

## **ISENZ South Island Trips November December 2013**

**South Island trip 1: Dates: November 09- November 23**

**South Island trip 2: Dates: November 27 -December 11**

Because of high demand I have again scheduled two trips in November –December this year. Rather than take five vans on one trip as I did in April 2009, I am splitting the tour into 2 trips each with three or four vans. The first trip is being held during the National NCEA examination period. Most international students do not sit these examinations. By having a second trip in December students who are involved in NCEA or in school activities during the NCEA examinations, can alternatively take part in trip 2.

Both are 15 day trips. Supervised accommodation will be arranged on request in Wellington for any students needing to stop over in Wellington to make connections. ISENZ will cover one night at each end of the trip if necessary.

### **Reserving places on the trip.**

I encourage you to reserve a place early. Contact me on [ [russell@isenz.com](mailto:russell@isenz.com) ]. Complete the trip registration form on page 3 and email it back or post it.

**All registrations should be lodged by Saturday September 14.** Late registrations will be considered if places are still available after this date.

**Parent permission is required for you to take part in these trips.** There is a form to be completed on page 4.

### **School approval: You are required to have school approval to take part in the trip.**

**Note.** These trips are during NCEA time. Some schools will not release you for trip 1 as they plan other activities for internationals. Hence, you must have school permission. You can request this when you arrive at your school.

**Price: \$1980: This includes transport, all meals, cabin accommodation and many group activities**

**Trips start in Wellington.** Students must get to **Wellington by 11.00am on November 09 (trip 1) or 11.00am on November 27 (trip 2).** The cost does not include the connecting travel from your town or city to Wellington.

The price includes pick-up and drop-off from Wellington Airport, Wanganui or Palmerston North. It also includes the cost of Inter-island ferry, vehicle transport, 14 nights cabin accommodation, all meals, activities to the value of more than \$300 and an extra night's accommodation at either end of the trip if required because of transport connection times.

**ISENZ trips are the best value.**

If you compare this price with other providers trip prices, you need to take into account the number of days (15), type of accommodation and the fact that this price includes \$300 in group activities and entry charges. ISENZ also covers accommodation costs at the beginning and end of the trip for those connecting. Some commercial operators exclude all activities from their price and with others you are only provided with a shared tent and tent site. Some don't provide all meals. With ISENZ you will be staying in cabins. Cabin accommodation is preferable as weather can be very changeable and tents are not good in rough or wet weather. However, cabins do cost more than tents and that affects the price. Students and schools consistently say that ISENZ offers the best value for money. Further, by paying for activities as a group I can get a group rates for activities and give you over \$500 worth of activities for your \$300. You get the benefit of any discounts.

**Connecting in Wellington.**

There will also be pick-ups in Wellington. The meeting place is Wellington Downtown Backpackers on the corner of Waterloo Quay and Bunny Street. Pick up points include the Intercity Bus station, the Naked Bus station, the Railway Station and Wellington Airport.

North Island based students need to get themselves to Wellington, Wanganui or Palmerston North to be picked up. More information will follow.

South Island students need to get themselves to Wellington or Picton to start a trip. Wellington is best. If you choose Picton you will miss seeing Wellington and the Marlborough Sounds. It is better to come to Wellington if at all possible. By booking early you can often get flights from Christchurch or Auckland to Wellington for \$100 or less each way. You must be in Wellington before 11.00am on Day1 as we need to check in at the ferry terminus by 12.00 noon. The crossing to Picton takes about 3.5 hours. We cross the Cook Strait and pass through the beautiful Marlborough Sounds to get there.

**Cost: \$1980. You need to register to secure your place on the trip. Registration is due by Saturday September 14. Payment is due by Monday September 30.**

The registration form is included with this information. (Page3). You can complete this form yourself if you have school and parent permission. A birth parent needs to sign the Parent permission form.

**Registration form. Page 3.** Print this form off and complete it. Then scan it and mail it to [Russell@isenz.com](mailto:Russell@isenz.com) or post it to PO BOX5329 Terrace End, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

## Trip Registration

### South Island trip November/December 2013

Full name:..... School:.....

Date of registration: ..../..../..... dd/mm/yyyy

Gender: male / female

Nationality:.....

E mail address:

To secure a place on the trip this form must be returned to Russell Trethewey by Saturday September 14.

I wish to register on South Island trip 1: (09 Nov. -23 Nov. (circle) YES or NO

I wish to register on South Island trip 2: (27 Nov. – 11 Dec. (circle) YES or NO

If no places are available on my preferred trip I am interested in the other trip  
YES or NO

Host family address: \_

Host family phone number: \_

My mobile phone number: \_

Date of birth: dd/mm/yyyy ..../..../.....

