



SOUNDS OF THE SOUTH ISLAND

HOSTED BY FORTUNATO ISGRO

6 - 13 NOVEMBER 2019

Otago, in the south-eastern region on New Zealand's South Island is known for its beautiful terrain encompassing snow-capped mountains, glacial lakes, stylish resort towns and dozens of wineries. Fortunato would love you to join him on this tour where you'll spend a few days relaxing in gorgeous Wanaka - gateway to the Southern Alps. Some wine, some sightseeing, some exploring and lots of music. You know Fortunato will have his guitar out at every opportunity! Then off to visit stunning Milford Sound for a day cruise before travelling on to the shores of Lake Wakatipu for some great touring and dining in Queenstown.

This will be a memorable week in this magnificent part of the world so book now to secure your place.



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* per person twin share ex BNE

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- Return Economy Airfares ex Brisbane
- 7 Nights 4 star accommodation
- Cooked Breakfast Daily
- 4 x Lunches/5 X Dinners
- All Touring and Admissions as per itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Central Otago Winery Tour
- Puzzling World
- Warbirds & Wheels Museum
- Sunset Cruise Lake Wanaka
- Arrowtown
- Te Anau Glow Worm Caves
- Milford Sound Day Cruise
- Walter Peak High Country Farm
- Skyline Restaurant Queenstown



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TERMS & CONDITIONS *Price is per person Twin Share. Single Supplement applies. Deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure tour. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Prices correct as at 10 September 2018. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fee, taxes or currency change and subject to increase for bookings made once current allocation is sold out and/or after 09 August 2019. Go See Touring Pty Ltd T/A Go See Touring Member of Helloworld QLD Lic No: 3198772 ABN: 72 122 522 276 ATAS Accreditation A11320

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Day 1 - Wednesday 06 November 2019 (D)

Depart Brisbane 9:30AM - Arrive Queenstown 4:00PM

Kia Ora. Welcome to New Zealand! You'll be met by your coach captain and transfer to Wanaka via Cromwell (109km). Sitting on the shores of magnificent Lake Wanaka, the resort township of Wanaka draws visitors seeking adventure, spectacular scenery and a relaxed atmosphere. This is a region of snow-capped peaks, long river valleys and lush native forest, anchored by its tranquil, far-reaching lake. Walking and hiking opportunities abound and offer a wonderful mixture of remote wilderness, high mountains and beautiful river valleys. Your resort accommodation is situated in a quiet location on the shores of Lake Wanaka - 3.6-kms from the town centre. Upon arrival at the hotel, check in then proceed to dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: Edgewater Resort or similar (4 Nights)

Day 2 - Thursday 07 November 2019 (B, L) Central Otago Winery Tour

Today enjoy an introduction to the Central Otago wine region. New Zealand's southern-most wine producing region, the land is home to big mountains, pristine lakes, and dramatic skies. The summers here are hot and dry, and the winters crisp and snowy so with extremes of daily and seasonal temperatures, the Central Otago region is New Zealand's only true 'continental' wine region. Today a local wine guide joins you late morning for a day of winery visits in the region. Wineries visited may be in the Cromwell, Queensbury or Bannockburn region and all have stunning locations. Hear stories of the families that produce wine in the region, meet friendly hosts and enjoy tastings of award winning wines from a selection of premier wineries. A gourmet platter lunch is included at one of the wineries. Return to the hotel late afternoon and dinner is your own arrangements tonight.

Day 3 - Friday 08 November 2019 (B, D) Wanaka Sightseeing

This morning prepare to be puzzled with a visit to Puzzling World. With a mix of bizarre buildings, rooms of illusion and the world-famous Great Maze this attraction is designed to baffle your brain and challenge your perceptions of reality. Also visit the Warbirds and Wheels Museum which has a world class collection of over 30 classic cars and motorcycles plus fighting aircraft from World War I through to modern day Skyhawks. Time for you to purchase your lunch before heading out to Cardrona. Here visit the Cardrona Distillery where your guided tour will introduce you to the secrets to Cardrona's artisan spirits, starting with their water source, malted barley and water. The Cardrona Distillery is 100% family-owned and operated. Afterwards there will be time to stop at the famous Cardrona Hotel for a photo outside the iconic pub. Tonight enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Day 4 - Saturday 09 November 2019 (B, L) Wanaka - 4WD Adventure/Pre-Dinner Cruise

