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Celebrate a

NEW ZEALAND SOUTH CHRISTMAS

**DEPART 17 DECEMBER 2026
11 DAYS - 10 NIGHTS**

INCLUDES

- ✓ Small group touring - Maximum of 20 guests
- ✓ Private single rooms in Luxury[^] accommodation - no single supplement
- ✓ Most Meals
- ✓ Transfers* & must-see sightseeing as per itinerary
- ✓ Solo Connections Tour Host
- ✓ Local Driver & Tour Manager
- ✓ Complimentary backpack, travel wallet, fully printed documents and a memento Photo Book*

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sheep Farm & Winery Tours
- Christchurch City
- Botanic Gardens
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- International Antarctic Centre
- Festive Christmas Lunch
- Award winning dining experiences
- Skyline Gondola
- Stratosfare Dinner and so much more!

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**^Terms & Conditions Apply. Prices are correct as at 30 March 2026, in Australian dollars and are per person, based on single room sole use occupancy. Airfares not included. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Return airport transfers on the first and last day are scheduled at set times to align with the tour host's flights. Transfers outside these times can be arranged at an additional cost. A complimentary memento photo book will be provided to guests who consent to and participate in group photography during the tour. ^Luxury accommodation is considered 4-5 star hotels. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Solo Connections tours are fully hosted, unique small group tours designed specifically for solo travellers over 50... Together we travel!

Day 1, Arrive Christchurch (D)

Welcome to Christchurch! On arrival at Christchurch Airport, we will be met by our local guide and transferred to our hotel. After checking in and a quick freshen up, we'll meet for a welcome dinner this evening. Accommodation: Crown Plaza Christchurch – 4.5 star - or similar (6 nights)

**Please do not book any flights prior to speaking with Solo Connections or your travel agent. There will only be one group arrival & departure transfer provided, in conjunction with our Tour host flight times.*

Day 2, Christchurch (B-L-D)

Journey to Waipara Valley and experience Glenafric Farm, a coastal sheep and cattle farm supporting three generations. Witness sheep shearing demonstrations, interact with skilled farm dogs, explore the vintage tractor collection, and learn about the farm's fascinating geology. We enjoy a guided tour of the farm in comfort while soaking in breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. Relish a locally sourced grazing platter while taking in stunning views from "Louise's Lookout." Enjoy tastings of the award-winning wines at Waipara Valley winery. This evening, we will come together for dinner.

Day 3, Christchurch (B-L)

Explore Christchurch's inner city while learning about its history, the 2011 earthquake, and ongoing rebuild. Visit Mona Vale's historic homestead and gardens, then enjoy panoramic views from the Sign of the Takahe. Travel through the Port Hills past Lyttelton Harbour, Governors Bay, and the Port of Lyttelton, through the harbour tunnel to Sumner and Cave Rock, before returning to the city centre Botanic Gardens. Take in the natural beauty of the Botanic Gardens in comfort with a guided tour on board an eco-friendly electric shuttle. Lunch at Curators House, Christchurch Botanic Gardens. After lunch we make our way back for an afternoon of relaxation and leisure. Dinner tonight is at our own expense. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone who would like company for dinner.

Day 4, TransAlpine Journey (B-L)

After an early breakfast, we will transfer to the Christchurch railway station. Here we will check in and board the TranzAlpine in Scenic plus Class for a full day return rail journey from Christchurch to Greymouth on the West Coast. Scenic Plus Class offers a premium onboard dining experience on the TranzAlpine journey, allowing us to enjoy the flavours of the region while taking in the passing scenery. The service includes an all-inclusive food and beverage experience with a regionally inspired "paddock to plate" menu, paired drinks, and barista coffee. We will enjoy travelling in a dedicated Scenic Plus carriage with panoramic windows, comfortable seating, and access to an open-air viewing carriage, along with priority check-in, boarding, and attentive personal service throughout the journey. Ranked amongst the best train journeys in the world, the TranzAlpine route is truly stunning. Cutting through the mountainous spine of New Zealand's South Island, the railway weaves through cliff lined river gorges, over high mountain plains, over rivers and around pristine mountain lakes. Upon return, we settle in for an evening of relaxation and leisure. Dinner tonight is at our own expense. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone who would like company for dinner.

Day 5, Christchurch (B-D)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before a full day at leisure. Tonight, we will come together to enjoy dinner. *other than the included meals, all activities/transport during leisure time is at own expense

Day 6, Christchurch (B-L)

After breakfast we will visit the International Antarctic Centre for a guided tour, enjoying an interactive Antarctic experience on a real Antarctic campus near Christchurch Airport. We will experience the Four Seasons of Antarctica show, step into the snow and ice zone, feel an Antarctic storm, see the Little Blue Penguins, ride the Hagglund vehicle, enjoy a simulated 4D Antarctic cruise, and watch a spectacular film. Lunch today is at the Ōtoromiro Hotel located in Governors Bay. Established in 1870, the heritage hotel overlooks Lyttelton Harbour and has been welcoming travellers for over 150 years. After lunch we depart for the Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, one of NZ's iconic attractions, with a unique NZ story. Enjoy meeting introduced animals to NZ, heritage breed of farm animals and one of the best and most natural displays of native species to be found in New Zealand. Afterwards, we make our way back to our hotel for an evening of relaxation and leisure. Dinner tonight is at our own expense. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone who would like company for dinner.