Are you a vegetarian?: YES or NO\_

Medical Information. Do you have any allergies or special dietary needs( specify)

Medical statement? Do you have any medical conditions that we need to be aware of? Please specify.

**School permission:** You will need to get school permission to take part in this trip? This can be obtained after you get to NZ. It is essential that this is provided by the school.

**Parents' address details in home country** (including names and phone number and their physical and email addresses)

Return to [russell@isenz.com](mailto:russell@isenz.com) as soon as possible or post to ISENZ PO Box 5329 Terrace End, Palmerston North,

## PARENT PERMISSION FORM

**Student Name:** ..... **Start date of trip:**.../.../...

This must be **completed by your birth or legal parent** (not your host family parent) and returned to me at [russell@isenz.com](mailto:russell@isenz.com) or mailed to ISENZ , PO Box 5329 Terrace End, Palmerston North 4410 New Zealand. **All students need school approval. This need not be in writing.**

1. **All students must send this form to ISENZ and have permission from** their schools to take part in the trip. Students for whom there is no parental approval will not be able to take part in any optional activities in which there may be an element of risk.
2. **Group activities.**  
**If you wish that your son or daughter does not take part in a planned group activity please name that activity here.**

Note: All trip activities, group (and optional) are operated by properly trained and qualified professional personnel. They are commercially run tourist activities. If you wish that your son/daughter does not participate in a particular activity then please indicate. Most trip activities involve the whole group and it is on this basis that we have been able to secure reduced rates.

3. **Optional Activities.**  
**If you allow your son or daughter to take part in an optional activity you must name that (or those) activity(ies) here.**

1..... 2..... 3.....

4. **Trip rules: I understand that if my son or daughter breaks trip rules in relation to rooming (genders separate at night), drugs, alcohol or other serious matters they may be removed from the trip and their school and organization informed.**

**Signature:** .....( parent)

**Print name:** .....

**Date** .../.../...

**Contact phone numbers:**

**Trip requirements:**

**Baggage:** Students may take one suit case each or a large backpack plus hand baggage.

**Bedding.** You will need your own sleeping bag and 2 or 3 towels for personal use. Pillows and a bottom sheet are provided in cabins. Duvets or bed covers can be hired at camp sites, but if you choose this option you will need to be prepared to pay extra. Hireage is generally \$5-6 per day. It is more economic to borrow a sleeping bag or to buy a cheap one for as little as \$30.

**Clothing:** Warm clothing is needed including a waterproof jacket and hat. Have at least two changes of clothing in case you get wet. Weather in November can still be variable. . Bring sun glasses, sunblock cream, comfortable walking shoes (eg. Reeboks, Adidas, Nikes, etc.) that will cope with light mountain walks and sandals and shorts for warm weather, jeans and pajamas. etc. etc. Don't forget your toiletries. Consider getting Sea-Leg tablets from a pharmacy if you are not a good traveller. Bring a Swimming suit and towels..... Sea and lake water temperatures will be still be low, but we will have access to Saunas or heated pools at some holiday parks. Day time temperatures should be in the range 18-28.

You may want one change of good clothing for when we go to town or eat out.

**Washing clothes.** I will provide soap powder and pegs free. Use of washing machines and driers at camp sites is possible but there is a small charge for this. (\$2-\$4 per wash)

**Transport:** We will use twelve seat mini buses and luggage trailers.

**Passports, money and student IDs.** You don't need your passport but you may need some form of student ID. I recommend that you leave your passport at home. Student IDs are needed to secure student entry charges and student transport charges... so be sure that you have them. A European ID card may be useful if you have one..

**Insurance.** Your own insurances should cover loss and theft.

**Supervision:** There will be one-two adults per vehicle, normally one female and one male. In total we will have 5 or 6 adults on each trip. All adults have been police vetted. We provide 24 hour care/ supervision.

**Group Activities:**

The trip payment includes activities to the value of \$300

Activities included in the price are as follows:

- Blenheim Aviation Museum created by film director Peter Jackson
- Kayaking in the Golden Bay area of Abel Tasman Park
- Caving at Pohara
- The Buller Gorge swing bridge
- Seal Colony – Westport
- Punakaiki Pancake Rocks

Shanty Town.... Gold panning  
 Fox and Franz Joseph Glaciers walks  
 Puzzling World in Wanaka  
 Skyline gondola and luge – Queenstown  
 Visit to Minus Five in Queenstown  
 Shotover jet boat ride  
 The Hilary Centre at Mount Cook and movie  
 Milford Sound boat cruise- Fiordland  
 Entry to the Moeraki boulders

### **Optional Activities:**

The trip price does not include the activities below and if you want to do these then that will be an additional personal cost payable at the event and you will require written parental permission. There is a parent permission form to complete. Most of these activities are weather dependent and so you cannot be sure that it will proceed right up until to time of the event. Your organisation may also disallow some activities and or your insurance cover may exclude some things. See comment on ACC protection cover below.

