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TRAVEL PLAN

Dear Traveler

Greetings from ALifetimeTrip

Thank you for choosing us for your travel needs.

Please find herewith all the relevant details (Itinerary, Accommodation) for your trip to New Zealand Group Tour - 7 Oct 2022. Kindly take a moment to review these.

The travel plan is totally customizable. Please reach your tour planner and ask for changes that you would like to incorporate in your vacation.

We value your business and look forward to assist you.

Detailed Itinerary

Tour Itinerary: Christchurch(1N)-Lake Tekapo(1N)-Mt Cook Village(1N)-Queenstown(4N)-Franz Josef(1N)-Punakaiki(1N)-Christchurch(1N)

Day 1: Arrival at Christchurch

Upon arrival at Christchurch International Airport, post the immigration & baggage; we shall pickup our rental vehicle and proceed towards hotel. It's a long-long flight from India. Our bodies are tired & weary; screaming for rest & that's exactly what we are going to do; but before that let's all say in one tone - Welcome to New Zealand.

Day 2: Sights of Christchurch & Over to Lake Tekapo

After breakfast, explore the sights of Christchurch. Drive to Cathedral Square & pass by the River Avon. Discover the city's largest urban space at Hagley Park and explore the boutique stores of New Regent Street, New Zealand's 'Most Beautiful Street'. Later after lunch, drive towards Lake Tekapo, about three hours south-west of Christchurch in the Mackenzie Basin. The township faces north across the remarkable turquoise coloured lake to the mountainous drama of the Southern Alps. Lake Tekapo gets its intense milky-turquoise colour from the fine rock-flour (ground by glaciers) which is suspended in the water. Lake Tekapo is in the Dark Sky Reserve & is one of the darkest areas on Planet Earth.

Day 3: Lake Tekapo to Aoraki/Mount Cook

After breakfast, explore the shimmering Lake under the bright blue skies & drive ahead towards Mount Cook passing by another beautiful lake 'Lake Pukaki'. Aoraki Mount Cook National Park is home of the highest mountains and the longest glaciers. It is Alpine in the purest sense - with skyscraping peaks, glaciers and permanent snow fields, all set under a star-studded sky. Mt Cook, the tallest mountain in New Zealand, helped Sir Edmund Hillary to develop his climbing skills in preparation for the conquest of Mt Everest.

Day 4: Aoraki/Mount Cook to Queenstown

After breakfast, enjoy the awe-inspiring landscapes of the Southern Alps/K? Tiritiri o te Moana on one of the best day hikes - wind up the Hooker Valley (4 Hours) past alpine streams and glaciers in the shadow of Aoraki/Mount Cook. From the first of three swing bridges along the way, enjoy the views over the Mueller Lake and listen for the rumbling of avalanches from the distant Mount Sefton. Try to spot them before they crash into the Mueller Glacier below. After crossing the Hooker River, the track goes between old moraine ridges and humps. From the second swing bridge, the vegetation changes to more open tussock and a wider valley floor. A third swing bridge leads to the East Hooker and the source of the Hooker River. The track ends with an amazing view over the iceberg-speckled Hooker Lake and up to majestic Aoraki/Mount Cook and the Southern Alps/K? Tiritiri o te Moana. Return on the same track, enjoying more views down valley and across to the Sealy Range. The best time to walk this stunning track is at dawn when you can view the first rays of the sun creeping over the Southern Alps, including over New Zealand's highest peak, Aoraki/Mount Cook. Early risers will be rewarded (so get up early and get going) with the serenity of sharing the track with only a handful of other walkers along its 10km length. Later, after lunch, proceed to Wanaka enjoying the scenic Lake Pukaki while on your way and further ahead to the City of adventurous dreams - Queenstown