

NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND

- SCENERY, FOOD, WINE AND RAIL -

Wellington, Christchurch, Franz Josef Glacier, Queenstown, Te Anau, Doubtful and Milford Sounds, Invercargill, Dunedin, Oamaru, Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo, and many great rail experiences

Thursday 2 to Wednesday 22 February 2023



Join us for a wonderful **twenty-one day** tour of New Zealand's South Island with fantastic scenery, great food and wine, excellent rail experiences, and many great hotels. Highlights of your **premium** tour include:

- ❖ **Wellington** 5 star accommodation and sightseeing
- ❖ Cook Strait cruise through **Queen Charlotte Sound** from Wellington to Picton
- ❖ **Coastal Pacific** rail journey from Picton along the scenic coastline through Kaikoura to Christchurch
- ❖ **Christchurch** accommodation and sightseeing
- ❖ Heritage **tramcar restaurant dinner** in Christchurch
- ❖ **TranzAlpine** rail journey across the South Island Alps
- ❖ **Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers** and lodge accommodation
- ❖ **Queenstown** with alp or lake view hotel rooms, and cruise on steamship **TSS Earnslaw**
- ❖ **Te Anau lakeside** accommodation
- ❖ Cruise on the beautifully peaceful **Doubtful Sound**, and **Milford Sound**
- ❖ Invercargill and Bluff with **Southern Scenic Route** sightseeing
- ❖ **Silver Fern rail car** from Dunedin along the coast to Oamaru and return (+)
- ❖ **Taieri Gorge railway** journey on the 1879 Otago Central Railway (+)
- ❖ **Oamaru** heritage precinct and steam rail experience (+)
- ❖ **Mt Cook/Aoraki Hermitage premium accommodation** and **Mt Cook National Park** sightseeing
- ❖ **Lakes Pukaki and Tekapo** sightseeing and **Waipara Valley** winetasting and luncheon
- ❖ Many meals are included in premium locations and with quality New Zealand produce
- ❖ Quality coach (full size luxury coach with two doors) providing plenty of space
- ❖ Relaxing itinerary providing time at locations to enjoy accommodation, local sights, evening sunsets
- ❖ Special experiences not available with other tour operators, and more
- ❖ Note (+) rail trips in Oamaru and Dunedin are subject to confirmation with the operators

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Thursday 2 February 2023 (L) – to Wellington

A mid-morning departure from Australia for a mid afternoon arrival into Wellington, New Zealand. With luncheon aboard, transfer to our five-star city hotel, enjoy a late afternoon walk and dinner at leisure. Overnight Wellington.

Friday 3 February 2023 (B/D) – Wellington sightseeing

After breakfast board Wellington's Cable Car for the scenic ride from Lambton Quay through the hillside terraced houses of Kelburn to the lookout perched high above the city. Inspect the Cable Car Museum, before a pleasant walk down through the Botanic Gardens. With 25 hectares of specialised plant collections, colourful botanical displays, unique landscape, protected native forest, and views over Wellington City, our walk ends at the Rose Garden and glasshouses. Enjoy a well deserved morning refreshment at their tea house before we depart for a scenic drive around the extensive coastline of the city. In the later afternoon you can choose to enjoy some time in the acclaimed Te Papa 'Museum of New Zealand' with its huge Maori collection, amongst other world-class exhibits. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner, joining with those continuing from our Forgotten World Railway tour of New Zealand's north island. Overnight Wellington.

Saturday 4 February 2023 (B) – to New Zealand's South Island

This morning we crossing aboard the Interislander Ferry to Picton on New Zealand's South Island. After the scenic crossing of the Cook Strait, we enter Queen Charlotte and Marlborough Sounds to the port of Picton. Purchase some luncheon here before boarding the Coastal Pacific for the scenic rail journey along the eastern coastline from Picton through Kaikoura to Christchurch. The line passes the vineyards of Blenheim, hugs the coastline for much of the journey south, and then crosses the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. On arrival we transfer to our hotel, dinner is at leisure, and overnight Christchurch.

