



Umfulana Tours

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Our Concept

Individual Travelling

We offer tailor-made tours for individuals, couples, families or small groups of friends. Unlike people traveling in larger groups, you will be able to enjoy touring the country at your leisure, taking routes off the beaten path, avoiding overcrowded tourist attractions and making use of select accommodations denied to larger groups.



The West Coast of the South Island: remote & rugged

Selected Accommodation

Drawing on our strong local knowledge, we prefer to select smaller lodges, guesthouses and Bed & Breakfast properties that are run by their owners. Reduced costs, high quality, genuine hospitality and the owner's willingness to help and give advice are determining factors in our choice of accommodation for our clients.

Discover Hidden Places of Interest

Many independent travellers risk bypassing beautiful and hidden places. We use selected, personally hosted accommodations, where the hosts will make you aware of less-known places of interest for day excursions.

Travelling at Leisure

We like to arrange your itinerary so that you do not have to stay at a new accommodation each night. Staying at one place for two nights or more will give you the opportunity to travel at leisure. Also, you will be able to gain better insight into the particular area, as you will have enough time to take full day excursions.

"Less can be More"

A holiday to New Zealand visiting both islands is best taken over three weeks or more. If less time is available, we suggest that you to focus on one island or to visit only selected regions on both islands. This will enable

you to travel at leisure, and save you from spending most of your holiday inside your vehicle. In our experience less time on the road is usually more enjoyable.

Peace of Mind

Especially during high season, many of the small and personally hosted accommodation properties are fully booked several weeks in advance. Arranging an itinerary with us prior to travel will give you the peace of mind of knowing where you are going and where you will be staying. This will save you a lot of trouble while travelling and give you more time to focus on planning your daily activities and enjoying your holiday.

No Standard Tours, No Catalogues

We arrange the itineraries according to your wishes. All our tours are tailor-made and personalised to suit your needs. We are glad to make any desired changes to the proposed itineraries. We can change the routes, the number of persons travelling, the time schedule, the standard of accommodation or the type of vehicle. The tour may commence on any date.

What we do not offer: "We did it all in two weeks"

Who we are

We are a private limited company (Ltd.) located near Cologne, Germany, with a branch office in South Africa. "Umfulana" means "stream" or "little river" in Zulu and is the literal translation of the German surname of one of the company's directors, Martin Bach, who began designing and selling tailor-made itineraries while living in South Africa in 1998.

Itinerary

Fri., 26 March 10

Christchurch

Arrival at Christchurch Airport

Flight - by own arrangement

Meet & Greet Transfer from Airport to B&B

(included in package price under 'Extras')

We have arranged a private car pick-up at the airport, with a wonderfully welcoming driver who will meet your flight (whether it be early, late or on time), and whisk you comfortably to the front door of your Christchurch accommodation .

B&B on Scarborough Hill

(2 nights, 1 room with double bed, Bed & Breakfast)

This B&B is a modern, large, architecturally designed house set in an award winning garden, high on Scarborough Hill. All rooms of the house offer commanding views of the Southern Alps, Christchurch city and the South Pacific Ocean. This home provides friendly hospitality in quiet, peaceful surroundings, yet is only 20 minutes from the city centre and five minutes from the trendy, seaside village of Sumner with its many cafes, shops, restaurants and cinema. Guest accommodation is located on a separate level to provide privacy and relaxation for guests. The hosts, Barbara, a former teacher, and Brian, a self-employed pharmacist, are happy to assist guests with the planning of activities and dining experiences.



Modern Architecture with Ocean Views

Christchurch

Christchurch is the South Island's largest city. In the centre of the city is the Christchurch Cathedral, an outstanding example

of Gothic Revival architecture. Tree-lined avenues, extensive leafy parks and the Avon River give the city an elegant, rather English atmosphere. Other central city attractions include the beautiful Neo-Gothic Arts Centre and its craft markets, the new Art Gallery, Botanic Gardens, a historic tram route through the city, the International Antarctic Centre and the Christchurch Gondola, which offers great views of the Pacific Ocean, city and Southern Alps. The harbour side town of Lyttelton and the picturesque French settlement of Akaroa on nearby Banks Peninsula are also worth a visit.



Christchurch: Cathedral Square (© Hiroshi Nameda)

Sat., 27 March 10

Christchurch

Rental car pick-up

Type: Compact Auto

Pick-up location: Christchurch, City/Downtown
(10:00 h)

Day Trip Suggestion: Banks Peninsula

Less than one hour's drive away from Christchurch, Banks Peninsula is the result of violent eruptions from three ancient volcanoes around 10 million years ago. The two main volcanic vents are now the harbours of Akaroa and Lyttelton. The Ngai Tahu Maori tribe had already discovered the charm of the location well before Captain Cook sighted Akaroa Harbour in the 1770s. Akaroa is the site of the only attempted settlement by the French in New Zealand. Their influence is still evident in this vibrant tourist town: French street names, quaint historic buildings and inspired cuisine. The Lyttelton's Timeball Station was built in 1876 as a timekeeper for 19th century shipping. New Zealand's rarest dolphin - the Hector's dolphin - can be seen on a wildlife cruise around both harbours. The peninsula's scenic beauty, its crater rim and the more remote bays on the edge of the peninsula are best explored on a scenic drive.



Akaroa Harbour on Banks Peninsula

Sun., 28 March 10

Kaikoura

from Christchurch to Kaikoura

Distance: 180 km Time: 2:30 h

The first leg of the journey takes you out of Christchurch and past the surf beaches of Amberley, Leithfield, Waikuku and Woodend. Farmland, vineyards and olive groves characterise the Waipara region, which is known for its wine and food - an excellent place to pause for refreshment. The last leg of the journey takes you right down to the coast - the Kaikoura Peninsula can already be seen in a distance.

