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Southern Divide Dive

Christchurch to Queenstown



Tour Highlights

- ▶ Tranz Alpine Train Journey
- ▶ Punakaiki Pancake Rocks
- ▶ Underground Raft & Caves
- ▶ Guided Glacier Hike
- ▶ Gourmet Wine Tour
- ▶ Milford Track Walk
- ▶ Dive Milford Sound
- ▶ Mountain Biking

Regions Visited

- ▶ Canterbury
- ▶ West Coast
- ▶ Queenstown
- ▶ Central Otago
- ▶ Te Anau
- ▶ Milford Sound

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7 Day West and Central South Island Adventure Tour

Let us transport you to the most picturesque and exciting places in the West Coast, Central Otago and Fiordland. Hike glaciers, raft underground caves and kayak Milford Sound - this journey is truly awe inspiring and not to be missed!

▶Day One Canterbury to West Coast

Southern Alpine Train Journey Rated as one of the top six scenic train journeys in the world, the famous Tranz Alpine will take you deep into the heartland of the South Island. A coast to coast train journey through beautiful scenery, winding over massive viaducts, through spectacular gorges and river valleys, tracking slowly across the country's greatest mountain range, the Southern Alps, before descending through lush beech forest to the Tasman Sea and the town of Greymouth.

Punakaiki The heaving swells of the Tasman Sea have carved away the west coast for millions of years. Nowhere is the effect on the landscape more spectacular and profound than Punakaiki. Remarkable natural sculptures of stratified limestone stacks, over many thousands of years have eroded to give the effect of giant piles of neatly stacked pancakes. The blowholes around the rocks in heavy weather throw up columns of dazzling spray.



▶Day Two Paparoa National Park

Rafting, Caving and Glow Worms in the underworld of Paparoa National Park. Take the rainforest train through primeval rain forest, enter the enormous Nile River Cave System and meander through stalactites and stalagmites in the upper dry levels of the cave. In the lower active levels of the cave, float along the underground river using only the natural light of glow worms for navigation. You emerge from the cave into a remote and untouched world before leaving its tranquillity for the rushing bubbling waters of the low grade Nile River Rapids.



▶Day Three Franz Josef Glacier

Guided Glacier Hike Explore spectacular icefall terrain normally seen only by experienced mountaineers. The Franz Josef Glacier descends to just 250 metres above sea level flowing through a temperate rainforest of ancient podocarp trees and other evergreen species. The combination of ice and temperate rainforest is a unique feature of New Zealand's glacier country, and an ecosystem found nowhere else in the world, with crevasses, pinnacles, ice caves and canyons to explore. An experience of a lifetime!



Scenic Drive to Queenstown The scenery is impressive all the way, and once over the Haast Pass it changes dramatically as you head into the mountains and bid farewell to the coastline. Continuing up the Haast River into Mount Aspiring National Park and Central Otago (This pass was used by the Maori to trade Pounamu Greenstone and food) you follow Lake Hawea nearly all



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When was the last time you did something for the first time?

WAIT - THERES MORE!

After experiencing this phenomenal journey you're sure to be wanting more of a good thing! Join our next Adventure Tour and explore the best of New Zealand

Northern Highlights 7 Days
Auckland to Auckland - departs first Monday of each month Oct - May
Highlights: Hibiscus Coast, Bay of Islands, Ninety Mile Beach, Puketi Kauri Forests, Cape Reinga, Poor Knights Islands

Central Discoverer 7 Days
Auckland to Auckland - departs second Monday of each month Oct - May
Highlights: Coromandel, Rotorua, East Coast, White Island, Central Plateau, Taupo, Tongariro National Park, Waikato & Waitomo

Southern Wonder 7 Days
Christchurch to Christchurch - departs third Monday of each month Oct - May
Highlights: Christchurch, Akaroa, Kaikoura, Abel Tasman National Park, Takaka, Nelson, Marlborough Sounds, Hanmer Springs

Grand Escapade - 28 Day Auckland to Queenstown departs first Monday of each month Oct - May
Highlights: Northern Highlights, Central Discoverer, Southern Wonder and Southern Divide all combined to make the best New Zealand Experience

Southern Divide - 7 Day Chch-Zqn
4th Monday of every month (Oct - May)

