
9 DAY ACCOMMODATION & PACKAGE

Over the years, we have had many enquiries from people hoping to see ALL the locations possible on their trip to New Zealand. As many locations are on private land, this is the recommended way to see the most locations in the South Island of New Zealand. Dependant on your time in New Zealand, you can pick and choose from these suggestions.

You can self drive between the tours and accommodations or else good public transport services are available.

DAY 1 – Arrive in Christchurch

Check in to The Classic Villa B&B located near the centre. We suggest a ride on the tram.

DAY 2 - Christchurch

Join the popular Lord of the Rings Journey to Edoras tour. Journey to the remote and beautiful Mt Potts high country station, home of Mt Sunday, this peaceful mountain was transformed into Edoras, the capital city of the Rohan people in the LOTR trilogy. This tour includes exciting 4WD adventure through several rivers, a champagne picnic lunch, informative and entertaining commentary from local Kiwi guides and spectacular scenery you will never forget!

DAY 3 - Christchurch - Wanaka

Drive down the Inland Scenic Route. Your journey will take you across the fertile, dry plains of Canterbury passing sheep and dairy farms on the way before starting a lazy climb into the arid interior of the island. It is in this semi desert environment that the Southern Alps of New Zealand rise from the alpine plateau and climb over 3000m (9000ft) - pretty much straight up, making them the steepest mountains in the world. It is amongst these multitude of peaks that several of the snow shots were filmed for The Fellowship of the Ring. Continue your drive south. One hour away is the Pelannor fields. Only a short drive from Twizel is the location for Gondor, the White Mountains and the Entwash, where 8 scenes from the Return of the King were filmed during 30 days of intensive filming in 2000. Here the largest battle scenes in Peter Jackson's trilogy were filmed with up to 1500 people involved in the largest day of filming. This location is on private land and only Discovery Tours has daily access to this site by invitation from the land owners. Your knowledgeable and friendly guides will also give information about other fascinating facts about the area. After your tour continue your drive south to the beautiful mountain lake resort of Wanaka. Here you will find Barliman's - New Zealand's only Hobbit style accommodation. Minaret Lodge is a 5 star luxury lodge close to the lake set in 2 acres of parkland. Your hosts have converted one of their chalets into a fine Bree experience. After climbing out of your huge bed (maybe you'll need a step ladder!), awaken your stomach with 1st breakfast before heading off to the main lodge for 2nd breakfast. Even get to taste Lembas bread for real! Stay here two nights.

DAY 4 - Wanaka

Early breakfast in your room
Second breakfast in the lodge.
Experience the braided and ever-changing Matukituki River. Fed by glaciers and surrounded by the peaks of Mount Aspiring national Park, the Matukituki river is one of New Zealand's most powerful and pristine jet boating rivers.

Wanaka River Journeys travel this fast flowing river through Lord of the Rings Hobbit locations, watched over by Avalanche Glacier and Tititea (Mount Aspiring). Along the way, your guide will share with you stories of the past, of how these ancient lands were carved by ice and of the first people to come here.

Depart from the lodge by shuttle and embark on the first leg of your trip, a 20 minute drive around the shores of Lake Wanaka to the Matukituki River.

The jet boat base is beneath the West Wanaka Bridge at the entrance to a spectacular gorge. Here you will meet your guide and board the jet boat for a safety briefing before beginning your River Journey. First you will head downstream to Lake Wanaka for spectacular views including Mou Tapu Island before re-entering the Matukituki River to jet boat upstream toward Mount Aspiring National Park, part of Te Wahipounamu, Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area.

Shallow water jet boating at its best, your highly skilled driver will enable you to experience the exhilaration of speed in just centimeters of water and spinning turns in deep pools. During several photo stops you will learn of the early pioneers and hear stories of the natural forces that created this amazing landscape.

At the top of the River disembark the jet boat for a 40 min wilderness walk through native forest alongside a mountain stream to a waterfall.

Afternoon at leisure . We suggest a visit to Puzzling World , visit their illusion room - feel the size of a hobbit! You could also visit the Fighter Pilots Museum whose curator is Ian Brodie who wrote the Lord of the Rings Location guide books.

Day 5 - Wanaka - Te Anau

Further south still for another hours drive and Queenstown will spread beneath you as you descend from New Zealand's highest alpine pass. Keep heading south and drive for two hours to Te Anau. In a quiet part of this lovely little lakeside town, you will find Von House B&B. Enjoy real southern hospitality while you visit Milford and/or Doubtful Sounds. The owner of this lovely establishment also worked on the LOTR filming and offers guiding services to seldom visited and beautiful LOTR locations in the area.

DAY 6 - Te Anau

The opportunity today to visit the majestic Doubtful or Milford Sounds (if you wish to visit both an extra night in Te Anau is recommended)

DAY 7 - Te Anau - Queenstown

Your B&B host will accompany you Fangorn Forest and Nen Hithoel (Mavora Lakes). Continue by car to Queenstown this afternoon. Sample it's adventurous nature and good foods and wines. Accommodation : Queenstown House Boutique Hotel

DAY 8 - Trails of Middle-earth

During the day we will whisk you away for a total Middle-earth experience.

As one of the first LOTR companies in New Zealand, we have amassed a wonderful selection of locations, site and scenes to bring the fantasy movies to life. No other tour can offer you what you will find on this tour. Some tour highlights:-

- Some of the finest scenery in the world NZ\$15,000 worth of weapons and costume items for you to handle and photograph.
- A marvellous lunch served in a restaurant with views over the stunning Remarkables mountain range that featured heavily in the trilogy.
- View and handle some "top secret" items from the making of the movies.
- Entertaining and knowledgeable guides who have a passion for the books and movies and can discuss as much detail as you like
- Traveling in small groups for a personal and interactive experience
- A full commentary on the areas travelled through as well as all the LOTR and Hobbit gossip and stories you want to hear
- Take that one small step on a great adventure and let your fantasies take flight as you experience the reality of Middle-earth right here in Godzone - God's own.

DAY 9 - Queenstown

This morning take the Glenorchy Tour. A half day 4WD tour up into the spectacular Mt Aspiring National Park. An area of great natural beauty. Amongst these towering peaks and bush clad slopes lie several locations from the LOTR trilogy and also Narnia in the Spring. Your guides love this area and can tell you about it's history and involvement in the film industry. Your trip to Middle-Earth is now over and you are free to go in any direction -west to the World Heritage Park that is the West Coast, East to Dunedin, a beautiful old university town wrapped around a picturesque harbour, allow 4.5 hrs drive; or North, back to Christchurch. Alternatively you can fly out of Queenstown to connect to your onward destination.

Cost per person:

Share double / twin:

Nov 14 - Mar 15 : \$2560

Apr 15 - Oct 15 : \$2495

Nov 15 - Mar 16 : \$2595

Single room supplement : \$1344

Cost Includes: Accommodation for 8 nights including breakfast daily, Edoras Day Tour including lunch, Pelannor Fields Tour, Wanaka River Journeys Jet boat tour, Trails of Middle Earth Tour including lunch, Fangorn Forest/Mavora Lakes Tour, Glenorchy Tour, GST (taxes).

Cost Does Not Include: Rental car or connecting transport by coach or shuttle, meals other than those stated above , tours not mentioned above. Should connecting coach shuttles be required between Christchurch-Twizel-Wanaka-Te Anau - Queenstown a surcharge of \$190 per person applies.

NB. Should you wish to vary the number of nights in any location , please advise, and we will be pleased to assist with a revised quotation.