



New Zealand Warbirds Tour



12 DAY AVIATION TOUR

Featuring Warbirds over Wanaka

Rich in aviation, New Zealand has a variety of fabulous aviation museums and collections; a friendly and co-operative aviation fraternity; plus the world-class 'Warbirds over Wanaka' airshow set in arguably the most spectacular airshow location in the world. During 'Warbirds over Wanaka' see some of the most famous warbirds in the world join forces with the classic aircraft of yesteryear and the modern jets of today to present a veritable feast of aviation attractions.



Day 1 Monday 21st March 2016
ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH (D)
 Welcome to New Zealand! *Meet and greet on arrival at Christchurch International Airport* before being transferred to our hotel. Enjoy an *orientation tour of Christchurch City* including the River Avon, the Canterbury Museum; Provincial Chambers; the Catholic Basilica; Bridge of Remembrance; the funky Cashel St RE:Start Shipping Container Mall; and the Art Deco New Regent Street. Learn about the effects of the 2011 Christchurch Earthquakes and how the city is rebuilding.
Accommodation: Chateau on the Park

Day 2 Tuesday 22nd March 2016
CHRISTCHURCH – BLENHEIM (BD)
 This morning we visit the former RNZAF Base at Wigram, home of the excellent *Air Force World Museum* at 45 Harvard Avenue, Wigram. There are 28 fully restored aircraft on display, plus thousands of artefacts, photos and stories about famous aviators. We will also have a *'Behind the Scenes' tour* of their restoration and storage hangar, and see the progress being made on a Curtiss P-40 Kittyhawk, Vickers Vildebeest and an Airspeed Oxford. Take the rare opportunity to walk inside the Bristol Freighter and through the Andover as you learn more about these aircraft. Afterwards we leave Christchurch and drive north across the fertile farmlands of the North Canterbury Plains before passing the coastal town of Kaikoura, popular for whalewatching. Travel along a thin ledge of land pinned between the blue waters of the

Pacific Ocean and the rugged Kaikoura Ranges then arrive in Blenheim in the heart of the grape growing region of Marlborough.
Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Marlborough

Day 3 Wednesday 23rd March 2016
BLENHEIM – NELSON (BD)
 This morning we visit the *Omaka Aviation Heritage Museum* where their exhibition "Knights of the Sky" includes one of the world's largest private collections of rare WWI aircraft. The exhibit occupies approximately 3,000 sq metres of purpose-built display area and accommodates both WWI aircraft and rare memorabilia; also a mix of dramatically staged static displays of original and replica aircraft along with flyable planes from the WWI era. One of the museum's highlights is the world's only surviving Caproni CA 22. From Blenheim we then pass Havelock, the Green Lip Mussel capital of New Zealand before arriving in 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. Marvel at the creativity, beauty and surprising features of these stunning garments made from a variety of diverse materials including plastic milk bottles, safety pins, feathers and even kitchen utensils. The Collectable Car gallery showcases an assortment of lovingly restored Classic Cars displayed with the same imagination used the in the Wearable Arts gallery.
Accommodation: Quality Hotel Leisure Lodge

Day 4 Thursday 24th March 2016
NELSON – FRANZ JOSEF (BD)
 Today travel south past the Nelson Lakes National Park and through the scenic Buller Gorge following the Buller River to the West Coast. Continue down the coastline to Punakaiki, home of the famous 'Pancake Rocks and Blowhole' - these stratified limestone stacks are an extraordinary monument of nature. Continuing south we pass through Greymouth, the largest settlement on the West Coast then

Hokitika where time permitting we stop at one of the greenstone factories where a local jade-like stone highly prized by pre-European Maori is crafted into exquisite jewellery. Continue south to Franz Josef where the huge rivers of snow and ice of the Franz Josef and nearby Fox Glaciers flow from vast snowfields high in the Southern Alps almost to sea level.
Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier

