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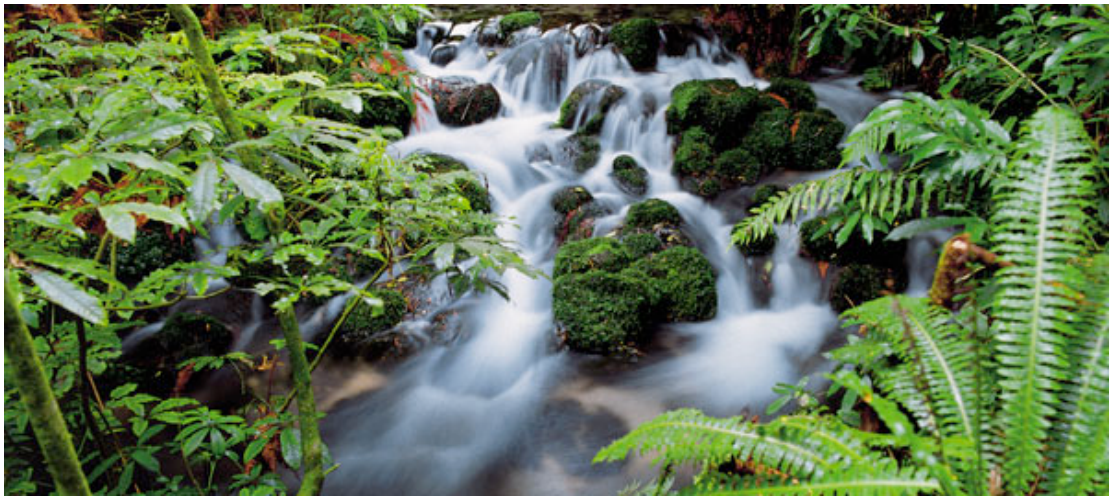

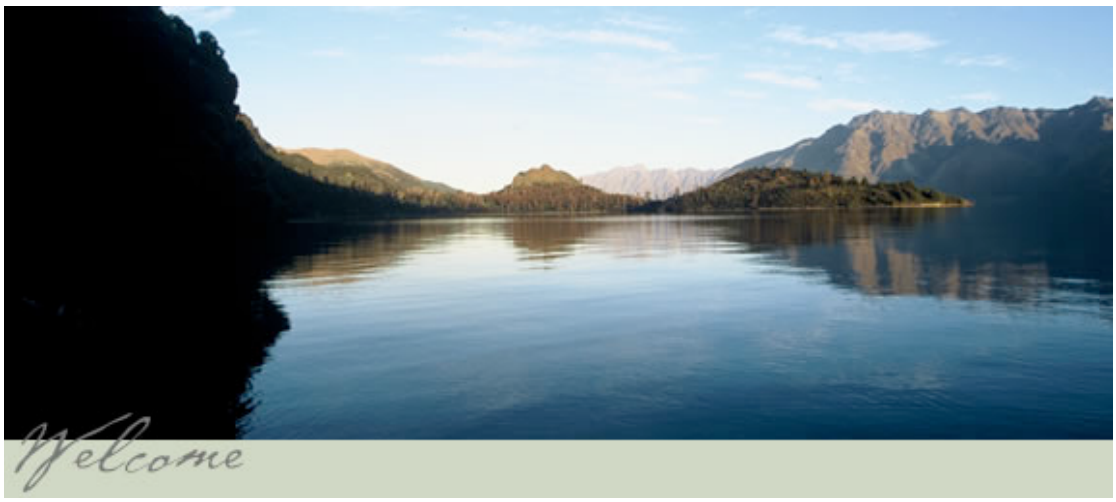

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26 March Thursday **ARRIVE AUCKLAND** **(D)**

Arrive Auckland on your International Flight.

After completion of Customs & Immigration requirements and uplifting your luggage you will pass through auto opening doors into the airport arrivals area. Turn left and you will locate your Southern World New Zealand Representatives whom will provide you with your travel documents & take you to your transfer vehicles.

