

2008 PROBUS RENDEZVOUS, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Pre Tour Itinerary - 7 Day South Island Tour (F1) 8 - 14 September 2008

NZ\$ 1899.00 pp twin share
NZ\$ 2299.00 single

AU\$ 1649.00 pp twin share
AU\$ 1999.00 single

PRICE INCLUDES:

6 nights superior hotel accommodation
Luxury coach travel throughout the tour
Professional Coach Captain
Meet and greet on arrival in New Zealand
6 cooked breakfasts
5 dinners including 2 specialty dinners
Haggis Ceremony - Dunedin
Walter Peak Homestead - Queenstown
1 picnic lunch
Sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary
The TranzAlpine Rail Journey
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 - 8 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 Probians travelling on this tour.

Accommodation: Copthorne Durham Street

DAY 2 - 9 September:

CHRISTCHURCH - DUNEDIN >> (B,D)

Depart Christchurch and travel south through Oamaru to Dunedin, a well preserved Victorian city. Enjoy an informative city tour including a visit to Olveston House, a prestige historic home full of art treasures. Tonight a Scottish evening complete with bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift will be presented.

Accommodation: Mercure Leisure Lodge

DAY 3 - 10 September:

DUNEDIN - TE ANAU >> (B,D)

Travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will enjoy a guided tour. Next visit Glenfalloch Woodland Gardens and view the superb collection of flowers as a delightful morning tea is served. Farewell Dunedin and travel through the towns of Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau. Tonight you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Accommodation: Luxmore Resort (Deluxe Rooms)

DAY 4 - 11 September:

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

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive into Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

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

Day 5 - 12 September:

QUEENSTOWN (FREE DAY) >> (B,D)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. There are plenty of sightseeing options to choose from and your Coach Captain is available to assist. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. On arrival sit back and relax as you are treated to the best of New Zealand's high country cuisine in the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner, enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

Day 6 - 13 September:

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

Depart Queenstown and travel to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers before continuing to Franz Josef for your overnight stay.

Accommodation: Scenic Circle Franz Josef Glacier Hotel

Day 7 - 14 September:

FRANZ JOSEF - ARTHUR'S PASS - CHRISTCHURCH >> (B)

Travel to Hokitika this morning and visit the Greenstone Factory. Here you can purchase some of the best jade jewellery in the world. Continue into Arthur's Pass National Park and board The TranzAlpine renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View spectacular gorges and river valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin then across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. Your coach will transfer you from the railway station to your Probus Rendezvous Hotel.