Day 5 Friday 25th March 2016
FRANZ JOSEF – WANAKA (BD)
 Travel south to Fox and view the Fox Glacier in its spectacular setting amidst the rainforest then sit back and enjoy a day of ever-changing spectacular coastal, rainforest, and alpine scenery. The journey along the West Coast features native rainforest, wetlands, bush-fringed lakes, sand dunes and surf-pounded shingle beaches. At Haast head in-land over the Haast Pass, the lowest of the South Island mountain passes crossing the Southern Alps. Once over the Pass the scenery changes dramatically as the road descends past the waters of Lakes Wanaka and Hawea and into Central Otago. Arrive in the pretty lakeside resort town of Wanaka – home to the Warbirds over Wanaka Airshow.
Accommodation: Grand Mercure Oakridge Resort – 3 nights

Day 6 Saturday 26th March 2016
WANAKA – WARBIRDS OVER WANAKA (BD)
 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. Your *Gold Pass* gives you the best seats in the grandstand directly in front of the runway for unobstructed viewing of the entire airshow. Also receive a free souvenir pack with dated Gold cap and badge, plus airshow programme. On the ground, a variety of military vehicles, vintage tractors, vintage machinery and an aviation trade expo will vie for your attention.

Day 7 Sunday 27th March 2016

WANAKA – WARBIRDS OVER WANAKA (BD)

Today we again take the short journey back to Wanaka for the highlight of our tour to attend the **Warbirds over Wanaka**. The Airshow culminates in a huge mock air battle complete with the best pyrotechnics at an Airshow in New Zealand - all this set in one of the world's most stunning airshow locations in the world.

Day 8 Monday 28th March 2016

WANAKA - QUEENSTOWN (BD)

Following breakfast we head for **Arrowtown** to explore this historic gold mining town en-route to Queenstown, New Zealand's premier year-round alpine resort. On arrival your afternoon is at your leisure, to either enjoy the adventure activities on offer or relax in this picturesque lakeside resort. Tonight we take a **cruise across**

the Lake Wakatipu on the steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station to dine at the Colonels Homestead.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel & Lakefront Resort

Day 9 Tuesday 29th March 2016

QUEENSTOWN – MILFORD – TE ANAU (BD)

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.

Accommodation: Distinction Luxmore Hotel

Day 10 Wednesday 30th March 2016

TE ANAU – DUNEDIN (BD)

Departing Te Anau we travel across country through some of New Zealand's most populated sheep country to the Old Mandeville Airfield near Gore. Here we visit Colin and Maeva Smith and their famous collection of aircraft in the **Croydon Aviation Heritage Trust** – perhaps better known as the Croydon Aircraft Factory where they specialise in the manufacturing and restoration of de Havilland and vintage aircraft. Here you will see aeroplanes being restored and airworthy, which may include various DH types like the Puss, Tiger, Fox, Leopard and Hornet Moth, and a Domini/Rapide! *Optional pleasure flights (extra cost) may be available in various types – a must for all de Havilland enthusiasts!* At the conclusion of our visit we continue to Dunedin. Sitting at the head of the magnificent Otago Harbour, Dunedin was founded in 1848 by Scottish settlers and envisaged as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. The influence of its Scottish heritage is still strongly evident.

Tonight we dine with a decidedly Scottish air enjoying the **Haggis presentation** and dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

Day 11 Thursday 31st March 2016

DUNEDIN - CHRISTCHURCH (BD)

We leave Dunedin and head north stopping at Moeraki to see the fascinating giant marble like boulders on the beach. At Ashburton we stop at the small but very interesting **Ashburton Aviation Museum** at the Ashburton Airport. The collection includes a Devon, Vampire FB5, Harvard, Porterfield, Airtruk, Benson Gyro Glider, Weihe Glider, Hughes Helicopter, Olympia, Flying Flea, Canberra B2 Bomber Cockpit. F8 - Meteor, Zlin, DC3, Vampire T11, Link Trainer, Slingsby T31, Bergfalke, Cropmaster, Tiger Moth. Afterwards we continue north across the fertile Canterbury Plains before arriving in Christchurch.

