

# 10 Day

## Alpine Explorer

### Inclusions & Highlights



#### ACCOMMODATION

- 9 nights in your chosen category



#### TRAVEL

- 9 days Budget rental car (CDAR)
- Total driving distance approx 2,065km (27 hr), train 223km (4 hr 20 min)
- Airport & Railway Station Transfers



#### ICONIC SIGHTSEEING

- TranzAlpine Train Journey
- Milford Sound Nature Cruise

Your package includes these 'must dos' in New Zealand's alpine south.



**TranzAlpine Train Journey:** One of the world's great journeys from coast to coast between Christchurch and Greymouth. Marvel at spectacular gorges, river valleys, lush forest and the glaciers of the Southern Alps.



**Milford Sound Nature Cruise:** Enjoy this extended 2.5 hour cruise along the full length of the iconic fiord. Experience waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and unique wildlife.

### Your Journey...

#### Day 1 Arrive Christchurch

Arrive into Christchurch today and collect your car rental from the airport.

- 🏠 **STANDARD - Christchurch Motel, 1 night**
- 🏠 **SUPERIOR - Novotel Christchurch**

#### Day 2 Christchurch to Lake Tekapo

Travel across the Canterbury Plains today to the picturesque town of Lake Tekapo where the region's many attractions are yours to discover.

- 🚗 **230km by road (3 hr)**
- 🏠 **STANDARD - Peppers Bluewater Resort, 1 night**
- 🏠 **SUPERIOR - Parkbrae Estate Garden Studio**

#### Day 3 Lake Tekapo to Dunedin

Visit iconic Mt Cook with free time to explore the Tasman Glacier or take a scenic flight. Continue to Dunedin, where the afternoon is at leisure.

- 🚗 **420km by road (5 hr)**
- 🏠 **STANDARD - Park Regis Dunedin, 2 night**
- 🏠 **SUPERIOR - Scenic Hotel Dunedin City**

#### Day 4 Dunedin

Enjoy a day at leisure. You may like to visit Cadbury World, Speights Brewery or historic Olveston House.

#### Day 5 Dunedin to Te Anau via Invercargill

Travel via the spectacular Catlins Coast to Te Anau. Enjoy a pit stop lunch at the lively and heritage town of Invercargill, before continuing to Te Anau.

- 🚗 **435km by road (5 hr 30 min)**
- 🏠 **STANDARD - Distinction Luxmore Hotel, 1 night**
- 🏠 **SUPERIOR - Distinction Hotel & Villas**

#### Day 6 Te Anau to Queenstown via Milford

Drive along the scenic Milford Road stopping for photos on the way. Travel through the Homer Tunnel and join a nature cruise of Milford Sound. Then, follow the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Queenstown.

- 🚗 **415km by road (6 hr 30 min)**
- 🏠 **STANDARD - Blue Peaks Lodge, 2 nights**
- 🏠 **SUPERIOR - The Rees Hotel (Lakeview)**

#### Day 7 Queenstown

Enjoy a free day in Queenstown to do one of the many activities, such as a jetboat ride, whitewater rafting or skiing during winter (mid June - early October).

#### Day 8 Queenstown to Franz Josef

Leave Queenstown early this morning for your drive via Haast Pass to Franz Josef. We recommend a flight over the glacier, or a short walk to the terminal face.

- 🚗 **390km by road (4 hr 30 min)**
- 🏠 **STANDARD - Glacier View Motel, 1 night**
- 🏠 **SUPERIOR - Scenic Hotel Franz Josef**

#### Day 9 Franz Josef to Christchurch

Drive north to drop-off your car at Greymouth Station before boarding the TranzAlpine Train Journey over scenic Arthurs Pass to Christchurch.

- 🚗 **175km by road (2 hr 30 min)**
- 🚆 **223km by rail (4 hr 20 min)**
- 🏠 **STANDARD - Christchurch Motel, 1 night**
- 🏠 **SUPERIOR - Novotel Christchurch**

#### Day 10 Depart Christchurch

A shuttle service will pick you up from your hotel today and take you to Christchurch Airport.

From  
**\$1,244\***  
Per Person Twin Share



🇺🇸 \*Prices will vary depending on seasonality, availability and special events. Contact Kirra for up to date pricing.

🚗 **Car hire:** A location fee of NZ\$46 is payable upon vehicle collection. An insurance excess of NZ\$3,450 (credit card imprint) and a security deposit will also be taken when you collect your car.

### Explore some more...

Why not stay in Christchurch a little longer and discover the surrounding region?

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Speak to one of our friendly New Zealand Specialists who can recommend various sightseeing options listed on pages 72.



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