

# Explore THE SOUTH

## SOUTH ISLAND STUDENT TOUR 5<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

Explore New Zealand's Stunning South Island in Comfort and Style!

Join fellow students from around the world on an unforgettable journey through the spectacular South Island, led by our fun and knowledgeable Kiwi Tour Leaders. Discover the best of New Zealand's natural beauty, top attractions, and epic activities—all carefully curated for an amazing student experience.

Whether you're starting from the North or South Island, we'll take care of all your travel arrangements.

This is the ultimate adventure for like-minded students, don't miss out!

Included activities are listed in bold, e.g. **Skyline Gondola & Luge**.  
Optional activities are blue bold and italics, e.g. ***Dolphin Swim***.  
See the Activity Folder for more information.



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## **Day 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** **Home – Wellington (D)**

- Coach departs New Plymouth mid-morning heading south through Whanganui/Manwatu to Wellington collecting fellow students along the way.
- If departing from other locations your travel arrangements will be made for you, and you will be sent a personalised pre and post tour travel pack.
- Free time in Wellington city with a chance to visit **Te Papa**, New Zealand's National Museum.
- Tonight we head out for **Ten Pin Bowling & Pizza**.

**Accommodation: Haka House**

## **Day 2 – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** **Wellington – Kaikoura (B,D)**

- Early **ferry** over the Cook Strait to the spectacular South Island.
- Travel down the beautiful coast to Kaikoura and see seals along the way.
- Enjoy the views from the cliff tops on the **Peninsula Walkway**.
- Experience some of the famous Kaikoura marine life by choosing to do one of the following optional activities: – **Kayaking** or **Fishing**. (see activity folder for information).
- Soak in the pools at our great accommodation.

**Accommodation: Kaikoura Top 10 Holiday Park**

## **Day 3 – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** **Kaikoura – Christchurch (B,D)**

- Morning optional activities: **Dolphin Swim** or **Whale Watching**.
- Travel to **Christchurch**.
- Visit the fantastic **International Antarctic Centre**, an interactive, educational, fun and exciting experience!
- Swim and enjoy the facilities at our great campground.

**Accommodation: Tasman Holiday Park**



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## Day 4 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

### Christchurch – Tekapo (B,D)

- Visit the **Cookie Time factory shop** for some yummy treats
- Head to the picturesque Lake Tekapo and take a dip in the lake and visit **Tekapo Springs** to soak in the famous **hot pools**.

**Accommodation: Lakes Edge Holiday Park**

## Day 5 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

### Tekapo – Queenstown (B,D)

- Travel through **Lord of the Rings** country stopping at one of the most epic lakes of the South Island
- Arrive into **Queenstown** – The adventure capital of the world!
- Go up the **Gondola** for a bird's eye view of the region
- Enjoy five awesome **LUGE** rides
- Free time before heading to our accommodation for the next three nights.

**Accommodation: Queenstown Top 10 Holiday Park**

## Day 6 – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

### Queenstown (B,D)

- Today is a free day to enjoy the many optional activities and attractions Queenstown has to offer. Transport and booking assistance will be given from your tour guides (see activity folder).
- Enjoy some of the many great walks in the area, visit the shopping mall or simply relax on the beach and swim the day away.

**Accommodation: Queenstown Top 10 Holiday Park**



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### Day 7 – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Queenstown (B,D)



- The final free day to enjoy the many optional activities and attractions Queenstown has to offer. Transport and booking assistance will be given from your tour guides (see activity folder).
- Night in town at **Kingpin** for dinner, **Ten Pin Bowling & Arcade games**.

**Accommodation: Queenstown Top 10 Holiday Park**

### Day 8 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Queenstown – Franz Josef (B,D)



- Travel through to **Wanaka** and visit **Puzzling World**.
- Head towards the **Wild West Coast** stopping for amazing photo stops of lakes, waterfalls, and enjoy some great short walks.
- West Coast Beach exploring for Pounamu (Greenstone) and Dolphin spotting.
- After dinner take a delightful short walk which follows a stream through the rainforest to view **Glow Worms**.

