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LAKE TEKAPO & MT COOK SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS 8–10 APRIL 2026

2 night 3 day views and night sky blast to Lake Tekapo and Mt Cook

Do you want to experience stars, stars and even more stars in the dark sky plus see amazing views? Come join the Smylies team for a fun packed weekend to Lake Tekapo and Mt Cook. Leave Saturday morning and get back Monday evening.

The Trip*: Day 1— We will pick you up from school at 8.30 am and start traveling across the Canterbury Plains towards the great Southern Alps. We stop in Fairlie for lunch at the famous Fairlie Bakehouse which makes the best pies in New Zealand! Arrive in Tekapo early afternoon and hike up Mt John to enjoy the stunning views over Lake Tekapo. After that we will stop at the hot pools for a nice warm soak while admiring the views. Then you will join in with the cooking of a yummy meal. In the evening we will go and find a quiet spot to gaze at the stars.

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Day 2— Today we will head to the Hermitage and Mt Cook. There will be a short stop at the Lake Pukaki viewing point to look at Mt Cook from afar before driving to the Mt Cook Village itself. Once at the village we will do a short hike to Kea Point to see how glaciers have shaped the area and enjoy the dramatic landscape. After lunch we will head back toward Tekapo but we'll call in to the High Country Salmon Farm at Twizel first. Salmon sashimi anyone? Dinner is a special bento box dinner at the famous Kohan restaurant.

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Day 3—We will have a lazy start to the morning then some time in Tekapo village and the Church of the Good Shepherd before we head back north towards Geraldine for lunch and ice cream. Our last stop will be Peel Forrest where you can see the giant Totara trees that used to be a feature of much of Canterbury. Soon we will be back on the road to Christchurch where we plan to arrive around 4.00 pm .

Gear needed: warm clothing 2 days, good walking shoes, money for lunch & snacks and swimming gear for the hot pools.

Inclusions: 4WD bus transport from & to school, guiding, 2 x breakfast, 1 x lunch, 2 x dinner, 2 nights accommodation (exclusive dorm beds), hot pool entry

* We reserve the right to change accommodation between Tekapo and Twizel depending on bed availability.

**Get your friends together and join us.
We need a minimum of 10 people to run this tour**

WOW
Only \$495
**What a
trip!**