Alternative Route: Those who have time (and possibly two nights in Kaikoura) may want drive the longer route, to be able to visit Hanmer Springs on their way. (Add at least 1 hour to the total driving time). Hanmer Springs is a destination known for its hot springs and spa therapies. Outdoor activities such as forest walks, horse trekking, trout fishing, jet boating, bungee jumping and golf are also available. From Hanmer Springs the scenic Inland Road Inland will take you to Kaikoura - past the entrance to the ski village of Mount Lyford.

B&B in the Heart of Kaikoura

(2 nights, 1 room with double bed, Bed & Breakfast)

Situated in a prime location in Kaikoura directly above the township and beach, this B&B is located in walking distance to Whalewatch, the visitor centre, restaurants and shops. The four guest rooms are located in a separate building next to the main house. All have private access and balconies. The first floor views are elevated and the ground floors open out to the spacious lawns and gardens which feature over 100 rose bushes

providing a spectacular sight. Garden furniture is provided and breakfast is served in the main house, where the hosts Kerry & Julie live with their children.



B&B in Kaikoura: offering Mountain & Sea Views

Kaikoura

Situated midway between Christchurch and Picton, the township of Kaikoura is located on a rocky peninsula protruding from lush farmland beneath the mountains. In the waters off the peninsula, a complex marine system provides an abundantly rich habitat for marine mammals and seabirds making it an ideal place for getting 'close to nature'. A town with its own fascinating history, archaeological remains indicate that Moa Hunters inhabited the peninsula 900 years ago. The Maori name Kaikoura translates to 'meal of crayfish' (Kai - food, koura - crayfish), and it is crayfish for which the region has traditionally been famous. The area's abundant food sources attracted Maori settlement, and the remains of several pa sites can still be explored with a local Maori guide; tours can be arranged by Umfulana. Today, Kaikoura offers a range of eco-tourism oriented activities such as whale watching, dolphin swimming, seal swimming, albatross watching, crayfish diving and star gazing.



Kaikoura Peninsula - © Whale Watch Kaikoura

Mon., 29 March 10

Kaikoura

Half Day Tour: Whale Watch Kaikoura

(included in package price under 'Extras')

Off the coast of Kaikoura village is a marine environment so rich in nutrients that it attracts some of the most magnificent creatures with which we share our planet. Among them the giant Sperm Whale which can grow up to 20 metres in length and has the largest brain of any animal alive. Whalewatch will take one on a breathtaking adventure - right into the world of the whales to meet them face to face. Lucky ones may also be able to see migratory Humpback Whales (June & July), Orca (summer months), New Zealand's own tiny Hector's dolphin, the high spirited displays of the Dusky dolphins, New Zealand Fur seals or the Royal Albatross. As long as weather and sea conditions permit, WhaleWatch offer up to 5 sailings daily, and operate all year round. One should to allow 3.5 hours for the WhaleWatch experience. Between 2 and 2.5 hours are spent on the water, with the extra hour covering report time and transport to and from the boat. Whale Watch Kaikoura Limited is a community trust owned by the Maori people of Kaikoura in partnership with their affiliated tribal people, the Ngai Tahu. They are proud of their many tourism awards, commitment to education and their affiliations with international organisations involved in the research of marine life in the Kaikoura Trench.



Diving Sperm Whale (©WhaleWatchKaikoura)

Half Day Tour: Maori Tours Kaikoura

(included in package price under extras)

Maori Tours Kaikoura was set up by Maurice and Heather Manawatu as a family owned and operated business. Their family are the indigenous people of New Zealand or 'Tangata Whenua' (people of the land). The

half day tours depart twice daily at 9:00am and 1:30pm (tours last approximately 3.5 hours). Maurice and Heather offer an authentic experience full of the spirit of age old knowledge yet entirely of today.



Maori Tours Kaikoura: personal and authentic

It is a boutique tour by mini coach where you will learn Maori history and understand how that shapes their fundamental relationship with the environment today. Participants will also Visit ancient Pa sites (fortified villages) of pre European days and hear how they were once settled by our ancestors - often in battle. Later, you will explore one of Kaikoura's bush walkways to learn some of the traditional indigenous uses of the trees and plants as food and medicine and learn a waiata (song) written especially for this tour.



'Hongi' - Traditional Maori Greeting

Tue., 30 March 10

French Pass

via the Marlborough Wine Region to French Pass

Distance: 280 km Time: 4:00 h

From Kaikoura the road takes you along the east coast towards Blenheim, the main town of the Marlborough Region - situated on the north-eastern corner of the

South Island. It is New Zealand's largest grape growing and wine making region with 65 wineries, 290 grape growers and 4054 hectares in grape production. Nearly all of the wineries welcome visitors for tasting sessions and many have a cafe or restaurant on site. Sauvignon Blanc is the region's specialty, but wines made with Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are also highly acclaimed. Wine trail maps make it easy to find your way around the vineyards. From Rai Valley, a long scenic and curvy road (mostly gravel) leads you towards French Pass and D'Urville Island - one of the most remote areas of the Marlborough Sounds.



Vineyards near Blenheim

Homestay B&B in a Remote Bay

(2 nights, 1 room with double bed, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)

Situated in a secluded bay in a truly remote part of the Marlborough Sounds, the home of Roger & Jude can only be reached via a scenic but winding 1.5 hour long drive through bush, forest and farmland. The welcoming hosts are spoiling their guests with wonderful meals with fresh seafood, homegrown organic veggies and fruit. The two private cottages for guests are simple but comfortable, peaceful and sunny. Although remote, there are lots of things to do: Boat trips to d'Urville Island, charter boats to see the Sounds, and the mail boat from French Pass which runs once a week. Also, there is a private beach and guests can walk around the coastline and around the hills, or go out in the dinghy with their hosts to catch some fresh fish for dinner. As a special treat, all guests can enjoy a private bath outside under the sun or stars, overlooking the beach, heated by fire, prepared by Roger or Jude. This accommodation is an ideal place to take a break while travelling around the country.



