

Welcome to your Tekapo tour with Smylies Tours

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Departure: Saturday 31st May

We will have 5 pick-ups so being on time is great.

Our first pick up is at:

8.00 am **Hillmorton High** 4 students outside school

8.15am **Cashmere high** 9 students Barrington Street,

8.40 am **Papanui High** 5 students outside school bus park Papanui and Kaiapoi

8.50 **Burnside high** (by the church bus park opposite school Greers road) burnside 1x

9.00 am **last pick up at 41 Yaldhurst road opposite Villa Maria** 7 students (Riccarton high, Villa Maria. Middelton Grange

I still need to hear from some at which pick up point you will be, Christ College and Shirley.

Please make sure you are on time or 5 min early

Return:

We will return to Christchurch on **Monday 2nd of June arriving around 4pm.** We will drop you off at the same place we picked you up.

Accommodation:

Tekapo – Lakes Edge Lodge Backpackers - 2 nights

Travel:

Our own 33 seater coach

Bring:

Warm clothing, soft overnight bags only (10kg max)

Towel & Toothbrush,

Sun protection,

Wind protection,

Rain protection,

Shoes, jandals

Swim ware & towel – you may want to go to the hot pools

Torch for when we're outside at night to see the stars

Music for in the bus

Money for lunches and souvenirs

Don't bring:

Anything that will get you into trouble.

We will cook 2 nights in our accommodation with help from Georgi, at night we have time to relax with our friends and do some amazing star gazing (weather permitting), fun, fun and more FUN

We will be staying in dorm beds. Of course, they are separate male and female! Do be aware of other guests at the Hostel. Quiet times are not open for discussion.

Let's have a great trip

Travel plan¹:

Each day we will find interesting places to stop, take photos and experience outdoor South Island, New Zealand. Below is a brief summary.

Day 1 - Travel to Tekapo via Ashburton, Fairlie for lunch at the famous pie shop. (own cost)

After we arrive in Tekapo you can have some time to explore before we hike/head up Mt John to see the views.

Stay at the Lake Tekapo Lakes Edge Lodge Backpackers – dinner (surprise).

Hopefully we will see the beautiful night sky.

We have booked a clear night to have a amazing view of the stars!

Day 2 – After breakfast we will head to New Zealand’s highest Mountain, Aoraki Mt Cook.

We’ll do the short Kea Point Walk before heading back down to Twizel and the Salmon farm for lunch.(own cost)

After lunch we’ll head back to Tekapo to relax in the hot pools (we may swap and do this on day 1.

We’ll discuss on the way).

Tonight is another home cooked dinner and then more stars to see if you go outside.

Day 3 - Return to Christchurch after a leisurely morning start. There will be some final free time in the village before we head back. We will stop in Geraldine for lunch then on to Peel Forest to see native bush and magnificent totara trees. We should have you back in chch for first drop offs from about 4pm

We are looking forward to seeing you soon

Georgi and Rira

¹ Plans may vary depending on weather and booking availability for activities