

## **11 Day Pure Adrenalin**

### **DAY 1 Wellington to Hanmer Springs**

We kick our voyage with a trip on the ferry across Cook Strait to the South Island. Drink in the natural beauty of Marlborough Sound as we cruise into the modest town of Picton. Expect immense mountain ranges, glacial lakes and magnificent scenery for the next few days.

### **DAY 2 Hanmer Springs to Christchurch**

Get a feel for the South Island, as we explore Hanmer Springs! There's a variety of optional activities from relaxing in the thermal pools to jet-boating down the Waiau Gorge. Later we'll make tracks for Christchurch, arriving with enough time for a voluntary dinner in town. (B)

### **DAY 3 Christchurch to Lake Ohau**

Today we travel across the Canterbury plains to discover what it's like to run a sheep farm (at the Kiwi Farm Experience). We stop for lunch at Lake Takapo, with an optional 40 minute flight available (well worth it if you can afford). We continue onto Lake Pukaki for some fabulous photos of Mt Cook, before finishing up on the shores of Lake Ohau. (B, Morning Tea, D)

### **DAY 4 Lake Ohau to Fiordland Experience**

Start with a drive through Cromwell district and near the Kawarau river – typical *Lord of the Rings* territory. Stopping in Te Anau, we'll take time to admire the glacial Mirror Lake, before pressing on. Tonight we'll experience the fiords up close, with an overnight cruise. We may spot seals and dolphins if we're lucky! (B, D)

### **DAY 5 Fiordland to Queenstown**

We'll continue the cruise this morning, before returning to wharf and setting off for the adrenalin capital of the Southern Hemisphere, Queenstown! Combine spectacular scenery with heart-racing adventures and you're still nowhere near it. Take some free time this afternoon to explore, before we reconvene for dinner and a chance to check out the nightlife! (B, D)

### **DAY 6 Queenstown**

With the day ahead of you, prepare to up the excitement levels! Options include the traditional bungee jump, zooming around canyons with the Shotover Jet, or more leisurely pursuits such as horse or mountain bike riding. Then again, perhaps you'd like to admire all from above whilst aboard the skyline gondola? The choice is yours. (B)

### **DAY 7 Queenstown to Fox Glacier**

Your last chance for adventure awaits this morning, before we head out past Lakes Hawea and Wanaka to Makarora. Take in the gorgeous scenery of glaciers and lofty mountain ranges along the way – late this afternoon we'll get the chance to walk around Lake Matheson if the weather's clear, before arriving at our overnight destination. (B, D)

### **DAY 8 Fox Glacier to West Coast (Greymouth)**

To really discover the beauty of the glacier up and surrounding area up close, take on the optional half-day guided hike. Of course, you might prefer the optional heli-hike, which offers views from up on high. We travel to the rugged natural beauty of the West Coast, visiting Hokitika and the local jade factory – maybe pick up a little souvenir? Finally tonight,

we'll go on a guided tour of Monteith's Brewery Tour, with a free sample included! (B, D)

### **DAY 9 West Coast (Greymouth) to Nelson**

This morning explore the spectacular Punakaiki National Park, best known for its "pancake" stacks of rocks and majestic blowholes. It's a short hop to Lakes Rotoroa and Rotoiti, where we'll stop for a chance to explore, before reaching the Nelson Lakes National Park, a truly stunning collection of southern alps. Our final destination tonight is Nelson, a bustling town with a vibrant arts community. (B)

### **DAY 10 Nelson**

You're free to explore the local area today, with a multitude of options on the table. Hike through the nearby Abel Tasman National Park, where the bush meets pristine beaches. Explore the park by boat or kayak, take to horseback or quad bike for a more grounded option, even tandem skydive for the ultimate view of the Park. We'll catch up over dinner. (B, D)

### **DAY 11 Nelson to Christchurch via Kaikoura**

We travel across the mountain ranges and reach Ohau Point, where we'll stop to check out some local fur seals from afar. Then it's on to Kaikoura for lunch (own expense) and the chance to go on an optional whale watching or dolphin swimming escapade! Later we head down to Christchurch, and the end of our journey together. (B)