An Unforgettable Experience: New Zealand Outdoor Bath

Please note: The standard of accommodation is different to other accommodation we use in that although it is very comfortable, it is not luxurious. There are two simple and charming separate cottages for guests. The one close to the house has a spacious bedroom and a balcony upstairs, and a private bathroom with an eco-composting-toilet and a shower downstairs. The one below the house is nestled in the garden, overlooking the beach and the sea. It is more romantic but it has an outside eco-composting-toilet and a private bathroom in the main house. Jude & Roger treat their guests as if they were friends, which makes this place very special for many of our clients. "Lord of the Rings" stars, Orlando Bloom and Elijah Woods, have both stayed there and both loved it! However, this kind of accommodation does not suit everybody. Please let us know whether you would like us to include it into your itinerary proposal or whether prefer to stay at a more conventional place.



Idyllic: Garden Cottage overlooking the Sea

Marlborough Sounds

In the northeast of South Island are the Marlborough Sounds, a unique landscape of water arms, mountain ridges and indigenous forests. The coastal landscape was shaped by the rise of the sea level and the melting of the glaciers, submerging a number of rivers in the sea. On account of numerous water arms the Sounds can hardly be made accessible by roads and boats are therefore the main means of transport. The area is known to have the longest lasting sunshine periods and is therefore an attractive holiday destination. The best known hiking trail in the Sounds is the Queen Charlotte Sound Hiking Trail



Submerged river system: Marlborough Sounds

the few remaining apple and pear orchards are wineries, vineyards, olive groves and pockets of farmland. Good restaurants are nearby and the city of Nelson is half an hour away.



overlooking Tasman Bay: B&B near Nelson

Thu., 1 April 10

Motueka

via Nelson into the Tasman Bay

Distance: 150km

Time: 2:30 h

The city of Nelson is home to a fascinating community of beach, bush and art lovers.

B&B overlooking Tasman Bay

(2 nights, 1 room with double bed, Bed & Breakfast)

Situated half way between the city of Nelson and Abel Tasman National Park this B&B is an ideal base to explore the Nelson Region. The house and homestay guest accommodation were designed so that the central focus is the guest lounge. Here one can enjoy the stunning views over beautiful gardens to the blue seas of Tasman Bay and the distant Abel Tasman coastline. Behind the house, rolling hills and the peaks of Kahurangi National Park beckon. The guest suite in the main house was designed with comfort in mind and opens directly onto a patio, where guests can enjoy a delicious breakfast. In addition, there are two modern self-contained cottages, which offer great views and lots of privacy, as breakfast provisions are supplied the night before. Hosts Marion & Peter are former (third generation) orchardists who returned to the family land after careers in the aviation and hospitality industries. During the years the surrounding region has diversified. Amongst

Abel Tasman National Park

The Nelson region is known for its year-round sunshine, golden beaches, national parks, boutique wineries, micro breweries, locally grown produce and a large creative community of working artists. From the city of Nelson it is easy to access any of three National Parks: Nelson Lakes, Kahurangi and Abel Tasman National Park, the latter of which is known for its glittering golden sand beaches, turquoise waters and spectacular ocean views. Regular water taxis provide easy access to the park for those who want to enjoy a daytrip to explore part of the Abel Tasman Coastal Track which normally takes three to five days to walk. For those who wish to explore the coastline from the perspective of the sea, there are sea kayaks available for hire.



Abel Tasman National Park (© Tourism NZ)

Sat., 3 April 10

Greymouth

through the Buller Gorge

Distance: 320 km Time: 4:30 h

Leaving the Nelson Region, the road takes one inland towards the Buller River. The museum at Murchison tells visitors all about the massive earthquake that shook the region in 1929. From here, the road to Westport follows the dark, forbidding Buller Gorge. At Hawks Crag there is a dramatic rock overhang. At Lyell one can walk to a pioneer cemetery.

Country Homestead south of Greymouth

(1 night, 1 room with double bed, Bed & Breakfast)

Only 10 minutes away from Hokitika and 20 minutes south of Greymouth, this peaceful and private coastal country retreat is set in extensive gardens featuring natives and conservation planting including traditional flax gardens. Guest will be warmly welcomed by the Te Rakau family at their colonial-style homestead, to experience wood stove warmth, a private outdoor spa and country cooking. Hosts Pauline & Hemi are happy to share their Maori and European cultural and historic knowledge of the site and the area. Accommodation comprises three ensuite bedrooms in the house as well as a separate self-contained apartment with a further two guestrooms. French doors open from all bedrooms onto the verandahs. Self-catering is optional for apartment guests. Free-range chickens provide farm-fresh eggs every day. Tours, such as scenic flights, hunting, fishing and bird-watching can be arranged. Award-winning cafés and the studios of greenstone, gold, wood, pottery and fibre artists can be visited nearby.



Country Homestead near Greymouth

Paparoa National Park

Greymouth is the major town on the West Coast. In New Zealand, the 'West Coast' generally refers to the narrow strip of land between the South Island's Southern Alps and the Tasman Sea. Most spectacular is the coastal wilderness along the scenic West

Coast Road. Located between Westport and Greymouth, the Paparoa National Park is memorable for its famous Pancake Rocks, a wild coastline, lush rainforest, bizarre limestone landscapes and caves that allow for underground rafting. In the townships of Westport, Greymouth and Hokitika, visitors can learn about the historic gold rush, the coal mining and the life of the early settlers. A range of local craft galleries exhibit hand blown glass, gold nugget jewellery, wood craft and New Zealand jade, known as Greenstone or Pounamu - a local treasure sourced from the West Coast's raging mountain rivers. Greymouth is also the terminus for the scenic TranzAlpine rail journey, from Christchurch across the Southern Alps. South of Greymouth is Hokitika, which was first settled in 1860, after the discovery of gold on the west coast. It still has the feel of a 'frontier town', and there are some lovely old buildings to admire. Greenstone is the town's treasure these days - visitors can see it being polished and sculpted.



