

Scottsdale Tours Limited

P O Box 383 ♦ Katikati 3166 ♦ New Zealand ♦

OVER THE PASSES

Arthurs Pass - Porters Pass - Lindis Pass - Lewis Pass - Haast Pass - Dashwood Pass - Weld Pass

October 9 – 23, 2009



A South Island tour with a difference. In true Scottsdale tradition we will take you into some interesting little corners, including Nelson Lakes, Deniston, Karamea, Reefton, Banks Peninsula, the Glaciers, Haast, Wanaka, Hanmer Springs and yes, even Paradise. Have you ever seen the view from Coronet Peak?

Day 1 Friday October 9

We depart Founders Theatre at 7.30am and travel south through Te Awamutu, Mangakino and along the western side of Lake Taupo to a lunch break at Waiouru. Continuing south

on S.H.1, we arrive in Wellington in time to catch our 5.30pm sailing to Picton. We spend the night here.

Day 2 Saturday October 10

BD

A leisurely start this morning as we have a quick look at the sights of Picton before heading into Blenheim for morning tea at lovely Pollard Park. We then head up the Wairau Valley to St Arnaud and the sparkling Nelson Lakes for a lunch stop. In the afternoon we follow the mighty Buller River down to our overnight stop at Westport.

Day 3 Sunday October 11

BD

We start the day with a local guide who will take us on a fascinating journey back in time at the old coal mining settlement of Deniston. Later we will travel over the "Bluff" towards Karamea visiting True Blue Teetree Products along the way. We explore the sights of Karamea before we stop at the remarkable "Last Resort" for the night.

Day 4 Monday October 12

BD

We travel back over the hill to Westport where we have a tour of the Holcim Cement Plant. Later we visit the Seal Colony at Cape Foulwind. Overnight at Westport.

Day 5 Tuesday October 13

BD

Heading back inland we head for the gold mining ghost town of Waiuta for a guided tour with a difference. On to Reefton we have a very interesting afternoon with the locals showing us around this historical area. Overnight Reefton.

Day 6 Wednesday October 14

BD

Over the Lewis Pass today and on to Christchurch where there will be some free time in the city before we head over the hills to picturesque Akaroa for our overnight stop.

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Day 7 Thursday October 15

BD

Free time this morning to explore or perhaps take the harbour cruise (own expense). After lunch we will take the very scenic route around northern Banks Peninsular including the very good museum at Okains Bay on our way to Christchurch for our overnight stop.

Day 8 Friday October 16

BD

This morning you join the Trans Alpine train for the world renowned journey through Arthurs Pass to Greymouth. After a bit of a look around we will visit Shantytown on our way to our stop at Hokitika.

Day 9 Saturday October 17

BD

Making our way down the coast today we call at Franz Joseph on our way to our stop at Fox Glacier. There will be time for a scenic flight (own expense) over the fabulous Southern Alps today if you wish.

Day 10 Sunday October 18

BD

One of my favourite drives today up through the mighty Haast Pass with time to explore along the way. Some free time later at our nights stop at Wanaka.

Day 11 Monday October 19

BD

We head over the Crown range this morning calling at the lovely old Cardrona Hotel on our way to Arrowtown with some time to explore. A quick trip up Coronet Peak and on to Queenstown for lunch. Later for those who wish we will travel round Lake Wakatipu to Glenorchy and Paradise. We travel up the gondola tonight for our banquet dinner. Overnight Queenstown.

Day 12 Tuesday October 20

BD

This morning we start our journey back to the north, travelling through the Kawarau Gorge to Cromwell then over the Lindis Pass to a lunch stop at Omarama. From here we continue north through Twizel, Lake Tekapo, Fairlie and finally to our overnight stop at Ashburton.



Day 13 Wednesday October 21

BD

Continuing north today we skirt around Christchurch travelling through Mt Hutt and across the Rakaia Gorge to Rangiora where we rejoin S.H.1. During the afternoon we make our way to the picturesque village of Hanmer Springs with plenty of time for a hot swim. Overnight Hanmer Springs.

Day 14 Thursday October 22

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The last leg in the south as we make the journey to Picton. A lovely way to finish with one of the prettiest drives in NZ around the Kaikoura Coast and then the wonderful Marlborough Sounds on our way to Wellington. Dinner on the ferry tonight Our stay here will be a complete change as it is right in the heart of the city.

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Day 15 Friday October 23

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We make our way home today up the Western route through the Para Paras and lovely Taumaranui arriving at Founders Theatre at 5.00pm.

15 days - 14 nights

Our usual all inclusive package

Total Cost \$2895

\$100 deposit on booking, Balance of \$2795 by September 9th 2009

Single Supplement \$630.00

Late bookings welcome subject to availability