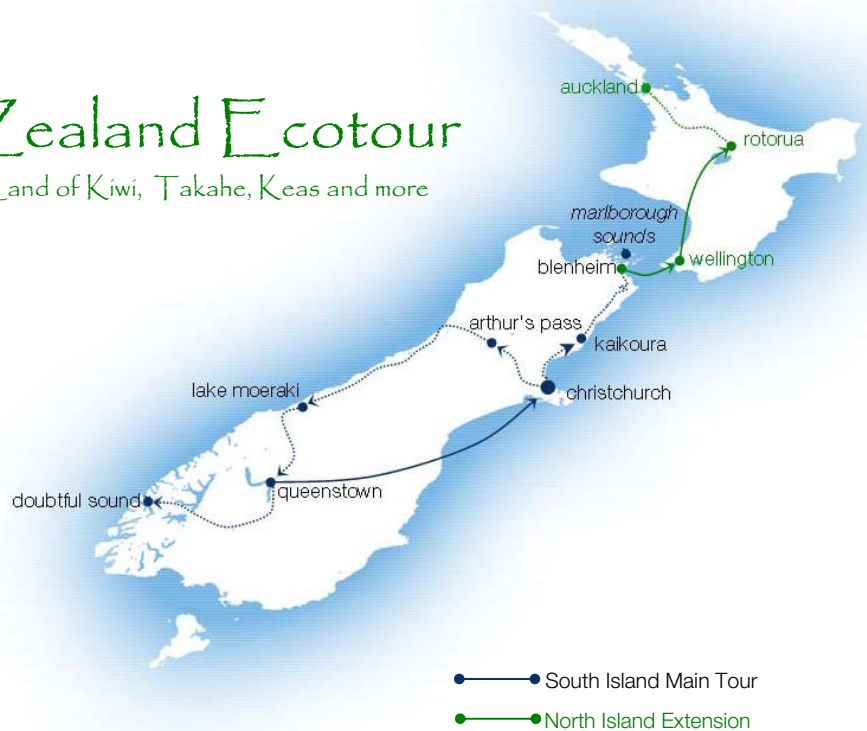




New Zealand Ecotour

15 days in the Land of Kiwi, Takahe, Keas and more



South Island
 27 November – 8 December 2010
 USD \$6,850 per person
 USD \$1,299 single supplement

Escape the normal tourist circuits on this grand tract of the Southern Alps, packed with magnificent scenery. Fully escorted, join your host and a small group of like minded travellers exploring New Zealand's South Island by luxury coach. Meet true kiwi characters, see wildlife in its natural habitat and travel to some of the South Island's most remote corners.

North Island Optional Extension
 8 – 11 December 2010
 USD \$2,200 per person

The perfect extension; explore New Zealand's fascinating capital city Wellington, immerse yourself in Maori culture in the geothermal wonderland Rotorua and surround yourself with native birdlife on Tiritiri Matangi, an island sanctuary in Auckland Harbour.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride the TranzAlpine train, considered one of the top six train journeys in the world.
 - Visit Maud Island in the Marlborough Sounds, an island sanctuary and conservation project not available to the public
 - Sit quietly and watch the shy Fiordland Crested Penguins as they return from a day's fishing in the ocean
 - Immerse yourself in the magnificent Fiordland region on an overnight cruise in remote Doubtful Sound
- On the optional extension
- Take a night walk in the Karori Wildlife sanctuary in search of the elusive kiwi
 - Discover Maori culture with your private guide, a member of the Te Arawa tribe
 - Surround yourself with native birdlife on the island sanctuary Tiritiri Matangi

Limited to just 16 guests -Reserve your space today!

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SOUTH ISLAND ITINERARY

New Zealand's South Island boasts craggy coastlines, sweeping beaches, primeval forests, snow-capped glaciers and amazing wildlife. Observe living creatures in their own environment and learn about their habits from expert guides committed to the conservation of this unique natural environment, gaining an increased respect for natural New Zealand.

Day 1 Saturday 27 November. Arrive into Christchurch, New Zealand's 'Garden City'. Welcome dinner and tour briefing.

Day 2 Sunday 28 November. Explore Christchurch at your leisure. Tickets aboard the Christchurch Historic Tramway are included.

Day 3 Monday 29 November. Travel by TranzAlpine scenic rail to Arthur's Pass in the Southern Alps. Dinner hosted by Dr Gerry McSweeney, lodge owner and ecologist.

Day 4 Tuesday 30 November. Take part in seasonal farm activities and learn about high country farming and conservation in the area.

Day 5 Wednesday 1 December. Travel by coach down the wild west coast to view Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. Continue on to Lake Moeraki Lodge, surrounded by world heritage listed rainforest, and recipient of an "Enviro-Gold" award for its contributions to conservation.

Day 6 Thursday 2 December. Take a guided walk through the rainforest to a remote beach, home to the Fiordland Crested Penguin.

Day 7 Friday 3 December. Travel by coach through the scenic Haast Pass to Queenstown, New Zealand's 'Adventure Capital'.

Day 8 Saturday 4 December. Board an overnight cruise on Doubtful Sound. Inaccessible by road, the breathtaking

beauty of Doubtful Sound offers one of New Zealand's most humbling experiences.

Day 9 Sunday 5 December. Awake in the solitude of Doubtful Sound and savour this tranquil wilderness before returning to Queenstown.

Day 10 Monday 6 December. Fly to Christchurch, where we begin the scenic drive north to Blenheim, stopping to explore the seaside town of Kaikoura. Tonight join a local winemaker for dinner and tastings.

Day 11 Tuesday 7 December. Board a unique cruise taking in the three icons of Marlborough – the Marlborough Sounds, the Greenshell Mussels and the stunning Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Enjoy a farewell barbeque dinner on the return cruise.

Day 12 Wednesday 8 December. Those not boarding connecting flights home, take a short flight to Wellington, where the day is at leisure in the capital city. This evening take a nocturnal tour of Karori Sanctuary where we hope to spot the rare kiwi.

Day 13 Thursday 9 December. Fly to Rotorua, New Zealand's geothermal centre. Join your local host, a member of the Te Arawa tribe, discovering Maori culture and history. Visit the Kiwi Encounter and their hatchery prior to driving on to Auckland, 'City of Sails'.

Day 14 Friday 10 December. Visit Tiritiri Matangi, one of New Zealand's most important conservation projects, a sanctuary for many endangered species.

Day 15 Saturday 11 December. Depart New Zealand.

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