

## summary

The following summary highlights the features included in your Black Sheep vacation.

### accommodation

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- Clean, comfortable modern accommodations with well-equipped, contemporary rooms.
- Double, twin, and single rooms with private baths, except in Fiordland where accommodation will be shared with fellow travelers.

### dining

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- Hearty cooked or continental breakfasts included each morning.
- Lunches are not included.
- Dinners are included on Days 1 and 7. Dining is a la carte.
- Snacks, fresh fruit, and beverages are carried in the tour vehicles.

### activities

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- Overnight cruise in Fiordland.
- Guided nature exploration of rare Hoiho penguins and Hooker's sea lions.
- Visit to the Otago Peninsula Albatross colony.
- Interpretive boat trip on the Tasman Glacier terminal lake.
- Hikes throughout the Mt Cook National Park.

Plus day hikes, bird watching, swimming, and much more!

We pride ourselves on the wide range of activities included in your tour package. We've chosen those that we feel will enhance your New Zealand experience. You can participate in as many or as few as you like. If you are unable to participate in an activity or there are weather restrictions, alternatives will be provided where possible.

### transportation

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- Airport transfers within New Zealand.
- All land transportation while on tour in comfortable, air-conditioned luxury tour vehicles.
- Various on-board amenities such as a reference library, binoculars, etc to enhance your enjoyment of the trip.

### support

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- Detailed pre-trip information, including passport and visa requirements, packing tips, and arrival details.
- Professional office staff to help you plan every aspect of your trip.

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## guiding

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- Experienced, trained Black Sheep guides who are experts in enriching your travel experience.
- Care for all of the mundane details, leaving you free to relax and have the time of your life.



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## itinerary

**Kinaki** – kinaki is the Māori word for relish, dressing or the sweetener on top. This word can also apply to the song that complements a traditional speech, providing a perfect finishing touch.

### queenstown & fiordland

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#### Day 1: Queenstown

Welcome to New Zealand. Your Southern Adventurer Kinaki tour starts in Queenstown this evening. Your guide will meet you for a tour orientation and then you will join the group for a fabulous evening dinner. You may choose to arrive in Queenstown earlier to self-explore this vibrant city, aptly described as the adrenaline capital of the world.

#### Day 2: Queenstown to Fiordland

This morning, we pack an overnight bag for our excursion to spectacular Fiordland National Park. The journey to the fiord is one of the most scenic on which you could hope to travel, and we stop and explore some of nature's wonders along the way. At the fiord, we board our vessel for the unique experience of an overnight stay. Very few see Fiordland in this way and it allows you maximum time to absorb its overwhelming beauty. We cruise toward the mouth of the fiord, passing alongside thundering waterfalls and fur seals basking on the rocks. From the mouth, we return to our refuge and anchor overnight in a sheltered cove.

### otago & southland

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#### Day 3: Fiordland to Dunedin & the Otago Peninsula

This morning, we wake to a hearty breakfast as we cruise back to land, rare witnesses to a Fiordland dawn. Our next destination is the city of Dunedin, a lively university town whose architecture and ambience hark back strongly to its Scottish roots, dubbing it the “Edinburgh of the South”. During the gold rush of the late 19th century, Dunedin was New Zealand’s largest city and the ostentatious wealth of that period is evident in the grand Victorian buildings that remain.

Our first stop is the most notorious of these, Larnach Castle. The folly of one of Dunedin’s forefathers, the ‘castle’ is perched on the highest point of the scenic Otago Peninsula, overlooking Dunedin city and the surrounding coast. A peaceful stroll through the manor’s manicured grounds provides a chance to unwind and appreciate the region’s beauty.

#### Day 4: Exploring the Peninsula

The Otago Peninsula is home to a remarkable number of rare sub-Antarctic animal species, including the yellow-eyed penguin, the Hooker’s sea lion, and the royal albatross. In fact, the peninsula has the only northern royal albatross colony in the world close to human habitat. We take advantage of this

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accessibility by spending the day in the company of local naturalists, exploring the wildlife here and hiking the labyrinth of trails that overlook the stunning coastline.

## mt cook

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### Day 5: Dunedin to Mt. Cook

We depart Dunedin in the morning for our journey to Mt. Cook, the highest mountain in New Zealand. We head north along the east coast of the South Island then turn inland following the Waitaki River, passing aquamarine, glacial waterways flowing from the magnificent Southern Alps. The alpine setting is spectacular and once settled into our lodging in Mt. Cook village, you will have the chance to investigate your surroundings.

### Day 6: Mt. Cook

Mt. Cook is home to the Tasman Glacier, the longest known glacier outside the arctic regions. This morning, we experience the glacier in a unique way. A short hike takes us to the terminal lake where we board small outboards for a trip to the glacier face. Our guides offer a wealth of knowledge as we pass alongside icebergs and watch chunks of ice calve off the glacier into the waters around us.

Hiking opportunities abound in this region and we spend the rest of the day exploring on foot, watching for unique alpine flora and fauna such as the large mountain buttercup, the Mt. Cook lily, and the mischievous mountain parrot, the kea. The evening allows us the chance to recount our adventures during a delicious meal at the lodge.

## christchurch

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### Day 7: Mt. Cook to Christchurch

We take a leisurely drive to Christchurch with scenic stops along the way, including the startlingly-blue Lake Tekapo and a lush native forest of stately podocarps. In Christchurch, our accommodation is in the heart of this elegant garden city. Tonight, a farewell dinner at one of Christchurch's many award-winning restaurants is our chance to reminisce about our trip and to revel in the friendships we've made.

### Day 8: Homeward Bound

On your final morning, depending on your flight schedule, you'll have time to relax and make final purchases before travelling home or to your next destination.