

# Explore

## THE SOUTH

### SOUTH ISLAND

### STUDENT TOUR

**26TH SEPTEMBER - 8TH OCTOBER 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 – Saturday 26th SEPT.

### **Home – Wellington (D)**

- Coach departs New Plymouth early morning heading south towards 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 Wellington (021 223 5341)**

## Day 2 – Sunday 27th SEPT.

### **Wellington – Kaikoura (B,D)**

- Early sailing to the South Island & experience the magical **Marlborough Sounds.**
- Travelling down the coast to Kaikoura we get to enjoy the **Peninsula Walkway** taking in amazing views including a **seal colony.**
- Experience the famous Kaikoura marine life by choosing to do one of the following optional activities: **Kayaking or Fishing.** (see activity folder for more information)

Accommodation: **Dusky Lodge (03 319 5959)**

## Day 3 – Monday 28th SEPT.

### **Kaikoura – Christchurch (B,D)**

- Morning optional activities: **Dolphin Swim or Whale Watch.**
- Travelling south to Christchurch with free time to explore the CBD.

Accommodation: **Hotel Give (03 550 7005)**

## Day 4 – Tuesday 29th SEPT.

### **Christchurch – Tekapo (B,D)**

- Visit the award-winning **International Antarctic Centre**, an interactive, fun, educational & exciting experience.
- Head south into the Mackenzie Basin to the picturesque Lake Tekapo, then visit **Tekapo Springs** to soak in the famous **hot pools.**
- Free time to enjoy the lake and the beauty of your surroundings.

Accommodation: **Lakes Edge Holiday Park (03 680 6825)**



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## **Day 5 – Wednesday 30th SEPT.**

### **Tekapo – Queenstown (B,D)**

- Travel through **Lord of the Rings country** stopping at one of the most epic lakes of the South Island.
- Next is **Queenstown** – the Adventure Capital of the World!
- Ride the **Gondola** at *Skyline Queenstown* for a bird's eye view of the region and ride the **LUGE** five times!
- Head to our accommodation for the next three nights.

Accommodation: **Queenstown Top 10 (0800 462 267)**

## **Day 6 – Thursday 1st OCT.**

### **Queenstown (B,D)**

- Today is a free day to enjoy the many optional activities and attractions Queenstown has to offer (see activity folder). Transport and booking assistance will be given from your tour guides.
- Then it's a night in town at **Kingpin** an Entertainment Experience Like No Other.
- We have dinner and then time to enjoy bowling, arcade games, escape rooms, karaoke, laser tag, table tennis and virtual reality – there's something for everyone.

Accommodation: **Queenstown Top 10 (0800 462 267)**

## **Day 7 – Friday 2nd OCT.**

### **Queenstown (B,D)**

- Another free day to enjoy the many optional activities and attractions Queenstown has to offer. A great chance to hit the slopes!
- Enjoy some of the many great walks in the area, explore the Botanical Gardens visit the shopping district or simply relax in this beautiful alpine village.

Accommodation: **Queenstown Top 10 (0800 462 267)**

## **Day 8 – Saturday 3rd OCT.**

### **Queenstown – Franz Josef (B,D)**

- Travel to Wanaka and visit the fun & interactive **Puzzling World**.
- Head over to the **Wild West Coast** stopping for amazing photo stops of lakes, waterfalls & rivers, and enjoy some great short walks.

Accommodation: **Rainforest Retreat (03 752 0220)**



### Day 9 - Sunday 4th OCT.

#### **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 the **West Coast Wildlife Centre** help save the world's rarest Kiwi.
- Travelling along the Great Coast Road we visit the famous **Pancake Rocks & Blow Holes**.
- After dinner we'll toast marshmallows on a campfire at our seaside accommodation.

