

# WINTER WONDERLAND



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**A Southern Alps, Glaciers  
and West Coast Odyssey**

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TranzAlpine Train, Southern Alps,  
Queenstown, Milford Sound,  
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## Experience the Exceptional...

- Capture the beauty of New Zealand, the beauty of our specially crafted trips and beautiful music. We bring you Winter Wonderland, a magnificent tour of the Southern Alps, Queenstown, Milford Sound, the rugged West Coast and the glaciers and lakes of this magnificent region.
- We journey through the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine train, marvelling at snow-capped mountains, lakes and incredible gorges, then travel down the rugged West Coast, from coastline to glaciers, with tours to the Punakaiki Rocks (Pancake Rocks), explore gold mining history, and walks through the lush rainforests.
- We then travel down one of the most beautiful and deserted parts of New Zealand from Haast, Wanaka, and Queenstown, to the majestic Milford Sound.
- All of this we combine with music, extraordinary experiences and lots of fun with Lynette and Hamish on board to help with the merriment.

### YOUR HOSTS ON THIS TRIP:



*Lynette Martin*



*Hamish McGregor*





## PLACES WE STAY

### **Novotel Hotel Cathedral Square, Christchurch**

Situated in the centre of the city, the Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square is a 4.5-star contemporary hotel, with city views in all rooms.

### **TranzAlpine Train**

Considered one of the greatest train journeys in the world, the famous TranzAlpine train travels through some of New Zealand's most incredible scenery on its route from Christchurch to Greymouth.

### **Kingsgate Hotel, Greymouth**

For easy access to the wild landscapes and stunning scenery of New Zealand's unspoilt West Coast, look no further than the historic Kingsgate Hotel Greymouth.

### **Scenic Franz Josef Glacier**

The Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier is close to the edge of one of New Zealand's most spectacular natural attractions, welcoming us to this enticing and dramatic region.

### **Heartland Haast Hotel**

Dwarfed by the mountains, rivers, beaches and lush rainforest of the South Westland World Heritage Area, the Heartland Hotel Haast provides the perfect resting spot for travellers and adventurers alike.

### **St Moritz, Queenstown**

Overlooking Lake Wakatipu to The Remarkables mountains, this refined hotel is a short walk from the Skyline Gondola and 20min drive from Coronet Peak ski-field.





SUNDAY 19 JULY 2020

**CHRISTCHURCH (D)**

- Novotel Hotel Cathedral Square  
(2 nights)

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- Antarctic Life Centre, our first glance at a winter wonderland with its displays of Antarctica, the snow and ice experience, Scott Base, and hang out with little blue penguins!
- Our welcome dinner at the fabulous Hinton's Vineyard and Restaurant with our first concert is entitled *What A Wonderful World*.

MONDAY 20 JULY 2020

**CHRISTCHURCH - AKAROA DAY TRIP (B, L)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- Day trip to Akaroa, a gorgeous seaside settlement with its history and French influenced cottages and buildings, including lunch.
- Stop at the Giant's House, a historic Akaroa house with original artworks, terraced gardens with sculptures and mosaics.



Cathedral Square, Christchurch



The Giant's House, Akaroa



**TUESDAY 21 JULY 2020**  
**CHRISTCHURCH - GREYMOUTH (B)**  
**- Kingsgate Hotel (2 nights)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- We journey on the TranzAlpine Rail, one of the world's most famous train journeys, between Christchurch and Greymouth. We traverse the mighty Southern Alps, where spectacular views of the chiselled alpine landscape will take our breath away at every turn.
- A visit to Shanty Town with its exceptional display of the gold mining.

**WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2020**  
**GREYMOUTH - PUNAKAIKI ROCKS - WESTPORT (B, L, D)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- Visit the famous Punakaiki Pancake Rocks beside the rugged West Coast.
- Fabulous scenic drive through Paparoa National Park with lush West Coast native rainforest, mountain tops and expansive rugged beaches, with a stop at the Nile River Train.
- Visit Westport to explore the coal museum.
- A hearty meal at Speights Ale House with the odd tippie, maybe a stout to end the day and warm the cockles of your heart! A chance to enjoy some West coast hospitality with our local band providing a fun evening.

**THURSDAY 23 JULY 2020**  
**GREYMOUTH - FRANZ JOSEF (B, L)**  
**- Scenic Circle Franz Josef Glacier (2 nights)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- A scenic coastal drive down to Hokitika.
- A magnificent tree top walk.
- Visit to Franz Josef, a 12 km glacier, part of the World Heritage Westland Tai Poutini National Park.



