

22nd - 25th July 2021

South Island Rail Adventure

Experience one of the world's top 10 most amazing Train Journeys

We have combined everything rail has to offer with one of the most unique tours we have ever crafted. This 3 night rail experience includes some of the world's most amazing scenic experiences.

Arriving in Christchurch, we will experience the Tramway restaurant where we will experience the luxury of a colonial style dining tram and be treated to the finest service, cuisine and beverages New Zealand has to offer.

We will then experience the TranzAlpine train, which is often referred to as one of the world's most scenic train journeys and Lonely Planet have listed it in their top global 10!

But we don't stop there with our final rail experience onboard the Pacific Coastal Rail, taking us from Christchurch up to Picton, getting breathtakingly close to the sea, where the roaring Pacific Ocean meets the rising Kaikoura mountains.

We have combined everything rail has to offer, for the ultimate rail experience! This is sure to be a sell out, read on for full itinerary information.

DAY 1

Thur 22nd July

Home - Christchurch



If departing from Whanganui, meet at the Whanganui Racecourse for an 8:00am departure and travel to Palmerston North Airport to catch our flight to Christchurch.

Departing from another destination

For those departing from another destination you will fly into Christchurch and meet up with the group. All tickets and details will be provided in your personal information pack, sent prior to travel.

We are collected from the airport and board the coach to discover the true magic of Christchurch as we tour the highlights of the city. The first stop will be the **Gondola** where you will head up onto the port hills to enjoy fantastic views across Christchurch, the Canterbury plains, Lyttelton harbour and on a clear day all the way to the Southern Alps. We will enjoy a great lunch before continuing on our day to the picturesque seaside village of Sumner, before experiencing a tour around Christchurch central city. You will be educated on the exciting rebuild of Christchurch following the 2011 earthquakes, enjoying a commentary from our friendly local guide who will guide you through the history of the city and explain how the rebuild is taking place.

We are then dropped at our hotel for the next two nights with some time for some R & R before we are collected again and taken to the only **Tramway Restaurant** in New Zealand.



You will enjoy the unique way to view the inner city of Christchurch while enjoying a delicious evening dinner in the luxury of the colonial style dining tram and be treated to the finest service, cuisine and beverages New Zealand has to offer. Incorporate fabulous dining with a sightseeing tour showcasing Christchurch's inner city vibrancy and heritage – truly a mix of the old and the new. The Christchurch Tramway Restaurant dinner tour is a unique activity not to be missed. We are then returned to the hotel to rest our heads for the night.

Accommodation: PAVILIONS HOTEL. (0800 805555)

DAY 2

Friday 23rd July

Christchurch - TranzAlpine



After a scrumptious breakfast we are collected and transferred to the Christchurch Railway Station, home to the legendary **TranzAlpine train**. Today we will experience one of the world's greatest train journeys as we travel through the South Island's striking natural landscape by taking the train between Christchurch and Greymouth. Along this journey you'll see epic vistas, travel the edges of the ice-fed Waimakariri River, traverse the Southern Alps, and see miles of native beech forest.

The TranzAlpine is one of the world's great train journeys covering 223 kilometres (139 miles) one-way, taking just under 5 hours. You'll traverse the majestic Canterbury Plains, to the backdrop of the mighty Southern Alps - the journey of a lifetime. When we reach Greymouth we will have a great group lunch before boarding back on the train making our way back to the East Coast. Our coach will be waiting and return us back to the hotel in time for dinner and we will raise a glass to this very special day.



DAY 3

Sat 24th July

Christchurch - Picton

This morning is an early start but will be well worth it as we will experience one of the most beautiful stretches of New Zealand rail aboard the **Coastal Pacific train**.

We are transferred to the railway station and climb aboard one of the most picturesque journeys on New Zealand railways, meandering along the Pacific coast between Christchurch and Picton.

The Coastal Pacific train takes you along rugged coastlines, across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, on a timeless journey of breathtaking beauty. The Coastal Pacific meanders breathtakingly close to the sea, where the roaring Pacific Ocean meets the rising Kaikōura mountains. We will voyage through the vineyards of Blenheim, before arriving into the seaside town of Picton.

We will be collected from the station and head out on a **mystery Marlborough tour** which takes in the highlights of this beautiful region, before being dropped back at our great accommodation. We head out tonight for our last group dinner together and share stories of this day's great adventures.

Accommodation: ASURE JASMINE COURT MOTEL (03-573 7110)



DAY 4

Sun 25th July

Picton - home

After a relaxed start to the day we are collected and transferred to the **Interislander** Ferry Terminal in plenty of time to catch our 11am sailing to Wellington.

Upon arrival into Wellington we will collect our luggage and travel north back to Whanganui in time for dinner.

***If you are travelling to another destination, your travel arrangements will be made for you in your customised itinerary.**

Total cost

Departing from Whanganui:
\$1,995

\$500 deposit due by 30th May 2021.

Final payment due by 30th June 2021.

Payment methods

- ✓ Credit Card
- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Eftpos
- ✓ Online

Send online bank deposits to:
BNZ 02-0792-0090015-00

Please use your name and trip name
as code and reference.



What's included?



Transport

- All coach travel
- Transalpine train
- Coastal Pacific train
- Interislander ferry + flights



Accommodation

- Great twin share accommodation
(single supplement available)



Food and drink

- Includes 2 course dinner every night.
- Lunch on day 1
- Mixture of cooked and continental breakfasts



Activities

- All activities as stated in **bold** in the itinerary

How to book

Be in quick to secure your seats!



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- For cancellations after 30th May 2021 – loss of deposit.
- For cancellations after 30th June 2021 – 75% of total fare will apply.
- For cancellations within 1 week prior to travel – 100% of total fare will apply.

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