**Accommodation: Rainforest Retreat**

### Day 9 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Franz Josef – Punakaiki (B,D)



- Wake up with amazing views of the Southern Alps with an optional activity of a **Scenic Flight** including snow landing on Franz Josef Glacier.
- Visit **West Coast Wildlife Centre** to see Kiwis.
- Stop at **Hokitika's Greenstone factories**.
- Visit the famous **Pancake Rocks** and **Blow Holes**.
- Toast marshmallows on the campfire at our seaside accommodation.

**Accommodation: Punakaiki Beach Camp**



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## **Day 10 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **Punakaiki – Kaiteriteri (B,D)**

- Wake up to the sound of waves with the optional short walk into the Paparoa National Park.
- Follow the mighty Buller River to the Buller Gorge Adventure and Heritage Park and experience New Zealand's longest **Swing Bridge** and ride the **High Speed Comet Line**.
- Arrive at stunning Kaiteriteri on the doorstep to the Able Tasman National Park.

**Accommodation: Kaiteriteri Lodge**

## **Day 11 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Abel Tasman National Park (B,D)**

- Spend the day exploring the area with optional activities such as *kayaking, canyoning or sailing*.
- Relax at Kaiteriteri Bay or take a walk or *water taxi* into the National Park and spend the day on secluded beaches and bays.
- Meet back and enjoy a final evening of fun and laughter with a **Final Night Bash** to celebrate a fantastic tour and new friends for life.

**Accommodation: Kaiteriteri Lodge**

## **Day 12 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Kaiteriteri – Wellington (B,D)**

- Off to Nelson Airport to say goodbye to those friends who are flying home.
- The rest of us will keep travelling north to Picton to catch the mid afternoon ferry back to Wellington.

**Accommodation: Brentwood Hotel**

## **Day 13 – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wellington – Home (B)**

- A relaxed start to the day before heading north towards New Plymouth dropping off fellow passengers as we go.



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### **Tour Cost Includes**

- Quality tour coach transport, **free wifi** included on board.
- Expert kiwi tour leaders/driver.
- Healthy breakfast every morning and delicious dinners.
- Fresh onboard fruit basket daily.
- Ferry transport.
- Sports equipment.
- 12 nights quality accommodation (shared cabins & dorms) with Wifi.

### **Included Activities:**

- Te Papa Museum – Seal colony visits – International Antarctic Centre – Cookie Time Factory – Tekapo Hot Pools – Glow worms – Epic short walks – Queenstown Gondola & 5 Luge rides – Kingpin Ten Pin Bowling & Arcade games – Puzzling World – Pancake Rocks & Blowholes – Buller Swing Bridge & Comet Zipline

### **Tour cost per person \$3250.00**

**(if joining the tour from Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu, Horowhenua, Wellington)**

- Transport to join tour will be organised for people joining from other regions for an additional cost.
- PLEASE NOTE: if flying home on day 12 (16 Jan.), the tour cost above includes \$200 toward the cost of your flight.

\$950.00 deposit due at time of booking.

Balance of tour payment due 5th December 2025



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## Terms & Conditions

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### Acceptance Of Terms & Conditions

If you have booked a tour with us and paid your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. Prior to the tour commencing the students and parents of students joining the tour will need to have signed a Weir Tours behavioural agreement. This agreement outlines expectations of student behaviours whilst on tour.

### Itineraries

The Itinerary for your tour package was correct at the date and time of printing however it is subject to change without notice. Your itinerary could change due to road or weather conditions, changes imposed by other tour operators or a range of other factors beyond our control. You agree that we have no liability to you for changes to your itinerary.

### Itinerary Variations

Weir Tours reserves the right to vary the itinerary with no additional charge or refund to you where circumstances beyond Weir Tours control make changes necessary (eg. cancellation of activities due to weather, breakdowns).

### Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing; however, Weir Tours NZ reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or increases in government or other levies.

### Price does not include

Transport including flights to and from the point of where you will be joining the tour if required.  
Personal expenses such as additional meals, beverages, optional activities, souvenirs, phone and laundry charges.

### Health & Fitness

All passengers are required to acknowledge they are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel and are not traveling contrary to any medical advice. By acknowledging their health and fitness to participate passengers are indemnifying us from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any lack of health and fitness.

