

ISENZ South Island 15-Day Adventure!

Nov 21 - Dec 5, 2020



Price includes NZ\$350
of group activities*
and **ALL** meals!

Price for 15-day Trip: NZ\$2,380.

Credit from our cancelled April tour can be applied to this trip.

What makes our trips different?

- 15 days of fun (not just 10 days!)
- Sleep in comfortable cabin accommodation (not tents!)
- **ALL MEALS** included (not just some meals!). That's 43 meals in total!
- NZ\$350+ of group activities* plus time for optional activities
- Free airport pick up & drop offs
- Trip starts and ends in Wellington

**Interislander ferry through the Marlborough Sounds (return), sea kayaking in Abel Tasman, Milford Sounds boat cruise, Shotover Jet boat ride, Skyline Gondola and Luge rides in QT, Buller Gorge swing bridge, Shanty Town + gold panning, Puzzling World, Punakaiki Pancake Rocks, Fox and Franz Joseph Glacier walks, Tasman Glacier walk, Greenstone factory visit, Moeraki Boulders, World's steepest street race, native forest and waterfall walks, Pupu Springs, plus much more...*



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Proposed Itinerary*

Day 1: Wellington, Picton or Blenheim

Trip starts in Wellington. The group meets in the morning at Hotel Waterloo and Backpackers. **Travel to Picton on the Interislander Ferry** through the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. Dinner, introductions and discuss the trip ahead. *Stay over-night in Picton or Blenheim (TBC).*

Days 2: Nelson, Motueka, Takaka, Pohara

Drive to Nelson, stopping at **Peloris Bridge** along the way. Free-time in Nelson city centre then lunch at Tahunanui Beach. Nelson-based students can join the trip here. Travel to Takaka in the Golden Bay area, stopping in Motueka. **Visit Pupū Springs** the largest fresh-water spring in New Zealand. *Stay two nights in Pohara.*

Days 3: Pohara, Abel Tasman National Park

Sea kayaking in the morning at Tata Beach in the Abel Tasman National Park. **Native forest walk** and visit to **Wainui Falls** or **Rawhiti Caves**. Group activities and/or free time on the beach. After dinner head back down to the beach and watch the sunset while **toasting marshmallows on the bonfire (weather dependent).**

Days 4: Motueka, Buller Gorge, Westport

Travel through Buller Gorge to Westport. Lunch at Buller Gorge. Walk the **Buller Swing Bridge** across the Buller Gorge then a **short bush walk** around White's Creek faultline. *Stay over-night in Westport.*

Day 5: Punakaiki, Greymouth, Hokitika, Franz Josef

Travel down the rugged and beautiful west coast, stopping at Punakaiki to visit the Pancake Rocks. On to Greymouth to try your luck with **gold panning at Shantytown**. Travel on to Franz Josef. *Stay over-night in Franz Josef.*

Days 6: Franz Josef, Fox, Haast Pass, Wanaka

Walk to the lookout platforms at both **Franz Joseph and Fox glaciers** **if the walkways are open**. Alternatively, a **walk around Lake Matheson**, famous for mirror views of Aoraki/Mount Cook. Stop at Knights Point Lookout for lunch then head on to **Thunder Creek Falls**. Travel through the Haast Pass with stunning views of Lakes Hawea and Lake Wanaka. *Stay over-night in Wanaka.*

Day 7, 8 and 9: Wanaka, Queenstown / Arrowtown

Visit Wanaka town centre and the infamous **“Wanaka Tree”**. Off to **Puzzling World** for a morning of fun, mazes and optical illusions. Lunch in Cromwell then on to Queenstown, **stopping at the original AJ Hackett Kawarau Centre** to watch some bungee jumping in action!

Time in Queenstown to check out and book optional activities for Day 9. Take part in group activities Day 8 - **Skyline gondola, Skyline luge**, and the **Shotover Jet** and optional activities on Day 9 (eg. sky diving, bungee jumping, paragliding, 4WD tours). There is time for other activities, shopping and free time while in Queenstown. *Stay three nights in Queenstown or nearby in Arrowtown.*

Day 10: Te Anau, Milford Sound

Drive to Milford Sound in Fiordland through very rugged mountain country, making scenic stops along the way. Take a **boat cruise through Milford Sound** viewing the iconic Mitre Peak, seals, waterfalls and sometimes dolphins. Travel back to Te Anau at night. *Stay overnight in Te Anau.*

Day 11: Balclutha, Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, stopping in Gore and then Balclutha for lunch next to the Clutha River. Arrive in Dunedin and have free time to explore the city. **Group running race up Baldwin Street**, the steepest street in the world. *Stay over-night in Dunedin.*

Day 12: Oamaru, Benmore, Aoraki/Mount Cook

Visit the famous Moeraki Boulders then stop for lunch in Oamaru. **Visit the Steam-punk Museum** (time dependent). Travel inland up the Waitaki Valley and see the huge hydro lakes and dams. Continue on to Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, stopping for a **swim at Lake Pukaki** (weather dependent). Walk up to the **Tasman Glacier** lookout. *Stay over-night in Aoraki Mt Cook Village.*

Day 13: Lake Pukaki, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch

Visit the The Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre. Travel on to Christchurch, stopping for scenic views of Lake Pukaki and Lake Tekapo. Lunch in Geraldine. Free time in Christchurch to explore the city centre. Visit the earthquake memorial wall, the Cardboard Cathedral, or go shopping in the inner-city retail precinct. *Stay overnight in Christchurch.*

Day 14: Kaikoura

Travel on to Kaikoura, a beautiful coastal town known for its abundant wildlife, particularly dolphins, sperm whales and seals. Go swimming with dolphins (or be a spectator) or go whale watching (both are optional activities). For those not doing optional activities, enjoy some free time on the beach or take a walk around the peninsula to view the native wild-life and picturesque scenery.

Final night dinner and awards ceremony. *Stay overnight in Kaikoura.*

Day 15: Picton, Wellington

Pack up and travel back to Picton along the east coast, and then inland through Blenheim. Lunch in Picton. Time to have a look around Picton before checking in at the ferry terminal. **Sail on the Interislander ferry** back to Wellington. Arrive at around 6:30pm. **ISENZ strongly advises staying an extra night in Wellington at the end of the trip, in case of ferry delays.**

Bold text: Group activity (included)

**ISENZ reserves the right to make itinerary changes due to accommodation and activity availability, weather restrictions, time restraints and other factors beyond our control. ISENZ provides supervised accommodation in Wellington for the nights before/after the trip. Cost per student is \$50 per night, and is non-refundable. ISENZ Trips are Qualmark Accredited, fully supervised by approved male and female adults and meet all school requirements.*

