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Aoraki



SMALL GROUP TOUR FROM QUEENSTOWN

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Small Group Tour from Queenstown

Explore the Mt Cook area and see the highlights on this one day, fully guided small group tour from Queenstown with free time to participate in the best activities.

Highlights



- Mt Cook & Aoraki National Park
- Lake Pukaki
- Kawarau Gorge, Lindis Pass, the Southern Alps, High Country Salmon
- Free time for activities & walks

Inclusions



Small Group Tour



Fully Guided



Bottled Water



Snacks

Optional Extras

- Hooker Valley Hike
- Helihike
- Scenic flights with Glacier Landings
- 1 way flight from Mt Cook to Queenstown
- Queenstown to Christchurch via Mt Cook & Tekapo upgrade

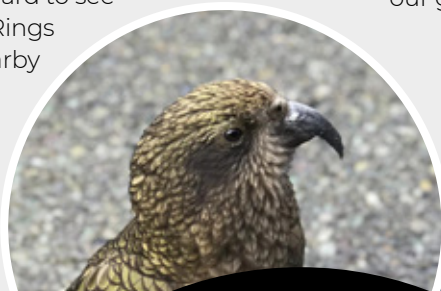
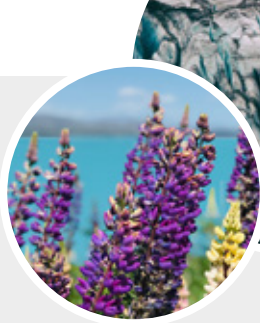


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Itinerary:

1. **Queenstown** – Your tour starts in the stunning city of Queenstown. As we drive out of the city your guide will not only set the scene for your adventurous day but also point out and guide you past some of the areas top highlights.
2. **Kawarau Suspension Bridge** – Departing Queenstown we then make our way through the stunning Kawarau Gorge passing stunning views, the Kawarau Suspension Bridge and the famous Roaring Meg Lookout. Time and light permitting we will stop for that first great shot of the tour.
3. **Cromwell** – Exiting the Kawarau Gorge we enter the fruit and wine growing region of Cromwell. Passing huge fields of vines we cross Lake Dunstan and follow this beautiful lake towards Lindis Pass.
4. **Lindis Pass** – Climbing in altitude Lindis Pass has amazing views down through the valleys. Being one of only three alpine roads through the otherwise impassable Southern Alps, we stop at the famous lookout at the top of the pass for an essential photo.
5. **Omarama** – While driving through the endless plains of the Mackenzie district we will spot several of the famous Merino breed of sheep before stopping at the quaint township of Omarama. While in Omarama we have time for a break or even to try the best creamy chicken pie in NZ (in our opinion)!
6. **Lake Pukaki** – Turning west we begin to enter the Aoraki National Park and Lake Pukaki begins to emerge in front of us. Lake Pukaki is one of the bluest lakes you will ever see and is stunningly framed by the backdrop of Aoraki/Mt Cook and the Southern Alps. We stop for some amazing photos and to just marvel at the sight that we are beholding. It's not hard to see why many Lord of the Rings scenes were filmed nearby and we will point them out for you.
7. **Mt Cook Information Centre** – Arriving at Mt Cook Village, weather depending, we should get some amazing shots of the mountain itself. At 3724m, Aoraki/Mt Cook is New Zealand's highest peak, however, the mountain can be viewed without any acclimatisation whatsoever from the village which is just 750m above sea level.
8. **Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park** – While in the national park you have 4 hours free time to enjoy free walks/hikes or one of the extra optional activities. Some of our recommendations include: The Hooker Valley hike – thought to be one of New Zealand's most beautiful hikes. Heli Hike - this adventure on the Tasman Glacier is the ultimate way to enjoy the area. Scenic flights – see the region from the air and land on the Tasman Glacier. Whatever you decide to do we will pick you up and drop you off where you need to go and make sure you are well looked after.
9. **High Country Salmon** – Farewelling Aoraki/Mt Cook Village and making our way back to Queenstown we stop in at High Country Salmon, a local salmon farm, where you can feed the fish and taste some of the freshest salmon in New Zealand.
10. **Mrs Jones' Fruit Stall** – During summer months when the sun is still up as we get close to Queenstown we often stop at Mrs Jones' Suncrest Orchard to try or buy her delicious local fruit or real fruit ice cream.
11. **Queenstown** – Sadly the tour must come to an end as we re-enter Queenstown and say our goodbyes.



Duration

12 hours

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