

## Mount Cook and Beyond

From Queenstown you will travel through some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand to Mount Cook.

We suggest stopping at the Kawarau Falls Bungy Bridge as you depart from Queenstown and have morning tea at one of the stunning wineries in the Gibbston Valley.

You will then travel through the Kawarau Gorge and over the Lindis Pass on your way to Mount Cook.



At 3754 metres, Aoraki Mount Cook is New Zealand's highest mountain. It is certainly impressive, however there are twenty seven other peaks in this alpine backbone which peak at over 3050 metres, and hundreds of others not far short of that – all making up the famous Southern Alps.

You will arrive at Mount Cook Village in the early afternoon. There will be time to settle in to the superior Hermitage Hotel and enjoy a light lunch prior to the most spectacular alpine scenic flight in the world. The aircraft takes you from Aoraki Mount Cook Airport directly into the heart of the Southern Alps including Aoraki Mount Cook, and the Tasman Glacier, one of the longest glaciers in the world.

Your ski equipped aircraft will land on one of the glaciers in the Westland National Park. The engine is stopped and you have the opportunity to get out onto the glacier where climbers would take hours or days to reach. You will experience the magical "natural quiet" of the mountains, broken only by the occasional avalanche or sounds from the glacier as it makes its way down the mountain. After a spectacular takeoff from the snow covered glacier, you will fly back to base along the other side of the valley with your pilot identifying points of interest including climber huts, icefalls, peaks and occasional climbers.



Upon returning to the Hermitage, there is time to relax before enjoying a quiet drink as the sunsets on Mount Cook prior to dining in the a la carte restaurant and enjoying the spectacular views from your table.

## Day Two

After a leisurely breakfast it is time to get up close to the glaciers. Very few glaciers terminate into lakes and even fewer are readily accessible to travellers. By boat, you explore the huge dripping ice face of New Zealand's largest glacier. Watch and listen to the ice melting before your eyes in this tranquil glacial lake nestled in the Southern Alps of New Zealand.

Discover spectacular ice formations which have carved into the murky waters of Lake Tasman. Stopping to touch and taste 500 year old ice provides a new and exciting

experience for all. You won't revel in serenity for long, as all senses are jolted back to reality as rock falls crash down the ice face above.



Upon arrival back at the Hermitage, there will be time to enjoy the majestic scenery, a chance to sit in the sunshine and relax whilst enjoying lunch.

After lunch it is then time to travel to Christchurch via the stunning Lake Tekapo.

On arrival in Christchurch there will be time to settle in to your room and relax before dining at a restaurant on the River Avon.

### Day Three

Depending up your departure time, you will have time to relax or explore this beautiful city. There is plenty to do from strolling around the stunning gardens, to punting on the river, shopping or maybe a visit to the Antarctic Centre.

Indicative price per person: \$2174.00 based on 6 people travelling by private coach from Queenstown to Christchurch.

<b>Day 1</b>			
9.30am	Depart from Queenstown		
	Optional Bungy		At own cost
	Optional morning tea		At own cost
1.00pm	Arrive at the Hermitage		
	Lunch		
2.00pm	Ski Plane adventure		
7.00pm	Pre dinner drinks		At own cost
7.30pm	Dinner		
<b>Day 2</b>			
	Breakfast		
9.00am	Glacier explorer-boat		
	Lunch		
2.00pm	Depart for Christchurch		
6.00pm	Arrive Christchurch		
7.30pm	Dinner		
<b>Day 3</b>			
	Breakfast		
	Day at leisure		
	Transfer to Christchurch Airport		

Package includes

- Transport to Mount Cook and Christchurch
- Accommodation in Mount Cook and Christchurch, based on twin share or double
- Breakfast on Day Two and Three
- Lunch on Day One and Two
- Dinner on Day One and Day Two
- Ski Plane and Glacier explorer activities
- Transport to Christchurch Airport

Package excludes

- Beverages