

Explorer Dream Shore Excursions – Akaroa

Itinerary:

Auckland – Bay of Islands – Milford Sound – Doubtful Sound – Akaroa – Picton – Napier – Auckland

Applicable sailing date: 12 January, 2020

Discover the best that New Zealand has to offer, select from a vast variety of shore excursions that Dream Cruises arrange for you. Book with us and have an unforgettable experience.

- **Great Convenience:** Well thought and arranged transport for point-to-point service.
- **Peace of Mind:** Booking your trip with us is worry-free! Ship will be there when you return even if there are unexpected delays on an excursion.
- **Professionally Managed:** All tours are conducted by professional guides.
- **Catered Needs:** Notify our team at the time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal or have specific food allergies.
- **Variety of Choices:** Pick your dream excursion to enjoy with your family and friends by referring to the tour’s activity level, features and remarks.

Excursion Features		Remarks
 Meal (Lunch)	 Refreshment (Tea/coffee/snacks)	 Age restrictions apply
 Wine Tasting	 Culture & History & Heritage	 Disclaimer is required for joining this activity
 Shopping & Relaxation	 Adventure	 Not recommended for guests in wheelchairs or with limited mobility
 Family fun (guests of all ages are welcome)	 Scenic	 Ship to shore transfers on tender boats

Activity Level		
<p>●○○ Moderate</p> <p>Requires some level of physical input such as lengthy walking over uneven roads, going up staircases or terrains.</p>	<p>●●○ Active</p> <p>Requires physical input for lengthy periods. Such as crossing steep terrains, and activities with ample movement.</p> <p>Recommended for venturous and able-bodied guests.</p>	<p>●●● Challenging</p> <p>Requires high level of physical input for lengthy periods. Activity may also require certain skills, such as scuba diving or windsurfing.</p> <p>Recommended for venturous and able-bodied guests and may require some previous experience.</p>

Akaroa

Akaroa, with its own beautiful bays and harbour, it is only 75 kilometres from the city of Christchurch. Akaroa is historic French and British settlement nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano. Explore the village with its colonial architecture, galleries, craft stores, and cafes. Relax or take part in the many activities that are on offer. Explore the dramatic outer bays and take your time to soak in the magic of this little piece of paradise.

Akaroa Harbour Nature Cruise (EDCHC01NME)				English Driver Guide	AUD 149/ adult AUD 109/ child
Meal 	Activity Level 	Features 	Duration* 2 hours	Participants Min. 35	Remarks 
 <p>Harbour Cruise</p>		<p>Make a date with the world's smallest, rarest, and friendliest dolphins at the beautiful and sheltered Akaroa Harbour. Akaroa lies inside the eroded craters of an old volcano, now flooded by the Pacific Ocean. Akaroa Harbour boasts stunning coastal scenery and is home to Hector's dolphins, New Zealand fur seals, and White-Flipped penguins. Enjoy a cruise on board a large, comfortable catamaran where you'll have the opportunity to view the local wildlife. Your skipper will provide fascinating commentary about the wildlife as well as stories of local legends and history.</p>			
 <p>Native dolphins encounter</p>		<p>Tour Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbour Cruise: Cruise around an extinct volcanic crater and experience majestic scenery and Akaroa dolphins. • Wildlife Encounter: Catch glimpses of the New Zealand native dolphin – the Hector's Dolphin, the smallest penguin in the world – White-Flipped Blue Penguin, New Zealand Fur Seal and other sea birds. 			
<p><u>Important Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wild dolphin and White-Flipped Penguin sightings are common but cannot be guaranteed. - This tour does not include a dolphin swim. - The guests will ride on a motorized catamaran vessel for the cruise tour. 					

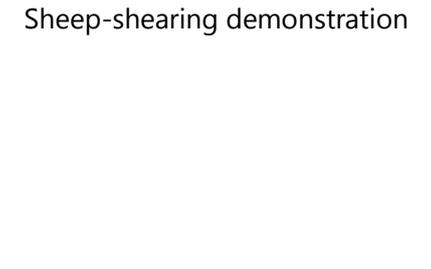
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Paua Bay Hill Country Farm (EDCHC02NME)