Auckland city, sprawling across the isthmus between the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean, is noted for its extensive parks and beautiful gardens. The warm, sunny climate encourages sub-tropical growth of all kinds. Unique to this city is a large number of extinct volcanic cones thrusting sharply upward out of a sea of houses. The highest, Mount Eden, is an ideal point to view this widespread metropolis, out across the Waitemata Harbour to the east and the Manukau Harbour to the west. The beautiful Waitemata Harbour gives Auckland a nautical flavour and is the largest and busiest port in the country. In contrast, the Manukau Harbour, formed during the same geological time as the Waitemata, is an area of mud flats and tidal channels, protected by a difficult bar at its mouth. Although Auckland lost to Wellington its position as seat of Government in 1865, it is still New Zealand's trade capital and centre of greatest population.

Auckland City Tour & Hotel Transfer

Depart Auckland International Airport for a transfer to your hotel with a four hour Auckland City Sightseeing Tour enroute by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

Start with admission to the Sky Tower for extensive views of the city and surrounds. Next, drive thru the city CBD & continue with a drive along the waterfront of Tamaki Drive to Orakei & Mission Bay & thru the inner city suburb of Parnell, restored in the old colonial style & thru the gardens of the Auckland Domain to your hotel.

Your tour will terminate at your hotel.

Once at hotel you have the rest of the day free at your leisure.

7.00pm This evening enjoy a Welcome to New Zealand Dinner at STK Restaurant at your hotel.

Accommodation: **Rydges Auckland Hotel**
(Superior Rooms)
Corner of 59 Federal Street & Kingston Street
Auckland
Telephone: (09) 375 5900

Auckland's newest and freshest hotel will set a new standard in style, service and contemporary elegance. Providing Auckland's hotel scene with a well needed breath of fresh air, the city's latest hotel mixes elements of Londonsophistication, Sydney cool, New York style combined with the warmth of world class Kiwi hospitality. Worthy of the most discerning traveller, Rydges Auckland is the city's best kept secret…… until now. The hotel's close proximity to the centre of the city makes it ideal for both business and leisure. Just seconds away from the hotel is SkyCity Casino and Convention Centre offering a wide choice in entertainment, dining and gaming options. The jewel in Auckland's skyline – the 328m tall Sky Tower is also only seconds away. A short stroll is Auckland Viaduct harbour offering a variety of bars, cafes and restaurants along the picturesque waterfront. For those looking for

nightlife we are close to the action in the city and if you are visiting Auckland for a concert or event Vector Arena is just minutes away.

27 March Friday **AUCKLAND** **(B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Softball Practice

This morning a return coach transfer by Oceania Coachlines private coach will be provided to the North Harbour Stadium Grounds in Albany for a morning Softball practice session.

This afternoon is free at your leisure in Auckland to explore Auckland City.

Suggestions include: a visit to Waiheke Island for a tour of the island's vineyards, a sailing cruise on the harbour, visiting the volcanic Rangitoto Island or taking a guided tour to the beaches & rainforest of Auckland's west coast.

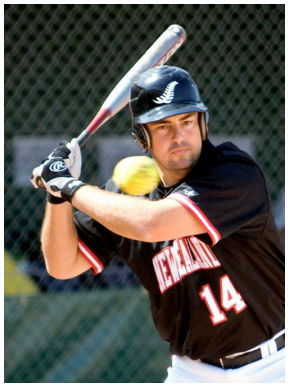
Accommodation: **Rydges Auckland Hotel (Superior Rooms)**

28 March Saturday **AUCKLAND** **(B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Softball Tournament

Today a return coach transfer by Oceania Coachlines private coach will be provided to the North Harbour Stadium Grounds in Albany for a Softball Tournament.



Accommodation: **Rydges Auckland Hotel (Superior Rooms)**

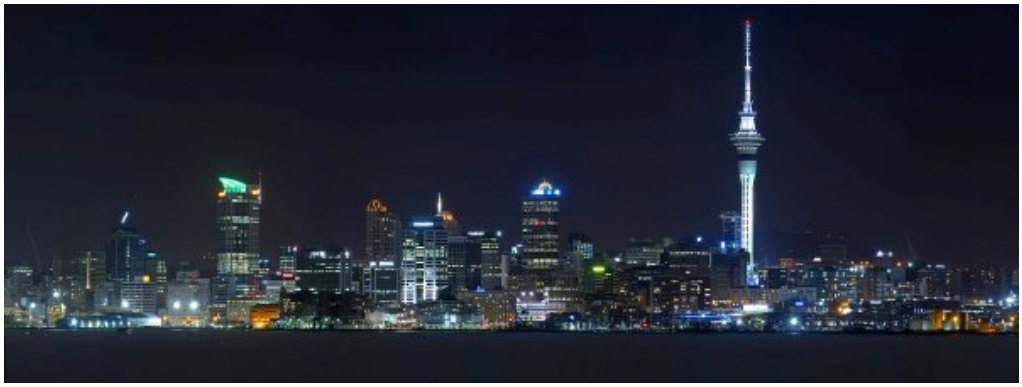
29 March Sunday **AUCKLAND** **(B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Softball Tournament

Today a return coach transfer by Oceania Coachlines private coach will be provided to the North Harbour Stadium Grounds in Albany for a Softball Tournament.

