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**HIGH COUNTRY DAY  
SMALL GROUP TOUR EXPLORING CASTLE HILL  
LAKE COLERIDGE AND RAKAIA GORGE**

**Remember the tv commercial “Don’t leave home until you’ve seen the country”?**

**Well this tour is guided by a knowledgeable local. All in the comfort of a modern 22 seater bus at a leisurely pace with a maximum of 14 passengers.**

**Day Trip – around 250km (3.5 hours scenic driving plus stops)**

Leave Christchurch at 9.00am. Traveling South West along the Canterbury plains through Darfield to the Pie capital of, NZ Sheffield. Share a pie or skip breakfast and have a whole one because they are yummy. After our stop we pop into Springfield to show you the giant Doughnut before heading up Porters Pass to Castle Hill where we will go for a walk and eat our packed lunch.

After lunch we will take the road less travelled (gravel back country road) to Lake Coleridge. We will take it slow in our 4wd bus so we don’t shake you up too much but the sights are worth it (remember that camera).

We will visit the lake and the intakes before heading to the Rakaia George to admire this mighty Rakaia river. To get us warmed up again we will stop in Hororata for a cuppa or mulled wine depending on your choice.

We will have you back at your starting point late in the afternoon between 4.00 and 5.00pm

(Key viewing stops—[Castle Hill](#), [Lake Coleridge](#), [Rakaia George](#))

**Tour cost :** \$75 per person. Min 4 pax, max 14 pax (cost of lunch not included)

Optional departure points in Christchurch, Rangiora, Lincoln or Rolleston (for groups larger we can supply additional vehicles)

**Walking required:** about 1.5 km at Castle hill (optional)

**Difficulty level :** “*easy*” Total driving time for the day 4 hrs. Some gravel road driving

**Bring:** suitable outdoor clothing, packed lunch (or buy something at the Sheffield Pie Shop)

**Sign up by phone: 0800-769 543 or email: [tour@smylies.co.nz](mailto:tour@smylies.co.nz)**

This tour is weather dependent so small changes to the itinerary may be made depending on the time of the year. We will update you before your tour starts of the conditions on the day.

**WOW!**  
**Only**  
**\$ 75**

