

NEW ZEALAND OPTION



OPTIONAL EXTENSION: 6 days - 5 nights
Christchurch - Queenstown - Auckland
from \$3,998 land only

This land package includes:

- ⚙ Five nights at luxury hotels, accommodation in twin/double rooms (hotels as per itinerary or similar)
- ⚙ Airfare in economy class: Milford Sound-Queenstown-Auckland
- ⚙ Daily buffet breakfast
- ⚙ Three specialty dinners including local wine & soft drinks
- ⚙ Two lunches
- ⚙ Private meeting in Christchurch focusing on New Zealand real estate
- ⚙ Transportation by luxury, air-conditioned motor coach throughout
- ⚙ Professionally escorted by private Tour Director
- ⚙ Airport transfers and luggage handling where available for internal NZ flights
- ⚙ Local taxes and services fees

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Wednesday Nov. 12: [Sydney - Christchurch](#)

Arrive in Christchurch this morning. We'll stay at The George, Christchurch's most elegant hotel and rated as one of the best in the world by Travel & Leisure magazine. The evening is free to explore this cosmopolitan city. [B]



Thursday Nov. 13: [Christchurch](#)

The focus of today's all day seminar is New Zealand real estate - how to make a "double play" with appreciating land prices and an appreciating currency. The morning meeting will discuss the how, what and where, and the afternoon will be spent viewing a

few examples of real estate projects. Tonight we'll have dinner at Annie's Restaurant. [B, D]

Friday Nov. 14: [Christchurch - Queenstown](#)

From Christchurch travel across the fertile Canterbury Plains to Ashburton - chief town of central Canterbury. To the west are the snow-capped Southern Alps. At the Orari River the road turns westward to Geraldine and over undulating sheep country to Fairlie and Burkes Pass, gateway to the high plains of the MacKenzie Country.



Pass through scrub and tussock country past Lakes Tekapo and Pukaki, following the Tasman River to the Hermitage Hotel. The hotel is nestled in a beech forest at the foot of the mountains, with Mount Cook eight kilometres away in the distance.

Lunch is included at Mount Cook. There is time to experience an optional scenic helicopter or ski plane flight (weather permitting) before departing for Queenstown.

Surrounded by magnificent vistas, Queenstown is New Zealand's year-round resort, offering a vast range of leisure activities. Our hotel will be the stylish Sofitel Queenstown. [B, L]

Saturday Nov. 15: Queenstown

This morning we depart for a full day trip to Milford Sound. Pass through magnificent forests before a gradual descent into the precipitous Hollyford Valley. Climb steadily to the gigantic Cirque and the Homer Tunnel. Pass through the tunnel and down to the Cleddau Canyon where we will catch our first glimpse of Mitre Peak before finally emerging into the open at Milford Sound. This afternoon enjoy an extended and leisurely 2-½ hour cruise of Milford Sound onboard the Milford Mariner or Milford Wanderer.

Our guided cruise travels the full length of Milford to the Tasman Sea. There is plenty of time available to explore points of interest and to view the stunning scenery, including waterfalls, rainforests, the towering peaks, and wildlife.

Picnic lunch is included. On returning to Milford Wharf, we transfer to Milford Airport for the scenic flight back to Queenstown (weather permitting).

Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. [B, L, D]

Sunday Nov. 16: Queenstown-Auckland

After a leisurely morning, we depart our Queenstown hotel for our flight to Auckland. Upon arrival in Auckland, we'll have a short city tour before transferring to the *Sky City Grand Hotel*. Our farewell dinner this evening will be at the Harbour Side Restaurant. [B, D]

Monday Nov. 17: Depart Auckland

Fly home from Auckland-LAX. Regain the day you lost as we cross the International Date Line. [B]



Please note: Flight from Sydney to Christchurch is not included in land package price. It is more economical to purchase this flight in conjunction with your international flights. AESU will be glad to assist with making these arrangements for you.



<< Mount Cook



Scenic Helicopter Ride (optional) >>



<< Queenstown



Auckland by Night >>

Hotels



The George, Christchurch