Accommodation: **Rydges Auckland Hotel (Superior Rooms)**



30 March Monday **AUCKLAND** **(B, L)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Rotorua Day Tour

7.30am This morning, transfer from Auckland to Auckland via Matamata by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

(Distance: 227 kms, Travelling Time: 3 hours)

Rotorua is the centre of an extensive thermal region and geysers, bubbling mud pools and steaming, sulphurous lakes give evidence of nature's frightening yet fascinating power. Rotorua and the surrounding lakes provide some of the world's best trout fishing. The Maori culture contributes greatly to the attractions of this holiday city. Here you can enjoy the culture and entertainment of our native Maori people.

10.30am Upon arrival in Rotorua, visit the city centre, the Rotorua Lakefront & the beautiful Government Gardens before travelling south of Rotorua to the Tamaki Tours Village.

Tamaki Tours –Hangi Lunch & Concert Tour

11.30am Upon your arrival at the traditional Marae, a sacred meeting place just outside Rotorua's city limits you will be prepared for the spine chilling "WERO" and welcome on to the Marae. Upon entering the exquisitely carved meeting house you will "HONGI" (greet) with your hosts. The tradition of pressing noses means you become "friend" and you may consider yourself as one with the family. Then you will experience the unique culture of the Maori people including fierce haka's (war dances), action dances and stick games. As one people you will all then move to the opening of the authentic "HANGI" (feast) pit where you will see the traditional Maori method of food preparation. After a short time of socialising you will be seated to a "HANGI" of delicious foods - potatoes, kumara, pork, lamb, chicken and vegetables, followed by steamed pudding and custard. Vegetarians are also catered for. (Duration 2 hours)

At the conclusion of you visit you will be transferred to the Wai-O-Tapu geothermal reserve.

Visit Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Reserve

2.00pm Sculptured out of volcanic activity and thousands of years in the making, Wai-O-Tapu is considered to be New Zealand's most colourful and diverse geothermal sightseeing attraction. You are introduced to a uniquely different natural landscape – the key to what you see lies below the surface – one of the most extensive geothermal systems in New Zealand.
Clearly defined tracks provide the visitor with the opportunity to enjoy the diversity of this area through a series of different walks taking from 30 to 75 minutes or more, each with their own unique volcanic vistas to fascinate all ages. The nature of the reserve being an active volcanic area and the undulating terrain may present some difficulties for people with various disabilities. We strongly recommend that you enquire at the ticket counter when purchasing your tickets as to what route is best suited for you.

4.00pm From Wai-O-Tapu, commence your return transfer to Auckland via Rotorua & Matamata by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

(Distance: 256 kms, Travelling Time: 3 hours & 30 minutes)

Accommodation: **Rydges Auckland Hotel (Superior Rooms)**

31 March Tuesday **AUCKLAND/QUEENSTOWN** **(B, D)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Transfer from your hotel to Auckland Airport Domestic Terminal by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

Depart Auckland on your Domestic Flight to Queenstown.

Arrive Queenstown.

You will be met upon arrival by Southern World New Zealand Representatives & your coach drivers for your transfer from Queenstown Airport to your hotel by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

Nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown with Arrowtown is a year-round alpine resort that caters for all interests. It enjoys a magnificent setting amid steep mountain ranges and pockets of native bush with the jagged peaks of the Remarkables Range rising from the lake. The town is compact enough to travel around on foot and features over 100 restaurants. The lake was scooped out by glacial action thousands of years ago.

