

Top of the South Tour

Including 3 nights in sunny Nelson

15th—22nd October 2020



NELSON / TASMAN BAYS / MARLBOROUGH / BLENHEIM / KAIKOURA

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Day 1

Thur 15th October

Pickup day to Christchurch

Dinner

We are off on our adventure to experience some of the amazing sights and hospitality of the Nelson and Marlborough area. We start off the day by picking up our fellow passengers and making our way up the East Coast of the South Island. Your experienced driver and guide will look after you along the way. This is often one of the favourite days of the tour where we get to see where everyone lives and tiki tour round the back streets of some of these East Coast towns. We are spending our first night in Christchurch tonight and we will be dining at our hotel.



Day 2

Fri 16th October

To Nelson via Lewis Pass

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast, and a few more Christchurch members joining us, we will head out of town towards Nelson. This is quite a journey all the way to Nelson today, but we know you will enjoy having three full nights in Nelson to relax and see everything this sunny region has to offer. We will head over the Lewis pass, through Maruia Springs and Springs Junction until we get to Murchison. We will stop here for lunch and to stretch our legs before continuing on to Nelson in the afternoon. We will be dining at our hotel this evening.



Day 3

Sat 17th October

Markets & sight seeing

Breakfast & Dinner

Today we have a relaxed start to the day since we had a big day of travel yesterday. First up we will make our way to the famous Nelson Saturday market. No visit to Nelson would be complete without visiting this market. Have a look around town at your leisure, then after lunch we will head out to Founders Heritage park. Learn of the areas history via this very interesting interactive museum. They will also be holding their annual second hand book sale today, so you may be able to pick up a few bargains. Tonight we will be dining off-site to give us another opportunity to look around the Nelson waterfront area.



Day 4

Sun 18th October

Golden Bay Day

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We have another wonderful day of sightseeing planned today. We are going to get out of town and over the Takaka hill to see some lovely little areas on the way like Mapua, Motueka, Kaiteriteri and Takaka. This is all in the direction of the stunning Abel Tasman national park. We will stop and have a look at the amazingly clear Waikoropupu Springs and enjoy the views of Golden Bay as we head all the way to Collingwood where we will have lunch. This is always a highlight of this trip as often it's an area that people have always wanted to go. After a full day of sightseeing we will head back to our Nelson Hotel for a relaxing last meal and great sleep.



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Day 5**Mon 19th October****Mail Boat & Blenheim****Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After an amazing 3 nights in Nelson, we are off this morning via the Rai Valley until we reach Havelock at the head of Pelorus sound. Here we will board our amazing Mail Boat for our next adventure. We will be taking in the spectacular views of the Marlborough Sounds from the water today. This fully functioning mail boat gives you a really in depth look around the sounds, whilst still delivering mail and supplies to some of New Zealand's most remote and isolated homes. We will have a lovely picnic lunch, before returning to Havelock and our Coach which will deliver us safely to Blenheim. We will be dining at our hotel this evening.

**Day 6****Tue 20th October****Aviation Museum & Kaikoura****Breakfast & Dinner**

Another relaxed start today means we will have some time to do some sightseeing from the coach before we stop at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Museum. Here you will be able to attend the WW1 and WW2 exhibitions and have a look around this amazing facility at your own pace. After having some lunch in Blenheim we will set off again, with some amazing views of the wineries. You will then be able to see the amazing efforts to reinstate this coastal road after the Kaikoura earthquakes, and see the amount of seabed which is now raised up out of the water. Tonight we will be staying in Kaikoura and dining at our Hotel.

**Day 7****Wed 21st October****Whale Watch & Ashburton****Breakfast & Dinner**

We have an early start today so that we can go on the world famous Whale Watch Kaikoura. A true marvel of nature as we hopefully view these majestic creatures on our own personal tour. After our amazing morning we will have time for some lunch, before we head off down the East Coast on State Highway 1. This is the part of the highway that has had the most amazing engineering work done. We will head back down to Christchurch for some drop offs before we get a little further down the road for our last evening in Ashburton.

**Day 8****Thu 22nd October****Home****Breakfast**

Well the time has finally come to pack up our bags for the last time and board our coach. We will be travelling back down the East coast, dropping everyone off on the way. We hope you have enjoyed your Great Time Travelclub tour and hope to see you on board again soon.

INCLUSIONS

Fully Escorted by experienced and very popular local Driver plus our own Travelclub guide

7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners, 2 Lunch

Pick up and drop off from your door where possible

All attractions and entry fees

Cost Twin Share \$2,800 per person

Single (own room) \$3500 per person

Please note we can try to pair you up with another traveller of the same sex where available, but we can not promise this. Where there is no pair available, the Single price will need to be paid to continue with the tour. Although we like to cater for all abilities and mobility on our tours, you are required to climb the stairs into our coach un-aided and be able to walk short distances if required. Our driver and guide are always there and available to assist, however you are required to carry your own luggage to your room. We do require full payment 6 weeks prior to departure. We do however appreciate that sometimes unforeseen health or family issues arise so if your situation changes we will endeavour to get as much of a refund for you as possible. Should the government regulations change at any time due to Covid19 or we are required to go in to lockdown, a full refund of your tour will be given. If you feel sick or have a temperature leading up to the tour, or whilst on tour, please inform us straight away so actions can be taken to protect your and everyone's health and safety on the tour.

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