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SOUTH OF THE SOUTH PLUS

With extra attractions again this year

April 11-24, 2012 14 days - 13 nights

We have planned this tour to include as many of the natural wonders of the bottom of New Zealand as we could and together with the magic of Stewart Island it really is something special, and will particularly appeal to nature lovers. We fly in to **Christchurch** and overnight in **Timaru**. Then it's on to **Dunedin** where we have a thorough tour around the area including **Otago Peninsula**, nature attractions and a trip on the **Taieri Gorge Railway**. We then travel down through the **Catlins** to our jump-off spot at **Invercargill** for our adventure to **Stewart Island**. On our return to the mainland we make our way around the Southern Scenic Route to **Te Anau** and **Manapouri**. Here we join arguably the best day out in New Zealand, a boat trip across **Lake Manapouri**, a bus trip over **Wilmot Pass** and the incomparable cruise on **Doubtful Sound**. Our journey then takes us past the **Mavora Lakes** and in by the 'back door' to **Walter Peak Station**. We cross **Lake Wakatipu** on the **Earnslaw** steamer to **Queenstown**. We have a good look around here before heading up to the head of the lake all the way to **Paradise**. We then start a new route this year along the inland scenic journey north taking in **Wanaka**, **Lindis Pass** and the **Waitaki Hydro Lake** route to **Lake Tekapo** for the night. Next day we head to **Kaikoura** for an overnight stop and some **Whale Watching**. To complete our travels we take the ferry to Wellington and then wend our way home.



Day 1 Wednesday, April 11

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Our tour starts travelling to Auckland Airport for our flight to Christchurch. Later we wander down to lovely historic Timaru for our first night.

Day 2 Thursday, April 12

BD

A nice easy run down to Dunedin this morning where following lunch in the Octagon we board the Taieri Gorge Railway for the spectacular train journey up the Taieri Gorge. We return to Dunedin for the night.

Day 3 Friday, April 13

BD

This morning we do a short tour around Dunedin before we go to historical Olveston House for a guided tour around this national treasure. After lunch we then travel out to the Otago Peninsula for a tour of the unique architecture of Larnach Castle before spending the rest of the afternoon and evening on a nature lovers dream tour of the Penguin and Seal colonies on the peninsular including the very rare Yellow Eyed Penguin. Of course this part of the tour would not be complete without a visit to the Royal Albatross Centre and Fort Taiaroa where we have an extensive guided tour. We once again return to Dunedin for the night.

Day 4 Saturday, April 14

BD

Today we set off on a relaxed journey through the scenic and historical area of the Catlins in the South Otago and Southland coastal area. This area with its spectacular coastline, quiet beaches, waterfalls and extensive native forests has something for everyone. Our motel accommodation tonight is in Invercargill.

Day 5 Sunday, April 15

BD

This morning we travel to Invercargill airport for our short flight to Stewart Island. On arrival we join our local tour guide who will take us around many of the breathtaking sights of this special piece of paradise. There will be some free time later in the day to explore the other interesting parts of Half Moon Bay. We spend tonight on the island.

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Note: Our accommodation on Stewart Island is clean and comfortable and handily located but contrary to usual Scottsdale policy our guests will have to share facilities for shower and toilet

Day 6 Monday, April 16

BLD

Our Stewart Island exploration continues today with a boat trip around the sheltered waters of Patersons Inlet where we visit the birdwatcher's delight of Ulva Island, a Salmon Farm, and a myriad of secluded bays and coves that the locals have at their back door. We enjoy a picnic hamper lunch at secluded Millers Beach. In the afternoon we fly back to Invercargill for the night.

Day 7 Tuesday, April 17

BD

Our very enthusiastic local guide joins us this morning to show us her towns of Invercargill and Bluff including a visit to the Bluff Hill Lookout and the bottom end of SH1. Following lunch back in Invercargill we set off to travel the Southern Scenic Route through Riverton, Colac Bay and Tuatapere and on through Manapouri. This is a very historic area with many fabulous coastal vistas as well which we will have time to explore at a leisurely pace. We stay on the lakefront at Te Anau for the next two nights.