Accommodation: Chateau on the Park

Day 12 Friday

1st April 2016

DEPART CHRISTCHURCH (B)

Farewell from New Zealand, today you will be **transferred from the hotel to Christchurch Airport** for your flight home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class air fare ex MEL, SYD, BNE – other ports on application with your agent. Note: Airline surcharges & taxes are not included – these are approx. \$A140 per person
- Meet and Greet on arrival in New Zealand
- **Leisure Time Tours will manage and oversee your tour whilst you travel through New Zealand**
- New Zealand Airport Transfers
- Quality hotel accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with single supplement) all with private facilities
- Cooked Breakfasts (B) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary, including 2 special meals: Walter Peak Dinner at the Colonels Homestead – Queenstown and Haggis Ceremony – Dunedin
- Air Force World - admission and 'Behind the Scenes' guided tour
- Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre – guided tour of museum
- World of Wearable Arts & Classic Cars Museum
- 2 Days entry to Warbirds over Wanaka – Gold Pass
- Scenic Boat Cruise on Milford Sound
- Visit to Croydon Aviation Heritage Trust
- Visit to Ashburton Aviation Museum
- All Tour Admissions as per itinerary including 2 Scenic Boat Cruises: TSS Earnslaw Cruise on Lake Wakatipu, Milford Sound Cruise
- Touring in a modern air conditioned coach
- Complimentary Travel Kit including, Travel Bag, Travel wallet, Name Bar, Luggage Labels, and New Zealand Map

TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON:

(Estimated until airfares confirmed)

- Land + Air Share Twin/Double \$A4,290.00
 - Land Only Share Twin \$A4,190.00
 - Single Supplement Extra \$A1,250.00
- Deposit due at time of booking \$A500.00
Balance of tour payment due 20 January 2016



General Information, Booking Terms & Conditions...

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

It is understood by Leisure Time Tours that the terms and conditions of travel are accepted by the passenger when the required deposit has been paid.

'Continuous' Service

When you book with Leisure Time Tours, it is a Leisure Time Tours Consultant who coordinates all of your travel; as a New Zealand based tour operator we are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to offer you support throughout your tour Coaches.

Seat Changes

Passengers rotate seats in the coach daily so that all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy forward and window seating. All passengers are expected to participate as a booking condition.

Itineraries

Itineraries were correct at the time of printing, but are subject to change without notice. This could come about due to road or weather conditions, or any changes imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary. If a passenger amends their itinerary by starting or concluding the itinerary earlier or later or during an itinerary then it becomes their responsibility to arrange tour or flight connections as necessary.

Optional Tours

Leisure Time Tours does not operate the attractions mentioned in our optional touring brochure, therefore will not be responsible for any injury, actions, loss, damage or acts of negligence committed by the operators mentioned in this brochure arising from these attractions.

Smoking

Due to government regulations, smoking is not permitted inside tourist coaches. Smokers will find that the frequent stops made for sight-seeing provide the ideal opportunity to smoke. If passengers require a smoking room for their accommodation we will pass this request onto the accommodation – we can not guarantee that this will be available.

Single Passengers

Passengers may opt for a guaranteed single room by paying the single supplement, but if passengers wish to travel in a twin room with another passenger of the same gender then smoking is not permitted in their room. If someone is not compatible with the person they have been matched up with, all additional costs incurred to assist with changing the room type to a guaranteed single room will be at the passenger's expense and will be subject to availability. Acceptance of a twin share basis is subject to the individual's medical condition being suitable for this type of arrangement.

Health and Fitness

Passengers should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances to fully appreciate all of the sightseeing opportunities in the itinerary. By paying the deposit passengers acknowledge that you are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel, and are not travelling contrary to medical advice. Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to cancel a booking or to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day to day running of the tour. Passenger's bringing a quantity of medication with them are advised to carry a doctor's certificate to avoid possible problems with customs officials. Doctor's prescriptions are needed to obtain certain drugs in both Australia and New Zealand.