Sunday 5 February 2023 (B/D) – Christchurch



Enjoy a leisurely day of sightseeing in this fine English city – as it rebuilds from the earthquake that damaged much of the city centre – evidence that is still very clear. With punts gliding along the Avon River, a temporary Anglican Cathedral and even trams! Internationally famed as 'The Garden City', Christchurch's well-established expansive parks and public gardens owe much to the planning and foresight of the city's founding fathers. The centrally-located 161 hectare Hagley Park, the Botanic Gardens, the four leafy inner-city avenues, Victoria Square and spectacular gardens such as Mona Vale on the banks of the River Avon bear testimony to this legacy. Visit the Christchurch Art Gallery and Museum and other cultural sights, and explore walking in this very attractive city. Dinner tonight is aboard the Christchurch Tramway Restaurant Car – the only one in New Zealand - travel the tram lines of the city and enjoy dinner. Overnight Christchurch.

Monday 6 February 2023 (B/D) – Christchurch to Greymouth on the TranzAlpine

After breakfast we join what has been described as one of the world's great rail journeys – the TranzAlpine Express - that traverses the Southern Alps between Christchurch and Greymouth. The trip is 223.8 kilometres long and takes four and a half hours. There are 16 tunnels, and 5 viaducts, the highest being the 'Staircase' standing at 73 metres. Leaving Christchurch we travel across the fields of the Canterbury Plains with its rich farmland, before ascending into the Southern Alps, with spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River.

From Arthurs Pass we descend steeply to the lush beech rain forest of the West Coast and to Greymouth. A small historic gold mining community, where the precious metal is still mined today. Greymouth is now a service centre for the west coast, and a jumping off point for the scenic south west of the island. After luncheon we rejoin our coach and head south, across the Hokitika River through Ross, Pukekura, Harihari and Okarito to our dinner and overnight accommodation at the comfortable Scenic Hotel, Franz Josef Glacier.

Tuesday 7 February 2023 (B/L/D) – Franz Josef and Fox Glacier

Franz Josef and Fox Glacier are the two most famous glaciers in the Westland National Park. The glaciers are unique, as nowhere else at this latitude have glaciers advanced so close to the sea. These are what you expect glaciers to be, mighty cascades of ice tumbling down a valley towards the sea. Named in 1872 after the visit of the then NZ Prime Minister Sir William Fox, the glacier and Lake Matheson provide a splendid vista. We will view the Fantail and/or Thunder Creek Waterfalls and visit the Fox Glacier Visitors Information Centre, as well as making a visit to the edge of Lake Matheson for views of Fox Glacier. (Options, at own expense, include scenic flights over the glaciers, heli-hiking with a helicopter taking you onto the glacier, and guided glacier walks – details later.) Dinner and overnight at Franz Josef.

Wednesday 8 February 2023 (B/L) – Franz Josef Glacier, Haast River, Mt Aspiring National Park

After breakfast we head south through the scenic west coast of New Zealand's South Island with its untamed natural wilderness of rivers and rainforests. We travel along the edges of the Mt Aspiring National Park, experience a jet boat ride along the Haast River - a one hour trip through the mighty Haast River Valley into the heart of Te Wahipounamu - the South West World Heritage Area - to experience a close-up encounter with this untouched landscape and its remarkable natural features. Rejoining our coach we cross Haast Pass, and follow the edges of Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea into Queenstown. We enjoy three nights in the 'adrenalin capital' of Queenstown – though our programme will be a little less adrenalin pumping than what there is available ! Accommodation in Queenstown features rooms with lake or mountain views. Dinner tonight is at leisure at one of the myriad restaurants in Queenstown.



Thursday 9 February 2023 (B/L) – Queenstown and TSS Earnslaw steamship lake cruise

A relaxing day exploring in and around Queenstown. This morning we'll ascend by Skyline Gondola for a spectacular 220 degree panorama over Queenstown, with breathtaking views of Coronet Peak, The Remarkables mountain range and across Lake Wakatipu to Cecil and Walter Peaks. Then cruise on Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw – watch the stokers fuelling the fireboxes and hear the sound of the steam engines working as we take a nostalgic cruise on this beautiful lake. Enjoy luncheon and lakeside dining at Walter Peak Farm, before returning to Queenstown late afternoon, for free time, with dinner and evening at leisure. Overnight Queenstown.