Day 7, Christchurch - Queenstown (B-L-D)

Travel south through New Zealand's breathtaking countryside, pausing in the charming township of Geraldine a delightful spot to stretch our legs and enjoy its relaxed country charm. Continue onward to the striking turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, arriving around midday for a leisurely lunch at TVL Restaurant. Framed by sweeping alpine vistas, it's a beautiful setting to unwind and savour the region's flavours. After lunch, we journey onward through the landscapes of the Mackenzie Basin and over the Lindis Pass, arriving into the lakeside town of Wanaka. Take a moment to soak in the serenity of Lake Wanaka and the surrounding peaks before continuing your scenic drive south. By late afternoon, arrive into Queenstown. After checking in and a quick freshen up, we'll meet for dinner. Accommodation: QT Queenstown – 5 star - or similar (5 nights)

Day 8, Queenstown (B-L-D)

After breakfast, we depart Queenstown and enjoy a scenic drive to Arrowtown, where we'll have free time to explore this charming historic town at our own pace. Wander through its quaint streets, browse local boutiques, or relax at a cozy café. From there, continue to Mora Wines for a delightful wine tasting followed by lunch, showcasing the region's local flavors. We will have the opportunity to taste 5 wines from the award winning Mora and RUA wine series. On the return journey, we stop at the iconic Kawarau Bungy Bridge for viewing and photo opportunities, watching thrill seekers leap from the world's first commercial bungy jumping bridge. Tonight we dine at the famous Botswana Butchery, one of Queenstown's most popular and stylish fine dining restaurants, set in the historic Archer's Cottage with stunning views over Lake Wakatipu and signature log fires that create a warm, inviting atmosphere year round. We will enjoy luxurious yet relaxed dining experience, with a menu that highlights premium locally sourced meats, seafood, and New Zealand-inspired dishes.



CHRISTMAS DAY Day 9, Queenstown (B-L)

This morning, we come together for a leisurely Christmas morning breakfast. At lunchtime we transfer to South Eatery at the Mercure Queenstown for Christmas Day lunch. This is a festive buffet style experience where we will be served a generous selection of seasonal, locally inspired dishes. The restaurant's floor to ceiling windows frame breathtaking views over Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables mountain range, so we can soak up the stunning alpine scenery while we enjoy our festive Christmas lunch, in a relaxed, celebratory atmosphere. After lunch we make our way back to our hotel for an afternoon of relaxation and leisure. Dinner tonight is at our own expense. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone who would like company for dinner.



Day 10, Queenstown (B-L-D)

This morning, after breakfast, we take a short walk to the Lake Wakatipu Marina where we will board the iconic TSS Earnslaw. Our journey begins with a return cruise across Lake Wakatipu, taking in stunning alpine and lake views. On disembarking our cruise, we will experience Walter Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet meal and farm show come together for an unforgettable day. At Walter Peak, we will enjoy a buffet style gourmet BBQ lunch at the Colonel's Homestead Restaurant with relaxed lakeside dining. The experience is completed with the Walter Peak farm show, where we will see sheep shearing and meet farm animals in a fun, interactive way. On returning to Lake Wakatipu Marina, we will have some free time to explore Queenstown before freshening up to meet for your transfer to dinner. For tonight's Farewell Dinner we will ride the iconic Skyline Queenstown Gondola high up to Bob's Peak, soaking in breathtaking panoramic views of Lake Wakatipu, the Remarkables and surrounding alpine landscape as we ascend above Queenstown. Once at the summit, venture to the lookout platforms and snap some unforgettable photos. Our dining experience includes a premium dining experience at the Stratosfare Restaurant & Bar, a buffet style feast featuring locally inspired grilled meats, fresh seafood, plant-based options and decadent desserts, all enjoyed with uninterrupted floor to ceiling views over the scenic Wakatipu Basin. After dinner, we will descend the Gondola back down the mountain and be transferred to our hotel, rounding off a memorable Queenstown evening and a magical final night celebration in New Zealand.

Day 11, Depart Queenstown (B-L)

This morning, after breakfast, we check out and enjoy a relaxed morning of free time in Queenstown. There will be time to stroll along the lakefront, browse the charming shops and galleries, or simply sit at a café soaking up the alpine scenery and fresh mountain air. Lunch today is at our own expense. Maybe experience the famous Fergburger, a Queenstown institution known for its gourmet, generously sized burgers, perfect for a hearty treat or savour fresh local seafood like green-lipped mussels, chowder or linguine. This is our last opportunity to celebrate the fresh South Island produce. At an agreed time meet back at the QT for our transfer to Queenstown Airport for your onward flight home.