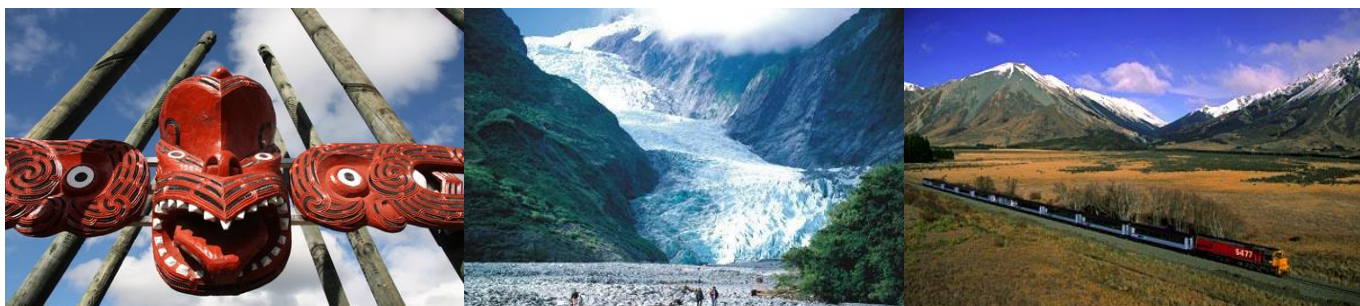




**Go See New Zealand  
Rodney Vincent – South Island Tour  
7-16 November 2014**



**Day 1 Friday 7 November 2014 (D)  
Depart Melbourne – Arrive Christchurch**

Depart	9:20AM	<b>MELBOURNE</b> on Air New Zealand
Arrive	2:40PM	<b>CHRISTCHURCH</b>

Welcome to New Zealand. You are met on arrival at Christchurch Airport before being transferred to your hotel. Christchurch, "the most English city outside England", grew out of a planned Anglican settlement in the 1850's. The beautiful urban parks and formal gardens shaded by oaks and willows and Victorian architecture typify this corner of New Zealand. The Sudima Hotel is located close to Christchurch Airport and is the perfect spot to rest before beginning your South Island adventure.

Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport – or similar

**Day 2 Saturday 8 November 2014 (B, D)  
Christchurch - Mt Cook - Omarama**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

Today travel south across the alluvial Canterbury Plains, New Zealand's chief cropping area then turn inland through Burkes Pass to the MacKenzie Country named after a 19th Century sheep stealer. See the quaint Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo then travel along the shores of glacial Lake Pukaki to Mt Cook Village in the Mt Cook National Park. At the heart of New Zealand's most spectacular alpine region is Mt Cook, at 3754 metres the highest peak in Australasia. The Mt Cook National Park comprises 70,013 hectares of ice, snow, rock, sub-alpine scrub, tussock and riverbeds and includes 15 peaks and 5 major glaciers. Mt Cook is also known by the Maori name, Aoraki. In the late afternoon retrace your journey around Lake Pukaki and pass the hydro town of Twizel before arriving in the small rural town of Omarama for your overnight stay. The Heritage Gateway Hotel is situated in gardens with views of the surrounding mountains in the beautiful town of Omarama.

Dinner in the hotel restaurant this evening.

Accommodation: Heritage Gateway Hotel – or similar

**Day 3 Sunday 9 November 2014 (B, D)**  
**Omarama - Dunedin**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

Your journey today commences with a drive through the Waitaki Plains past the hydro-electric dams to the east coast. From here continue south through Oamaru, for a stop to wander through the historic precinct with its lovely whitestone buildings and characters from yesteryear. From Oamaru continue south to Moeraki to see the fascinating giant marble-like boulders on the beach before reaching Dunedin. Sitting at the head of the magnificent Otago Harbour, Dunedin was founded in 1848 by Scottish settlers and was envisaged as the "Edinburgh of the South". The influence of its Scottish heritage is still strongly evident.

Upon arrival enjoy an orientation tour of the city including the University of Otago with its historic blue stone buildings on the banks of the Leith River; the central business area along George and Princes Streets and through the Octagon which features the historic Town Hall and St Pauls Anglican Cathedral and a statue of the Scottish poet Robbie Burns.

