

2008 PROBUS RENDEZVOUS, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Pre Tour Itinerary - 10 Day South Island Rail Tour (F3) 5 - 14 September 2008

NZ\$2699.00 pp twin share
NZ\$3399.00 single

AU\$2499.00 pp twin share
AU\$3149.00 single

PRICE INCLUDES:

9 nights superior hotel accommodation
Luxury coach travel throughout the tour
Professional Coach Captain
Dedicated Tour Host/Hostess
Meet and greet on arrival in New Zealand
8 dinners including 2 specialty dinners:
Haggis Ceremony - Dunedin
Walter Peak Homestead - Queenstown
2 lunches including 1 specialty lunch:
Champagne Barbecue - Kingston Flyer
9 cooked breakfasts
Sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary
3 rail journeys and 2 cruises
Return airport transfers in New Zealand
GST - New Zealand Goods and Services Tax
Grand Pacific Tours travel bag, ticket wallet, toiletry wetpack,
personal New Zealand travel diary, personal name badge,
luggage label, personalised itinerary, touring map, postcard and
Optional Tours Directory.

DAY 1 - 5 September:

HOMEPORT - CHRISTCHURCH >> (D)

Fly from your homeport to **Christchurch** where you will be met and **transferred** to your hotel. This evening enjoy a **welcome dinner** and the chance to meet your fellow **Probian**s travelling on the tour.

Accommodation: Cophthorne Durham Street (2 nights)

DAY 2 - 6 September:

CHRISTCHURCH >> (B,D)

This morning enjoy a **city tour** of **Christchurch**. This afternoon is free and we have arranged for you to travel on the **Christchurch Tramway** which is the best way to visit all the 'Must See' sights.

DAY 3 - 7 September:

CHRISTCHURCH - DUNEDIN >> (B,D)

Depart **Christchurch** and travel south through **Oamaru** to **Dunedin**, a well preserved Victorian city. Enjoy a **city sights tour** including a visit to **Olveston House**, a prestigious historic home and tonight a **Scottish Evening** will be presented complete with bagpipes, great food, special **Haggis Ceremony** and **gift**.

Accommodation: Mercure Leisure Lodge (2 nights)

DAY 4 - 8 September:

DUNEDIN >> 🚂 (B,D)

This morning travel along the **Otago Peninsula** to **Larnach Castle** where you enjoy a **guided tour**. Next visit **Glenfalloch Woodland Gardens** and view the superb collection of flowers as a **delightful morning tea** is served. Return to the city where free time is available before boarding **The Taieri Gorge Limited** for a journey through terrain and spectacular scenery only accessible by rail. Grand examples of Victorian stonework on bridges and tunnels, plus iron latticework viaducts can be seen along with breathtaking views as you travel to **Pukerangi**. On return to Dunedin's historic **Edwardian Railway Station** your coach will transfer you to your hotel.

DAY 5 - 9 September:

DUNEDIN - TE ANAU >> (B,D)

Travel to **Te Anau**, the **gateway to Fiordland** and visit the **Te Anau Glow Worm Caves**. Admire the incredible limestone caverns, waterfalls and mystery of the **Glow Worm Grotto** before arriving at your hotel.

Accommodation: Luxmore Hotel (Deluxe Rooms) (2 nights)

DAY 6 - 10 September:

TE ANAU - MILFORD SOUND - TE ANAU >> (B,L,D)

Depart **Te Anau** for a fascinating drive into **Milford Sound**. Board your launch, enjoy a **picnic lunch** and marvel at the sheer cliffs and the many waterfalls as you **cruise this magnificent fiord**. This afternoon return to **Te Anau** where some free time is available.

DAY 7 - 11 September:

TE ANAU - ARROWTOWN - QUEENSTOWN >> 🚂 (B,L,D)

A leisurely start to the day before travelling to **Fairlight** where you board **The Kingston Flyer** for a rail journey behind a **Pacific AB Class Locomotive**. On arrival at **Kingston** a **champagne barbecue lunch** will be served. Continue to **Arrowtown**, an old gold mining village and visit the **Lakes District Museum** before travelling to **Queenstown**, situated on the shores of magical **Lake Wakatipu**. This evening board the **vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw** and **cruise across Lake Wakatipu** to **Walter Peak Station**. On arrival enjoy **dinner** in the **Colonel's Homestead** followed by a **short farm tour**. Reboard the **TSS Earnslaw** for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to **Queenstown**.

Accommodation: Mercure Resort Queenstown (Lakeview Rooms) (2 nights)



DAY 8 - 12 September:

QUEENSTOWN (FREE DAY) >> (B)

Today is a **free day**. There are plenty of sightseeing options available. Your Coach Captain and Tour Escort will be happy to assist. This evening is also free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

DAY 9 - 13 September:

QUEENSTOWN - FOX GLACIER - FRANZ JOSEF >> (B,D)

Depart **Queenstown** and travel via the **Haast Pass** to the **West Coast**. See the snow capped peaks of the **Southern Alps** as you travel north to **Fox Glacier**. Time is available (weather permitting) for a **scenic flight** (optional) over the spectacular glaciers before continuing to **Franz Josef**.

Accommodation: Scenic Circle Franz Josef Glacier Hotel

DAY 10 - 14 September:

FRANZ JOSEF - GREYMOUTH - CHRISTCHURCH >> 🚂 (B)

Travel to **Hokitika**, famous for its greenstone, then continue to **Greymouth** where you board **The TranzAlpine**, renowned as **one of the great railway journeys of the world**. Travel through lush beech forest, skirt lakes and follow rivers till you climb through the **Otira Tunnel** to **Arthur's Pass** in the centre of the **Southern Alps**. Descend through spectacular gorges, river valleys and over massive viaducts before completing your journey at **Christchurch**. On arrival you will be transferred to your **Probus Rendezvous Hotel**.

(B) Breakfast >> (L) Lunch >> (D) Dinner



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