

# 11 DAY TAKAHE SELECT TOUR

## Christchurch to Christchurch Tour



**DAY  
01**

### Christchurch to Marahau (Abel Tasman)

Kia ora (hello)! Take a public bus from Christchurch to Blenheim, meet your Stray Guide and group at Picton or Blenheim i-SITE. Travel through picturesque Marlborough to Marahau on the edge of Abel Tasman National Park. This evening we'll relax around the campfire under the stars.

**DAY  
02**

### Marahau (Abel Tasman) Free Day

Today is a free day in Abel Tasman National Park. Hike straight from accommodation into the park along the Coastal Track to Anchorage Bay – enjoy lush bush, golden sand beaches, and brilliant blue waters for swimming. About 4 hours each way, or take a water taxi back for extra time to relax.

**DAY  
03**

### Marahau (Abel Tasman) to Hokitika

Today, drive the wild West Coast – a top Lonely Planet route with beaches and rainforest. Stop at Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and blowholes, then continue to Hokitika for its arts scene. Stay on the shore of the Tasman Sea. Check out the Tambo shipwreck, and epic views. After dark, wonder at glowworm dell.

**DAY  
04**

### Hokitika to Franz Josef Glacier

This morning we drive to the charming village of Franz Josef, expect incredible NZ scenery! We arrive around lunch for plenty of time at Franz Josef Glacier: shuttle and hike through bush and streams to the terminal face for photos, or relax in town. Opt for a heli-hike to stand on the glacier (additional cost).

**DAY  
05**

### Franz Josef Glacier to Queenstown

Enjoy a relaxed walk around Lake Matheson for stunning reflections of Aoraki/Mt Cook (on still days). Next, visit charming Wānaka to enjoy its beautiful lake and mountain views, have lunch, and snap a photo of the famous Wānaka tree. Then head to Queenstown, our accommodation has a pool, fitness centre, and sauna!

**DAY  
06**

### Queenstown Free Day

Today is a free day in Queenstown. Yaaaaasssss Queen(stown)! After breakfast, go and explore the beautiful mountain scenery with one of the many free hikes or join an activity of your choice! This evening, we recommend trying the famous Fergburger, checking out the nightlife, and listening to the live artists scattered across the shore.

**DAY  
07**

### Queenstown to Te Anau

Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland! Watch the stunning Afa Whenua - Shadowland film at Fiordland Cinema, previewing the park's landscapes ahead of tomorrow's Milford Sound cruise. Enjoy exploring this picturesque area and spend the night at our hotel in the serene lakeside town.

**DAY  
08**

### Day Trip to Milford Sound

This morning we cruise the magnificent Milford Sound, a stunning fjord, to see Mitre Peak, waterfalls, and wildlife like seals and dolphins. This evening, choose to visit the glowworm caves, enjoy a lakeside stroll, or relax at our accommodation.

**DAY  
09**

### Te Anau to Aoraki Mount Cook

This morning, depart Te Anau early over Lindis Pass and through Mackenzie Country, past vivid blue Lake Pukaki to Aoraki/Mt Cook – one of NZ's most stunning drives. Spend your afternoon on a glacial lake boat tour, a visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, or a short walk. On clear nights we'll enjoy exceptional stargazing!

**DAY  
10**

### Aoraki Mount Cook to Christchurch

Travel through Lord of the Rings landscapes to Lake Tekapo. Stop at the turquoise lake and iconic Church of the Good Shepherd for photos. After lunch, continue to Christchurch for your final overnight and optional group dinner to celebrate your Aotearoa journey!

**DAY  
11**

### Depart Christchurch

Wander creative street art laneways, enjoy a beer at a quirky pub, punt down the Avon River, visit the Botanic Gardens, or ride the historic tourist tram. Say goodbye to your Stray mates (or see you soon!) – hope you had a blast and stay mates forever!



## What to Bring:

- Camera
- Sturdy walking shoes/boots
- Warm clothing
- Waterproof jacket
- Hat & sunscreen
- Bathers/towel
- Water bottle
- Motion sickness tablets
- Insect repellent

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