North & South Island

Itinerary

DAY 01: AUCKLAND
Upon arrival at Auckland airport, you will be met and privately transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 02: AUCKLAND
Breakfast at the hotel. Today visit the **Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World & Antarctic Encounter**. You will be taken back in time to the life-sized replica hut of intrepid South Pole explorer Captain Robert Falcon Scott. Come out of the hut and into an Antarctic snow cat, where you're transported to a magical world of snow and ice. From your snow cat, you'll get a fantastic fish eye view of the King Penguins as they swim underwater. After your Antarctic encounter; head to the Amazon tank to view the deadly Piranha. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 03: AUCKLAND – WAITOMO - ROTORUA
Breakfast at the hotel. Check out of the hotel and transfer to Rotorua. Enroute visit the **Waitomo Glowworm Caves**. The attractions include guided tour and boat ride through the famed and mystical Glowworm Caves. Arrive Rotorua. Check into the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 04: ROTORUA
After breakfast proceed for a half day sightseeing tour of Rotorua. Visit the **Agrodome** and meet the many breeds of sheep that are farmed in New Zealand, view sheep shearing demonstrations, and sheep dogs working the sheep in a paddock. Next stop is **Rainbow Springs** where you will see thousands of Rainbow and Brown Trout in the crystal clear waters of the spring which flows into a stream through beautiful native bush. From here continue to **Te Puia Thermal Reserve** where you will be introduced to the Maori Culture and meet some of the indigenous Maori people. Walk through the thermal valley and view natural boiling mud pools and geysers close at hand. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or enjoy a massage at the Polynesian Spa (not included in tour cost). Overnight stay at the hotel

DAY 05: ROTORUA – CHRISTCHRUCH
After breakfast at the hotel, check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport. Arrive Christchurch. You will be transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure to explore the Garden City on your own. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 06: CHRISTCHURCH – MT. COOK
Breakfast at the hotel. Check out of the hotel and proceed to Mt. Cook. Enroute enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Mackenzie country via Lake Tekapo where you can view the Church of Good Shepherd. This afternoon check into your hotel and at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 07: MT. COOK – QUEENSTOWN
Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy the natural beauty of Mt. Cook on your own. In the afternoon check out of the hotel and proceed to Queenstown - New Zealand's adventure capital. On arrival check into your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this city on your own. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 08: QUEENSTOWN
Breakfast at the hotel. **Take a full day Milford Sound Excursion.** Travel along them shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau, gateway to the Fiordland National Park. View the Mirror Lakes as you continue through the Eglinton Valley. From the Homer Tunnel emerge into the Cleddau Valley. Join your Milford Sound Red Boat cruise, for an unforgettable experience, and explore the wonder of this majestic fiord. Journey to the mouth of the sound and see the seals and dolphins, which inhabit this part of the world. In the afternoon you return to Queenstown. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 09: QUEENSTOWN
Breakfast at the hotel. Today is at leisure to relax or explore this Alpine Resort on your own. If you are into

adventure, there are many activities available (not included in tour cost) such as bungy jumping, jetboating, rafting etc. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 10: QUEENSTOWN – FRANZ JOSEF
After breakfast, check out of the hotel and travel through the Kawarau Gorge via Lakes Wanaka. Enjoy the rugged West Coast scenery through the Haast Pass and Beech forests continue on to the spectacular Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Glacier. Check into your hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 11: FRANZ JOSEF
Breakfast at the hotel Spend the day at leisure in this beautiful area with the Glacier, an ancient river of ice. Highly recommended is a scenic helicopter flight over or a guided walk on the glacier (not included in tour cost). Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 12: FRANZ JOSEF – GREYMOUTH - CHRISTCHURCH
After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Today enjoy the world famous **TranzAlpine Train** - a journey famous for its engineering feat and spectacular mountain scenery. Rated one of the top six train journeys in the world, the Tranz Alpine Train runs from the Pacific Ocean to the Tasman Sea & vice versa crossing the fertile Canterbury plains and the stunning Waimakariri River. Arrive into Christchurch in the evening and transfer to your hotel by a private vehicle. Check in to your hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 13: DEPART CHRISTCHURCH
After breakfast check out of your hotel and transfer to Christchurch airport to board your flight back home or onward journey.