Accommodation: **Punakaiki Beach Camp (03 731 1894)**



### Day 10 - Monday 5th OCT.

#### **Punakaiki - Kaiteriteri (B,D)**

- Wake up to the sound of waves then travel up the scenic coast.
- Follow the mighty Buller River to the Buller Gorge Adventure & Heritage Park and experience New Zealand's longest **Swing Bridge** and ride the **High Speed Comet Line**.
- Experience New Zealand's most epic skydive at **Abel Tasman Skydive**, up to 18,000ft!
- Arrive at beautiful Kaiteriteri on the doorstep to the Abel Tasman National Park.

Accommodation: **Kaiteriteri Beach Lodge (03 5278281)**



### Day 11 - Tuesday 6th OCT.

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

- Spend the day exploring the **Abel Tasman National Park** with optional activities such as **kayaking, canyoning or sailing**.
- Walk or water taxi into the National Park and spend the day on secluded beaches and bays or simply relax at the beach, a true NZ iconic location.
- Meet back for a final evening of fun and laughter with a **Final Night Bash** to celebrate a fantastic tour and new friends for life.

Accommodation: **Kaiteriteri Beach Lodge (03 5278281)**



### Day 12 - Wednesday 7th OCT.

#### **Kaiteriteri - Wellington (B)**

- Off to Nelson Airport to say goodbye to our friends who are flying home today.
- We then keep travelling north to Picton to catch our ferry back to Wellington.

Accommodation: **Brentwood Hotel (04 920 0400)**



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## **Day 13 – Thursday 8th OCT.** **Wellington – Home (B)**

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

### **Tour Cost Includes**

- Quality coach transport, free wifi included on board.
- Experienced kiwi tour leaders & driver.
- Healthy breakfast every morning and delicious dinners everynight.
- Fresh onboard fruit basket daily ferry transport, sports equipment.
- 12 nights quality accommodation (hotels, cabins, dorms & lodges).

### **Activities:**

- **Te Papa Museum – Seal colony visit – 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.**

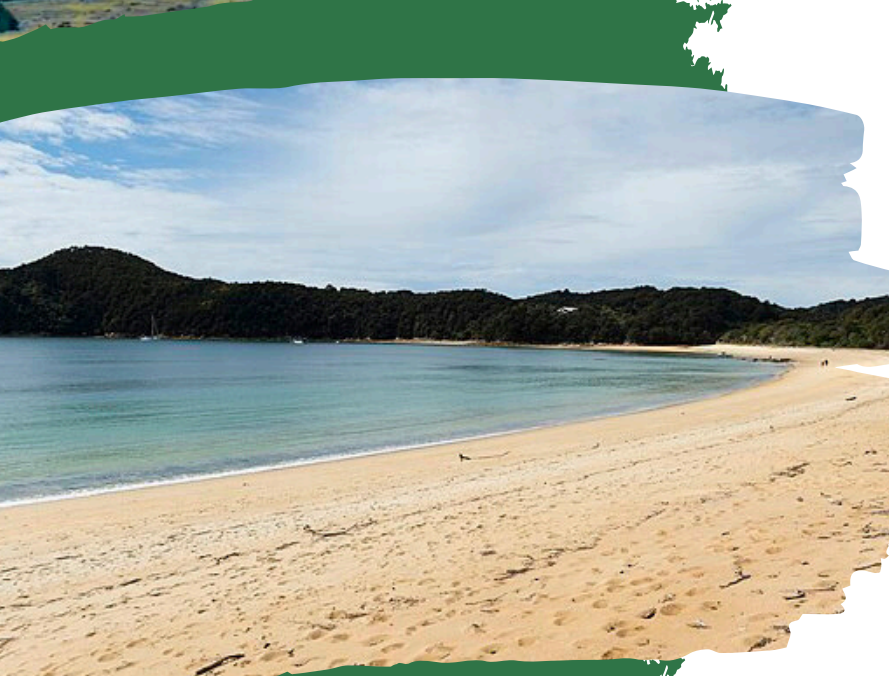
**Tour cost per person \$3495.00**

**(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 (7th Oct), the tour cost above includes \$100 toward the cost of your flight.

\$950.00 deposit due at time of booking.

Balance of tour payment due 20th August 2026.



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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.