This morning after breakfast meet your local guides and take an exciting 2½-hour 4WD adventure that encompasses Wanaka's finest lakeside scenery plus an exciting (and sometimes rugged!) 4WD journey through West Wanaka Station - a real, alpine mountain farm. Gain a unique insight into Wanaka's rich history, heritage, incredible scenery and modern-day farming life. Several stops will be made including mountain-top viewpoints for spectacular panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, glaciers and Lake Wanaka far below. Time for an optional easy 10-minute walk and for Lord of the Rings enthusiasts, the opportunity for views across to Lord of the Rings and Hobbit filming locations. The remoteness and views from the hill tops on West Wanaka Station are simply breathtaking. Late afternoon board a comfortable vessel for a pre-dinner cruise. Sit back and relax with a glass of chilled Pinot Gris as you bask in the evening light on the lake. This one-hour boat cruise includes one local wine or beer per person plus a New Zealand cheese board to sample. Both the perfect end to a great day and the perfect beginning to a great night. Dine this evening at a local restaurant.

Day 5 - Sunday 10 November 2019 (B, D) Wanaka - Te Anau

From Wanaka travel to the fruit-growing region of Cromwell - stopping at Mrs Jones' Fruit Stall - one of the best known in the region. From Cromwell travel through the rugged Kawarau Gorge then through the Gibbston Valley wine region. Make a stop at Arrowtown, a delightful gold rush village nestled below the beautiful peaks that surround the sparkling Arrow River. In the afternoon travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu with magnificent views of the south arm of the lake and the mountains. Leaving the lake continue south through the glacial formed valley that is now farmland. Pass through small farming towns before reaching Lake Te Anau the largest freshwater lake in the South Island and the gateway to Fiordland National Park. Time to check in at the hotel before boarding an excursion to the Te Anau Caves. Explore a mysterious underground world of rushing water, before drifting in silent darkness beneath the luminous shimmer of thousands of glow-worms. As you explore by path and small boat observe how the rushing water sculpts the rock formations, before gliding through silent darkness to the glow-worm grotto. The delicate incandescence of thousands of tiny glow-worms is a magical sight. Dinner in the hotel restaurant upon your return. **Accommodation:** Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas 1 Night

Day 6 - Monday 11 November 2019 (B, L) Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Early departure this morning from Te Anau for a full day excursion travelling via Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Fiordland National Park, part of the Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area is one of the great wilderness areas of the Southern Hemisphere. The scenery is spectacular with lofty mountains and deep valleys carved out by Ice Age glaciers. There are clear rushing streams and leaping waterfalls set in magnificent native rainforest. At Milford Sound board a comfortable vessel for a cruise down the fiord past Mitre Peak to the open sea. Seals and dolphins are often seen in the clear waters of the fiord. Buffet lunch served aboard. At the conclusion of your cruise, reboard your coach and retrace your journey back to Te Anau travelling via the Cledeau Gorge, Homer Tunnel and the lovely Eglinton Valley. Dinner is your own arrangements this evening - your chance to sample some of Queenstown's excellent cafés and restaurants. **Accommodation:** Scenic Suites Queenstown or similar (2 Nights)

Day 7 - Tuesday 12 November 2019 (B, D) Queenstown Sightseeing

Today have a taste of rural life in New Zealand. Steeped in Queenstown's pioneering history, your experience commences with a cruise across Lake Wakatipu in the 103-year-old vintage steamship, the TSS Earnslaw. Disembark at Walter Peak High Country Farm, one of the first farms set up in the region and still a working farm. Here enjoy an entertaining brief farm experience including a sheep shearing demonstration then in the ambience of the Colonel's Homestead and lake terrace, enjoy a delicious gourmet BBQ lunch which the chef will prepare in front of you. After lunch reboard the TSS Earnslaw and cruise back to Queenstown. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure and this evening enjoy your final night dinner in the hotel restaurant

Day 8 - Wednesday 13 November 2019 (B, L) Skyline Depart Queenstown 4:50PM - Arrive Brisbane 5:35PM

Late morning ride the aerial gondola to enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch at Skyline's Stratosfare Restaurant & Bar, Queenstown's most spectacular location high above the city on Bob's Peak. The menu is inspired by iconic New Zealand cuisine and infused with international influences and offers something for everyone - from fresh seafood and delectable desserts to an array of vegetarian dishes. Whilst you dine, the panoramic views of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountain ranges including The Remarkables will captivate you. After lunch transfer to Queenstown Airport and check in for your departure flight.