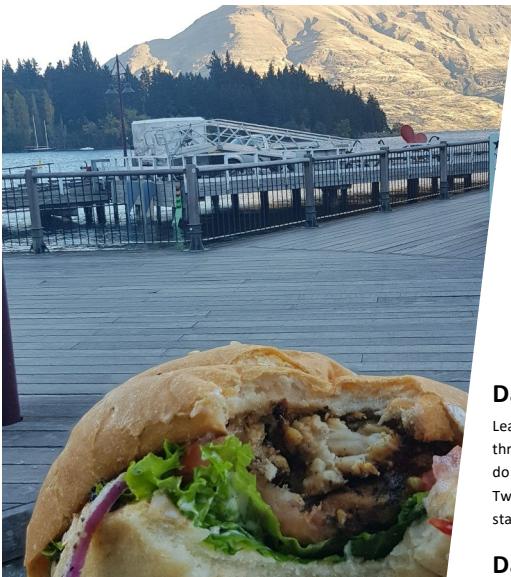


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Fun packed premium trip!

**Gondola & luge, Puzzling World included, Milford Sound cruise, Baldwin St.
Optional activities are zip line, jet boating, bungy, sky diving and shopping.**

Day 1 – 420km, 5.5 hours driving plus stops

Leave Christchurch early in the morning. Traveling across the Canterbury plains stopping briefly in Geraldine for morning tea and then heading through to Lake Tekapo for lunch and a visit the Church of the Good Shepherd. After lunch we head to New Zealand's highest mountain, Mt Cook to do the short Kea Point walk and explore the Department of Conservation visitor centre. When we've finished there, we will travel back down to Twizel where we will have a home cooked dinner and stay the night in dorm rooms. Hopefully we will have a clear night and be able to see the stars. [\(Church of the Good Shepherd, Mt Cook, Kea Point, stars\)](#) Stay at the High Country Lodge, Twizel

Day 2 – 220km, 3 hours driving plus stops

This morning we will have a leisurely start and drive down to Queenstown via Wanaka. We travel through Omarama, over the Lindis Pass, turning off at Tarras then arriving at Puzzling World, Wanaka. There is time to see the amazing illusions and try our luck at the maze before checking out Lake Wanaka and heading across the Crown Range to arrive in Queenstown for the night. There will be a famous Ferg Burger for dinner. [\(Salmon farm, Puzzling World, Lake Wanaka, Fergburger\)](#) Stay at the Haka House Lakefront, Queenstown

Day 3 – 80km, 1 hours driving plus stops

Today is our options day for some super fun activities. 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 three 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 Haka House Lakefront Queenstown

Day 4 – 200km, 3 hours driving plus stops

We can have a leisurely start before we 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. [\(Lake Te Anau, NZ native birds, relax\)](#) Stay at the Top 10 Te Anau

Day 5 – 250km, 4 hours driving, plus stops

Today we start driving at 10 am 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 Ellington Flat to imagine we're in the Lord of the Rings movie, Mirror Lakes and The Chasm. We will have some free time in the afternoon. There are options to go and see the glow worms or just chill out [\(Ellington Flats, Mirror Lakes, The Chasm, Milford Sound Cruise, Mitre Peak\)](#) Stay at the Top 10 Te Anau

Day 6 – 300km, 4 hours driving plus stops

It's an easy start today and our route will take us on an easy bus cruise to Dunedin stopping at Tunnel Beach if time permits. In Dunedin you will sense the Scottish history and feel the vibrancy of NZ's oldest university. Not only that, you will visit the world's steepest street! [\(Tunnel Beach, world's steepest street, famous railway station, Octagon, night view\)](#) Stay at the Leviathan in Dunedin

Day 7 - 350km, 5 hours driving plus stops

Today is an early start as we head back to Canterbury stopping at Moeraki Boulders to puzzle how such big rocks can be so round. From there we go to the historic town of Oamaru where we stop for lunch and look at the old quarter and see Steampunk. After lunch we will travel along the Canterbury Plains through Timaru and Ashburton before arriving back in Christchurch around 5:30 pm. [\(Steam punk, Moeraki boulders\)](#)

Includes: 6 nights dorm accommodation, 6 x dinner & breakfast, transport, guiding, Puzzling World, Gondola & 3 luge, Milford Sound cruise, Ferg Burger (original)

Please get a trip form from the international office and return it by 26th March. We need a minimum of 10 students to run this trip.

