



Grand Pacific 11 Day Ultimate Warbirds Over Wanaka

See the South Islands most iconic attractions and stunning locations as well as enjoying front row seats to one of the best aeronautical exhibits around. Travel in a small group on the Ultimate coach, providing a Business Class level of comfort, service and quality without compromise. Enjoy the best of the South Island including a four night stay in Queenstown and attend the famous Warbirds Over Wanaka Airshow.

Starts in: Christchurch
Finishes in: Wellington
Length: 11days / 10nights
Accommodation: Hotel 4 star
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport
Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations
Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring
Included: Christchurch City Tour
Included: Cross the Cook Strait by ferry
plus much more...

Day 1



On arrival into Christchurch you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions and Local Host, who will join you for dinner and welcome you to New Zealand.

Staying in Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

- 5 Star Accommodation

Being in the hub of the city means you are within walking distance from shopping, activities and attractions. At Sudima Christchurch City you will find the rooms reflect the New Zealand landscape with tones and textures to create a relaxed atmosphere. The rooms have been tastefully decorated and offers guests comfort and space with a plush bed, beautiful luxury linen and a New Zealand based artists' work features on the headboard for you to enjoy as you relax.

Day 2



Enjoy a city sights tour of Christchurch, followed by a 'behind the scenes' visit to the Air Force Museum of New Zealand. Here you will witness restoration projects in progress and have a rare chance to climb inside a Bristol Freighter aircraft. Continue south to Oamaru, renowned for its stunning limestone architecture, before arriving in the charming city of Dunedin.

Staying in Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel

- 4.5 Star Accommodation

2024 Travellers Choice Winner and ranked in the top 20 of all hotels in NZ on TripAdvisor. The Distinction Dunedin Hotel is elegant, luxurious and located in the rejuvenated and vibrant Warehouse Precinct in the heart of the city. The ideal combination of style and functionality. These air-conditioned Dunedin Studios offer a cloud-like super king bed and modern ensuite bathroom with a luxurious dual fixture walk-in rain shower plus complimentary Distinction toiletries.

Day 3



Begin your day with a city tour of Dunedin, showcasing its remarkable architecture, including the iconic Dunedin Railway Station. Travel along the beautiful Otago Harbour viewing many scenic highlights. At Larnach Castle, enjoy a guided tour that delves into its tragic and scandalous history. Explore the castle's Garden of International Significance before indulging in a delightful High Tea. Depart Dunedin and journey through the Central Otago region, renowned for its vineyards and wineries. Continue to Arrowtown, a historic goldmining village. A visit to the Lakes District Museum, will transport you back to the mining era of the late 1800s through its stories and exhibits. Continue to Queenstown, a year-

round resort, nestled on the shores of the magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine at one of the many fine restaurants in town.

Staying in Hotel Rendezvous Heritage Queenstown (4 nights)

- 4 Star Plus Accommodation

Queenstown, New Zealand's mountain playground, is one of the great alpine regions of the world and the charming Rendezvous Heritage Queenstown Hotel calls this place home - the resort offers a hotel experience certain to leave you breathless.

Set on the scenic slopes of Ben Lomond Mountain, Rendezvous Heritage Hotel Queenstown offers an alpine charm. Crafted from centuries-old schist stone and cedar, this comfortable and sophisticated Queenstown hotel is the perfect place to relax.

Unwind in a room where timeless charm meets contemporary comfort with all the essentials thoughtfully considered making every stay feel effortlessly relaxed.

Day 4



Today you have the choice of either a free day in Queenstown or travelling to Wanaka for the opening day of the Warbirds Over Wanaka Airshow. No flying will occur today, however there may be some practice happening overhead. On the ground check out the static displays which include classic cars and Warhorses (military vehicles), sport aircraft and aviation trade stands. This is also the opportunity to taste wine and food from the Central Otago region.

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Day 5



Travel to Wanaka over the next two days where Wanaka Airport will become your home as you are entertained by the world's best display pilots flying aircraft overhead. Your ticket will gain you access to the Gold Pass Enclosure. Enjoy the ultimate in Airshow luxury as you will be situated on the flight line with grandstand seating and a plush marquee where you can relax in comfort and watch the show from the best seats in the house.

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Day 6



On the final day, all eyes will be in the air as you watch some of the world's most iconic Warbird aircraft plus modern military machines, aerobatics, sport aircraft and so much more. The aerial action is backed by world-class pyrotechnics when the Airfield is defended by the fighters from an attack by enemy aircraft. The show culminates in a massed Fighter flypast, a sight not to be missed!

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Day 7



Depart Queenstown and continue via the Haast Pass to the West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Franz Josef. Time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers before arriving at your hotel.

Staying in Hotel Legacy Te Waonui Hotel, Franz Josef

- 5 Star Accommodation

Legacy Te Waonui Hotel, Franz Josef is truly luxurious and can be found in an area of native rainforest which has been carefully preserved. All the guest room balconies look out into the rainforest, which contains mature trees up to 20m high. Guests get a real sense of seclusion and privacy during their stay. Lavishly appointed guest rooms, generously proportioned and featuring the highest standard of room amenities, such as your own personal pillow menu, natural wool mattress underlay and high-speed Internet access.

Day 8



Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue to Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains. On arrival into the elegant city of Christchurch, your Ultimate Coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

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Day 9



Begin your day with a visit to the International Antarctic Centre, where you will embark on a fascinating journey through modern day Antarctica. Experience the thrill of an Antarctic storm, embark on an off-road adventure in a Hagglund vehicle, befriend a husky and mingle with the penguins. Depart Christchurch and travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikōura.

Staying in Hotel Sudima Kaikōura

- 5 Star Accommodation

The Kaikōura District has the most breath-taking scenery in the country with a stunning coastline, a dramatic peninsula and some of the South Island's highest mountains. With its superb location on the shoreline, Sudima Kaikōura is a short walk from the town's centre. This state-of-the-art new waterfront hotel has outstanding facilities. As always, you can expect that special Sudima service. They take care of the little things, so you're all ready for a big day – of sightseeing.

Day 10



Travel north to Blenheim and visit the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, home to one of the largest private collections of WW1 Aircraft, brought to life in sets created by the internationally acclaimed WingNut Films and Weta Workshop. Continue to Picton, where you will board your Cook Strait Ferry and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Wellington. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with

your newfound friends.

Staying in Hotel InterContinental Wellington

- 5 Star Accommodation

Adjacent to Wellington's waterfront, InterContinental Wellington is the most centrally located and experienced global five-star hotel in New Zealand's capital city. It is the seamless and personal service of the team that makes your Wellington accommodation and travel experience truly memorable. In your room you will enjoy an enriching stay featuring walk-in showers, with handheld and rain shower heads, digital lighting controls and much more. Feel rejuvenated in the morning after a tranquil night's sleep on your king bed inspired to uncover the New Zealand capital.

Day 11



Kia ora. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Small Group Escorted Tour
Starts:	Christchurch
Finishes:	Wellington
Tour length:	11
Accommodation:	Hotel 4 star
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary