

NELSON COLLEGE **EDUCATIONAL GROUP TOUR**

LEARN ABOUT NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND (15 DAYS)

Day 1: 28/12/2020 Nelson – Wellington

Kia Ora! Good to have you aboard our Nelson College educational group tour! This morning we leave the sunny city of Nelson and make our way to New Zealand's coolest little capital Wellington! We will enjoy a beautiful ferry ride through the Marlborough Sounds with our destination being the North Island. You'll have the chance to find out firsthand why it is called "windy Welly" and can enjoy the city-vibe in this colorful and unique city.



Included:

- **Dinner**
- **Ferry ride across the Cook Strait**

Day 2: 29/12/2020 Wellington



Having settled in in the "coolest little capital in the world" – rated as such by Lonely Planet Travel Guides – you have time to explore the city. We'll take the famous Cable Car to get an amazing view of the city before strolling through the botanical garden. Then you'll have some time to visit some of Wellington's shops – after all, the town is very popular among Kiwis for its shopping – or take a stroll along the harbor and stop in one of Wellington's many excellent cafes. We will also visit the amazing national museum Te Papa Tongarewa where you'll learn about New Zealand's flora & fauna and about earthquakes and what makes New Zealand so special.

Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**
- **Te Papa Tongarewa**
- **Cable Car ride**

Optional Activities:

- **Lord of the Rings Movie Tour**
- **Weta Caves Workshop**

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Day 3: 30/12/2020 Wellington – Picton – Kaikoura



Today we'll leave New Zealand's capital behind and return to the South Island. We will make our way to New Zealand's whale-watching capital Kaikoura where you'll have the chance to learn all about the vast marine wildlife. The Maori name Kaikoura translates to "meal of crayfish" (Kai – food, koura – crayfish) so make sure you try some while exploring town. In the evening you can cool off in our hostels'

own pool or relax in their hot tub 😊.

Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**
- **Ferry ride across the Cook Strait**

Day 4: 31/12/2020 Kaikoura

Today we'll have a full day in Kaikoura to explore the little seaside town some more. You'll have heaps of opportunities to see the endemic New Zealand fur seals basking in the sun. Or do you prefer whales and you have always wanted to watch them from up close? Then book a Whale Watching Trip to get up close and personal with the world's largest toothed whales. And in the evening, we'll celebrate New Year's Eve together!



Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**

Optional Activities:

- **Wings Over Whales**
- **Dolphin watch or Swim**
- **Whale watching boat trip**

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Day 5: 01/01/2021 Kaikoura – Christchurch



We leave Kaikoura to continue our journey down south along the East Coast. We stop in Christchurch – our destination for the day. You have the opportunity to do some shopping in New Zealand's second-largest city and get an insight into this fascinating city, that has endured one of the biggest Earthquakes in New Zealand's history – see how it reshaped the city and visit the old cathedral.

Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**

Optional Activities:

- **Willowbank Wildlife Reserve**

Day 6: 02/01/2021 Christchurch

If you haven't had enough time for shopping yesterday – today is another chance for you to do just that! After you enjoyed some free time we will meet up and explore the Antarctic Centre together. Not only can you see penguins here, you'll also be able to experience Antarctic temperatures:



Their indoor polar room is chilled to -8 degrees Celsius and buffeted by a -18°Celsius wind chill machine. Every hour a chillingly realistic Antarctic storm blows through and you'll be happy to shelter in an ice cave!

After the Antarctic Storm you can also let your hand take the 'Polar Plunge Challenge' and experience icy cold Antarctic water (if you think you're cool enough).

Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**
- **International Antarctic Centre**

Optional Activities:

- **Willowbank Wildlife Reserve**

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Day 7: 03/01/2021 Christchurch – Tekapo

Today we drive to the picturesque, turquoise coloured Lake Tekapo. Once arrived we will go to the Tekapo Springs for some water play – with their inflatable 150-meter drop water slide its heaps of fun to cool off on a hot summer's day.

Dazzling by night, Lake Tekapo is the perfect spot for stargazing. Don't forget to take a picture with the famous Church of the Good Shepherd in the background. The stunning lake is understandably a popular theme for postcards.



Included:

- **Tekapo Springs Aqua Drop**
- **Breakfast and Dinner**

Optional Activities:

- **Stargazing**
- **Stargazing & Hotpools**

Day 8: 04/01/2021 Tekapo - Queenstown



Today is the day all you thrill-seekers and adrenalin-junkies have been longing for – we head off to the birthplace of bungy jumping! Queenstown is known as the adventure capital of New Zealand, if not the world.