Friday 10 February 2023 (B/L) – Arrowtown and Glenorchy

After breakfast we head north to Arrowtown - the best example of a gold-era Chinese Settlement in NZ, with several restored buildings providing an enigmatic and evocative reminder of the role of the Chinese in the gold rush. Enjoy morning tea, before we return through Queenstown to Glenorchy. Located on the edge of Lake Wakatipu and the Dart River, this rustic town is set against a background of native beech forest and towering mountain ranges. Glenorchy's surrounds are nothing short of awe-inspiring. Lake Wakatipu and the Dart River offer opportunities for jet boating and kayaking, and some of New Zealand's best hiking trails – *we will discuss options for more adventurous activities with those who are interested.*

Glenorchy's spectacular landscapes have become a prime location for film scouts, depicting many scenes from The Lord of the Rings trilogy as well as featuring in the Narnia movies. As bucolic farmland gives way to beech forests, the village of Paradise reveals breathtaking natural beauty - "this is the Middle-earth™ I had always pictured," Sir Ian McKellen (Gandalf) said of Paradise. Return to Queenstown for dinner at leisure and overnight.

Saturday 11 February 2023 (B/D) – to Te Anau and Glowworm Caves

After breakfast we head south through Kingston and Mossburn to Te Anau. (The Kingston Flyer is a preserved steam train that operates over 14 kilometres of preserved track that once formed a part of the rail line between Kingston, Gore, and Invercargill. It may be possible to view or ride this service if in operation at the time – this is a possibility and not a guaranteed inclusion in the tour.) This afternoon we visit the Glowworm Caves – the Te Ana-au caves are a culturally and ecologically important system of limestone caves on the western shore of Lake Te Anau, re-discovered in 1948 by Lawson Burrows, and a tourist destination ever since. By geological standards, the caves are very young (12,000 years) and are still being carved out by the force of the river that flows through them. The result is a twisting network of limestone passages filled with sculpted rock, whirlpools and a roaring underground waterfall. Deep inside the caves, beyond the roar of the water, you will be taken by small boat into a silent hidden grotto inhabited by hundreds of glowworms that in the subterranean darkness, produce a glittering display. Dinner is included tonight and overnight Te Anau.

Sunday 12 February 2023 (B/L) – Doubtful Sound

Following breakfast we travel the short distance by coach to Manapouri for a full day tour to Doubtful Sound. Whilst Milford Sound may be better known, and certainly has more visitors, Doubtful Sound gets much less traffic and is an equally, some would say more impressive wilderness area of rugged peaks, dense rainforest and thundering post-rain waterfalls. Our Doubtful Sound adventure begins as we cruise the crystal clear waters of Lake Manapouri. Then it's over Wilmot Pass, stopping along the way to experience some of Fiordland's densest rainforest and to view the colourful alpine moss gardens. On reaching Deep Cove, we board a catamaran for a three hour cruise that takes in the most dramatic scenery of Doubtful Sound. Keep a look out for wildlife as bottlenose dolphins frequently come alongside vessels, fur seals bask on the rocks around the fiord and rare penguins can at times be observed. We return to Manapouri and then transfer by coach back to Te Anau in the late afternoon for dinner at leisure and overnight.



Monday 13 February 2023 (B/L) – Milford Sound

Following breakfast we head south to Milford Sound. The 119km road into the Sound is an amazingly scenic road – the first part undulating farmland atop lateral moraine, then through beech forest, stunning river and mountain views, and on through a man-made tunnel as we drop down into the Sound. Grand, brooding, serene and wild, Milford Sound draws visitors from all over the globe to cruise its length – and wonder. Luxuriant rain forest clings to sheer rock walls washed with waterfalls. In the foreground stands Mitre Peak, a majestic presence dominating the skyline. After the cruise we will ascend from Milford Sound, stopping en route to visit a number of specially scenic spots, including the Chasm Walk to the Cleddau River. We return to Te Anau for dinner at leisure and overnight.

