

# Trains, Planes & Automobiles

10 Days in New Zealand's South Island  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Featuring Warbirds over Wanaka historic air show



Join us for a fully escorted 10 day coach tour of New Zealand's South Island with highlights that include:

- Omaka Aviation Centre
- World of Wearable art & Classic Cars Museum
- Tranz Alpine Scenic Railway
- 2 day pass to Warbirds over Wanaka
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Tairei Gorge Train Journey

**Day 1      Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012      (D)**

**ARRIVE WELLINGTON**

Welcome to New Zealand! **Meet and greet on arrival at Wellington International Airport** before being transferred to our hotel.

**Day 2      Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012      (BLD)**

**WELLINGTON – BLENHEIM**

Today begins as we **cruise the Wellington Harbour** and across Cook Strait on the Interislander, through New Zealand's only true sounds, the **picturesque Marlborough Sound** into Picton. The bustling port of Picton is the terminal for inter-island ferries, and gateway to the 'Mainland', the South Island's self-proclaimed nickname. Reboarding our coach we continue to tour through to Blenheim in time for a late **lunch at the Brancott Winery**. Your afternoon is free to explore this world renowned wine growing region

**Day 3      Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012      (BD)**

**BLENHEIM – NELSON**

Before departing Blenheim we visit the **Omaka Aviation Centre** home a collection of some world class War Plane memorabilia that is worthy of any national collection, including items belonging to the Red Baron himself and more recently Peter Jackson, the Director of The Lord of the Rings Trilogy movies.



From here we then pass the Green Lip Mussel capital of Havelock enroute to Nelson. Upon our arrival we **visit the World of Wearable Arts & Classic Cars Museums**. This

iconic 'must see' visitor attraction celebrates two distinctly different passions. A world class collection of classic cars can be viewed alongside incredible wearable works of art from all around the globe.

**Day 4      Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012      (BD)**

**NELSON- GREYMOOUTH – ASHBURTON**

This morning we pass through Brightwater the birthplace of Lord Rutherford the New Zealand science pioneer who split the Atom, and who adorns our \$100:00 notes and then head through the Buller Gorge to West Coast of the South Island and then for a stop at the **Punakaiki Pancake Rocks**. This mind blowing topography throughout the coast makes it one of the world's special places. From here we head to Greymouth to connect to our **Tranz Alpine Scenic Train ride** across the rugged but picturesque Southern Alps for Christchurch. On your arrival you are met by your coach and then make a short transfer to Ashburton for our next nights stay.

**Day 5      Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012      (BD)**

**ASHBURTON – QUEENSTOWN**

Farewelling Ashburton we continue travelling across the Canterbury Plains crossing the many braided river systems to Tekapo where we visit the statue of the Collie dog and the church of the good shepherd. Travelling the alpine plains of the McKenzie country we then pass Lake Pukaki providing views across to Mt Cook. Climbing the Lindis Pass linking the Waitaki Basin with Central Otago, following a Maori trail well used by Ngai Tahu in summer to visit lakes Hawea and Wanaka for their food source. Moving on, we travel through the new grape growing areas of Luggate and Lowburn to follow the Kawerau River to Queenstown for our next three nights. Tonight we take a **cruise across the Lake Wakatipu on the steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station to dine at the Colonels Homestead**.

**Day 6 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (B)**

**QUEENSTOWN – WANAKA – QUEENSTOWN**

Today we take the short journey back to Wanaka for the highlight of our tour to attend the **Warbirds over Wanaka** event showcasing some of the worlds best examples of WW II flying aircraft in the southern hemisphere in action. At the end of day we make the return journey to Queenstown where your night is free to explore this unique resort town. Dinner is at your leisure tonight.



**Day 7 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (BD)**

**QUEENSTOWN – WANAKA - QUEENSTOWN**

Today we again take the short journey back to Wanaka for the highlight of our tour to attend the **Warbirds over Wanaka** event showcasing some of the worlds best examples of WW II flying aircraft in the southern hemisphere in action. At the end of day we make the return journey to Queenstown with dinner tonight at your hotel.

