



SOUTHERN EXPLORER

INCLUDES DUNEDIN, MILFORD, QUEENSTOWN, WANAKA & TEKAPO

**6 days 5 nights touring the middle and south
west of the South Island**

Fun packed premium trip! Baldwin St, Milford Sound cruise,
Gondola & luge and Puzzling World included.
Optional activities are zip line, jet boating, bungy, sky diving and of
course time for shopping.

All inclusive

Accommodation

**Queenstown
Gondola and 2 rides
on the Luge**

Puzzling World

Transport

**Milford Sound
Cruise**

Smylies

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5653 West Coast Rd
Springfield

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Itinerary¹

Day 1 – 350km, 5 hours driving plus stops

Leave Christchurch early in the morning. Traveling along the Canterbury plains heading south through Ashburton and stopping for lunch in the historic town of Oamaru. After lunch, we then continue the journey to Moeraki Boulders, Palmerston and then on to Dunedin. Our trip this day ends in Dunedin with the steepest road in the world to get an appetite up for dinner. We will enjoy a yummy dinner at the Leviathan Heritage Hotel where we will stay in our own dorm rooms. In the evening, we will head up to the look out to show you the night view of Dunedin.

([Steam punk](#), [Moeraki boulders](#), [Baldwin Street](#), [night views](#))

Stay at the Leviathan Hotel Dunedin



Day 2 – 300k, 4 hours driving plus stops

After yesterday's drive we won't strain you too much and will start at Tunnel Beach before taking you on an easy bus cruise through southern New Zealand to Te Anau where you will enjoy the stunning views over Lake Te Anau. After arriving we'll visit the Department of Conservation Bird Sanctuary where you can see and learn about NZ native birds such as Takehe, Kaka, Kereru and Tui. We will also allow a bit of time to relax and enjoy each other's company. For dinner we will arrange a yummy take - away meal from a local restaurant. This will prepare you for tomorrow when we travel to the awe-inspiring Milford Sound.

([Tunnel Beach](#), [Lake Te Anau](#), [NZ native birds](#), [relax](#))

Stay at the YHA in Te Anau.



Day 3 – 420km, 6 hours driving plus stops

It's an early start and our journey will take us to the breath-taking Milford Sound and a magnificent cruise to see Mitre Peak and the other features that Milford is renowned for. Along our way there we will stop at the Elington Flat to imagine we're in the Lord of the Rings movie, Mirror Lakes and The Chasm. Afterwards we will head to Queenstown for some fun activities. Dinner is a famous Ferg burger.

([Elington Flats](#), [Mirror Lakes](#), [The Chasm](#), [Milford Sound](#), [Mitre Peak](#), [Cruise](#), [Ferg Burger](#))

Stay at the YHA Lakeside Queenstown



¹ The itinerary is indicative of the planned activities. We reserve the right to adjust the order according to daily conditions etc as required

Day 4 – 80km, 1 hours driving plus stops

Today is our options day for some super fun activities². We will visit the world's first Bungy centre then move onto picturesque Arrowtown for lunch. From there we will visit the Shotover Jet visitor centre before arriving back in Queenstown for some free time then a visit to the Gondola and two rides on the Luge. In the evening we will relax in the hostel with a yummy home cooked curry.

(Gondola, luge, bungy, jet boat, sky diving, shopping)

Stay at the YHA Lakeside Queenstown



Day 5 – 350km, 5 hours driving, plus stops

In the morning we will head over the Crown Range to Wanaka and visit Puzzling world and the Maze then start making our way north, stopping at the salmon farm in Twizel and then at Lake Pukaki to catch a view of Aoraki Mt Cook we will go to New Zealand's highest mountain, Mt Cook. From there it is on to Tekapo for our last night and hopefully some star gazing.

(Puzzling World, Maze, Salmon Farm, Mt Cook, Stars)

Stay Lake Front Backpackers, Tekapo



Day 6 - 300km, 4 hours driving plus stops

Today we will head back into Canterbury after a morning walk and the famous Church of the Good Shepherd. After lunch, we will have a short stop in Geraldine for that homemade ice cream before going to Peel Forest to see the giant Totara tree. Then we head to Christchurch for arrival around 5.00 pm.

(Lake Tekapo, Church of the Good Shepherd Stars, giant Totara)

Included:

- 5 night's accommodation
- 5 dinner, 5 breakfast
- Transport
- Guiding
- Milford Sound cruise
- Puzzling world
- Gondola and 2 luge
- Ferg Burger ((original)second and third at own cost)



Minimum number = 8

² All optional adventure activities such as bungy, jet boat, skydiving etc require school permission PLUS signed parental permission