Tuesday 14 February 2023 (B/L) – to Invercargill and Bluff

Following breakfast we enjoy a leisurely scenic drive to Invercargill, along what is known as the Southern Scenic Route. The road skirts the eastern boundary of the Fiordland National Park and the rugged south coast, providing an introduction to southern parts of Te Wahipounamu World Heritage Area. We journey along the 'road less travelled' through Orepuki and Riverton to Invercargill, Southland's regional capital and commercial hub. Founded in the 1850's, it is New Zealand's southernmost city - and one of the southernmost cities in the world. Numerous heritage buildings give the city a charming old-world quality, while the magnificent Queens Park impresses with its sprawling 80 hectares of beautifully kept gardens and wildlife habitats. Enjoy a late luncheon of seafood in Bluff, famed for its oysters, before we return to Invercargill for afternoon sightseeing, then dinner at leisure and overnight Invercargill.

Wednesday 15 February 2023 (B/L/D) – to Dunedin

A brisk start to the day as we begin our scenic journey from Invercargill through the Catlins to Dunedin, continuing along Southland's Southern Scenic Route. The Catlins are ecologically unique and still relatively untouched by large commercial tourist ventures enabling a low-key nature focussed experience. Native coastal bush and forest, waterways, beaches, birds and sealife combine with the coast's temperamental weather to make today's journey a memorable one. A late afternoon arrival into Dunedin, with dinner included on arrival and overnight for three nights.



Thursday 16 February 2023 (B/L) – Taieri Gorge Railway and Dunedin

Today we explore Dunedin and ride the Dunedin Railway service on the Taieri Gorge line to Hindon. The rail line was constructed in 1879 as the Otago Central Railway – operated by the New Zealand Railways until 1990, the Otago Excursion Train Trust ran its first excursion train on the railway in 1979. It was so successful that it bought 60 kms of the railway when it closed in 1990, forming today's company and its operations. In conjunction with the Dunedin Council controlled rail operation, tourist services are provided from Dunedin Station. We will also explore Lanarch Castle, and Dunedin's impressive architectural heritage. Dinner is included tonight and overnight Dunedin. **(Note below regarding rail services.)**

Friday 17 February 2023 (B/L) – Oamaru by rail and Dunedin

Following breakfast we transfer to Dunedin's impressive railway station to board the train for our scenic coastal journey north to Oamaru. Enjoy splendid coastal views on the rail journey, and a simple luncheon. Oamaru is an architecturally exotic city - New Zealand's best-preserved precinct of historic commercial buildings – the Harbour-Tyne Historic precinct. We also aim to have the Oamaru Steam Trust fire up their preserved locomotive for us, and travel through Oamaru's historic precinct, past some of Oamaru's oldest buildings and then through the old railway yard and past the site of Oamaru's first railway station. The train then runs along the bottom of clay cliffs, beside Oamaru's Victorian Harbour. We return to Dunedin for a walk in the city's impressive Botanic Gardens, before dinner at leisure and overnight Dunedin. **(Note: the rail services described yesterday and today from Dunedin depend on the Dunedin Railways operating, or preparedness and ability to operate these trains – in the event they are not operating, or unable to do so, we will arrange the best alternatives.)**

Saturday 18 February 2023 (B/D) – to Aoraki / Mt Cook National Park

Today we head north to Mt Cook National Park and our accommodation for two nights – the Hermitage. Depending upon our travels the previous day, we will journey to Mt Cook via either the coastal or inland route, with sightseeing and a luncheon stop enroute. Aoraki / Mount Cook is the highest mountain in New Zealand, at 3,724 metres and is the centrepiece of the spectacular 700 sq km Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park - part of New Zealand's World Heritage area. More than one third of the park has a blanket of permanent snow and glacial ice. The Hermitage Hotel is arguably New Zealand's most famous hotel, principally for its location and the fantastic views of Mt Cook. The Hermitage has long had a monopoly on accommodation at Mt Cook, and this is reflected in the prices. Originally built in 1884, the first hotel was destroyed in a flash flood in 1913. The rebuilt hotel survived until 1957 when it was destroyed by fire, and the third incarnation remains today. Our accommodation features premium rooms with Mt Cook views. After arrival and check-in, enjoy a later afternoon stroll around the hotel, before dinner in the hotel's restaurant, which is included. Overnight the Hermitage Hotel, Mt Cook.