Prices quoted here are last year's prices. New prices were set in October could be up 10% on these figures.

Bungy Jumping- allow \$175-250 [depending on which jump you do.]  
 Skyline Tandem Paragliding – Queenstown – allow \$200  
 Paragliding of Coronet peak- \$200  
 White water rafting-12 mile canyon- allow \$175  
 Swimming with the dolphins.- \$155 for a swimmer or just \$75 as a viewer  
 Whalewatch- Kaikoura. \$85 per person  
 A Helicopter flight over Queenstown and the Remarkable Mountain Range is \$190-\$200.  
 Four Wheel drive trips – Lord of the Rings Trails (\$150-300 for different trips)  
 Four wheel drive- Skippers Canyon (\$150)- very spectacular  
 Sky diving \$250- 400 (depending on the jump altitude which ranges from 9000ft-15000 feet. ( 2800-2500m)One metre is approximately 3.3 feet.  
 Horse-trecking: \$100-140

Note:

- \* Parental approval is required for all these activities
- \* The above prices are 2012 prices and were subject to review in October.
- \* Make sure you check to see what impact if any these activities have on your insurance cover.

**ACC Cover:** In NZ, ACC (the Accident Compensation Commission) which is a public and Government funded insurance. It covers hospitalization and medical treatment (in NZ only) in the event of any accident both for New Zealanders and foreigners. The cause of the accident is irrelevant. Outdoor adventure activities are covered by this.

\* ISENZ only allows students to participate in activities supervised by fully trained professional operators

### **Meals – cooking and cleaning up.**

Everyone is expected to share in the preparation and serving of meals. Food and cooking ingredients will be provided and so if you have special dietary needs then do let Mattana (the staff member in charge of cooking) know..

Everyone has responsibility each day for tidying up their own area and for packing the vehicle. Camping grounds expect rooms to be left in a tidy state on departure.

**Flight bookings:** ISENZ is prepared to make flight bookings on your behalf. These will be Air NZ flights at the cheapest available at the time of booking. ISENZ can then be reimbursed for the cost when your payment is made for the trip. There is no charge for this service.

**Registration form: See page 5. This should be returned to me at one of the following:**  
**ISENZ, PO Box 5329 Terrace End, Palmerston North, New Zealand or to [russell@isenz.com](mailto:russell@isenz.com)**

**Registration secures you a place on the trip up until the payment date.**

## **Trip Itinerary**

### **South Island trip November or December 2010**

The Programme.

Trip 1: Day 1 is Saturday November 09. (the last day is Saturday November 24)

Trip 2: Day 1 is Wednesday November 27 (the last day is Wednesday December 11)

Accommodation is subject to confirmation at this stage.

Day 1

Palmerston North pick up at homes of students 0830 am-09.30am

Wellington: 11.00 am (Downtown Backpackers) Airport pick ups on November 08 and 09.

Ferry departs 1.00 pm. We must check in by 12.00 pm

Stay overnight at Picton Top 10 Holiday Park

Day2.

Visit to Omaka Aviation Museum. This is an amazing collection of original and replica WW1 Vintage Aircraft. Much of the scenery modeling was done by Peter Jackson's Weta Film Studios. Even though you may not be a plane enthusiast you can admire the modeling work.

Travel through Nelson. Nelson was one of the first settlements in NZ and is home to Ernest Rutherford the father of atomic physics. Lunch at beautiful Tahunanui Beach. Continue on to Takaka in the Golden Bay area.

Stay two nights at the Pohara Top 10 Holiday Park, camped alongside the beach of Golden Bay

Day 3.

Takaka, Golden Bay. Kayaking and Caving. Visit the Pupu springs the largest fresh-water spring in NZ.

Day 4: Travel through Buller Gorge to Westport. Stay over night at the Seal Colony Holiday Park. 0508 937 876 or 03 789 8002

Day 5: Travel down the rugged and beautiful west coast through rain forest and stopping at Punakaiki Pancake Rocks, Shanty Town and travelling on to Franz Joseph Glacier. Pan for gold at Shanty Town. Stay overnight at the Franz Joseph Top 10 Holiday park. Phone: 03 751 0821

Day6. Visit Franz Joseph and Fox glaciers. Continue through the Westland rain forest, a world heritage area, to Haast Pass, Lakes Hawea and Wanaka. Wanaka is a very popular holiday resort. Visit the Maze and Puzzling World . Stop over night at Wanaka at the Top 10 Holiday Park.

