

Wellington East Girls College South Island Tour

November 13 – 19th

Day 1 - CHRISTCHURCH

Fly into the beautiful 'Garden City'.

First up we'll head into then go have a guided walk around Central Christchurch which is a beautiful modern city with historic buildings and parks. Following this you make your way to picturesque Sumner beach where we will check out 'Cave Rock and have lunch on the beach (bring from home), maybe dip your toes in the water. The next stop of the day is the Antarctic Centre where you learn all about life on the Southernmost Continent. You'll get a fantastic snow and ice experience, survive an Antarctic storm, learn about life in modern day Antarctica and Scott Base and hang out with Little Blue Penguins! Later have an exciting off road Hagglund ride.



Antarctic centre

Cave Rock Sumner Beach

Meals: Dinner will be at a funky food court called 'Little High'.

Activities: Antarctic Centre, Sumner Beach

Accommodation: Tasman Holiday Park Christchurch.

Day 2 – CHRISTCHURCH to TEKAPO

Start your morning with some free time in Christchurch, the largest city in the South Island and is known as the "Garden City" with many beautiful gardens and parks to visit. Flat bottomed punts glide on the Avon River which meanders through the city centre. The 2010/2011 Earthquakes destroyed many of the historic centre's stone-built buildings but Christchurch has re-emerged as a lively, ever changing city with amazing dining and shopping experiences. Pick up something from one of the many cafes or the riverside markets for lunch later on and then we're off to beautiful Lake Tekapo!



Christchurch City



Lake Tekapo

We drive through across the Canterbury plains into beautiful rolling farmland which takes us to the stunning MacKenzie County. Take in the views of the beautiful lake and get some pictures at the world famous 'Church of the Good Shepherd'. Enjoy a soak in the hot pools overlooking the lake before returning to our accommodation for a lovely home-cooked meal.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Activities: Tekapo Hot pools

Accommodation: Lakeside Holiday Park Tekapo.

Day 3 – Tekapo – Mount Cook – Wanaka

Depart Tekapo bright and early to make our way south travelling beside Lake Pukaki to Aoraki/ Mount Cook village situated at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain. The darkness of the night sky around Aoraki/Mt Cook is unbelievable. Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park is a rugged land of ice and rock, with 19 peaks over 3,000 metres including New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki/Mount Cook. Explore the Hillary Centre or just relax in the mountain air and enjoy the view. We then walk 20 minutes to the viewing area of the Tasman Glacier where you enjoy the amazing landscapes of the Southern Alps. We make our way to Wanaka where we visit an interactive 3D activity museum and maze called Puzzling World!



Aoraki/Mount Cook



Wanaka

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Activities: Hillary Centre, Tasman Glacier, Puzzling World.

Accommodation: Brownston Hostel, Wanaka.

Day 4 - Wanaka – Milford Sound – Te Anau

Today we have an early start and a long drive which will all be worth it. We drive through some stunning central Otago scenery before stopping for morning tea in Te Anau. This afternoon you head out on a very special cruise in the magical Milford Sound including lunch. Exploring the length of the fiord, you'll learn about the region's history and benefit from the knowledge of your specialist nature guide. Informative, participative and relaxed, a scenic cruise is the perfect way to experience the spectacular natural beauty often referred to as the "eighth wonder of the world". After your cruise, it is on to Te Anau to your accommodation for the night. The picturesque township of Te Anau is the main visitor base for the glacier-carved wilderness that is Fiordland National Park.

Simply Ferntastic!



Milford Sound



Milford Sound

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activities: Milford Sound Cruise

Accommodation: Lakeview Holiday park, Te Anau.

Day 5 – Te Anau – Arrowtown - Queenstown

Today is a more leisurely day with a drive back from Fiordland to Queenstown. We stop for lunch at a picturesque historic alpine town called 'Arrowtown'. Some of New Zealand's first Chinese settlers came here for the 'Gold Rush' in the late 1800's. We then head to the 'Shotover Jet', Queenstown's most thrilling and picturesque jet boat experience, before arriving at your centrally located accommodation. Queenstown is renowned as being the "Adventure Capital" with adrenaline activities for every thrill seeker in some of the most scenic locations in the world. Queenstown sits on the shores of the South Island's Lake Wakatipu, set against the dramatic Southern Alps. After checking in you can explore the town and complete a 'scavenger hunt' challenge before meeting at 'Devil Burger', one of Queenstown's famous burger joints!



Arrowtown



Shotover Jet

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Activities: Arrowtown, Shotover Jet

Accommodation: Pinewood Lodge Queenstown.

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Day 6 - Queenstown

After all that excitement, it's time for some down time. Enjoy the town and shops at your own pace and find somewhere nice for lunch. If you still want more action then you can do the Kawarau Bridge Bungy Jump – the world's first commercial bungy site (42m High), or try a zip line if that's more your thing! (Optional activities at your own cost). We then meet up with everyone at the base of the Gondola to go up and enjoy the panoramic views before racing our mates down the hill on the Skyline Luge! We all head down together after a full day to get ready for our final dinner out together 😊



AJ Hackett Bungy or Zipline (Optional)

Skyline Gondola and Luge

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Activities: Gondola and Luge.

Accommodation: Pinewood Lodge Queenstown.

Day 7 Queenstown - Wellington

On our last day we'll have the morning to explore the town and find a few more treasures to take home, enjoy a walk through the Queenstown gardens, grab a coffee or take photos and sit by the lake before heading out to the airport for our flights back home. Say goodbye to Queenstown and compare memories with our friends.



Queenstown from Gondola



Queenstown Hill

Meals: Breakfast

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