

## **GLACIERS OF NEW ZEALAND: 6 NIGHTS – 7 DAYS**

New Zealand contains many glaciers, mostly located near the Main Divide of the Southern Alps in the South Island. An inventory of South Island glaciers during the 1980s indicated there were about 3,155 glaciers with an area of at least one hectare (2.5 acres). Approximately one sixth of these glaciers covered more than 10 hectares.

On the West Coast, remnants of the ice age cascade from vast snowfields of the Southern Alps to valley floors just 300 meters above sea level. Nowhere in the world's temperate zones are glaciers so accessible - glaciers cover nearly half the area

### **Day 1: Christchurch**

Welcome to New Zealand, the Ultimate Paradise! On arrival in Christchurch - the Garden City, you will be met and transferred by our local representative to their hotel. Christchurch City easily wins the heart of visitors with its reputation as New Zealand's Garden City. The Avon River and gently undulating topography of the central city and its surrounds encouraged the city's leaders to recreate 'the best of botanical British'. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the wonders of this 'Garden City' on your own. Over night at the hotel

### **Day 2: Christchurch - Glacier Region**

After Breakfast, depart Christchurch and travel alongside the Waimakariri River, over the Southern Alps and onto the alpine village of Arthur's Pass before arriving at Greymouth. Travel south along the rugged West Coast to arrive at the glacier region of Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. Here the lakes, rivers, forests and beaches of an untamed, yet accessible wilderness are as pure as you will find anywhere. Glacier Country is at the heart of the broader UNESCO World Heritage Area. Over night at the glacier camp

### **Day 3: Glacier Region**

After Breakfast, a day at leisure to explore the magnificent glacier region. Optional activities include a scenic flight on one of the glaciers. Take a breathtaking flight following the Southern Alps to Mount Cook Aoraki, New Zealand's highest peak at 3754 metres. View the world famous Fox Glacier, Franz Josef Glacier and Tasman Glacier. Take in the dramatic Southern Alps' contrasting scenery with unforgettable views of rugged, snow-capped mountains, rivers, valleys and rainforest. Encounter huge areas of the Mount Cook, Westland and Mount Aspiring National Parks known as a World Heritage Area. Over night at the glacier camp

### **Day 4: Glacier Region - Wanaka**

After Breakfast, travel down the West Coast, past spectacular mountain ranges, native forests and lakes to the Haast Pass, gateway to the World Heritage Westland National Park. Continue around the shores of Lake Hawea to arrive in Wanaka early afternoon. Nestled below towering mountains, Wanaka is the most tranquilly set of the South Island lakes. 45 kilometres long and covering 193 square kilometres, the crystal clear blue waters are perfect for jetboaters and

sailors and kayakers to explore. One of the attractions of a stay in Lake Wanaka is that it combines the warmth of small town living with the quality and attention to detail you'd expect of an international holiday destination. The rest of the day is at leisure. Over night at the hotel

**Day 5: Wanaka – Queenstown**

After Breakfast , the morning is at leisure. Optional activities include Puzzling World and scenic flights or short walks. This afternoon, proceed to Queenstown. Queenstown is the New Zealand destination for international visitors. Its natural beauty changes with the seasons, the lake gleams in the summer sun, and snow clad mountains tower above the township in winter. Queenstown is a great place to visit all year round. Nestled in beside the mysterious Lake Wakatipu, in the Southern Lakes district of New Zealand, Queenstown is a cosmopolitan haven, offering a limitless adventure, southern wine and cuisine, and breathtaking alpine scenery. Over night at the hotel

**Day 6: Queenstown**

After breakfast the day is free to explore the endless optional attractions. Queenstown offers bungee jumping, jet boating, white water rafting, gondola rides and much more. Over night at the hotel

**Day 7: Queenstown – Christchurch**

Check out and depart in the morning and head towards Christchurch. The day is at leisure to explore the wonders of this 'Garden City' on your own and then transfer to the airport.

**Preferred hotel**

<b>sDestinations</b>	<b>3 Star</b>	<b>4 Star</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
<b>Christchurch</b>	Ibis	Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square	The George Christchurch
<b>Wanaka</b>	Alpine Motel Apartments	Edgewater	Whare Kea Lodge and Chalet
<b>Queenstown</b>	Mecure Resort Queenstown	Crowne Plaza Queenstown	Azur