The Pancake Rocks in Punakaiki (© David Wall)

Sun., 4 April 10

Fox Glacier

along the West Coast

Distance: 230 km Time: 3:30 h

The road between Greymouth and Hokitika provides great views of the wild west coast. Further south, the road to the glaciers is rural, but with a wild streak. The farmland is trying to turn back into forest, and the beauty of the rivers is raw and primeval. In good weather the Southern Alps can be seen. A visit to the White Heron colony near Okarito and Whataroa, north of Franz Josef Glacier is a rare experience. From September to March visitors can go on an excursion into the nesting area, accompanied by a permitted guide. On a rainy day, the recently built 'Glacier Hot Pools' in Franz Josef are worth a visit.

Fox Glacier Mountain View

(1 night, 1 room with double bed, Bed & Breakfast)

Fox Glacier

Franz Josef and Fox Glacier are remnants of the ice age, which cascade from vast snowfields of the Southern Alps through West Coast rainforest to valley floors just 300 metres above sea level. Nowhere in the world's temperate zones are glaciers so accessible. These two glaciers move up to four metres every day, which in the glacier world is uncommonly rapid (the Tasman Glacier, on the eastern side of the great divide, moves at only 650 millimetres a day). At the foot of each glacier, the grinding, crushing sounds of ancient ice forcing itself down the time-worn valleys can be heard. A range of companies offer guided excursions to explore the spectacular ice formations. Helicopter and fixed wing aircraft, also provide scenic flights and snow landings, amidst New Zealand's highest peaks, overlooking the glaciers. The terminal face of Fox Glacier is just 5 kilometres from the township that serves it. The road to the walking track crosses ancient moraine from earlier advances and retreats. Fed by four alpine glaciers, Fox Glacier was named after an early New Zealand Prime Minister, William Fox. Lake Matheson lies just 6km from Fox Glacier. On a still, clear day it reflects the unforgettable image of New Zealand's highest peaks, Aoraki (Mount Cook) and Mount Tasman. An easy 40 minute walk leads to the first viewing platform, a complete circuit of the lake can be completed in one and a half hours.



Guided glacier walk: an unforgettable experience

Mon., 5 April 10

Wanaka

via Fox Glacier & over Haast Pass

Distance: 280 km Time: 4:30 h

There are many reasons to stop on the way, so it is wise to allow a full day for the journey from Franz Josef to Wanaka. The terminal face of Fox Glacier is just 5 kilometres from the township that serves it. Fed by four alpine glaciers, Fox Glacier was named after an early New Zealand Prime Minister, William Fox. Lake Matheson lies just 6km from Fox Glacier. On a still, clear day it reflects the unforgettable image of New Zealand's highest peaks, Aoraki (Mount Cook) and Mount Tasman. An easy 40 minute walk leads to the first

viewing platform, a complete circuit of the lake can be completed in one and a half hours. Just north of Haast is Lake Moeraki, a peaceful forest lake with good fishing. The settlement of Haast was once a construction camp for the Ministry of Works (the government department responsible for building the road from Haast to Wanaka, which was only completed in 1965). It's a town with a touch of the wild west - helicopters fly deer hunters into the rugged ranges and local pubs make a feature of stuffed animal trophies. The Haast Visitor Centre offers excellent information on the South Westland World Heritage Area, worth a stop! Haast is also the last fuel stop for a while. The way to the Haast Pass follows the Haast River to its headwaters, it is quite a dramatic road crossing of the Southern Alps - even though it is the lowest of the three alpine passes (563 m).



Reflections in Lake Moeraki

Hunting Package: Wilderness hunt in the Southern Alps

(Operator: "Land of Dreams")



LAND OF DREAMS
NEW ZEALAND

Led by an experienced guide, you will hunt various species of wild game in the stunning Southern Alps of New Zealand. The region is home to the Himalayan Tahr, red deer, rams and numerous other game animals. *(For a list of the specific species included in your package, please refer to the offer that will be forwarded separately by Land of Dreams).* Your hosts live in a beautiful hunting lodge just two hours from the hunting

grounds of the Tahr and 25 minutes from those of the Red Stag. A travelling companion who is not participating in the hunt will be well looked after by the host family and can take excursions from Lake Wanaka to various fascinating destinations. The adventure metropolis Queenstown is just an hour's drive away, while Milford Sound in Fjordland National Park can be reached from Wanaka by small aircraft.



Observing a Tahr

The free range hunt takes place on private land where there is less hunting pressure and greater trophies. A cottage next to the hunting grounds serves as the accommodation during the mountain adventure. Hunters, guides and (if desired) travelling companions stay at a former sheep shearing hut that was recently converted to a cottage for hunters. Such "Shearers' Quarters" are a typical feature of New Zealand that can be found on nearly all highland ranches. Though not luxurious, the accommodation offers warm showers and comfortable beds.



Panoramic view during Tahr hunt in Southern Alps

During the red deer hunt guests stay at the family's lodge near Lake Wanaka. The drive to the nearby hunting grounds takes 25 minutes. Hunters then venture into the mountain wilderness on foot. The guides and hunters often take breaks on the high ridges to enjoy the stunning views of the landscapes below. As one would expect at that altitude, vegetation is rather sparse. Much of the 30,000 acre hunting grounds is covered by steppe or bushland. Depending on weather conditions and roaming patterns, various species of wild game can be hunted on the Southern Island.



Stag in thick brush

Included in the package: Transfers, room and board, transportation, guiding, licences, rifles, field preparation of trophies, hosting of travelling companion, and trophy fees as detailed in the offer provided separately by Land of Dreams.

Not included: Alcoholic drinks, tips, taxidermy work and shipping of trophies, export papers, any other trophy fees not specified in the offer provided by Land of Dreams, and entry fees or additional expenses relating to activities carried out by the travelling companion.



