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Action Tours presents

The South Island Experience

13 days / 12 nights

23 Dec 2026 - 4 Jan 2027

only

$2595

(pay only $2545 - see below)

Itinerary

Auckland
Tongariro National Park
Wellington
Picton
Blenheim
Kaikoura (Christmas)
Christchurch
Lake Tekapo
Mount Cook Lookout
Queenstown (New Year's Fireworks)
Milford Sound (additional cost)
Wanaka
Franz Josef Glacier
Greymouth
Westport
Punakaiki Pancake Rocks
Buller Gorge
Wellington
Taupo
Auckland



Price includes:

All transport
Ferry crossings (return)
Shared backpacker accommodation
11 x breakfast
Scenic lookout points
Beaches/waterfalls/lakes
Bush walks
Seal colony
Franz Josef visit
Popular photo spots
Lots of Lord of The Rings scenery
Many sightseeing activities
Glass of sparkling wine on New Year's Eve
Christmas Party

SPECIAL DISCOUNT : Get $50 off the trip price and save $$$$$$$

WHEN YOU : Pay $500 (non refundable) deposit by 20 November 2026
FINAL PAYMENT : 4 December 2026
HOW TO BOOK : See reception or phone or txt Zane on 021-364346
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SOUTH ISLAND EXPERIENCE

13 DAY TOUR 23 Dec - 4 Jan 2027

Dec 23 - Auckland - Wellington
Travel south through the dairy region of Waikato and the central North Island, passing through Tongariro National Park. Get views of Ruapehu, the highest mountain in the North Island. On to Wellington, the capital of New Zealand. Get spectacular views of the city and harbour from the top of Mt. Victoria. Evening free to explore the city. Stay in Wellington

Dec 24 – Free day in Wellington
Explore Wellington City. Visit Te Papa Museum (free), the Beehive (government house), the Botanical gardens, ride the cable car and/or take a walk along the wonderful harbour and discover Wellington's best cafes on the waterfront. Go out for dinner at one of many great restaurants offering delicious food. Stay in Wellington

Dec 25 – Wellington – Kaikoura
Take the scenic ferry crossing to the South Island across Cook Strait, arriving in Picton for lunch. After lunch we drive through the wine country of Marlborough and down the scenic east coast with lovely coastal views before finally reaching Kaikoura. Time to explore and check out the seal colony. Optional activities include swimming with dolphins and whale watching. Free time in the late afternoon to explore the city and sights. Cook dinner with your friends or eat out in a restaurant. Stay in Kaikoura

Dec 26 – Kaikoura - Christchurch
Early morning start for a drive down the east coast to Christchurch where we stop for lunch. More stunning coastal views and sheep farming country. Free afternoon to explore the city. Stroll through the famous botanical gardens, take a tram ride or visit the earthquake museum. Even take a bus out to the beach if the weather permits. Stay in Christchurch

Dec 27 – Christchurch – Tekapo
Today we continue south on the flat Canterbury plains before heading inland through more sheep country to the dry Mackenzie Basin. At Tekapo, take a walk to the Church of the Good Shepherd overlooking Tekapo's scenic lake. In the evening check out the night sky, one of NZ's best places to see the Milky Way and the Southern Cross. Star gazing at its best. Stay in Tekapo

Dec 28 –Tekapo -Queenstown
After breakfast our journey today takes us to Queenstown passing through the arid Mackenzie Country via the Lindis Pass. Visit a salmon farm and buy some fresh fish to cook for dinner. Before we arrive in Queenstown, we will stop at Cromwell where you can buy fresh fruit, nuts and cherries that grow in this area. Stay in Queenstown.

Dec 29 – Free day in Queenstown
Today is a chance to do those exciting optional activities you have been planning; bungy jumping, jet boating, skydiving, paragliding, white-water rafting etc. Soak up the wonderful atmosphere of this adventure capital of the world. Try the gondola ride up the mountain overlooking Queenstown for spectacular night views. Explore Queenstown's famous night life. Stay in Queenstown

Dec 30 – Free day in Queenstown
Optional trip to Arrowtown or spend more time enjoying Queenstown. Stay in Queenstown

Dec 31 – Milford Sound day tour (optional activity)
Take a day tour to Milford Sound on a bus, passing through high mountains with amazing waterfalls (on wet days) and through the Homer Tunnel, one of the oldest road tunnels in NZ, carved out of solid rock. Take a scenic boat cruise to the sea passing under, NZ's most famous landmark, Mitre Peak. See seals and if you are lucky, dolphins. A trip well worth the extra money. Alternatively, stay another day in Queenstown , exploring the town some more. In the evening, we see in the new year with a glass of sparkling wine as we watch the fireworks display over Lake Wakatipu. Stay in Queenstown

Jan 1 – Queenstown - Franz Josef
Today we pass through Wanaka with it's beautiful blue coloured lake before heading over the Southern Alps (Haast Pass) to the wild West Coast and onto Franz Josef through dense native forest of South Westland with the occasional sea views. End the day with a walk up an old glacial valley to see the impressive Franz Josef Glacier. Stay in Franz Josef

Jan 2 – Franz Josef - Westport
Travel up the scenic West Coast with amazing sea views. Lunch in Hokitika, the home of our famous Greenstone.Visit the famous Pancake Rocks and end the day with a visit to the seal colony to see seals in their natural habitat at Cape Foulwind. Stay at Westport

Jan 3 – Westport - Wellington
Travel into the mountains along the Buller Gorge, where gold was discovered in the 1850's and onto Marlborough, the home of rich wine country. In the afternoon we arrive in Picton before taking the ferry across Cook Strait to Wellington. Stay in Wellington

Jan 4 – Wellington - Auckland
Travel up the centre of the North Island passing the biggest lake of New Zealand, Lake Taupo. A stop for lunch before heading back to Auckland having completed an unforgettable 13 day tour of New Zealand.

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