<u>TSS Earnslaw Cruise to Walter Peak Sheep Station for Dinner</u>

5.30pm This evening transfer to the Steamer Wharf by Oceania Coachlines private coach.
(Check-in time is at 5.40pm)

6.00pm Board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw for a cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Sheep Station with the use of a private Saloon onboard the steamship. On arrival at Walter Peak, you will be escorted through the beautiful lakeside gardens to the gracious Colonel's Homestead for a welcome drink followed by a carvery buffet dinner served in private room of elegant surroundings of the Colonel's Homestead. Following the meal, guests have the option of a brief entertaining farm show or relaxing at the bar before returning onboard the TSS Earnslaw to Queenstown.

10.00pm Upon your return to Queenstown, transfer back to your hotel by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

Accommodation: **Rydges Lakeland Resort Queenstown**
(Superior Lake Facing Rooms)
38 – 54 Lakes Esplanade
Queenstown
Telephone: (03) 442 7600

Situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Wakatipu, Rydges Lakeland Resort Queenstown boasts breathtaking views over the lake and surrounding mountains. Queenstown's largest hotel is just a 5-minute flat walk along the Lakefront to the centre of town; with the airport only a 10-minute scenic drive away. With 255 rooms, we have a variety of room types to suit all travellers & 225 of our rooms have spectacular views over Lake Wakatipu to the Remarkables.

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01 April Wednesday **QUEENSTOWN** **(B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Queenstown Highlights Tour

8.30am Depart your hotel with a Queenstown Highlights Tour by Oceania Coachlines private coach. Start with a drive thru central Queenstown, before driving to the Shotover Jet located at Arthur's Point.

9.30am The Shotover Jet is an icon of Queenstown offering one of the most thrilling jetboat rides in the world. From the moment the accelerator first hits the floor, your adrenaline starts working overtime. Speed through river canyons as you experience the special manoeuvring of this vessel.

The rock races blur in your peripheral vision, the water sprays into myriads of white crystals with every turn, and your knuckles turn white as you grip the safety rail for comfort and reassurance.
(Note that check-in is at 9.20am)
(Shotover Jet –Telephone: 0800 802 804)

Next, visit the Bungy Jump at the Kawarau Bridge & visit to the picturesque & historic former goldmining town of Arrowtown with a rich history & an abundance of charming shops, restaurants, cafes & galleries within easy walking distance of one another.

12.30pm Your tour will terminate at your hotel.

This afternoon is free in Queenstown, New Zealand's premier resort destination with an almost overwhelming selection of attractions to choose from. There are over 70 different activities available: including the Shotover Jet, bungy jumping, horse riding, golf, parapenting, gondola and luge.

Accommodation: **Rydges Lakeland Resort Queenstown (Superior Lake Facing Rooms)**

02 April Thursday **QUEENSTOWN/FRANZ JOSEF** **(B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Today, transfer from Queenstown to Franz Josef via Wanaka, Haast & Fox Glacier by Oceania Coachlines private coach.
(Distance: 371 kms, Travelling Time: 7 hours, 15 minutes)

Suggested stops enroute include: a walk around the Dune Lake & Kahikatea Swamp north of Haast, or a scenic jet boat ride on the Haast River & a visit to the Scenic Lake Matheson near Fox Glacier for views of Mount Cook.

Upon arrival in Franz Josef, stop at the access road for distant views of the glacier before continuing to your hotel.

The best observed and recorded of all the country's many glaciers, Franz Josef lies 25 kilometres to the north of Fox and was named after the Austrian emperor by Julius Von Haast, the first European to explore the glaciers here. View the glacier from the lookout point at the end of the Franz Josef Road.

This evening a visit to the Glacier Hot Pools is recommended.

Accommodation: **Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier**
(Douglas Wing Rooms)
State Highway #6
Franz Josef
Telephone: (03) 752 0729

Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier makes the most of its alpine location and offers quality accommodation in two separate hotel 'wings'. Stay in either the Douglas or Graham wing, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings within Franz Josef village. Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier offers you a warm welcome and friendly, personal service. Well-presented guest rooms with quality room amenities to ensure a good night's rest and a pleasant stay.
A choice of excellent dining options, including the Glasshouse Restaurant, Canavans Restaurant, and the Rata Bar. Convenient hotel facilities, including spa pools to soak in during the cooler months, wireless Internet, and a conference room for corporate guests. A convenient location, handy to all visitor amenities in the village and close to many of the renowned local attractions. Our professional, friendly staff, look forward to welcoming you and helping to make your stay enjoyable and comfortable. Your visit will be made even more memorable by the many natural wonders in the area. Just be sure to bring your camera !

