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## South Island big Circle tour 14 days 13 nights travel with your mates

**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**

### Day 1: -Sun 18th April Fly to Christchurch:

We will pick you up from the airport and take you to our accommodation in the Central city where you will have time to meet other students and get ready for the welcome meal and trip updates. (flight price not included)

### Day 2: - Mon 19th April 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 overnighing at Lake Tekapo

### Day 3: - Tue 20th April Lake Tekapo to Dunedin: (420km, 5 hrs)

Sunrise over Lake Tekapo from our hostel is worthwhile getting 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: - Wed 21st April 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 Takaka in the Sanctuary and enjoy free time by the lake.

### Day 5: - Thurs 22nd April Te Anau to Milford Sound: (240km, 3 hrs)

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: - Fri 23rd April Te Anau to Queenstown: (172km, 2 hrs)

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: - Sat 24th April Queenstown: (50km, 1.30 hrs)

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: - Sun 25th April Queenstown to Wanaka: (80km, 1.30 hrs)

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: - Mon 26th April 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: - Tue 27th April 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: - Wed 28th April Punakaiki to Nelson: (265km, 4 hrs)

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. (Option 1 and 2 swap at Shantytown with the link Shuttle, Chch North tour starts 28th April 8.00am in christchurch , Chch south tour will finish 28th April , 6.00pm in christchurch )

### Day 12: - Thurs 29th April Nelson: (130km, 2 hrs)

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

### Day 13: - Fri 30th April 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: - Sat 1st May 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. (flight price not included)

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

**Please get a trip form from the international office and return it by the 31st March  
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or option 2: Christchurch north tour 28th to 1st May \$575**

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