Day7. Travel on to Cromwell. See the town of Cromwell where the Clyde dam formed a lake, drowning most of this old gold-mining town. Cromwell is also famous for the production of apricots, cherries and Pinot Noir wines. Continue into the Kawarau Gorge and stop at the original AJ Hackett bungy. Hackett is the man who created the bungy. Continue on to Queenstown. Days 7-9. Remain in Queenstown. (Three nights here). Group activities include a trip up the skyline gondola, the skyline luge and the shotover jet and a visit to Minus 5. There is time for other activities and shopping. Stay at the Shotover Holiday Park three nights.

Take part in Group activities day 8 and optional activities day 9.

Day10. Travel on to Lake Te Anau. Stop overnight at the Lakeview holiday park. Phone: 03 249 7457. Travel on to Milford Sound in Fiordland through very rugged mountain country and the Homer tunnel. Scenery through the pass and in the Fiords is very spectacular. It is a designated a World Heritage Park. Take a boat trip on Milford Sound viewing Mitre Peak, seals, waterfalls and sometimes dolphins. Return to Lake Te Anau in the evening.

Day11. Travel from Te Anau to Bluff, the southern tip of the South Island then on to Dunedin. Spend night at Dunedin at Dunedin Holiday park, 03 455 4690. Dunedin was the first Scottish settlement in NZ and the city still has a Scottish character.

Day12. Travel north, see the famous Moeraki Boulders, then inland up the Waitaki Valley and see the huge hydro lakes and continue through Canterbury high country to



Lake Pukaki and Mount Cook. Stay over-night at the Mount Cook Youth Hostel. Phone: 03 435 1820.

Day13. Visit the Edmund Hilary Centre then travel from Mt. Cook to Christchurch passing Lake Pukaki and Lake Tekapo, which are glacier lakes. Stay overnight at the Spencer Beach holiday park. See central Christchurch and evidence of the extensive damage caused by the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. 70% of Central city buildings are being demolished and re-built.

Day14. Travel on to Kaikoura. Here you can either watch the whales or swim with the dolphins. (both are optional) You can go as a dolphin swim spectator for about \$75 or as a swimmer for about \$150. Whale watch is about \$80. On the last trip students swam out at sea with pods of over to 500 dolphins. Wet suits are provided to keep swimmers warm. The scene is spectacular. Stay over night (Friday) at the Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park. 03 319 5362 or the

Day15. Pack and travel back to Picton up the beautiful Kaikoura coast line and on through Blenheim. At high season there are an estimated 60000 seals resident along this coastline. Continue on to Blenheim. Blenheim is a major wine producing centre famous for world trophy winning Sauvignon Blanc wines. Take the afternoon ferry back to Wellington. Drop off in Wellington and continue back to Palmerston. Supervised accommodation will be arranged for those who need to stop-over to make connections. Students will be returned to Palmerston, Wanganui and Wellington. Times to be given later... but expect evening... as late as 9.00pm. The ferry arrives in Wellington at about 5.40pm. Allow at least an hour before a flight. Don't book any flights before 7.00pm.

## **PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS and REFUND POLICY**

### **Payment needs to be made in full by Monday September 30**

Payment should be made to:

**Bank: BNZ, Bank of New Zealand**

**Branch: Broadway, Palmerston North**

**Account name: International Student Education New Zealand Ltd.**

**Account number: 020727 0008636 00**

**Swift Code: BKNZ NZ22**

Tell your bank that BNZ does not use an IBAN number if they ask for one.

#### **Method of payment:**

Payment is best made by electronic transfer direct from your parent's bank into the ISENZ account: If remitting in this way a bank charge of \$20 should be added as BNZ will deduct this at the NZ end. **\$20 needs to be added to the trip cost**

Alternatively, your parents can remit payment to your personal account and you can ask your bank to transfer the amount to the ISENZ account.

Banks can also give you a bank cheque made out to ISENZ Ltd. This can be mailed.

Payment by credit card is not an option

**IDENTIFY YOUR PAYMENT:** If transferring money electronically, please make sure that the payment is identified with your name. That is the only way that I can tell that a payment came from you.

**Refund policy:**

Any person withdrawal prior to September 30 will receive a full refund of any money paid. Withdrawal after this date will incur the loss of a \$500. The balance will be returned. Students withdrawing after October 1 will forfeit \$500. The balance will be returned. This is to cover prepaid accommodation vehicle hire and overhead charges.

If for any reason the trip is cancelled by me a full refund will be made.

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