



CHRISTMAS IN NEW ZEALAND WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourn Christmas in the Canterbury Plains

7 Days | 23 – 29 Dec 2018 | AUD\$6,500pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE*

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Spend 3 nights at the newly opened luxury hotel The Distinction in Christchurch and the award winning luxury resort Terrace Downs in Canterbury
- ✦ Experience the exquisite produce and wines of the Canterbury region with tastings along the way
- ✦ Touring of Akaroa including a harbour cruise and visit to the Giant's House and Garden
- ✦ Christmas Eve dinner on board the Tramway Restaurant in Christchurch
- ✦ Jetboating the spectacular Rakaia Gorge
- ✦ Celebrate Christmas lunch with a very special lunch at The Distinction in Christchurch
- ✦ All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ✦ Your own room with no single supplement charge
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a Journey Director

"Travelling with Bill Peach Journeys everything is so well organised. Highlights were meeting and being with some very interesting people in the group, seeing lots of lovely sights and eating and drinking great food and wine."

Janet Bennet, Shepparton, Vic

Bill Peach Journeys presents a luxury Christmas getaway in the spectacular Canterbury region of New Zealand. Christmas Eve sees us exploring the attractive colonial-style town of Akaroa, the only French colony in the country. We celebrate Christmas in the inspiring "Garden City" of Christchurch and learn why it is one of the world's most unique destinations, combining urban regeneration and innovation with heritage and culture.

Marvel at the majestic scenery of the Canterbury region famed for its lush and picturesque landscapes. Experience refinement and the warm hospitality of the Distinction Hotel in Christchurch and Terrace Downs, a luxury resort magnificently set in the shadow of the majestic Southern Alps.

A journey combining the festivity of a Christmas celebration with the endless natural beauty of this region, Canterbury is the perfect place for a luxury summer retreat.

ABOUT SOJOURNS

Our Sojourn programmes are short break journeys put together in conjunction with themes, events or experiences.

These programmes range from exploring Australia's Top End to world class events and unique experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand.

FULLY INCLUSIVE

When you travel on a Sojourn with Bill Peach Journeys

everything is included and arranged before you even leave home. That includes all sundries like tips, taxes and transfers. In fact you won't even need to carry your bags.

Enjoy the finest level of accommodation, dining and service all in the one fare. From the very moment your journey begins, your seamless travel experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.



DAY 1 | ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH

On arrival at Christchurch Airport you will be met and transferred to The Distinction Hotel in the heart of Christchurch, a city famous for its culture, atmosphere, lifestyle and history. Located on the east coast of the South Island, Christchurch is set amidst a natural environment world-renowned for its beauty though it is clear there is a vibrant cosmopolitan ambience. Your welcome dinner will be hosted by your Journey Director tonight, a perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Overnight: The Distinction or similar

DAY 2 | AKAROA

After a leisurely breakfast this morning we transfer to the attractive colonial-style town of Akaroa, the only French colony in the country. The beautiful harbour dominates the landscape and its sparkling waters are home to a variety of sea life including New Zealand fur seals, little blue penguins and a myriad of bird life. On arrival we enjoy a harbour cruise to see the stunning volcanic scenery and the endangered Hector Dolphin, the world's smallest and rarest dolphin.

We will enjoy lunch and leisure time to explore the quaint township before visiting the Giant's House and Gardens, a historic house with original artworks, terraced gardens containing sculptures and mosaics. On we continue to Barry Bay Cheeses and Takamatua Valley Vineyards to sample the local produce on the return transfer to Christchurch. Christmas Eve

will begin with carols followed by a unique dinner on board the Tramway Restaurant. We will experience the finest service, cuisine and beverages New Zealand has to offer incorporating a sightseeing tour showcasing Christchurch's inner city vibrancy and heritage – truly a mix of the old and the new.

Overnight: The Distinction or similar

DAY 3 | CHRISTCHURCH

Today you will spend a relaxing Christmas Day with new friends. After breakfast this morning you can either enjoy the relaxing ambience of the hotel or explore at leisure. For those clients wishing to attend church services, information will be provided.

Early afternoon we will enjoy a wonderful Christmas lunch at the hotel restaurant. This afternoon will be at leisure and dinner this evening is at the hotel.

Overnight: The Distinction

DAY 4 | CHRISTCHURCH - TERRACE DOWNS

After breakfast we tour the world famous Christchurch Botanic Gardens and view some of the best examples of native and exotic flora in New Zealand revealing why Christchurch is named the 'The Garden City'. We then transfer to Terrace Downs a journey that takes us across the world renowned fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland arriving at our luxury resort, Terrace Downs.

Overnight: Terrace Downs

DAY 5 | TERRACE DOWNS

Located in one of the most beautiful places on earth at the base of the Mt Hutt Ranges and overlooking the Rakaia Gorge, Terrace Downs offers incomparable luxury set in 550 acres of High Country magnificence.

After breakfast, we enjoy an exhilarating jet boat ride through the intricate network of braided river channels of Rakaia Gorge, skimming along stony banks and through gushing opalescent blue waters rich with salmon and trout. Soak in the dramatic scenery and marvel at the grandeur of the snow-capped Southern Alps. Afternoon and dinner at leisure this evening.

Overnight: Terrace Downs

DAY 6 | TERRACE DOWNS - CHRISTCHURCH

After breakfast we explore Ashburton which sits between the Rakaia and Rangitata Rivers. Here we will learn of the triumph of its early settlers over adversity. We transfer back to Christchurch where there will be a farewell dinner this evening in the hotel.

Overnight: The Distinction or similar

DAY 7 | DEPART CHRISTCHURCH

After a leisurely breakfast, we transfer to the airport. Saying a fond farewell to new friends, we take away memories of an enchanting Christmas Sojourn in Canterbury, New Zealand.

Please contact Bill Peach Journeys or your local travel agent for assistance with airfares.

*Conditions Apply: Single Supplement Free offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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