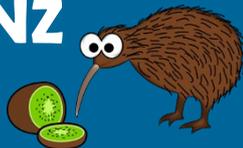


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Need to get away? Sign up with Smylies Tours on their unique 14 day / 13 night tour taking in the highlights of the South Island and showing you some secret places along the way.

Day 1: -22nd Dec Fly to Christchurch:

We will pick you up from the airport and take your accommodation in the Central city where you will have time to meet other students and get ready for the welcome meal and trip updates.

Day 2: - 23rd Dec Christchurch to Lake Tekapo: (230km, 3 hrs)

The day will start with a hearty breakfast and then a City Tour to get you into the mood for your adventure. Heading south we will visit the rural towns of Ashburton and Geraldine before overnighiting at Lake Tekapo

Day 3: - 24th Dec Lake Tekapo to Dunedin: (420km, 5 hrs)

Sunrise over Lake Tekapo from our hostel is worthwhile to get up for. The South Island has many glacier fed lakes and Tekapo is amongst the best. We are going to do the Alps to Sea today and start by heading to Mt Cook for a walk and visit before heading to the worlds steepest street in Dunedin

Day 4: - 25th Dec Dunedin to Lake Te Anau: (290km, 3.30 hrs)

You will be surprised by Dunedin and the history it offers as well as the spectacular scenery. Today we are crossing the bottom part of the SI and base ourselves in Te Anau for 2 nights. We will have time to visit the Takahē in the Sanctuary and enjoy free time by the lake.

Day 5: - 26th Dec Te Anau to Milford Sound: (240km, 3hrs)

Milford Sound! You will have heard of that place when you first heard about New Zealand. Pre Covid there were thousands of people going there every day. You now have the chance to enjoy this like it used to be with few tourists on the road but the scenery as spectacular as ever. After a wonderful day we will stay another night in our Te Anau hostel.

Day 6: - 27th Dec Te Anau to Queenstown: (172km, 2hrs)

Sleep in (9.00 am :)) and a later start is the theme of the day with an easy drive to Queenstown and the activities it offers. Make sure you have let your guide know what activities you are interested in and that we have a signed permission slip from your parents.

Day 7: - 28th Dec Queenstown: (50km, 1.30hrs)

Activity day inclusive of a visit to Arrowtown, the historic Kawarau bungy bridge, Skyline Gondola & 2 luge rides. At night we are going to have the famous Ferg Burger for dinner.

Day 8: - 29th Dec Queenstown to Wanaka: (90km, 1.30hrs)

Today is a short run but a great scenery change and a chance to test your brain in the Maze and Illusion rooms at Puzzling World. The afternoon is a relaxer for those who need it and a hard walk for the others by climbing up Rob Roy. Everybody wins!

Day 9: - 30th Dec Wanaka to Franz Josef: (285km, 3.50 hrs)

Back on the road and heading to the West Coast of the South Island. The landscape changes by the hour. We will do some short walks today and the main focus is on photography. Our second to last stop for the day are the Mirror Lakes of Fox Glacier township. Another 30km up the road will get us to Franz Josef Glacier YHA where we will stay the night.

Day 10: - 31st Dec Franz Josef to Punakaiki: (220km, 3 hrs)

An easy stroll to the Glacier in the morning for those who want to before we head out north to Hokitika (jade, beach, drift wood) and Punakaiki (the Pancake Rocks).

Day 11: - 1st Jan Punakaiki to Nelson: (265km, 4hrs)

Today's run will see us travel along one of the 6th most beautiful coastlines in the world as we head north to Westport before turning inland and North to Murchison and Nelson where we will spend the next 2 nights.

Day 12: - 2nd Jan Nelson: (130km, 2 hrs)

Abel Tasman National Park, kayak, beaches and sea. A walk, a paddle, warm sea and spectacular scenery. Your dream come true in this wonderful landscape!

Day 13: - 3rd Jan Nelson to Kaikoura: (245km, 3.30 hrs)

From one coast line to another the circle is just about complete but time for authentic fish and chips, seals and wildlife on the Kaikoura Peninsula.

Day 14: - 4th Jan Kaikoura to Christchurch: (180km, 2.30 hrs)

After 14 days on the road you will have made lots of new friends but we need to part sometime and today is the day as we head to Christchurch as our last stop for the tour and get you checked in on the plane home.

If you have signed up for a homestay or activity pack with us then don't despair as we will continue the journey a little longer.

TOUR INCLUDES: 13 nights accommodation, 13 dinner, 13 breakfast, 13 basic lunch pack, transport, guiding, hot pools, gondola & 2 luge rides, Puzzling World, Milford Sound cruise, sea kayak and Ferg burger.

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We need a minimum of 8 students to run this trip.

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