

## **Farm Stay with Tours of the Central South Island, New Zealand**



### **Day 1 (Friday)**

Airport collection (Even if they haven't slept on the plane most people arrive excited and keen to look around)



### **We can provide an interesting tour of selected Christchurch attractions to suit your preference**

Mona Vale Gardens (free), Mt Cavendish Gondola,  
and Time Tunnel (free) Victoria Park (free),  
Lyttelton Tunnel, ride on the Christchurch Tram  
Willowbank Wildlife Centre (Friendly Animals)  
KoTane (Interactive Maori Cultural show),  
Antarctic Centre  
Art Gallery and Museum

Before travelling to the farm near Geraldine (1-1/2 hours)

## **Day 2 (Saturday)**

- Sleep in to get over any Jet lag

Visit the **Arts Centre Markets** (Sat only),  
and **Canterbury Museum**

After lunch travel to Geraldine Village and Wellspring Farm (1-1/2hrs)

- Trip to Wellspring Farm, Geraldine, (*you are allowed to doze or sleep on the way down*).

- Take a **Deer farm tour by four wheel drive**  
**includes a free introductory ride on a quad bike, Cliff crawl**

## SHARED MEALS

(We offer a **shared meal**, for which we charge just \$20 per adult/\$10 per child to cover the food costs,

This is a good way to get to know and learn about the farm, us, and best for your first or second night.

We usually cook, Venison, lamb or Salmon, rice or Potatoes and stir fry Vegetables please let us know if you'd like to do this and if you have any meat preference or special dietary requirements ie vegetarian, celiac etc)

We typically cook this on a large camp-fire by the pond (if the weather is good) so the children can enjoy cooking sausages (or marshmallows) on a stick, paddling the Kayaks and Canoes on the weka pond and everyone an outdoor meal.

## **Stay on Farm at Aoraki Cottage**

### Day 3 (Sunday)

10-30am You are welcome to join us at Church  
or take a wander around the Geraldine shops and street markets

Lunch

Visit **Caroline Bay** Timaru **1hr**

- **Argientile Art Gallery** -/ **Centennial Park** (feed the  
ducks) **2-3hrs**

- South Canterbury Museum

lunch at **Shearers Quarters** on way home (approx \$15)

*Visit animals, Mini Golf and driving range.* **1hr**

- take **bush walk or river walk on the farm** **1hr**

**Stay on Farm at Aoraki Cottage**

**Day 4 (Monday)**

**Central South Island Lakes and glaciers Tour and Trek**

- 8am depart for **Lake Opuha - Tour of the Dam and lake and Lake Tekapo**
  - Arrive Tekapo **1hr**
  - **Mt John Star Observatory**  
(Described as the closest experience on earth to actually being on the moon)



**Morning Tea at the Mt John cafe**  
**Walk down Mt John 20-30 minutes**

**Tour the Mount Cook Salmon Farm **1/2 hr \$3/hd****

**Lake Pukaki Information Centre **1hr****

- Arrive **Aoraki/Mount Cook Village**  
Light Lunch at the **Hooker Hut (provided Free)**



- Trek up the **Hooker valley** taking pictures of glaciers and Mountains of the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park **2hrs**
  - Trek **includes two swing bridges**
- **visit Hooker Glacier Lake**, under Aoraki Mt Cook and return to car **2hrs**
- Tour the **Aoraki/Mount Cook visitor centre and National Park Headquarters**
- Meal at **Mountaineers cafe Mt Cook 2hrs** or **Late Feast of Salmon at Aoraki Cottage (Approx \$30/hd)**

You need good walking footwear (with a thick sole), one pair of thick and one thin pair of soxs, rain jacket (Just in case) and a good camera.

This tour includes transport, commentary history, stories and lunch. We also look after safety aspects of you being in the mountains and can provide backpacks, hats and thermals. (Your guide has forty years of tramping and mountain experience)

**Stay in Geraldine Village**

**Day 5 -Tuesday**

**Peel Forest Tour 1/2 hr drive**

- **Horse Trek or White water rafting or both**

**Horse riding/trek (no experience necessary, really quiet horses) 1 hr (\$45/hd)**



- See Mesopotamia and the **Lord of the Rings** scenery 1 hr
- Lunch at the **Peel forest store** 1/2hr
- Walk the **big tree walk** 1/2hr and/or **waterfall walk** 1 hr

**White water rafting trip**

- Family trip grade 1+2, Easy fun
- Adventure trip (over 14 years) grade 4+5 Big Thrills

- Rafting \$185/head includes lunch,

- Collect any additional **groceries** 4 hrs

**Return to Aoraki Cottage** via Bee and Honey place **1/2hrs**

**Target shooting** (\$25/head to pay for ammo and targets)

**stay on Farm Aoraki Cottage Geraldine Village**

**Optional Night Event**

**Small game hunting trip (Hares, Rabbits and Opossums) by Quad bike** (We charge \$45/head to pay for ammo and Quad bike fuel and maintenance)

## Day 6 Wednesday

- **Vintage machinery Museum and Village museum** - Geraldine  
(\$8/hd)

- **Art Gallery, Medieval Mosaic** 2-1/2 hrs
- Last visit to **Geraldine Village gift/souvenir shopping**
- Visit **Tin Shed** for souvenir shopping 1hr

PM - **Balancing Rocks Walk** or a chance to explore the farm

- Visit to the **Limestone Wave, caves and mushroom rocks**

**Shared meal**, around a campfire cooking the marinated Hare and Rabbit shot on the hunting trip  
(\$20 to cover the food and drinks costs, we usually cook, rice or Potatoes and stir fry Vegetables  
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**Stay on farm Aoraki Cottage in Geraldine Village**

## **Day 7** Thursday

Travel via the scenic Route Hi way 72 to **Castle Hill Village 1 hr** via the beautiful **Rakaia Gorge Jet Boat rides** through the gorge are \$50/head.



**Visit the Arthur's Pass National park Headquarters 1hr**

**Stay at Castle Hill Alpine Village**

**Day 8** Friday Travel to **Hanmer Springs Alpine Village (2 hrs)**  
Enjoy a Geothermal hot pools and streams

**Stay at Hanmer Springs Alpine Village**

## **Day 9** Saturday

Travel to Christchurch **International Airport 2hrs**

- Arrange to catch your flight home.(or continue your tour of the whole South Island)