**FRIDAY 24 JULY 2020**

**FOX / FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER (B, L, D)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- A choice of the Fox Glacier Terminal Face Walk or a scenic drive around the area.
- Lake Matheson for lunch with views over the reflection of Lake Matheson with its reflections of Mt Cook.
- A mid-winter wonderland Christmas dinner and concert entitled *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*.

**SATURDAY 25 JULY 2020**

**GLACIERS - HAAST (B, L)**

**- Haast Hotel (1 night)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- A leisurely drive down the coastline of one of the most deserted and gorgeous regions of New Zealand between the glaciers and Haast.
- Visit the South Westland Salmon Farm with time to explore the farm.
- Have a delightful salmon lunch.
- A private two-hour cruise down the Haast River.
- Evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020**

**HAAST - QUEENSTOWN (B, L, D)**

**- St Moritz (3 nights)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- A tour of Wanaka on route to Queenstown today with more glorious scenery along the way.
- Visit Puzzling World in Wanaka.
- A chance to wander the shops in Wanaka, a beautiful town set on Lake Wanaka and surrounded by mountains.
- Drive through to Cromwell with lunch at Wild Earth Kitchen & Vineyard, set on the bank of Lake Dunstan.
- Tour of the goldfields on route to Queenstown.
- Dinner at hotel on arrival this evening.



Mt Cook behind Lake Matheson



Haast River



Lake Wanaka



MONDAY 27 JULY 2020

**QUEENSTOWN (B, L)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- Milford Sound full day tour, again with an amazing drive and views along the way.
- Two-hour cruise of Milford Sound with its steep sides, cascading into the sound!
- Lunch on the boat, what a backdrop for us today!

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2020

**QUEENSTOWN (B, D)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

- Arrowtown morning tour with a chance to wander and shop.
- Free afternoon in Queenstown to wander and shop as well or enjoy the ambience of this beautiful waterfront town.
- Gala final night dinner at hotel with music provided by our escorts entitled *Showstoppers*, celebrating all the hits of music theatre!

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020

**QUEENSTOWN (B)**

**HIGHLIGHTS include:**

Today we check out of our hotel with the knowledge that this trip has simply re-confirmed for us, that we do live in the most beautiful country in the world!





**\$5,460** *per person  
twin share*

*Single Room supplement add \$905*

**Initial Deposit on booking** **\$900**

**Second Deposit due 14 February 2020** **\$2,000**

**Final Balance due 15 April 2020**

Deposits refundable (less costs incurred) prior to FINAL BALANCE DUE DATE. Itinerary details are subject to change, however any changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.

#### **THIS TRIP INCLUDES:**

- 10 nights' accommodation with breakfast included: Christchurch (2 nights), Greymouth (2 nights), Franz Josef (2 nights), Haast (1 night) and Queenstown (3 nights).
- TranzAlpine Railway between Christchurch and Greymouth with glorious vistas, viaducts, gorges, lakes and snow-capped mountains.
- All tours as listed on the itinerary including day trip to Akaroa, tours to Punakaiki Rocks, Westport, Greymouth, Hokitika, Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers, Lake Matheson, Haast, Wanaka, Cromwell, Milford Sound and Queenstown.
- Special flavours including welcome dinner and concert *What A Wonderful World* at Hinton's vineyard and restaurant final night gala event in Queenstown entitled *Showstoppers*, a variety show with local characters and gold mining stories, *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas* with a mid-winter Christmas dinner beside the glaciers, visit to the Giant's House, lunch at Lake Matheson with its incredible reflections of Mt Cook.
- Numerous activities including Milford Sound day trip and cruise, visits and tours to the Antarctic Centre, Treetop Walk, Nile River Rain Forest Train, Fox Glacier Terminal walk, visit the Salmon Farm and Haast River Safaris cruise, Cromwell Goldfields tour and Queenstown and Arrowtown tours.
- All tours and transfers listed in itinerary.
- Meals as listed in itinerary, all breakfasts, 5 dinners, 7 lunches, tips, portage included.
- Hosted by Lynette Martin and Hamish McGregor.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As our travellers are coming from all over NZ, airfares are not included.

#### **GENTLE TOUR**

**This tour will suit most people, even with a stick or a walker, but sorry not someone in a wheelchair. The activity level is gently paced, but you still need to be able to get on and off buses easily. There will be walking, but not a lot.**

*"I love travelling, but at a gentle pace. I like to avoid stairs or too much activity, but I am able to get on and off buses easily."*

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$300.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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