03 April Friday **FRANZ JOSEF/GREYMOUTH/CHRISTCHURCH** **(B, L)**

7.00am Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

8.00am This morning, transfer from Franz Josef to Greymouth via Ross & Hokitika by Oceania Coachlines private coach.
(Distance: 177 kms, Travelling Time: 3 hours, 10 minutes)

Lunch at the Monteiths Brewery Cafe

11.30am Upon arrival in Greymouth enjoy a Barbecue Lunch with tea & coffee at the Café at the iconic Monteith's Brewery. Nearly 150 years brewing experience, Monteith's Brewing Company has become recognised as the leader in the New Zealand craft beer market. Our origins are firmly ingrained and our brewery is standing strong and proud. Our cafe has a selection of New Zealand fine foods inspired by the sea, bush and land. We will take you on a wonderful food journey unleashing some surprising flavours that have been complemented with Monteith's beers.
(Beverages are excluded from the lunch menu & must be paid for directly).

On completion of lunch, transfer to the Greymouth Railway Station by Oceania Coachlines private coach for your train transfer to Christchurch.

1.45pm Depart Greymouth on the TranzAlpine Train to Christchurch.
(Check-in time is at 1.25pm)
The Tranz Alpine is a rated one of the world's great scenic railway journeys!

Today you will travel from Greymouth to Christchurch, from one coast of New Zealand to the other. Head east and push through the Otira Tunnel, a pick and shovel effort and a marvellous engineering feat at the turn of the century. The scenery changes from thick rainforest and native bush to high country grasses as you make your way over the main divide. River Valleys, deep gorges and towering viaducts give way to the vast braided rivers fed by the many snowfields. Giant salmon run all the way from the Pacific to these waters to spawn. Continue west descending through the foothills of the Southern Alps and over the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch.
All train carriages include both one way seating and tabled seating allowing you to experience the amazing views while enjoying the company of other passengers on-board. An open air viewing rail carriage allows you to get even closer to the stunning scenery and provides many opportunities to photograph your favourite spots. This rail trip is 223.8 kilometres long and takes just four and a half hours. There are 19 tunnels, and 4 viaducts, the highest being the Staircase standing at 73 metres.

6.05pm Arrive in Christchurch.

Upon arrival at Christchurch Railway Station, you will be met be your coach drivers for your transfer to your hotel by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

Often referred to as the 'Garden City', Christchurch features many majestic trees and extensive parks and gardens, the most notable of which is expansive Hagley Park in the heart of the city. Bordering the park, are the botanical gardens and the Avon River which gently winds it way around these inner city landmarks and out through sprawling suburbs to the Pacific Ocean. In contrast to this flat cityscape and the surrounding Canterbury Plains, the skyline to the south is dominated by the tussock and rocky outcrops of the Port Hills. The hills separate the city from the volcanic Banks Peninsula and Lyttelton Harbour, where English settlers arrived by ship in 1850 to establish New Zealand's first city. Today, Christchurch remains an entry point for many visitors to the South Island.

Accommodation: **Chateau On The Park Hotel**
(Deluxe Rooms)
189 Deans Avenue
Christchurch
Telephone: (03) 348 8999

The Chateau on the Park is resort style hotel accommodation located in the vibrant city of Christchurch. A unique escape in 5 acres of tranquil surroundings and amongst gorgeous gardens the hotel offers a welcome retreat for both leisure and corporate guests. Just minutes away from the city centre by shuttle or a 20 minute stroll through Hagley Park, it is the perfect hotel for your stay in Christchurch.

04 April Saturday **CHRISTCHURCH** **(B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Softball Tournament
Today a return coach transfer by Oceania Coachlines private coach will be provided to the Mainland Foundation Ballpark in Eastgate in East Linwood for a Softball Tournament.

Accommodation: **Chateau On The Park Hotel**
(Deluxe Rooms)

05 April Sunday **CHRISTCHURCH** **(B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Softball Tournament

Today a return coach transfer by Oceania Coachlines private coach will be provided to the North Harbour Stadium Grounds in Albany for a Softball Tournament.