Travel Insurance

Leisure Time Tours strongly advises all passengers to purchase a travel insurance policy. An important part of planning the holiday is to purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy as it may prevent passengers from spending extra money in case of an emergency and will help passengers feel protected during the holiday.

Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing, however Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or major fluctuation in the exchange rates, or increases in government or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

Payments

A deposit of \$A500.00 per person is required on booking to confirm the seat at the time of booking. All balance payments must be received by the agent no later than the date indicated in this brochure.

Flights

Airlines require all Trans Tasman flights to be ticketed within 5 days of booking. If the tour package includes flights, then ticketing will be completed once the deposit payment has been received. A further deposit to cover the associated taxes and levies is also required at the time of the booking. Airfares/ tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Tickets requiring re-issue due to a mis-spelling of names on the advice given to the agent will incur a re-issue fee of \$100.00 per person per change. A handling charge of \$100.00 per passenger will be levied for lost airline ticket.

Airline Taxes

Airline taxes and surcharges are not included in the advertised prices. Tax amounts are subject to change therefore will be confirmed at the time of booking. In the interim please use \$140.00 per person as a guideline.

New Zealand Airport Transfers

New Zealand airport transfers are included on all of our Tours. If however passengers have made pre/post tour arrangements outside of the itinerary then transfers are not included.

Luggage Allowances & Restrictions

Although every effort is made to handle guests luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline and group carrier handling. Therefore, it is important for protection that passengers make certain they have adequate travel insurance to cover these eventualities.

Travel Kits

Each passenger will receive a complimentary Leisure Time Tours Travel Kit. This will include a Travel Bag for carry on baggage. Please note that this bag and contents must not weigh more than 7kgs (15lbs). Within the travel wallet passengers will find luggage labels and a name bar. Please ensure that the luggage is properly identified with these luggage labels. We encourage passengers to wear their name bar at all times on tour as it enables airlines and tourist operators to identify that passengers are part of our group. It is also much easier for other passengers to identify and to get to know each other.



Checked Baggage

Due to space limitations aboard the motor coaches and the on-tour flights used in New Zealand & Australia, each passenger is permitted only one average-sized piece of checked baggage weighing a maximum of 20kg (44lbs), plus their carry on luggage in the Leisure Time Tours Travel Bag provided.

Clothing and Packing

Passengers will find casual clothing of all types comfortable and relaxing. Lightweight drip-dry clothing is ideal. Warmer clothing for evenings will be handy. As New Zealand can experience 'four seasons in one day' layering is key. Regular laundry facilities are available throughout the tour. For special dinners many guests like to dress up, but by all means be comfortable; on the remaining nights "smart casual" is suggested. We recommend that passengers pack their prescription medicines (an adequate supply to last through the journey) along with the travel documents and a change of clothing in the carry-on bag to avoid any inconvenience in the event that a flight or luggage is delayed.

Passports & Visas

All visitors require a passport to travel to and to enter New Zealand or Australia which must have a minimum validity of 6 months remaining. It is a good idea to carry a photocopy of the 'Photo Page' of their passport, as well as to leave photocopies of the travel documents and identification papers with someone at home.

Entry to New Zealand

Australian passport holders do not require visas; neither do Australian permanent residents with current resident return visas. All other visitors to New Zealand must possess a return or onward ticket to a country to which you have right of entry.

Customs and Immigration

Compliance with any Australian and / or New Zealand immigration, customs and / or quarantine regulations is the client's responsibility. Leisure Time Tours cannot, under any circumstances, be held liable nor responsible if applicable rules and regulations are not observed.

Amendments, Cancellations and Refunds

Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Leisure Time Tours also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date will be offered or a full refund will be made available.

Refund Schedule

90+ days prior to tour commencement a loss of deposit plus any applicable airline cancellation fees

65-89 days prior to tour commencement receives a 70% refund.

31-64 days prior to tour commencement receives a 50% refund.

30 days or less prior to tour commencement receives no refund.

No Refunds on any unused portions of itinerary.

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