Sunday 19 February 2023 (B/D) – in Aoraki / Mt Cook National Park

A full day in Mt Cook National Park – you can choose to enjoy a relaxing day in this alpine precinct, with short walks from the hotel, and a visit to the Sir Edmund Hilary Museum which pays tribute to New Zealand's most famous climber, and the regions climbing, transport and hotel history. Alternatively join a four wheel-drive overland adventure in the Tasman Valley for views in and around the National Park. You can also join a cruise around the glacial lake and experience for yourself, the enormity of NZ's largest glacier, its towering ice wall and the wonders of centuries old ice. Learn about the ever-changing glacial landscape as you journey across the terminal lake. Icebergs of every shape and size periodically tear away from the face of the glacier into the rapidly growing lake, making every day different to the next.

The lateral moraines rear up almost 200m, reminding us of the scale and greatness the glacier has reached. With the effects of climatic processes taking their toll on the glaciers, their retreat is imminent. Now approximately 27km long and 600m deep, the Tasman Glacier is melting and calving at an exponentially increasing rate. The Tasman Glacier has changed from a 'melting' to a 'calving and melting' terminus, resulting in a terminal lake rapidly increasing in size. (The tour fare includes one of these included day options.) A variety of aerial and more strenuous (O) options are available at additional cost. Enjoy a relaxed late afternoon with dinner together in the Hermitage Restaurant. Overnight Mt Cook.



Monday 20 February 2023 (B/L) – to Lake Tekapo and Christchurch

After a relaxed breakfast we depart the Hermitage for the Lake Pukaki Visitors Centre, sitting at the southern point of Lake Pukaki - the largest lake in the area - proudly showing off New Zealand's tallest peak, Aoraki/ Mount Cook, from the many look out points around its shores. The water colour of the lake is a bright turquoise due to glacial flour, made from extremely fine rock particles that have come from the surrounding glaciers. The lake is fed at its northern end by the braided Tasman River, which has its source in the Hooker and Tasman Glaciers. Forty-five kilometres to the north-east is another of New Zealand's iconic photo locations on the shores of Lake Tekapo. The Church of the Good Shepherd provides awe-inspiring views of Lake Tekapo and the surrounding mountains through its altar window. Close to the church is the well-known bronze statue of a New Zealand Collie sheepdog. The statue was commissioned by Mackenzie Country residents in 1968 recognition of the indispensable role of the sheepdog in their livelihoods. We head towards Christchurch for our final two nights. Dinner at leisure and overnight Christchurch.

Tuesday 21 February 2023 (B/L) – Rangiora, Pegasus Bay and the Waipara Valley

After breakfast we head north from Christchurch to explore the North Canterbury region - our first stop is a visit to Rangiora. Founded in 1878, the town boasts a number of impressive heritage buildings, and also offers some excellent cafés for morning tea. Then to the Waipara Valley for a wine tasting and luncheon. Whilst one of New Zealand's more recent wine regions, with grapes first planted in 1978, the area is often recorded as the driest location in New Zealand, with the long hot summers and cool winters providing grapes with a long ripening time. Silky pinot noir and citrusy chardonnay grow well in the stony limestone terrain in the valley. The area produces award-winning aromatics; zesty riesling and delicate pinot gris – enjoy a taste of local wines, as well as a relaxing luncheon at the winery, before we return along the coast to Christchurch. Dinner at leisure and overnight Christchurch.

Wednesday 22 February 2023 (B) - the International Antarctic Centre and to Australia

After a relaxed breakfast we check out of the hotel mid-morning and head to the International Antarctic Centre near Christchurch's International Airport. Established in 1992 the centre presents an incredible world of ice and mystery, ambition and endeavour. Experience snow and ice, survive an indoor Antarctic storm, learn about life at Scott Base and see what it takes to work on the ice. Watch Little Blue Penguins, snuggle in with huskies, experience an Håggglund ride, an awesome 4D theatre, a massive HD screen and more. Enjoy luncheon and in the early afternoon walk to the nearby Christchurch International Airport for your flight back to Australia. There are direct Christchurch flights to Australia's eastern seaboard capitals, or you may prefer to transit Auckland for a return to Australia.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND RAIL TRAVEL

Accommodation is generally in 4 to 4.5 star hotels. In some locations the best available may not be 4.5 star, and in some locations, we have selected superior hotels as part of the experience of the location. Meals are included as shown - breakfast is included most mornings, and some lunches and dinners - when there is a range of options, and you can choose the style and time of dining you prefer, we have given you the opportunity to do so. Meals included are indicated as (B) Breakfast, (L) Luncheon, (D) Dinner. Travel is by private chartered coach, chartered rail services, regular tourist railways and New Zealand's KiwiRail.

