is at your leisure – you may wish to experience a thrilling ride on a jetboat, cruise the lake on the vintage steamer, join a winery tour to some of the most southern vineyards in the world, ride the aerial gondola to Bob's Peak for the panoramic view across the lake to the mountains, join a 4WD tour into the home of 'Middle Earth' where much of the filming was done for 'Lord of the Rings' or if you dare - try bungy-jumping (all at extra cost). Tonight, is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars.

Day 11: Thursday 25 November 2021/ QUEENSTOWN / MILFORD SOUND EXCURSION**[B,L,D]**

Today depart Queenstown for an **unforgettable full-day journey to Milford Sound**. Located within the World Heritage Fiordland National Park, this region is rich with dense rainforest, lakes and waterfalls cascading from rugged mountain peaks. Journey through the Southern Alps via the Homer Tunnel, a 1.2km tunnel drilled through a solid mountain of rock. Upon arrival at Milford Sound, **board a comfortable vessel for a spectacular cruise** where you will see the wonders of Mitre Peak, glacier scarred rock walls that rise 1,200m vertically from the sea, and waterfalls that tumble from hanging valleys and crash into the fiord far below. At the conclusion of your cruise retrace your journey back to Queenstown. **Picnic box lunch included**. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 12: Friday 26 November 2021/ QUEENSTOWN TO DUNEDIN VIA MAPLE GLEN**[B]**

Depart Queenstown and travel across the rolling farmland of Southland and Otago. A striking feature of this area is the large number of deer farms that are easily seen from the road. Enroute **visit Maple Glen**, a private garden, nursery, aviary, woodland and wetland set in the rolling green countryside of Southland. The garden is home to a large population of native and exotic birds including hand reared parrots and waterfowl. Started by Muriel Davison in a curving valley in the early 1970's it has continued to grow and now occupies around 42 acres. The garden features mass plantings of cold hardy perennials, Snowdrops, Daffodils, Trillium, Bluebells, Colchicum, Astilbes, Higo Iris and Inshriach Hybrid Primulas along with many hundreds of Rhododendrons and Mollis Azaleas. Continue travelling through a number of small country towns before crossing the fast-flowing Clutha River and heading north into Dunedin, set on hills at the head of Otago Peninsula harbour. The city was established by settlers from the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in the 1840's and is proud of its Scottish heritage. This afternoon arrive Dunedin and check in at your hotel. At the Victoria Hotel you can expect a warm welcome, a comfortable stay and an excellent location. The remainder of today is at leisure.

Accommodation: Victoria Hotel Dunedin (2 nights) (Free Wi-Fi)

Day 13: Saturday 27 November 2021/ DUNEDIN - SIGHTSEEING**[B,L,D]**

This morning travel out to the Otago Peninsula. Over a century old the large garden surrounding historic **Larnach Castle** is at an altitude of 300 metres. On your guided tour you will see some remnants from the original plantings 120 years ago - Cupressus macrocarpa, planted extensively for shelter and a cedar to one side of the castle - give an air of maturity. Then explore **Glenfalloch Garden** - 30 acres of historic garden begun in 1871 and filled with splendid plantings. Stroll amongst the beautiful seasonal displays and enjoy the lush surrounds – native ferns, exotic imports and indigenous New Zealand trees. **Lunch today is at Glenfalloch Restaurant set in one of New Zealand's most gorgeous gardens.**

On your return to town enjoy a walk through the **Dunedin Botanical Garden**. The Botanic Garden is a garden of great variety with the Leith Stream on the southern boundary and Lindsay Creek running through the middle dividing the garden in two. From the formal almost level area of the lower garden with its herbaceous borders, rose garden, camellia collection, herb garden and the beautifully planted Lister Garden, to the major collection of plants in the rock garden on the slopes leading to the upper garden.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 14: Sunday 28 November 2021/DEPART DUNEDIN

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Farewell from New Zealand, this morning you will be transferred from the hotel to Dunedin Airport. (Flight times are subject to 2021 schedules).

11.15am	Depart Dunedin on New Zealand flight NZ670
1.05pm	Arrive Auckland (Duration: 1 hour & 50 minutes)
4.05pm	Depart Auckland on Air New Zealand flight NZ149
4.55pm	Touch down in Brisbane & welcome home! (Duration: 3 hours & 50 minutes)

We trust you have enjoyed your holiday and we look forward to welcoming you again.

Key: [B] Breakfast [L] Lunch [D] Dinner

Price:

\$7,995 per person twin/double share

\$1,880 Single Supplement

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Fully escorted by Brian Sams of Wattleree Garden Tours
- Return economy class "The works" Airfares/Taxes with Air New Zealand.
- Meet & Greet at Nelson Airport.
- Arrival and Departure transfers are based on one group arrival coach transfer and one group coach departure transfer. Should you choose to travel on different flights to the group, we can assist with private transfers at an additional expense.
- 14 nights' accommodation as listed all with private facilities.
- All Tour Admissions as per itinerary.
- Cooked Breakfasts (B), Lunches (L), and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary – unless otherwise Breakfasts and Dinners will be provided at your touring accommodation.
 - 13 x Breakfast
 - 4 x Lunches (2 x packed lunches; Abel Tasman, Milford Sound), winery Blenheim, Glenfalloch Dunedin)
 - 6 x Dinner (1 x Nelson hotel, 1 x Christchurch hotel, 1 x Franz Josef Hotel, 2 x Queenstown hotel, 1 x Dunedin Restaurant)
- Private Coach Charter in modern air-conditioned coach with English speaking driver/guide.

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any optional, suggested or recommended excursions.
- Any other meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Morning and afternoon teas are not included unless specified.
- Travel insurance is not included but is highly recommended.
- Gratuities and items of a personal nature, such as medical or hospital expenses, mini bar, beverages, hotel portorage, laundry service, room service, internet usage and telephone calls.
- Any further Government taxes or duties that may be introduced.
- Any increase in airline or airport taxes

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

To confirm your place with Go See Touring, we require a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person with registration. Payment of the remaining balance would be required by 10 September 2021.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be advised in writing. Once full payment has been received 100% cancellation will apply. All cancellation fees are subject to change at the discretion of airlines, hotels and other suppliers.

DOCUMENTATION AND PASSPORTS

A copy of your valid passport must be provided to Go See Touring at the time of booking. Posted photocopies or scanned files via email are accepted. If you do not have a current passport at time of booking this can be forwarded at a later date but prior to final payment. If holding a Passport, other than Australian, you may require an Electronic Travel Authority entry for New Zealand (NZeTA). Go See Touring will advise you.

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Go See Touring undertakes to perform these services with reasonable skill and care. We will not be held liable for any loss or damage arising from acts or defaults outside our control, including (but not limited to) acts or defaults of actual travel, accommodation and suppliers. The Trade Practices Act 1974 applies to services supplied by Go See Touring.

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If by any means of any event of force majeure (which shall include terrorism, pandemic or any cause or event outside our control) we shall be delayed in or prevented from performing our obligations, then such delay or non-performance shall not be deemed a breach or entitle a damages claim. Our obligations shall be suspended whilst such event of force majeure continues.

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