

# Scottsdale Tours Limited

P O Box 130 ♦ Waihi 3641 ♦ New Zealand ♦

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## TOP OF THE SOUTH

March 20 - 30, 2012 11 days - 10 nights



*If you ever needed a reminder of the fabulous diverse natural beauty of our country, then this tour will show it to you. From the sparkling vistas of the Marlborough Sounds to the deserted beaches of Farewell Spit and the grandeur of the Molesworth Road, this tour has it all. One of our most popular and well patronised trips, don't miss it.*

### Day 1 Tuesday, March 20

We travel south through Te Awamutu, Mangakino and along the western side of Lake Taupo to a lunch break at Waiouru. Continuing south on SH1 we arrive in Wellington in time to catch our 6.15pm sailing to Picton. Plenty of time for dinner (own cost) before we land overseas on the beautiful South Island. We spend the night in Picton.

### Day 2 Wednesday, March 21 **BD**

A nice relaxing morning as we take a cruise around Queen Charlotte Sound. Following a lunch break and time to visit the sights of Picton we will take the very scenic Queen Charlotte drive to Havelock for our overnight stop.

### Day 3 Thursday, March 22 **BLD**

Joining a different boat this morning we have another Sounds cruise this time on Pelorus Sound across to Elaine Bay where Ross will pick us up with the coach and take us out to unique French Pass. This road will give you some of the most spectacular views you will ever see from any road anywhere. On arrival at French Pass we will be met by our local guide who will give you an amazing tour, including a boat ride through the pass, with fantastic view of historic D'Urville Island. This will be followed by a delicious lunch. We finish the day at our motel for the next 2 nights at Nelson.

### Day 4 Friday, March 23 **BD**

We start the day today with a guided tour of Nelson and then visit the Wearable Arts Museum. Following lunch we visit Høglund Art Glass Blowing Studio where you may have the opportunity to watch some high quality glass blowing. On our return to Nelson you will have some spare time to relax or visit the shops.

### Day 5 Saturday, March 24 **BD**

This morning we make our way to Motueka for a quick look around. After a short trip out to lovely Kaiteriteri Beach we join the boat for a delightful cruise along the Able Tasman National Park to Totaranui. Our day is completed with the bus trip to Takaka where we spend the next 2 nights.

### Day 6 Sunday, March 25 **BD**

Travelling to Collingwood we join a local operator for an exciting 4 wheel drive trip to the northern most point of the South Island. With abundant wildlife and spectacular views this is a very special tour. On our way back to Takaka we visit some of the local sights including Pupū Springs, the clearest water in the world.

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## **Day 7 Monday, March 26**                      **BD**

Travelling over the Takaka Hill today we make our way back to Motueka and on down Highway 61 and over the Hope Saddle. Later we visit the beautiful Nelson Lakes and St. Arnaud before completing the loop back to Blenheim for the next 3 nights.

## **Day 8 Tuesday, March 27**                      **BLD**

This morning we set off on our guided tour through the Awatere Valley to Molesworth Station, New Zealand's largest. Nowhere else are the towering mountains, baron scree slopes and vast tussock clad valleys of the high country so accessible. Following a picnic lunch at the original Molesworth homestead we retrace our steps revealing yet another set of magnificent views.

## **Day 9 Wednesday, March 28**                      **BD**

An easy day enjoying the local sights around Blenheim including Brayshaw Park, the spectacular museum at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre and a guided tour through Montana Wines.

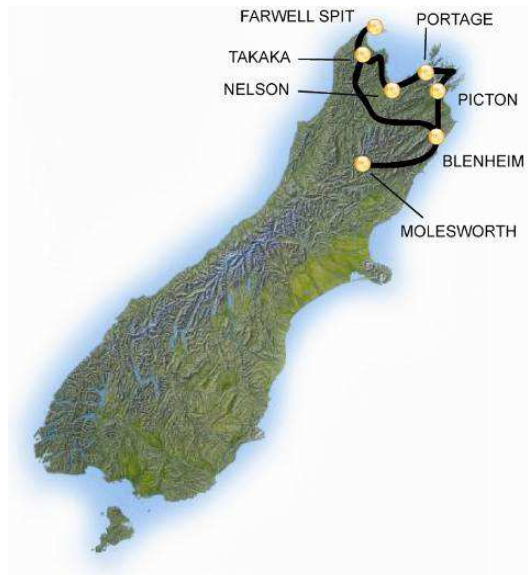
## **Day 10 Thursday, March 29**

Back on the Sounds this morning as we join the Interislander to travel across to Wellington. We spend the afternoon having a tour of the sights of the big smoke. Overnight Wellington.

## **Day 11 Friday, March 30**                      **B**

Today we take a different way home joining the iconic Overlander Train for a journey through the heartland North Island countryside to Hamilton from where we will get you back to your homes.

**BD**



**All inclusive escorted package**

**TOTAL COST \$2850.**

**\$100 deposit on booking**

**Balance of \$2750 by January 30, 2012**

**Single Supplement \$600**