South Island of New Zealand APEX 40 - Fully Escorted Tour



Travel: 1 June to 15 June 2011

A tour to remember with a touch of frost and lots of fun for all... bring your warm clothes, hats and gloves!

With 41 Clubs along the way we'll get as many as we can to show you their local attractions as well as coming along and meeting with you. We are sure you'll all end up with a host of new friends.

This Tour includes the costs of registration, accommodation and the full program of the 41 Club AGM in Nelson.



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Tour Itinerary



Day 1 Christchurch, NZ - 1 June

Arrive at Christchurch airport and be met by your 41 Club New Zealand hosts. Spend rest of day exploring the city highlights of Christchurch, travelling by coach and foot. Take the option for an evening get together to meet up with the Christchurch 41 Club.

Day 2 Christchurch - Blenheim - 2 June

Leave Christchurch at 8am and travel north by coach. Stop at Cheviot for coffee, ice cream's and comfort then on to Kaikoura for lunch (183kms, 2.5 hrs). Those who want to go Whale or Dolphin watching need to book ahead first thing in morning. Continue on to Blenheim for the night (129kms, 1.5 hrs). Meet the strong locally based 41 Club who will amuse you for the evening. (B)



Day 3 Blenheim - Nelson - 3 June

Explore a little of the Marlborough wine district, Sauvignon Blanc Country, probably a little taste or two! Then lunch at Havelock, "Green Lipped Mussel Capital of the World" at head of Pelorus Sound. Later in the afternoon travel over the hills to Nelson (116kms, 1.45 hrs), in time to settle in your accommodation (Tahuna Camp Cabins) for the weekend and meet and greet with 41 Club members. (B)

Day 4 Nelson - 4 June

Join with 41er's on their fun planned program for the day and an evening that includes dancing. (L,D)

Day 5 Nelson - 5 June

41 Club New Zealand AGM in morning. Activity organised for those not wishing to attend. Lunch together for all. Free time in afternoon, then Fancy Dress (themed evening) with skits from all Clubs continues into the wee small hours. Everyone expected to perform! (L,D)

Day 6 Nelson - Greymouth - 6 June

Farewell breakfast together with your new and old friends then time to get back on the coach and travel South West through Murchison, down through the Buller Gorge, stop at Punakaiki to see the Pancake Rocks before travelling on to Greymouth for the night (290 kms, 4.35 hrs). Free evening. (B)

Day 7 Greymouth - Franz Josef - 7 June

Breakfast at own expense before starting your journey down the west coast to have lunch at Ross, a stop at Okarito Lagoon or Lake Mapourika and down to Franz Josef where we will stay 2 nights (177kms, 3.1hrs).

Day 8 Franz Josef - 8 June

Enjoy a free day to spend around the Glaciers. Perhaps a walk around Lake Matheson to take photos of the reflections of Mt Cook on the water, or take a walk or helicopter flight onto the glaciers. Plenty for you to do and see here. (B)

Day 9 Franz Josef - Wanaka - 9 June

Today after breakfast we carry on down the coast stopping at Haast for lunch before turning inland and through the Gates of Haast and over to Wanaka. (287 kms, 5.55hrs). This is "Central Otago Wine Region" and a beautiful winter playground. An extra layer of clothes will shut out the chill, with the Southern hospitality keeping you warm on the inside! (B)

Day 10 Wanaka - Queenstown - 10 June

Onwards to Queenstown (117kms, 1.5hrs), following vineyards and rivers. Possible sidetrack to the old gold mining town Arrowtown. A free afternoon to explore Queenstown ... Shotover Jet, Earnslaw Steamer, Bungy Jump, Gondola Ride or simple retail therapy! (B)

Day 11 Queenstown - Te Anau - 11 June

Morning around Queenstown then travel to Te Anau, "Gateway to Fiordland" in afternoon, travelling alongside Lake Wakatipu passing through Kingston (170kms, 2.45hrs) (B)

Day 12 Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau - 12 June

Travel to Milford Sound via the Homer Tunnel. Take a boat cruise and wonder at the sheer cliffs and spectacular scenery of the Fiord. If the road is snow bound to Milford we will visit Manapouri to see the power station built inside a mountain. Back to Te Anau for the night. (242kms, 4.40 hrs) (B)



Day 13 Te Anau - Dunedin - 13 June After breakfast leave Te Anau for Gore where we will try to get the Gore 41 Club to meet us for lunch. Then onwards across the mighty Clutha River to Dunedin. Although no 41 Club there could be some 41er's who will help guide us around this historic Scottish City. (290kms, 4.15hrs) (B)

Day 14 Dunedin - Oamaru -Timaru - 14 June

Head northward to Oamaru for lunch plus a look at the restored old part of town. Then up to Timaru for the night, where a strong 41 Club will be happy to meet with us. Tonight is our last night as a group so perhaps a dinner together? (199kms, 2:5hrs) (B)

Day 15 Timaru - Christchurch - 15 June Last day on the bus, travel North through Ashburton, across the Canterbury Plains back to Christchurch and Harewood Airport arriving around midday where we will all go our separate ways (163 kms, 2.10hrs).

Tour Escorts



Fully escorted by Derek and Tina Johns





Inclusions

- Twin share accommodation
- Registration and the full program of the 41 Club AGM in Nelson
- Meals as specified on itinerary B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
- All coach travel



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Terms & Conditions: Non-refundable deposit of AU\$400 per person payable by 30 November 2010. Package includes 14 nights accommodation, bus travel and meals as specified. Airfares are not included in the price. Prices are subject to minimum numbers. Maximum of 42 passengers twin share. Full payment is required by 1st March 2011. Final balance may be subject to change depending on currency exchange rates. Prices are based on cash/cheque or Eftpos payment only. Travel Insurance is compulsory. Amendment and cancellation fees may apply. Land arrangements in New Zealand provided by Mondo Travel Motueka.