Hosts in Wanaka: The guide and his family

Please note: This tour component is booked by Umfulana with "Land of Dreams Ltd". All queries concerning the hunting package should be directed to Land of Dreams. A detailed schedule and other information on the preparation and shipping of trophies will be provided by Land of Dreams" as well [Harald Bettin, Tel: +64 6 354 36 15, newzealand@landofdreams.co.nz]

Wanaka

The crystal-clear waters of Lake Wanaka reflect the snow-capped peaks of Mount Aspiring National Park. Here one can absorb the unstoppable beauty of pristine wilderness, and know that it will be easy to find a great restaurant for dinner. Embraced by the Southern Alps, on the southern shores of Lake Wanaka, there is Wanaka township, Otago's second resort town after Queenstown. Lake Wanaka is a playground for sailors, water-skiers, kayakers, while the mountains offer great opportunities for mountaineers, climbers, hikers, hunters and snow lovers. The region offers superb brown and rainbow trout fishing and there is a selection of award-winning vineyards within easy travelling distance of Wanaka township. An elevated golf course overlooks Lake Wanaka, with its clear blue water and surrounding alpine vista providing plenty of excuses for a poor round. The seasons are particularly noticeable in Wanaka. Spring (October - December) brings an abundance of blossom. Summer brings cloudless, hot, sunny days (January - March). Autumn brings splendid colours of gold and red (April - June), Winter brings crisp days, and snow lovers can enjoy huge freedom the mountain slopes (July - September).



Wanaka: The Rippon Vineyard (© Gilbert van Reenen)

Sun., 11 April 10

Lake Tekapo

passing Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park

Distance: 200 km Time: 2:30 h

The dramatic Lindis Pass links the Mackenzie Basin with Central Otago. These stark and uncompromising landscapes have a beauty all of their own - allow plenty of time to stop and take photos along the way. Glimpses of the towering Southern Alps may look familiar - they were used as the Misty Mountains surrounding Rivendell in Peter Jackson's film "The Lord of the Rings." Before the highway reaches Lake Tekapo, those with lots of time can take a detour to Mount Cook Village, which is located a 45min drive away - at the end of the valley. The road first hugs the edge of Lake Pukaki. The exquisite opaque turquoise colour of this lake and others in the area is caused by fine, glacier-ground rock particles held in suspension. The landscape is a mixture of high country tussock, farmland and snow-capped mountains.



Mount Cook and Lake Pukaki

B&B at Lake Tekapo

(1 night, 1 room with double bed, Bed & Breakfast)

This B&B is a character house built in 1978 - offering great views of Lake Tekapo and the Southern Alps from the veranda. The many beams under the ceiling give the house a cosy and natural feeling. The ground floor features all 3 guest rooms and the guest lounge. On the first floor are the living quarters of the hosts. Marianne and René are of Dutch origin. Marianne loves cooking, serving healthy food and meeting other people. She has put a lot of effort in decorating the B&B into a cosy house where guests can feel at home. René is an intrepid mountain hiker and runner - being a hiking and star watching guide, he is pleased to share his knowledge of astrology, astronomy and natural history.



Church of the Good Shepherd on Lake Tekapo



small and personal: B&B at Lake Tekapo

Lake Tekapo

The Mount Cook region - sometimes called the Mackenzie Country - is the high inland basin beneath the Southern Alps and Aoraki/Mount Cook. At 3753m Mount Cook - its Maori name is Aoraki, meaning Cloud Piercer - is New Zealand's highest mountain. It towers above a splendid cast of massive snow-clad peaks that make up the Mount Cook National Park. The region is known for its vast open spaces and golden, tussock-covered hills rolling towards the towering Southern Alps and turquoise glacial lakes such as Lake Tekapo. In many ways Lake Tekapo village on the shore of the country's highest large lake, is the centre of the Mackenzie Country. Scenic flights over Mount Cook National Park or helicopter tours to one of its glaciers start from Lake Tekapo and are often less weather dependant than glacier flights taken from Franz Josef or Fox Glacier, on the western side of the Southern Alps. Tekapo's most popular landmark, the Church of the Good Shepherd sits on the lake shores and has a spectacular view of the Southern Alps framed by its altar window. The pretty stone church has hosted thousands of weddings since its dedication in 1935. A tailor-made wedding package can be arranged by Umfulana.

Mon., 12 April 10

Christchurch

across the Canterbury Plains

Distance: 230 km

Time: 3:30 h

Past Geraldine the Southern Alps and its foothills are left behind, the route to Christchurch is about as straight and flat as roads get in New Zealand. The Rakaia River is one of the world's best examples of a 'braided' river system.

A Covered Wagon Stay

(1 night, 1 room with double bed, Bed & Breakfast)

This unique luxury accommodation consists of a covered wagon modelled after the wagons used by early settlers in New Zealand. Modern amenities expected by 21st century travellers have been discretely added, including a kitchenette with a microwave oven and refrigerator, heating and air conditioning, a bathroom with a computer controlled shower, and much more.



Romantic, unique & luxurious: Wagonstay near Christchurch

The wagon has been placed in a beautiful setting near Christchurch with views of farmland where deer, cattle and sheep graze. The Southern Alps are visible in the distance on clear days. Various restaurants are located in the vicinity, and downtown Christchurch is only a 15 minute drive away.



Interior Design: modern, clever & eco-friendly

Christchurch

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Christchurch: Cathedral Square (© Hiroshi Nameda)

Rental car drop-off

Drop-off location: Christchurch Airport (09:00 h)

Additional Services

Climate Compensation

For more information on the Trees for Travellers project, please refer to our website:

www.umfulana.com/climateoz

Vehicle(s)

AVIS New Zealand We have selected AVIS as our rental car agent for maximum reliability. Avis has a policy of keeping its fleet as good as new. AVIS has a 24-Hour-Road side Assistance. In case of a breakdown, the vehicle can be exchanged anywhere within New Zealand.

Included in Rate: unlimited kilometres, motor vehicle insurance (either "standard" OR "max cover" insurance excess, see below) Goods and Services Tax (=GST) of 12.5%.