English
Driver Guide

AUD 169/ adult
AUD 159/ child

Meal 	Activity Level ●○○○	Features 	Duration* 2.75 hours	Participants Min. 35	Remarks 
	<p>Visit a traditional New Zealand hill-country farm on the Banks Peninsula's rugged eastern coastline, where the views (weather permitting) out over the Pacific Ocean are magnificent. To gain a sense of this country's remoteness, it helps to know that the nearest land mass to the east is South America.</p>				
 <p>Paua Bay Farm</p>	<p>From the pier, you'll head through the charming village of Akaroa, which was the first South Island settlement established by the French and British settlers in 1840. Its eclectic French and Victorian character remains intact to this day, and is best seen in its quaint wooden houses and pretty gardens. Climbing out of Akaroa, take in the panoramic views of both Akaroa Harbour, the flooded crater of an extinct volcano, and the Banks Peninsula's hidden eastern bays.</p>				
 <p>Sheep Encounter</p>	<p>Upon your arrival at Paua Bay Farm, the Johns family will welcome you. They are a seventh-generation French family farming since 1837. Owner Murray Johns is a raconteur who will hold you enthralled as he recounts the history of the farming and social lives of his forbears. You will learn how today farmers in this challenging part of the world must diversify and develop to survive.</p>				
 <p>Sheep-shearing demonstration</p>	<p>This will be followed by an expert sheep-shearing demonstration. You will then be shown how important sheep dogs are in the operation of the farm as you witness their highly trained dogs round up a flock of sheep over the steep hills. This will leave you in awe. These dogs are hard-working farmhands and their understanding of what is required of them is almost superhuman.</p>				
<p>Your tour ends at the homestead, set amidst a beautiful cottage garden surrounded by native bush where you'll enjoy Sue's warm hospitality while devouring her delicious scones smothered with jam and cream as you gaze at the coastline and wonder how you will ever leave this idyll to return to Akaroa and beyond.</p>					
<p>Tour Highlights:</p>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farming Visit: See sheepdogs working on the steep hills, take part in sheep shearing and mustering and learn about farming in New Zealand. • Akaroa Scenery: Marvel at panoramic views of sapphire-blue Akaroa Harbour surrounded by emerald-green hills in a volcanic crater. 					
<p><u>Important Notes:</u></p>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guests should consider their physical condition and medical history in determining whether they are suitable to join this tour. - The journey to Paua Bay Farm takes about 45 mins one way. - This tour is not recommended for those guests who: are pregnant; have undergone a surgery recently; are taking prescribed medication/ receiving medical treatment currently; have pre-existing neck, back, knee and/or shoulder injury; are suffering from heart disease, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, respiratory problem and/or physical disability due to the winding slopes and uneven surfaces during the ride to/from the farm. 					

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Swimming with Dolphins (EDCHC03NME)

English
Driver GuideAUD 269/ adult
AUD 239/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●●○		3 hours	Max. 12	
		<p>There is only one place on the planet where you can swim with Hector's dolphins sheltered Akaroa Harbour. Make a date with the world's smallest, rarest, and friendliest dolphins. Akaroa's harbour — a sea-invaded crater, boasts stunning coastal scenery and is home to a plethora of marine species, including the very rare Hector's dolphins. Enjoy a two hour cruise on board a jet-powered boat, and take the opportunity to swim with these friendly mammals. All crew on board are highly trained and will provide a great briefing on how best to interact with the dolphins while in the water. If you are new to snorkelling and the use of a wetsuit, the crew will be on hand to help you out. Wildlife sightseeing are not guaranteed.</p> <p>You will receive a dolphin information book, commemorative post card and a certificate of participation!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package includes: Wetsuit, mask and snorkels <p>Tour Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolphin Encounter (2 hours experience): Experience the magic of your dolphin swim. 			
Swimming with Dolphins					

Important Notes:

- Wild dolphin sightings cannot be guaranteed. The tour will be cancelled if dolphin swim cannot be taken place.
- Minimum age of participants is 8 years old, participants aged under 12 must be accompanied by his or her parent or guardian in the water.
- Guests should consider their physical condition and medical history in determining whether they are suitable to join this tour.
- This tour is not recommended for those guests who: are pregnant; have undergone a surgery recently; are taking prescribed medication/ receiving medical treatment currently; have pre-existing neck, back, knee and/or shoulder injury; are suffering from heart disease, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, respiratory problem and/or physical disability.
- The swim takes place in the open waters and not in an enclosed pool.
- All guests booked on this tour will get wet. We recommend guests to wear swimsuit, towel and bring a change of clothes with hot showers available at the conclusion of tour.

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Christchurch and Banks Peninsula (EDCHC04NME)