This afternoon visit Larnach Castle high on the hills of the Otago Peninsula above Otago Harbour. Learn about the tragic and scandalous history of this superbly crafted building which was built in 1871 and see the unique collection of New Zealand antiques and furniture.

The Scenic Hotel Dunedin City is situated right in the heart of the city within walking distance of the city's main attractions.

Enjoy dinner tonight at your hotel.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City – or similar

**Day 4 Monday 10 November 2014 (B, D)**  
**Dunedin – Te Anau**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

This morning depart Dunedin and travel south across the fertile Taieri Plains where sheep and dairying are the primary industries. At Balclutha continue west passing through the country town of Gore on the banks of the Mataura River. From Lumsden the terrain becomes bleak with tussock covered hills a feature. Closer to Te Anau numerous commercial deer farms are seen bordering the road. Approaching Te Anau the mountains of Fiordland National Park are easily seen in the distance. Stop at Lake Manapouri, one of the South Island's most picturesque lakes before arriving in Te Anau.

Depart on a cruise across Lake Te Anau to the Te Anau-au Caves. Experienced guides take visitors into the caves by path and small boats underground. Highlights include incredible limestone caverns, whirlpools, waterfalls and the glowworm grotto. On conclusion of tour, return to Te Anau by launch.

The Distinction Hotel Luxmore in the serene surroundings of Lake Te Anau is a perfect spot to enjoy the world-famous beauty of Fiordland.

Dinner in the hotel restaurant tonight.

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel Luxmore – or similar

**Day 5 Tuesday 11 November 2014 (B, L, D)**  
**Te Anau – Milford Sound - Queenstown**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

Depart 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 scenic cruise down the fiord past Mitre Peak to the open sea. Seals and dolphins are often seen in the clear waters of the fiord. Picnic lunch served aboard. The boat returns to Milford Wharf. Return to Te Anau travelling via the Cleddeau Gorge, Homer Tunnel and the lovely Eglinton Valley. From Te Anau travel through the quaint settlements of Mossburn, Athol and Garston then travel along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Queenstown. Nestled among glacier-rounded hills and dramatic rugged mountain peaks, Queenstown is New Zealand's premier year-round alpine resort.

Dinner tonight is at Queenstown's most spectacular location. Ride the aerial gondola high above Queenstown to Bob's Peak where the Skyline Restaurant serves up a mouth-watering Taste of New Zealand buffet - feast on South Island salmon, seafood, salads, roast meats and delicious desserts - and feast your eyes on the most spectacular scenery in the country.

The Copthorne Hotel is situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu and within walking distance of Queenstown central shopping and entertainment area.

Accommodation: Copthorne Resort Lakefront – or similar

**Day 6 Wednesday 12 November 2014 (B, D)**  
**Queenstown**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

Today is at leisure. Queenstown has a plethora of optional sightseeing activities available from jet-boating on the thrilling Shotover Jet; a jet-boat excursion along the scenic and remote Dart River; winery tours to the premier Central Otago wineries; 4WD tours into unforgettable Skippers Canyon; scenic flights; fly-fishing or if you dare – bungy jumping or tandem sky-diving! Extra cost for optional sightseeing excursions.

This evening cruise across Lake Wakatipu on board the 1912 coal fired vintage steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Station for an entertaining farm show and a delicious buffet dinner in the elegant dining room of the Colonel's Homestead. On the return journey join a sing-a-long with the ship's pianist then return to Steamer Wharf.

Accommodation: Copthorne Resort Lakefront – or similar

**Day 7 Thursday 13 November 2014 (B, D)**  
**Queenstown – Haast Pass – Fox Glacier – Franz Josef**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

Sit back and enjoy a full day of ever changing and varied landscapes today. Depart Queenstown through the rugged Kawarau Gorge and cross the Central Otago sheep and cattle country to the resort town of Wanaka. Ascend past glacial Lakes Wanaka and Hawea and cross the Southern Alps via the Haast Pass – the lowest of the alpine passes. Follow the Haast River towards the coast where the journey along the West Coast features

native rainforest, wetlands, bush-fringed lakes, sand dunes and surf-pounded shingle beaches. Stop at Fox Glacier to see this massive river of ice amidst the native rainforest before travelling the short distance to Franz Josef.