Not included in Rate: Petrol, delivery fees, insurance excess charges & additional insurances (see below). Airport Concession Recovery Fees: NZ\$28+GST per hire (NZ\$30+GST from 01 April 09), for all hires commencing or terminating at an AVIS NZ airport or ferry location (unless 'Max Cover' is pre-booked with Umfulana, see below). This surcharge is payable directly to Avis by credit card on finalisation.; Petrol Bond (collected at the AVIS counter preferably by credit card - and refunded on finalisation, if the fuel tank is fully topped up). Remote Location Surcharge of NZ\$50 plus GST is applicable to all rentals commencing at these locations: Greymouth, Hokitika, Westport, Gisborne.

Insurance Excess In the case of damage to the vehicle the renter is liable for an insurance excess. The amount of the 'standard' excess is \$2500 plus GST for Groups A - E, and \$3000 plus GST for speciality Groups F, P, V and W. The excess is required as a bond paid by credit card at commencement of rental.

Max Cover The 'Standard' Insurance Excess can be reduced to NZ\$0 / NIL if the 'Max. Cover' option is pre-booked with Umfulana at the time of booking. Max Cover also includes the Airport Concession Recovery Fee already (see above). [We recommend to pre-book Max Cover, as is deal gives you peace of mind and better value for money, compared to the Excess Reduction Insurance that can be purchased at the AVIS counter (see below)]

Additional Insurances: At commencement of the rental, at the AVIS counter, the 'standard' excess amount can be reduced to \$225 plus GST by purchasing Excess Reduction at commencement of the rental, either by itself or as part of an insurance protection package. The charge for Excess Reduction only is \$24 plus GST

per day for car groups A-E and \$27 plus GST per day for car groups F, P, V and W. The Insurance Protection Package is NZ \$28 plus GST per day Groups A -E and NZ \$30 plus GST per day Group F,V,P and W which includes Excess Reduction Insurance, Personal Accident Insurance and Personal Effects and Baggage Insurance. Please note: If Excess Reduction Insurance or Insurance Protection Package is purchased you will receive complete cover for windscreen damage -which means the excess is fully waived.

Driving Licence Requirements The minimum rental age is 21 years. A valid driver's license must have been held by the renter for a minimum of one year. Learners or provisional licenses are not acceptable. Customers travelling on a non-English licence will be required to also carry an accurate English translation or International Driving Permit (IDP) while driving. There is no extra charge for additional authorised drivers as long as they have a valid driving licence and are registered on the rental agreement.

Island Crossings / Continuous Hire Policy When travelling between islands, changeover vehicles are supplied at the ferry terminals in Wellington and Picton. The changeover service will be calculated as one, only one booking number is required for a rental that is considered to be a continuous hire.

Driving Restrictions There are no driving restrictions applicable for remote locations or unsealed/gravel roads except for the following dangerous roads (no insurance cover, regardless which insurance package was purchased): a) Tasman Valley Road (Mount Cook Village to Blue Lakes) b) Skippers Road (near Queenstown) c) Ninety Mile Beach (near Kaitaia), d) unformed roads/ off road driving.

Car Models The car models shown are subject to availability and may vary by location. Reservations can only be accepted by car group, not by specific make or model.

Other: AVIS reserves the right to change the T&C's and fees stated above. For full details, enquire at the AVIS counter and refer your rental agreement.

Group C - Compact Auto

Typ: Toyota Corolla Sedan, Holden Astra /Viva (1.8), Mitsubishi Lancer (2.4), Toyota Corolla Hatch (1.08), Ford Focus (2.0). (Gruppe C)

Equipment: Radio/CD-Player, Air Conditioning, Power Steering, Dual Airbags, Automatic

Insurance package: Standard

Max. Excess for this car: Standard (see above)