**Day 8 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (BLD)**

**QUEENSTOWN – MILFORD SOUND – TE ANAU**

Leaving Queenstown we skirt the shores of Lake Wakatipu, New Zealand's third largest lake travelling via Te Anau we reach the **beautiful Eglinton Valley** climbing to Homer Tunnel before descending through the spectacular Cleddau Canyon to reach **Milford Sound where we enjoy a cruise of the Sound**. The Sound is dominated by the grandeur of **Mitre Peak and the Bowen Falls**. Returning to Te Anau we reach our overnight accommodation.

Tonight we take a short cruise across Lake Te Anau to visit the phenomenon of the **Te Anau Glow Worm Caves**, before heading back for a late dinner.



**Day 9 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (BD)**

**TE ANAU – DUNEDIN**

Departing Te Anau we travel across country through some of New Zealand's most populated sheep country to Lumsden before heading to Gore and then north to the settlement of Pukerangi where we board the famous **Tairei Gorge Train journey** to Dunedin - the Edinburgh of the South. On your arrival you are met by your coach and are transferred to your hotel. Tonight we dine with a decidedly Scottish air enjoying the **Haggis presentation** and dinner at the hotel.

**Day 10 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (B)**

**DEPART DUNEDIN**

Farewell from New Zealand, today you will be **transferred from the hotel to Dunedin Airport** for your direct flight home or to make your connecting domestic flight for your then homeward bound flight.

### Tour inclusions

- Meet and Greet on arrival in New Zealand
- **Fully Escorted tour by same staff and coach throughout the South Island**
- 9 Nights quality hotel accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with surcharge) all with private facilities
- Baggage assistance at each hotel
- Cooked Breakfasts (B) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary
- 2 Special Meals including: Haggis Ceremony – Dunedin, and Walter Peak Dinner at the Colonels Homestead – Queenstown
- Marlborough Winery visit
- Omapere Aviation Heritage Centre
- World of Wearable Arts & Classic Cars Museum
- Tranz Alpine Scenic Train Ride
- 2 Days entry to Warbirds over Wanaka – Silver Pass (**upgrade to Gold Pass available**)
- Scenic Boat Cruise in the Milford Sounds + Cook Strait Ferry Crossing
- Te Anau Glow Worms Caves visit
- Taieri Gorge Train Ride
- Touring in modern air conditioned coach
- Complimentary Travel Kit including, Travel Bag, Travel wallet, Name Bar, Luggage Labels, and New Zealand Map.

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfares
- Items of personal and emergency nature
- Extra attractions or services that may be available

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** is not included but strongly recommended.

### TOUR CONDITIONS:

Austrips (TAS 080/081) arrange tours on the conditions that they are not liable for any damage, injury or loss which may occur due to accident, delay, irregularity or defect of any vehicle, vessel or accommodation.

### TOUR ITINERARY:

Is a guide only and although Austrips (TAS 080/081) will make every reasonable effort to adhere to the program, we reserve the right to make any alterations as necessary. ***The operation of this tour is subject to minimum loading.***

**LUGGAGE:** should not exceed one medium suitcase per person. Check with your airline for luggage restrictions.

**PAYMENTS:** Payments are available to be made by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Deposit (contact us for details). Credit Card payments will incur a 3% fee.

**DEPOSIT** of \$500.00 per person is required to secure booking.

**FULL PAYMENT** to confirm price and booking is required by **14<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

### CANCELLATIONS - conditions apply

90 days or more prior to departure – full refund of monies paid.

Less than 90 days prior to departure – we will refund to you recoverable costs less \$250.00 administration fee.

On or after departure – no refund given.

**Price per person Twin Share \$2,850**  
**Single \$3,290**



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