### Permission Forms

You will need written permission from your natural parents to join the tour and to participate in optional activities. Your parents need to complete and submit the permission form before the start of the tour. This is a Weir Tour requirement to participate in the optional activities being offered.



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### Health & Safety Information including COVID-19

At Weir Tours NZ our first priority is your safety and enjoyment while you are travelling with us. While we have always maintained a high standard of cleaning on our coaches, due to Covid 19 we have increased the frequency of which we do this when we are traveling on tours to ensure your safety. Hand sanitiser will be provided, and we ask that you maintain government standards in terms of hygiene practices, this includes washing or sanitising hands frequently.

For the health and safety of all passengers and staff on tour, any passengers showing symptoms of illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard the coach unless they can provide a negative Covid-19 test result received within the past 24 hours.

Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their Tour Manager and may be required to visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To continue the tour the passenger must provide a negative Covid-19 test and be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger's own expense.

### Removal From Your Package Tour

For the wellbeing of all passengers on your packaged tour, Weir Tours reserve the right to remove you from the tour and cancel your booking with us if you breach any of your obligations under the terms provided that, except in the case of a serious breach (as determined by Weir Tours' representatives) we will give you notice of your breach and a reasonable opportunity (which will be no more than 24 hours) to remedy the breach before exercising our cancellation right. In the case of a serious breach, as per your student behavioural agreement with Weir Tours. Weir Tours have the right to exclude you from the tour and cancel your booking by immediate, verbal, or written notice to you. In the event of such cancellation, you will be responsible, at your cost, for arranging any accommodation or travel costs and other matters as required as a direct or indirect consequence of the cancellation. In the event of removal from a tour no refund will be given.

### Travel Insurance

Weir Bros strongly advises all passengers to purchase travel insurance when booking a tour. A comprehensive travel insurance policy gives peace of mind for unexpected issues or emergencies that may arise prior to or during a tour. Weir Tours cannot be held responsible for your failure to obtain Insurance which is appropriate, and we recommend you purchase your insurance at the time of, or soon after, booking your trip. Weir Tours will not be held liable for any costs incurred resulting from your failure to obtain adequate travel insurance.



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### Facebook/Photo Waiver

By agreeing to the Terms and Conditions, any photographs taken on tour by Weir Tours staff or provided to Weir Tours by you, including photographs with you in them, may be used by Weir Tours for promotion work and advertising, including website, Facebook and other media.

### Lost Property

Please ensure that your property is named and keep valuables on your person or locked away. Weir Tours reserve the right to dispose of any property that is left at the end of the tour, or returned to Weir Tours and not claimed within 2 months from completion of your tour.

### Personal Responsibility

Weir Tours and its representatives take all practicable steps to identify and minimise potential dangers for all participants on tour. However, to the extent permitted by law, Weir Tours, its staff, and management do not accept any liability for any accident or injury to you or your property.

Weir Tours reserve the right to withdraw you from an activity if, in our opinion you are likely to endanger yourself or others. Weir Tours also reserve the right to cancel any activity if we become concerned for any reason for your safety or that of any other person.

You must notify the Weir Tours Tour Manager or another representative of Weir Tours if you are concerned for your safety while on tour.

### Payments, Cancellations & Refunds

A deposit is required at the time of booking to confirm your seat. The balance of all payments must be received by Weir Tour NZ prior to or on the date specified for final payment. Payments are available to be made by Cash, Eftpos / Credit or Direct Debit via the account number supplied on the payment form. Please note if paying via credit card you will incur a fee of 3% on top of original price. Weir Tours NZ reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Weir Tours NZ also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date may be offered, or a full refund will be made available. Tour Prices exclude drinks, travel insurance or items of personal nature.

### Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee. The written cancellation must be signed by your host parent.

If after your booking has been made and you wished to cancel:

25–30 Days prior to tour commencement you will forfeit your deposit.

14–25 Days Prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 60% of the tour price (40% refund) plus any applicable supplier cancellation fees.

0–14 Days prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 100% of your tour price (No Refund)

There will be no refund on flight purchases under any circumstances.



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