

15-day South Island Private Natural Discovery Tour

Explore and enjoy some of New Zealand's unique flora, fauna and scenery on this 15-day South Island tour. You begin with an Akaroa Harbour Nature cruise which takes you out to see the world's smallest and rarest dolphin. In Dunedin you'll enjoy a full day encounter with the unique marine life that inhabits the Otago Peninsula before heading south towards Fiordland National Park. Experience the 'Sound of Silence' with an overnight cruise in the remote untouched wilderness of Doubtful Sound. No South Island trip is complete without time spent in the alpine playground of Queenstown then you continue to the beautiful West Coast. Here you'll marvel at the glaciers during your on-ice adventure, before crossing the Southern Alps on board the world famous Tranz Alpine Scenic Train back to Christchurch.



Starts in:	Christchurch
Finishes in:	Christchurch
Length:	15days / 14nights
Accommodation:	Boutique lodges & hotels
Can be customised:	Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

Includes: Private late model transport and guide. Includes: All breakfasts. Includes: Private train station transfers. Includes: Private airport transfers. Includes: TranzAlpine Train from Greymouth to Christchurch. Includes: Akaroa Harbour Nature Cruise. Includes: Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre explorer pass. Includes: Wildlife cruise and Yellow eyed penguin colony, Dunedin. Includes: Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise. Includes: Franz Josef Glacier Valley Walk

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- **Day 1:** Welcome to Christchurch
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 2:** Travel over the Port Hills to the French settlement of Akaroa before exploring the wildlife of the harbour
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 3:** Travel from Akaroa to Mt Cook National Park, a World Heritage Area. Visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre
Accommodation: Hermitage Hotel
- **Day 4:** Travel to Twizel and visit the very rare Black Stilt visitor hide. Continue to Dunedin, the 'Edinburgh' of the South
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 5:** Explore Dunedin Peninsula and visit one of the worlds rarest birds, the Yellow Eyed Penguin
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 6:** Travel through Southland farmland scenery to Te Anau, Gateway to Fiordland National Park.
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 7:** Today embark on a 24 hour adventure to Doubtful Sound. Explore the area and spend the night in this pristine wilderness
Accommodation: Fiordland Navigator, Doubtful Sound
- **Day 8:** You return to Manapouri at midday then head north to Queenstown
Accommodation: The Dairy Private Hotel
- **Day 9:** The day is yours to discover all the scenic spots and fun activities on offer in Queenstown
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 10:** Queenstown to Lake Moeraki Wilderness Lodge
Accommodation: Wilderness Lodge, Lake Moeraki
- **Day 11:** Explore the flora and fauna of this unique West Coast Lodge
Accommodation: Wilderness Lodge, Lake Moeraki
- **Day 12:** Lake Moeraki to the West Coast Glaciers
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 13:** Explore Franz Josef and the glaciers with a Glacier Valley Walk
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 14:** Travel north to Greymouth before catching the world famous Tranz Alpine Scenic Train across the Southern Alps to Christchurch
Accommodation: Boutique lodge or hotel
- **Day 15:** Depart Christchurch today