PERSONAL SERVICE AND MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

SJR prides itself on its personal service and attention to detail. The organisers of the itinerary accompany the tour. You are assured of the utmost service and our commitment to your satisfaction. We recognise each passenger has different interests, and when feasible we will provide the opportunity to allow you to rest from the group or explore by yourself.

FARES AND BOOKING PROCEDURES

The tour is limited in size to 26 guests and bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt of a deposit of \$2,000 per person. The tour fare is \$13,680 per person (twin share) plus airfares to and from New Zealand. The group flights will be from Sydney with Qantas, departing on the morning of 2 February 2023, and returning early evening on 22 February 2023. There is a \$3,595 single supplement for hotels. The tour fare includes all coach travel; all transfers when part of the group; all accommodation on a twin share basis (single accommodation is available on payment of the single supplement); sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated, and meals as shown in the itinerary for each day. The fare does not include meals not identified, drinks, excess baggage charges, gratuities, telephone calls, laundry, any items of a personal nature, travel outside the organised group. Due to the variety of interests of individuals, and the range places available for inspection on some days, we have included key features in the tour cost. Inspection and entry fees when not part of the planned group activity are not included in the tour cost. Additional or optional activities are not included in the tour cost. Bookings should be made on the attached form. The deposit of \$2,000 per person should be forwarded by cheque, payable to St James Rail, along with the booking form, to:

SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220

You can also pay the deposit by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

Account name:	Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB:	033 364
Account:	612826
Bank:	Westpac
Reference:	NZ and your surname

If paying by EFT, please ensure you include the reference above and your surname, and email to sjr@digitor.com.au to advise you have done so. Please forward the booking form to the postal address above, or scan and send to sjr@digitor.com.au. If you wish to pay by credit card, please indicate on the booking form attached, and we will call you to obtain card details. (A merchant fee of 1% applies for Visa/Mastercard.)

AIR TRAVEL TO/FROM NEW ZEALAND

We will advise of the recommended flights when bookings open. You are welcome to make your own flight arrangements, or we can assist on your behalf.

BOOKING, CANCELLATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Bookings will be accepted on the attached form. Cancellation fees apply as follows: the initial deposit is non refundable. (Note conditions relating to COVID-19 below.) After further payment towards the final tour cost, costs for tickets, accommodation, sightseeing etc made on your behalf, cancellation will incur charges equal to the cancellation charges incurred to us, imposed by suppliers/operators, plus a fee to cover administrative costs – more than three months prior to departure, \$1,000 per person; within three months, \$3,000 per person.

No refund will be made after one month prior to departure from Australia. All cancellation or administration charges imposed by the suppliers/operators of components of this tour must be borne by you, the passenger. Responsibility - St James' Rail acts as the organiser of the tour. Some transportation, accommodation and other tour arrangements are made by licensed travel agent, Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington. On acceptance of tickets and travel documents for this tour, which may be evidenced in writing by a ticket, voucher, letter, or other document, you accept that neither St James' Rail nor representatives from any other firm supplying services in conjunction with this tour programme, shall be liable in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, loss, damage, accident, sickness, delay or additional expense to you or your possessions arising directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part, including, but not limited to, civil disturbance, fire, floods, acts of God, acts of Governments or other authorities, changes in itinerary, weather, strikes, war, transportation disruption, failure of machinery or equipment, industrial action, pandemic, quarantine or any other cause. Where travel is by scheduled carrier, or charter service, that carrier's responsibility is limited in accordance with their conditions of carriage. Similarly, all luggage is your responsibility, and we cannot be held liable for any loss or delay however caused. The care of your travel documents are your own responsibility. All expenses incurred by loss must be borne by you. Airline regulations and conditions are written on the airline tickets and are issued to passengers subject to their acceptance of these conditions. Changes in exchange rates, taxes and any land arrangements costs may alter the price of the tour, and St James' Rail reserves the right to change, amend or cancel this tour and/or itinerary if necessary. We reserve the right to amend the itinerary en route to account for unforeseen changes or conditions, or to improve the tour experience for the majority, as determined by the tour leader. Passports and visas – a valid passport with six months validity from the end of the tour is required. St James' Rail cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred as a result of a passenger not holding valid and necessary passport or visa documents. Full details of terms and conditions: if you would like a copy of the full terms and conditions applicable to all SJR tours please contact us and we will forward a copy to you. **Special conditions relating to COVID-19** – if the tour is unable to proceed due to Government restrictions, SJR may at our election: postpone your travel arrangements to a future date, in which case we will issue you with a credit note equal to amounts paid at the time of postponement; or cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate. If we cancel your travel arrangements and our contract terminates, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund. SJR will refund payments it is able to recover or not incur from the various suppliers of services to this tour. Refunds will be made when the funds have been received by SJR from third party suppliers. **Full details of terms and conditions:** if you would like a copy of the full terms and conditions applicable to all SJR tours please contact us and we will forward a copy to you.