Accommodation: **Chateau On The Park Hotel (Deluxe Rooms)**

06 April Monday **CHRISTCHURCH** **(B, D)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

Christchurch City Sightseeing Tour

9.00am This morning, commence a Christchurch City Sightseeing Tour by Oceania Coachlines private coach. Discover why Christchurch is known as the 'Garden City' on your sightseeing tour today. Enjoy the charm of the award winning gardens, the tranquillity of the historic buildings which blend gracefully with the modern. Visit the Canterbury Museum, Hagely Park & the Christchurch Botanic Gardens through which the Avon River flows.

11.00am Visit the International Antarctic Centre & Penguin Encounter. Christchurch has been the gateway to Antarctica since Scott's famous expeditions at the beginning of the century. Since the 1950's both the New Zealand and United States Antarctic Programs have been based in the city, with other nations, such as Italy, passing through on their way south. Today these nations are based at the International Antarctic Centre at Christchurch International Airport - together with the Visitor Centre which is a $7 million attraction bringing the wonders of modern-day Antarctica to everyone. Features include sophisticated sound and light shows, breathtaking re-creations, dazzling ice cave, spellbinding audiovisuals and plenty of "hands-on" exhibits.
(International Antarctic Centre –Telephone: (03) 357 0519)

From the International Antarctic Centre transfer to your hotel.

1.00pm Your tour will terminate at your hotel.

The remainder of the afternoon is free at your leisure in Christchurch.

6.45pm This evening, transfer from your hotel to Curators House Restaurant by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

Dinner at the Curator's House Restaurant
(Curator's House Restaurant –Address: 7 Rolleston Avenue –Telephone: (03) 379 2252)

7.00pm Enjoy a sumptuous Three Course Dinner (excluding beverages) in the elegant surroundings of the Curator's House Restaurant within the Botanic Gardens. A renowned fine dining experience, the Curator's House restaurant focuses on fresh quality local New Zealand produce. Owner, Javier Garcia, believes the quality of the basic ingredients is fundamental in producing good, flavoursome and honest food. This philosophy is reflected in by our fruit & vegetable garden, and it's integration into the design and cuisine of the restaurant, as well as the dedication to running the business under the principles of environmental sustainability.

After dinner, transfer back to your hotel by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

Accommodation: **Chateau On The Park Hotel (Deluxe Rooms)**

07 April Tuesday **DEPART CHRISTCHURCH** **(B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at your hotel restaurant.

This morning is free at leisure until your departure.

(Please check out of your rooms prior to 10.00am, your luggage will be stored until your departure).

Transfer from your hotel to Christchurch Airport by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

Departure Assistance will be provided by Southern World New Zealand Representatives.

Note that International Flight Check-in can be completed in Christchurch for Air New Zealand Domestic Flights to Auckland that connect with Air New Zealand International Flights departing from Auckland.

Depart Christchurch on your Domestic Flight to Auckland**.**

Arrive Auckland.

Upon arrival in Auckland you will be met upon arrival by Southern World New Zealand Representatives for your transfer from the Domestic to the International Terminal by Oceania Coachlines private coach.

International Airport Departure Assistance will be provided by Southern World New Zealand Representatives.

Depart Auckland on your International Flight.

For Tour Pricing and Flight information please call Susan Ruth 206.930.7091

Note that the Quotation is subject to change, due to any price increases beyond our control.

Quotation Includes:-

1. Accommodation –Based on the Hotels & in the room types as specified.
2. Transfers –As specified by 2 x 49 seat private coaches with an English Speaking Drivers whom will provide sightseeing commentary whilst on board the coach.
3. Meals –As specified in the above itinerary. (Cooked Breakfast x 12, Lunch x 2, Dinner x 3)
4. Sightseeing Tours & Excursions –As specified.
5. The TranzAlpine Train from Greymouth to Christchurch.
6. Airport Meet & Greet Service by a Southern World New Zealand Representative in both Auckland & Queenstown.
7. Airport Departure Assistance by a Southern World New Zealand Representative in both Christchurch & Auckland.
8. Hotel Porterage.
9. Government G.S.T. Tax –Currently at 15% (subject to change)

Quotation Excludes:-

1. Airfares (International and Domestic).
2. Meals –Other than those specified in the itinerary.
3. Personal Expenses.
4. Tips & Gratuities.
5. Tours & Sightseeing Excursions –Other than those specified above.
6. Alcoholic Beverages with meals.
7. International Airport Departure Tax –NZD25.00 per person if departing from Wellington & NZD5.00 per person if departing from Rotorua. (Note that Departure Tax is no longer required if departing from Auckland or Christchurch).