2005-2006 departure dates:

FLTSDD601 - 24 Oct - 30 Oct 2005
FLTSDD602 - 28 Nov - 4 Dec 2005
FLTSDD603 - 26 Dec - 1 Jan 2006
FLTSDD604 - 23 Jan - 29 Jan 2006
FLTSDD605 - 27 Feb - 5 Mar 2006
FLTSDD606 - 27 Mar - 2 Apr 2006
FLTSDD607 - 24 Apr - 30 Apr 2006
FLTSDD608 - 22 May - 28 May 2006

2006-2007 departure dates:

FLTSDD701 - 23 Oct - 29 Oct 2006
FLTSDD702 - 27 Nov - 3 Dec 2006
FLTSDD703 - 25 Dec - 31 Dec 2006
FLTSDD704 - 22 Jan - 28 Jan 2007
FLTSDD705 - 26 Feb - 4 Mar 2007
FLTSDD706 - 26 Mar - 1 Apr 2007
FLTSDD707 - 23 Apr - 29 Apr 2007
FLTSDD708 - 28 May - 3 Jun 2007

Tour price:

NZD\$1895 Multi Share
NZD\$2345 Twin
NZD\$2845 Single

Tour price includes transport, accommodation, and activities stated. Accommodation ranges from multi share to 3-4 Star Lodgings

the way through to Wanaka over the Crown Range to Arrowtown and Queenstown. This drive is world class, some of the vistas to watch out for are Lake Matheson, Views of Mount Cook, Bruce Bay, Ship Cove, Haast River/Pass, Thunder Creek Falls, Blue Pools, Lakes Hawea & Wanaka to Queenstown



►Day Four Queenstown - Te Anau

Gourmet Wine Tour Venture into the heart of Central Otago to taste some of New Zealand's finest wines in surroundings of unmatched scenic beauty and historical interest. Visit vineyards from the Gibbston, Bannockburn and Alexandra areas, tour New Zealand's largest wine cave and taste a selection of local cheeses - a fascinating insight into the region. Relax in one of the regions excellent restaurants for a unique wine and food experience including fine cuisine, an Aroma Room and a virtual flight over Central Otago meeting the regions leading winemakers.

►Day Five Te Anau - Milford Track

Milford Track Day Walk Traversing the heart of New Zealand's wild fiord country, the Milford Track has long been described as "the finest walk in the world." The Fiordland National Park is the cornerstone of the Te Wahipounamu Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area. Enjoy close encounters with the native birdlife and encounter Fiordland at its most spectacular: deep lakes; silent fiords; luxuriant forest and sheer canyons carved out of imposing granite define this landscape.

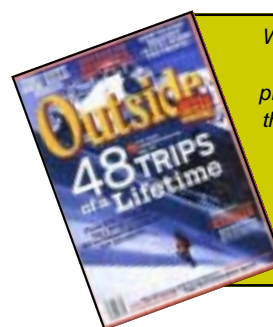
►Day Six Fiordland National Park

Dive Milford Sounds "THE LAST FRONTIER" as it was named by Jacques Cousteau A Five Hour Cruise with Two Guided Dives Milford Sound (Fiordland). Few visitors to Fiordland are aware that below the tide line there is another world with its own fauna and flora. Much of the uniqueness is caused by the light-absorbing fresh water layer. Approximately 160 species of fish have so far been recorded by divers within the surface 45 metres of the fiords.



►Day Seven Central Otago

Mountain Biking We have a huge range of terrain all over Central Otago available to play in. From high country sheep farms, to hard core heli biking we pick the terrain to suit you. Learn to rock ride with 1700m descents and views north as far as Mt Cook (New Zealand's highest mountain) and south as far as Stewart Island. Try gravity assisted cross country rides as fast and as thrilling as you can handle. For something a little cruisier take a picnic ride dwarfed by the surrounding mountains, a very scenic softer adventure option to suit those less comfortable riding off road. For you Lord of the Rings fans we have a cross-country mountain bike ride over a High Country sheep farm and around an old gold mining village. Set in and around one of the locations of The Lord of the Rings - The Two Towers - experience the village and land of Rohan.



Winner of Outside magazine's prestigious 'Trip of the Year' Oceania 2004!