Day 8 Wednesday, April 18

BLD

We spend today with Fiordland Travel as we join their awesome experience of the journey across Lake Manapouri where we board the bus to cross Wilmot Pass to cruise in the unequalled grandeur of Doubtful Sound. We think this trip beats Milford Sound hands down, but you be the judge. On the return journey we call at the amazing engineering feat of the West Arm underground power station.



Day 9 Thursday, April 19

BD

This morning we set off on an adventurous journey through the 'back road' to Walter Peak Station. The views as we travel past the Mavora Lakes and through Mt Nicholas and Walter Peak Stations are indescribable and unique to this part of the South Island. Following your arrival you can enjoy the surroundings of the Walter Peak Homestead. At lunch time you board the T.S.S. Earnslaw for the journey across Lake Wakatipu to Queenstown. There will be some free time this afternoon for you to enjoy your lovely surroundings or perhaps to fit in a bungy jump. Our next 2 nights are in Queenstown.

Day 10 Friday, April 20

BD

An easy day today as we travel the short distance to explore the historic town of Arrowtown. We then make the big climb up to the Coronet Peak Ski Resort where the views are better than you get in an aeroplane. After lunch we make another short but very scenic trip around Lake Wakatipu to Glenorchy and Paradise. (Believe it!). Dinner tonight is up the Gondola to the famous Skyline Restaurant.

Day 11 Saturday, April 21

BD

Some more fabulous views today as we make our way over the Crown Range past the historic Cardrona Hotel for a quick look around Wanaka. On through Omarama and past the mighty Waitaki Power Scheme lakes and canals to our next overnight stop on the shores on Lake Tekapo.

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Day 12 Sunday, April 22

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Over Burkes Pass this morning and out of the Mackenzie country we join the Inland Scenic Route at Geraldine and follow the Southern Alps to lunch at Rangiora. Then it is out to the East Coast for the lovely drive around to Kaikoura for our night's stay.

Day 13 Monday, April 23

B

We keep our fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us this morning as we join the very special experience of whale watching. I don't care where you have been or what you have done but being in the company of these magnificent mammals is just a breathtaking experience. Later we make our way to Picton to join our cruise down the Sounds to our last overnight in Wellington. Dinner on board this evening (own expense).

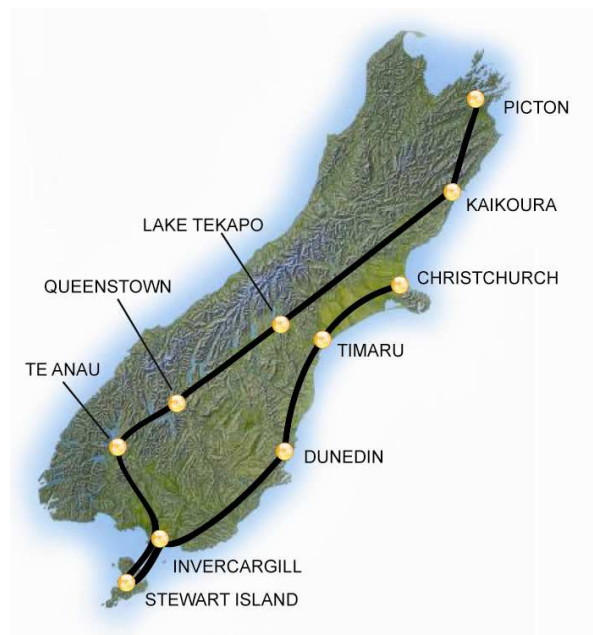
Day 14 Tuesday, April 24

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A complete change of landscape today as we make our way up the North Island and back to your homes.

Highlights include:

Dunedin sights,
Taieri Gorge Railway
Larnach Castle,
Penguin & Seal Colonies,
Albatross Centre, Catlins,
Stewart Island,
Doubtful Sounds,
Queenstown sights,
Naseby & St Bathans,
Wanaka,
Lake Pukaki,
Kaikoura & Whale Watch,
Marlborough Sounds



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