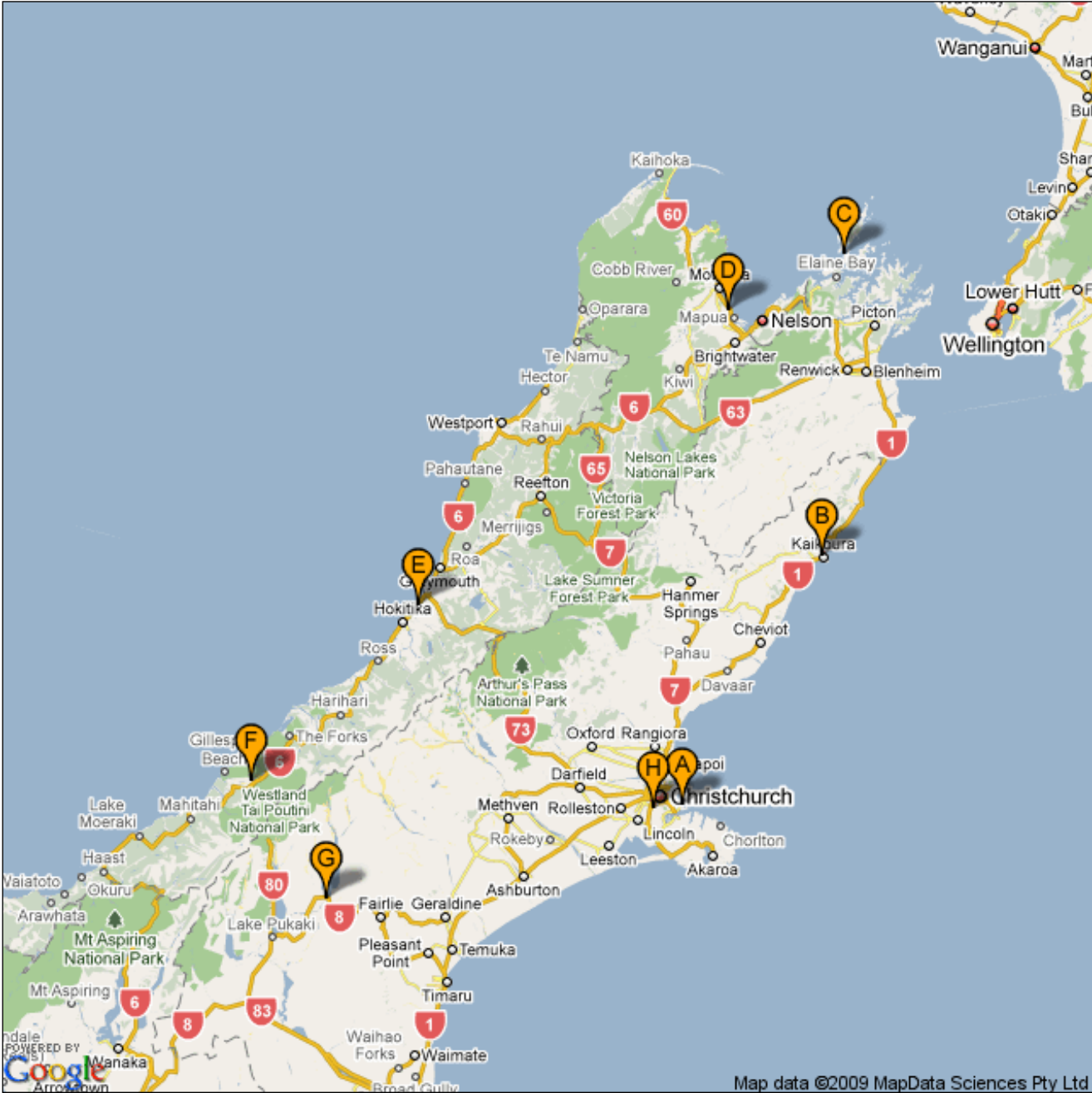


Itinerary (overview)

Date	Service
26 March 10	Transfer: CHC Airport to Scarborough Heights 2 nights; B&B on Scarborough Hill; Christchurch 1 room with double bed; Bed & Breakfast
27 March 10	Rental car pick-up; Type: Compact Auto; Category: Standard Pick-up location: Christchurch, City/Downtown (10:00 h)
28 March 10	2 nights; B&B in the Heart of Kaikoura; Kaikoura 1 room with double bed; Bed & Breakfast
29 March 10	Half Day Trip: Whale Watch Half Day Trip: Maori Tours Kaikoura
30 March 10	2 nights; Homestay B&B in a Remote Bay; Rai Valley 1 room with double bed; Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
1 April 10	2 nights; B&B overlooking Tasman Bay; Ruby Bay, Nelson 1 room with double bed; Bed & Breakfast
3 April 10	1 night; Country Homestead south of Greymouth; Hokitika 1 room with double bed; Bed & Breakfast
4 April 10	1 night; Fox Glacier Mountain View; Fox Glacier 1 room with double bed; Bed & Breakfast
5 April 10	Jagdpaket: Tahr & Rotwild mit Guide (inkl. Unterker)
11 April 10	1 night; B&B at Lake Tekapo; Lake Tekapo 1 room with double bed; Bed & Breakfast
12 April 10	1 night; A Covered Wagon Stay; Christchurch 1 room with double bed; Bed & Breakfast
13 April 10	Rental car drop-off Drop-off location: Christchurch Airport (09:00 h)

Trees for Travellers

Map



A: Christchurch, **B:** Kaikoura, **C:** French Pass, **D:** Motueka, **E:** Greymouth, **F:** Fox Glacier, **G:** Lake Tekapo, **H:** Christchurch

Price Overview

Accommodations EUR 2,606.00
(Breakfast/meals included as detailed above)

Vehicle(s) EUR 544.00

Additional Services EUR 8,890.00

- Half Day Trip: Whale Watch
- Half Day Trip: Maori Tours Kaikoura
- Jagdpaket: Tahr & Rotwild mit Guide (inkl. Unterker)
- Trees for Travellers

Grand Total EUR 12,040.00

Member

Muster / Maxi Mrs EUR 6,020.00

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Please note:

- Prices indicated in currencies other than euro are for informational purposes only and may vary in accordance with changes in exchange rates.

Booking with Umfulana is easy

Booking Form

Once you are happy with the latest itinerary and decide to book the tour, we will ask you to complete a booking form, sign it and fax it back to us (or scan the signed form and return it to us as an e-mail attachment).

Flight Details

We trust you will understand that we cannot start booking your tour until you have booked your flights and can give us your confirmed flight details.

Booking Process

As soon as we have received your fax, we will start to contact the hosts of each accommodation. Since we specialise in small, personally hosted lodges, it is possible that some of the accommodations will be fully booked and will have to be replaced by others of an equal standard in the vicinity. If there are any changes regarding the standard of accommodation or the total cost of the tour, we will contact you immediately. The route of your itinerary, however, is guaranteed and will not be changed.

Final Confirmation/Payment Procedure

When we have received a confirmation from each accommodation, which usually takes about 5-10 working days, we will send you a final booking confirmation, your confirmed itinerary and an invoice. On receipt of this invoice you will need to remit a deposit of 20% of the total package price (paid by credit card). The balance due shall be charged to your credit card six weeks prior to the start of your tour.

Final Travel Documents

Once we have received full payment we will send you the following final travel documents: a printed version of your confirmed itinerary along with the addresses of the lodges, the names of your hosts, detailed directions to all accommodations and a voucher for your rental car.

Terms & Conditions

If you would like to take a look at our Terms & Conditions, please visit the following page on our website: www.umfulana.com/termsconditions.php.

Travel Tips for New Zealand

Arriving in New Zealand

Every person arriving in New Zealand must complete the arrival card handed out on the aircraft. When you enter New Zealand some food, clothing and personal effects such as sporting and camping equipment, as well as souvenirs that contain certain plant and animal products, may be prohibited or must be declared in order to protect New Zealand from insect pests and plant and animal diseases. The rules are simple to follow and enforcement is strict, so before you travel find out what goods you can and cannot bring in to New Zealand and what goods must be declared. Visit www.protectnz.org.nz for further information. The future of New Zealand's environment, economy and health depends on it.