The small isolated village of Franz Josef is nestled on the edge of Westland National Park, part of the UNESCO South West New Zealand World Heritage Area.

The Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier sits at the edge of the Westland World Heritage Park, and is just moments from one of New Zealand's most spectacular natural attractions, the Franz Josef Glacier.

Dinner at your hotel this evening.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier – Graham Wing – or similar

**Day 8 Friday 14 November 2014 (B, D)**  
**Franz Josef – Greymouth – Punakaiki - Greymouth**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

Drive north along the West Coast with the Tasman Sea to the west and the Southern Alps rising steeply to the east. At Hokitika visit a greenstone factory where a local jade like stone highly prized by pre-European Maori is crafted into exquisite jewellery. Continue north passing Greymouth to the small settlement of Punakaiki on the edge of the Paparoa National Park. Punakaiki is renowned for its wild, rugged coastline and the famous 'Pancake Rocks' and blowholes. These stratified limestone stacks are an extraordinary monument of nature. There are various scenic walks in this beautiful isolated area. Retrace your journey back to Greymouth for the overnight.

The Ashley Hotel Greymouth is only 5 minutes from the Greymouth town centre and framed by rugged coast, rainforest and the magnificent Southern Alps.

Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight.

Accommodation: Ashley Hotel Greymouth – or similar

**Day 9 Saturday 15 November 2014 (B, D)**  
**Franz Josef – Greymouth – Punakaiki - Greymouth**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

This morning visit Shantytown Heritage Park, a re-created gold-rush town which tells stories of fortitude and pioneering spirit through a fascinating mix of experience and displays. See the old-style steam driven mill, visit Chinatown, pan for gold and explore the village with shops and buildings featuring stories of life in the early years of colonisation both on the West Coast and New Zealand.

In the afternoon head inland to the small remote village of Arthurs Pass in the heart of Arthurs Pass National Park. Board the Tranz Alpine train for a scenic rail journey through the heart of the mighty Southern Alps. Travel across towering viaducts, through spectacular gorges and river valleys then the landscapes opens up as you journey across the fertile Canterbury Plains and into Christchurch City. Arrive Christchurch Railway Station and transfer by coach to your hotel.

Tonight is a farewell dinner at your hotel.

Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport – or similar

**Day 10 Sunday 16 November 2014 (B)**  
**Depart Christchurch**

Full buffet breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

Farewell from New Zealand. Today you are transferred from the hotel to Christchurch Airport for your flight home.

Depart	6:00AM	<b>CHRISTCHURCH</b> on Air New Zealand
Arrive	7:20PM	<b>AUCKLAND</b>

Depart	9:00AM	<b>AUCKLAND</b> on Air New Zealand
Arrive	11:00PM	<b>MELBOURNE</b>

If you would like to extend your holiday in the North Island of New Zealand then please ask us for a price.

**TOTAL PRICE:**

**\$3595.00 Per Person Twin Share**  
**\$750 Per Person Single Supplement**

**What's Included:**

Return Economy Airfares and Taxes ex Australia  
9 Nights Accommodation  
9 Breakfasts  
1 Lunch  
9 Dinners  
All Touring and Admissions as outlined

**What's Not Included:**

Travel Insurance – Please ask us for a quote at time of booking

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To confirm your place with Go See Touring, we require a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person with registration. Payment of the remaining balance will be required 5 September 2014.

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Go See Touring is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances, beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions.

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All cancellations must be advised in writing. Once full payment has been received and documents issued, an airline cancellation fee of 100% (excluding taxes) per person, hotel cancellation fee of \$250 per person plus a \$30 administration fee per booking will be charged. Additional airline cancellation fees may apply if internal airfares are issued. All cancellation fees are subject to change at the discretion of airlines, hotels and other suppliers. If cancelling within 30 days of departure 100% cancellation will apply to all air and land arrangements

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### **ITEMS NOT INCLUDED**

Unless otherwise specified the costs of meals, drinks, laundry, tips and gratuities and items of personal nature are not included.

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