No Guide

AUD 109/ adult

AUD 99/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●●○		6 hours	Min. 35	
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  <p>The Canterbury Museum</p>  <p>Christchurch Botanic Gardens</p>  <p>Punting on the Avon River</p> </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> <p>Explore independently while enjoying the convenience of pre-arranged transportation between the ship and Christchurch. You'll set the pace and choose the places you want to see with ample time to wander from one intriguing landmark to another. At the time specified by tour driver, the motor coach will depart from the same point for the return drive to Akaroa and Explorer Dream.</p> <p>Tour Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panorama Scenic Drive: Enjoy the scenery while the coach travelling around the small bays, up to the hilltop and then passing the township of Little River and Tai Tapu, heading to Christchurch City. ● Have your own adventure at Christchurch (2.5 hrs): Begin your adventure near the Christchurch visitor information centre. Places of interest include the Canterbury Museum; punting on the Avon River (on own expenses) and the Botanic Gardens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Canterbury Museum (Free entry): Housed in a beautiful stone building, first opened in 1870 with just over 25,000 specimens on display with the outstanding Maori exhibits, a Victorian Christchurch Street, an extensive Antarctic collection and interactive fun for children in discovery. ○ Christchurch Botanic Gardens (Free entry): Established in 1863, the gardens span an area of 21 hectares hosting without doubt the finest collection of exotic and indigenous plants to be found anywhere in New Zealand. </div> </div> <p><u>Important Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lunch and entrance fees are on own expenses. - The journey to the Christchurch takes about 1.5 hours one way. 					

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Important Notes

1. Shore excursion fares are denominated in AUD.
2. Child fare is applicable to those aged 11 or below. Infants aged below 2 come free.
3. Shore excursion tickets are neither refundable nor transferrable after they have been sold.
4. Shore excursions require a minimum number of participating persons and may be cancelled if there are insufficient participants.
5. All shore excursions are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and have a maximum limit of participating persons. To avoid disappointment, guests are recommended to reserve shore excursions early.
6. Some shore excursions may require long-distance walking. It is recommended that guests should consider their physical conditions before joining such shore excursions.
7. Please be careful of personal belongings at all times in order to avoid thefts and robberies.
8. Please take extra care and caution when walking inside and outside the ports or during shore excursion in order to avoid accidents.
9. Please pay attention to hygiene conditions when going outside. Please do not drink nor dine in dirty environments.
10. Shore excursion is operated by the independent local tour operator and ticket is sold by Dream Cruises as an agent for and on behalf of such tour operators. Dream Cruises (including its officers, employees and affiliates) will not be responsible for the act, negligence, default or omission of such tour operators and/or any losses or damages suffered by the passenger in relation to their shore excursion.
11. Tour operator shall have the right to change the itineraries (including, without limitation, place of visit, transportation, accommodation and meal arrangements) due to operational need, weather conditions and/or safety, comfort or enjoyment of the guests. Neither Dream Cruises nor the tour operator shall be liable for loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment or expenses whatsoever incurred or suffered by the passenger in such circumstances.
12. Dream Cruises (including its officers, employees and affiliates) and tour operator shall not be liable for any loss, damages, claims, costs and expenses incurred and/or suffered by the passenger in relation to any force majeure events including, without limitation, war or threat of war, riot, disaster, acts of Gods (which includes but not limited to adverse weather condition, storm, tsunami, earthquake and/or typhoon), terrorist activity, fire, technical problem with transport, closure of port, strikes or other industrial action, act or decision of any government authority and any other events beyond the control of Dream Cruises and the tour operator.
13. Tour operators reserve the right to refuse the passenger to join shore excursions or cancel shore excursions for the following several reasons: late guests; safety reasons; immigration and custom clearance; and conditions beyond the control of the tour operator.
14. Information on this promotional leaflet is correct at the time of print. Dream Cruises reserves the final right to amend and change any applicable terms and conditions on this promotional leaflet without prior notice. In case of any disputes, the decision of Dream Cruises shall be final.
15. Dream Cruises will not be held responsible for any activity/transportation in ports of call other than that which is arranged through the tour desk onboard the vessels of Dream Cruises. Any activity/transportation inside or outside the port area is not within the control of Dream Cruises.
16. Itineraries and tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Kindly refer to the final tour information onboard.
17. For guests in wheelchairs, there will be crew members to guide and steady them as they embark for shore excursions, but the crew members cannot support, carry or lift guests on board the tender for safety reasons. Guests in wheelchairs please wear appropriate, flat, and securely attached footwear, when embarking and disembarking the tender. If passenger uses a wheelchair or mobility scooter, please note that passenger or passenger's travelling companion is responsible for assembling and disassembling the wheelchair/mobility scooter.

Notes:

Travel Accident Insurance

Age	Medical expenses claimable due to accident happened during the course of the journey	Charges claimable for medical evacuation conducted during the course of the journey
6 months or above	Up to US\$5,000 (Deductible US\$50 /claim)	Up to US\$5,000 (Deductible US\$50 /claim)
1) This Travel Accident Insurance is provided by AIG. The provisions and exclusions as staged under the AIG policy shall be conclusive. The company has the absolute right to terminate the policy without any notice. 2) Travel Accident Insurance is not meant to replace your own travel insurance. For sake of completeness, we strongly advise you to obtain your own insurance arrangement before departure. 3) Please note that any claim for illness or injury must be formally lodged with full particulars to our Customer Service <u>strictly within thirty (30) days from the date of the incident</u> . Claims lodged after the said timeframe shall be considered as time-barred.		

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