INSURANCE

A comprehensive travel insurance policy is available and strongly recommended to protect yourself against cancellation fees, health and other travel risks. An insurance policy can be sent to you from our travel agent, Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington, for your consideration. Obtaining insurance cover for the tour is, however, your responsibility. We recommend taking out insurance at the time you make the deposit payment for the tour.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please call us on (02) 9326 9660, 0418 585 838, email at sjr@digitor.com.au, or visit our website at www.stjamesrail.org for further details or information.

CAPACITY / PREPAREDNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOUR

Fitness and mobility are necessary for participation in the tour. Tour passengers must be able to manage their own luggage, and to carry/wheel it from the coach to hotels, and if necessary, up or down a flight of stairs. Visiting some sights involves walking up and down flights of steps, and the tour involves the opportunity for walking in wilderness and nature. Sharing, generosity and courtesy to fellow passengers is a hallmark of SJR tours over more than 40 years. Aboard our private coach we expect passengers to share the front seats, and aboard trains and boats, to share the premium viewing seats and locations. It is not possible to occupy the front seats of the coach each day of the tour. By payment of your deposit and then tour fare you confirm that you are of a suitable level of mobility and fitness to participate in the tour, and are aware of the nature and expectations of participation in the tour.

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Booking Form

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name:.....

Address: Suburb: Postcode:

Home tel: Work tel: Mobile:

Email:

PLEASE MAKE A BOOKING AS FOLLOWS:

BOOKING DETAILS (Name EXACTLY as shown in your passport)

Passenger 1 Name: (Date of Birth)

Passenger 2 Name: (Date of Birth)

Passenger 3 Name: (Date of Birth)

Passenger 4 Name: (Date of Birth)

PAYMENT

..... I have enclosed \$ as deposit (\$2,000 per person) for the above booking. Please make cheques payable to St James Rail.

..... I have paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as described previously. Please email SJR to advise and send this form.

Account name: Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB: 033 364
Account: 612826
Bank: Westpac
Reference: NZ and your surname

..... I wish to pay by credit card. We will call you to obtain card details. (A merchant fee of 1% for Visa/Mastercard applies.)

A letter will be sent acknowledging receipt of your deposit and providing further details.

TRAVEL TO/FROM NEW ZEALAND

..... Please book me/us to travel to New Zealand and return on the group flights from and return to Sydney in Economy Class

..... Please book me/us to travel to New Zealand and return on the group flights from and return to Sydney in Business Class

..... Please call me to discuss alternate travel arrangements.

ONE WORLD FREQUENT FLYER DETAILS:

..... Please advise if you have One World Frequent Flyer number (eg Qantas, Cathay Pacific):

Name: Airline: No:.....

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Single rooms: Double rooms: Twin (two bedded) rooms:

PASSPORT DETAILS

Name: (EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON THE PASSPORT)

Passport No: Expiry Date:.....

Name: (EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON THE PASSPORT)

Passport No: Expiry Date:.....

(If not an Australian passport, please advise.)

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please indicate any dietary or any other sort of special request :

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INSURANCE

..... Please send an insurance quote

YOUR SIGNATURE

I have read the reservation conditions outlined above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement.

Signature of person making reservation: Date:

Cancellation charges will apply as advised in this itinerary. An insurance policy can be forwarded from our travel agent Sarah Manche at Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington, 2021.

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