

CHRISTCHURCH 2022 ESCORTED GROUP TOURS

TranzAlpine Rail Trip and Akaroa Nature Cruise
Included



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CHRISTCHURCH HOLIDAYS & TOURS

2022 KIWI TRAVEL CLUB GROUP TOURS

Central City Hotel Accommodation, Antarctic Centre Visit, Day Trip Christchurch – Arthurs Pass on Tranz-Alpine Train, Vintage Tram Day Tour, Gondola Trip and Akaroa Day Tour & Nature Cruise all included

CHRISTCHURCH ESCORTED TOURS

Easy paced club style tours organised by Athol & Diane Greentree offer a mix of organised day tours and some free time to do your own thing. For many the highlight will be the day trip to Arthurs Pass on the Tranz-Alpine train. Another highlight is the 2:00hr Harbour Nature Cruise at the French settlement of Akaroa.

ACCOMMODATION

Our base hotel for this tour is the central city Ibis Hotel. The hotel has a restaurant and bar. It is centrally located, close to public transport, the Cardboard Cathedral and Vintage Tram start point. Rooms are king or twin with cable TV, mini-fridge, tea, and coffee making facilities, internet, and an ensuite bathroom with hairdryer.

MEAL DEAL

Your tour fee includes a \$250 per person prepaid travel card for your choice of dining. Use your card at one of the cafes, bars and restaurants located nearby. Nothing could be better than a nice coffee next to the Avon River watching the people go by. Your tour Guide will advise you of nearby eating places and other suggestions should you wish to explore the vibrant central city nightlife. The Tranz-Alpine train has a café car serving a range of reasonably priced meals and snacks.

TOUR OVERVIEW

Your stay in Christchurch starts with a shuttle transfer to our centrally located tour hotel. That evening meet with your tour leader and fellow travellers. The next day join your tour leader as you enjoy a Vintage tram tour with stops at several attractions along the route. The following day the group will visit the Antarctic Centre with the highlight being a ride on the amazing all-terrain amphibious Antarctic vehicle that has been built to conquer the rough terrain on the ice. After lunch return to the city for sightseeing and a gondola ride.

TRANZALPINE TRAIN TO ARTHURS

PASS. A Day trip to remember for a long time. We travel to Arthurs Pass on the Tranz-Alpine train returning by coach. The section, between Springfield and the township of Arthurs Pass, is considered a masterpiece of railway engineering and is the section for which the Tranz-Alpine is most famed.

AKAROA DAY TOUR AND NATURE

CRUISE Travel to/from Christchurch by mini coach. At Akaroa we board the 60 ft Black Cat for a 2:00hr nature cruise. On the return coach trip, your driver/guide will make several stops at points of interest

YOUR HOLIDAY ORGANISERS – ATHOL AND DIANE GREENTREE

This tour is organised by New Zealand couple Athol and Diane Greentree, owner/operators of Kiwi Travel Club Ltd. An experienced local will act as tour leader.



ITINERARY

Day 1: MEET AND GREET

Both Air New Zealand and Jetstar offer frequent flights to Christchurch. On arrival at Christchurch you will be met and transferred to our central city hotel. That evening meet with your fellow travellers and your driver/guide who will provide a tour orientation.



Day 2: VINTAGE TRAM TOUR

We explore central Christchurch by vintage tram with your tour leader. You will be provided with a hop-on hop-off full day pass with optional activities including Punting on the Avon, Botanic Gardens Tour, and the Cardboard Cathedral.

Day 3: ANTARCTIC CENTRE VISIT

Our visit to the Antarctic Centre features an amazing all-terrain amphibious Antarctic vehicle that has been built to conquer the rough terrain on the ice. After lunch enjoy a gondola ride before returning to the city.