Car Accident

In case of a car accident you should call the police (phone no.: 111) and your rental car company directly before you call their roadside assistance.

Check-In Times

Generally, the hosts will expect you to arrive in the afternoon - unless a specific check-in time is stated. However, most hosts are flexible, and if you wish to arrive earlier, this should be possible by prior arrangement. If you are running late or expect to arrive after dark, please inform your hosts of your expected time of arrival.

Check-Out Times

Generally the check-out time is between 10 am and 11 am. Please check with your hosts on arrival, as check-out times may occasionally vary.

Christmas / New Year Holiday Period

If you are travelling over the Christmas / New Year Holiday period (25 Dec - 04 Jan), please be aware that this is also the peak holiday period for New Zealanders. Apart from the fact that the roads will be a bit busier than usual, please be aware that a number of shops, supermarkets, cafés and restaurants may be closed on some of the public holidays. If you would like to dine out on Christmas Day or New Years Eve, please contact your hosts at least a week in advance, so that they can book a table for you at a recommended local restaurant.

Drivers Licence

Overseas drivers with a non-English language licence must carry an accurate English translation or an International Driving Permit (IDP) while driving. This will help police determine that an overseas licence is valid, verify that the driver holds the correct licence class for the vehicle, and check for any conditions that may be attached to the licence.

Driving

Before you start driving in New Zealand, please take a few moments to familiarise yourself with the driving rules. Ask your rental car company for a leaflet. Here are the most important things to be aware of:

- a) Driving is on the left-hand side of the road.
- b) Remember the 'give way to the right' rule when driving in New Zealand. This includes giving way to right-turning traffic if you are turning left at an intersection.
- c) Do not exceed the legal speed limits indicated on road signs. The maximum speed on open roads is 100 km/h.
- d) Take care when driving on open country roads and watch out for single-lane bridges.

For more for information in New Zealand road rules visit: www.ltsa.govt.nz

Evening Meals

Evening meals, if offered, are generally by prior arrangement, unless a property has an onsite restaurant, or unless the evening meal has been booked by Umfulana, as stated in your itinerary. Most hosts require at least 24 hours notice if you intend to dine onsite.

Help

If you need help try to call your hosts first. With their local knowledge they will most likely be able to assist you better than anyone else. In urgent cases you can also call our New Zealand Office in Christchurch or Susanne's mobile phone. After hours, in the evenings, you can try to reach our European Head Office, which is open after 8:30 pm New Zealand time.

Money: Credit cards, cheques & cash

All major credit cards can be used in New Zealand and travellers cheques are accepted at hotels, banks and some stores. ATMs (automated teller machines) are plentiful, available 24 hours a day and can be found near banks, at airports, shopping centres and even some petrol stations. Credit and ATM cards can be used in New Zealand as long as they have been enabled for international transactions - check with your bank before leaving home. All goods and services are subject to a

12.5 percent Goods and Services Tax (GST) included in the displayed price.

Safety

New Zealand is considered one of the safest destinations in the world. New Zealanders are hospitable and happy to help visitors. However, do not leave valuables (especially your passport, cash or cameras) in parked cars or campervans, particularly at scenic spots or trailheads for popular tramps. Respect the forces of nature and stay safe on New Zealand's beaches, waterways and in the mountains. There is just one - rare - poisonous spider and there are no dangerous animals. The sun is strong in New Zealand and basic summer precautions include wearing a hat, covering up during the hottest part of the day and applying a strong sunscreen. In wetter areas, particularly in Fiordland, sandflies and mosquitos can be a nuisance: cover up and use an insect repellent.

Smoking

New Zealand is a paradise for non-smokers. To protect people from the health effects of second-hand smoke, smoking in all hospitality venues, including bars, restaurants, cafes, and casinos, is prohibited in New Zealand. If you smoke, please remember to smoke outside. If you would like to smoke at your accommodation, please ask your hosts where it is okay to do so.

Telephone Numbers

Police, Ambulance, Fire Service: 111

Road Conditions, Transit New Zealand: 0800 444 449

Directory Assistance:

National: 018

International: 0172

Travel & Health Insurance

We strongly advise you to arrange travel and health insurance. While Umfulana is insured against the unlikely case of insolvency, travel insurance will help you to pay the cancellation fees if you have to cancel your holiday. In case of an accident, you cannot sue the other party for compensatory damages if you are injured. Instead, the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) contributes to the cost of your treatment while you remain in New Zealand. However, the ACC does not pay any additional costs resulting from an accident, such as costs for delayed or curtailed travel plans, travel home, treatment at home and loss of income in your home country. Any public or private medical services

which are not a result of the accident have to be paid for in full.

Weather

New Zealand has a largely temperate climate. You can visit New Zealand at any time of the year. Summer and winter temperatures vary by only about 10C/50F. Away from the mountains, New Zealand winters are mild and temperatures generally do not fall below freezing. Because New Zealand lies in the Southern Hemisphere, the average temperature decreases as you travel south. The subtropical north of the country has an average temperature of about 15°C (59°F), while the deep south has a cooler 9°C (48°F) average. January and February are usually the warmest months of the year, and July is the coldest. Even though New Zealand does not have a large temperature range, the weather can change unexpectedly as cold fronts quickly blow in. You can easily have "Four Seasons in One Day".

What to wear

When it comes to packing, the key is layering: Be prepared for sudden changes in weather and temperature and take several layers of warm clothes with you, in summer as well as in winter. Apart from shorts and teeshirts, it's always wise to keep a jacket or sweater handy - a hat may also be a good idea. Rain can occur at any time of year, so a waterproof jacket is essential. New Zealand is a relaxed kind of place - smart casual clothes are acceptable at most restaurants.

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