Tonight, has a special treat in store for everyone. Before dinner we head

along to the 'Minus 5 Ice Bar' for a non-alcoholic cocktail. The bar is made completely of ice, even your cocktail glasses. But you do not have to freeze, you will be given warm clothes and gloves, so you can enjoy your experience in comfort and marvel at the great ice sculptures at the bar.

Included:

- **Admission to Minus 5 Ice Bar + mocktail**
- **Breakfast and Dinner**

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Day 9: 05/01/2021 Queenstown



Jump off a bridge, go skydiving or swing over a canyon – there's nothing you can't do (as long as you have permission from your parents of course).

For the more faint-hearted there are stunning cruises to Milford Sound that are sure to inspire. Those of you that do not book any of the extra adventure activities have a chance to explore Queenstown. We will go for walk into town, do some sightseeing and shopping, and we will take the Gondola up Bob's Peak to enjoy beautiful views of Lake

Wakatipu and ride the Luge.

Included:

- **Walks and group activities (e.g. frisbee golf)**
- **Breakfast and Dinner**
- **Gondola & Luge**

Optional Activities:

- **Skydiving**
- **Bungy jumping**
- **Shotover Jet boat**
- **Canyon Swing**
- **iFLY – Indoor skydiving**
- **Horseback riding**
- **Milford Sound or Doubtful Sound Cruise**

Day 10: 06/01/2021 Queenstown

Another full day in lovely Queenstown – another chance for you to test your bravery – may it be on one of the many thrill-seeker activities or with a visit to the fear factory – a haunted house that is always popular with our students! Or maybe you just want to stroll through the different little shops or play a game of rugby with your friends – today we have time for all of it!



Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**

Optional Activities:

- **Skydiving**
- **Bungy jumping**
- **Shotover Jet boat**
- **Canyon Swing**
- **iFLY – Indoor skydiving**

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- **Horseback riding**
- **Milford Sound or Doubtful Sound Cruise**

Day 11: 07/01/2021 Queenstown - Wanaka

Our journey today is only a short one. We will travel to Queenstown's little sister – Wanaka. A pretty town right at the shore of Lake Wanaka with probably the most photographed tree in the world – #thatwanakatree



Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**
- **Visit the Wanaka tree**

Optional Activities:

- **Skydiving**
- **Realm VR – Virtual Reality Adventure**

Day 12: 08/01/2021 Wanaka



Today, we will bend our brains and spend some time at Puzzling World, and you'll learn that you can't always trust your eyes. Since 1973 Puzzling World has been messing with people's heads no matter what age, nationality or experience. With a mix of bizarre buildings, rooms of illusion and the world-famous Great Maze this attraction is designed to baffle your brain and challenge your perceptions of reality.

Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**
- **Puzzling World**

Optional Activities:

- **Skydiving**
- **Realm VR – Virtual Reality Adventure**

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Day 13: 09/01/2021 Wanaka – Franz Josef

We'll be heading to the wild West Coast through the Haast Pass. In the afternoon we reach one of the world's most accessible glaciers, the Franz Josef Glacier. Franz Josef Glacier was named after the Austrian emperor Franz Josef and is one of only three glaciers worldwide that borders a rain forest. And tonight, we will relax in our cosy hostel, play some pool and might go for a little walk to find some glow worms.



Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**
- **Glow worm walk**

Optional Activities:

- **Glacier Helicopter Flight**

Day 14: 10/01/2021 Franz Josef - Westport



This morning, you'll have the chance to fly up to the Glacier by helicopter – either for just a few minutes to enjoy the view – or if you feel adventurous, for a two hour hike on the glacier to see all those beautiful ice formations and blue ice. For those, that don't want to do this, it's a bit of a sleep-in today before we travel up north to Westport. On our way, we will stop at the famous Pancake Rocks in Punakaiki.

Included:

- **Breakfast and Dinner**

Optional Activities:

- **Glacier Helicopter flight**
- **Glacier Heli-Hike**

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Day 15: 11/01/2021 Westport - Nelson



Today we will complete our round-trip of the South Island and travel back to sunny Nelson. But before we set off you can take a surf lesson or go Stand Up Paddle boarding in the morning.

We hope you had a lovely time exploring the South Island and all its wonders with us!

Included:

- **Breakfast**

Optional Activities:

- **Surfing lesson**
- **Stand Up Paddle boarding**

Contact Details:

Send an email to the NZdirect team at tours@nzdirect.co.nz

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