Day 4: CHRISTCHURCH – ARTHURS PASS ON TRANZ ALPINE (SCENIC CLASS)

The section, between Springfield and the township of Arthurs Pass, is considered a masterpiece of railway engineering and is the section for which the Tranz-Alpine is most famed. The route firstly heads north-east to join the Waimakariri River gorge. This aqua-blue river will appear and disappear out of your window several times as the Tranz-Alpine clings and climbs up the cliffs above it. During the ascent to the high plains of Craigieburn, there are 15 short tunnels and four dramatic viaducts, including the 72-metre high Staircase Viaduct. We return to Christchurch by coach.



DAY 5: AKAROA DAY TOUR & CRUISE

Included is a day tour to the old French settlement of Akaroa which is situated around 90 minutes from Christchurch. We travel both ways by mini coach. At Akaroa we board the 60 ft Black Cat for a 2:00hr nature cruise. On the return coach trip your driver/guide will make several stops at points of interest.



4 FREE DAY

Your chance for some retail therapy or explore Christchurch at your own pace.

Day 6 RETURN TRAVEL

Our Christchurch tour ends Today. Airport transfers are included.

CHRISTCHURCH TOUR INFORMATION

HOW TO BOOK: Only limited places available – You can book online or email us for a booking form. If space is available, we will email a provisional booking invoice. No deposit required. We will send an invoice with a payment schedule. Payments can be made at any Kiwi Bank Branch or by internet banking. The full tour cost is payable 60 days prior to departure. Credit card payments incur a 2.9% processing fee. Sorry we do not accept cheques.

AIR FARES ARE NOT INCLUDED: We can book these for you using the best available fare or you can make your own flight arrangements.

SINGLES: We welcome singles on our group tours. Our single supplement cost is very reasonable and provides sole use of the room. If you would prefer to share, we would put you in touch with other same gender singles on tour and if both agree to share, we will remove the single supplement cost.

EXTRA COSTS: You will need to allow for items and extras not included in the tour cost. If you eat dinner mostly at restaurant's you would need to allow \$25 - \$30 a meal (say \$100- \$150). For lunch at a café allow \$15 - \$20 (Say \$60 -\$80). Most travellers also enjoy a night or two on the town at one of the nearby pubs. All up we suggest you allow around \$250 plus an extra allowance for gifts, souvenirs, and personal items.

COVID 19 CANCELLATION POLICY Should the tour be impacted by Covid 19 restrictions we will reschedule the tour to another date. If we are unable to reschedule, or the participant is unable to join the tour on the new dates, we will refund all money paid less supplier cancellation fees (If any). This policy only applies to Covid 19 cancellations. If you cancel for any other reason our standard cancellation policy applies.

STANDARD CANCELLATION POLICY: *Prior to final payment* – A cancellation fee may be payable if you change your mind or cancel - *After final payment* – Up to 100% of tour cost. Refunds are subject to supplier cancellation terms and conditions; processing and penalty fees may be payable. KTC tour fees and charges are non-refundable. (Subject to and not intended to limit your rights under the Consumer Guarantees Act and Fair-Trading Act)

BOOKING TERMS: Participation is subject to our and our supplier's standard terms and conditions as shown in the participation agreement. All prices are subject to change without notice and can only be confirmed with a firm booking.

Tour Dates:
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2 – 8 March 2022
23 – 29 November 2022

Tour Price: NZD \$1,985
Per person Twin Share
(Ex-Christchurch)

Single Supplements:
Room Share Option No Charge
Sole Use of Room \$540

Accommodation:
Tour price includes twin share accommodation at the central city Ibis hotel or similar.

Meals:
Tour hotels offer breakfasts and dinners at participants own cost. Restaurants, bars, cafes and BNZ Food Court are located a short distance from the hotel. The Tranz-Alpine train has a café car serving a range of reasonably priced meals and snacks.

Included Activities:
Day tours, transport and transfers to other activities as listed in the itinerary:

- International Antarctic Centre Tour
- Gondola Trip
- Tranz-Alpine train Christchurch – Arthurs Pass Return by min-coach.
- Christchurch Vintage Tram Tour.
- Akaroa Day Tour & Nature Cruise
- Tour leader services on group tours.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED:
Airfares are not included in the tour price, tips, personal expenditure, and meals more than the travel card allowance.