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A UNIQUE GOURMET JOURNEY

A YARN AND TEXTILE FANCIERS
DREAM TRIP TO FIBRE FRIENDLY NEW ZEALAND

9 DAYS | 8 NIGHTS FROM \$4399.00*PPTS
COMMENCES AT THE SCENIC SUITES HOTEL
QUEENSTOWN 26 OCTOBER 2024***

Welcome to a deliciously different, fully escorted tour to the South Island where outstanding yarn, award winning food and premium wines are as dramatic and diverse as the scenery.

Indulge your love of craft with fellow travellers who understand and share your interests and creativity as we explore down rural back-roads visiting a country fete, private homes, specialty studios and a fabulous co-op craft emporium to name only a few of the crafty experiences waiting for you!

DELICIOUS INCLUSIONS & SQUISHY ACTIVITIES

• Welcome evening scenic cruise and dinner to Walter Peak High Country Farm on stunning Lake Wakatipu • Exclusive Central Otago guided wine tasting • Unique pre-tour KAL/CAL – Bosom Buddies® • Visit the renown Ashford Handicrafts shop + factory tour with an Ashford family member • Touch Yarns | TOTE co-op (including a dyeing with natural fibres demonstration | The Tin Shed • Two half day workshops hosted by Morag McKenzie – Fearless Steeking + Managing Fair Isle Simply (additional cost) • 4 star deluxe hotel accommodation • Professional tour coach & driver • Meals as indicated

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DAY BY DAY ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DAY 1: SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024

Hotel check-in after 2pm. A late afternoon meet-up at the hotel for a quick tour briefing before we head to the wharf for a leisurely cruise across **LAKE WAKATIPU** aboard the iconic **TSS EARNSLAW** to **WALTER PEAK HIGH COUNTRY FARM** where we will enjoy our first meal together - with the **REMARKABLE** mountains as a backdrop, we really are immersed in some of the most spectacular scenery on earth.

SCENIC SUITES HOTEL QUEENSTOWN (2 nights)

DAY 2: SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

This morning a sightseeing tour of this renowned alpine resort before a short drive by **LAKE HAYES** (photo stop if it is in a reflective mood) as we head to the quaint village of **ARROWTOWN** the home of several interesting shops including **THE WOOL PRESS** stockists of the Icebreaker brand of Merino wool garments. Time too to browse the stalls of the weekly **ARROWTOWN FARMERS MARKET**, a vibrant collection of handcrafts, food and local produce.

A short drive to our next adventure, the impressive **KINROSS CELLAR DOOR** for a private tasting of several of the **CENTRAL OTAGO** region's premium wines including **VALLI, DOMAINE-THOMSON, WILD IRISHMAN AND COAL PIT**. Later we enjoy an **AMAZING** sharing platter style luncheon as a group before heading back to our hotel. Remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

DAY 3: MONDAY 28 OCTOBER

This morning we head toward the historic former gold mining towns of **CROMWELL** and **CLYDE**, once vital supply posts for Central Otago. The region boasts some of the world's finest quality wool and mohair. With sharp seasonal climate variations and low rainfall, conditions are well suited for growing high quality fibre and this wee township is home to the oh-so-tempting **TOUCH YARNS** store. Time here to browse the extensive range of stunning yarns and notions.

Lunch stop today is the wee township of **LAWRENCE**, home to a variety of cafes and the gorgeous **LINDY CHINNER HANDWOVEN DESIGNS GALLERY** which is well worth a visit.

Later we will be hosted by Judith, daughter Mistelle and the wonderful members of the **Taieri Spinners and Weavers/Creative Fibre Group**, visiting Judith's farm on the Taieri Plains which specialises in the breeding of various black and coloured sheep breeds + an **EXTRA** bonus is...it's lambing season! Q&A opportunity is followed by afternoon tea with our hosts.

Late afternoon arrival to **DUNEDIN**, fondly known as the Edinburgh of the South. A buffet style dinner this evening at our hotel.

DUNEDIN LEISURE LODGE HOTEL (3 nights)

DAY 4: TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER

NOTE: the itinerary for today and tomorrow MAY reverse to accommodate both Morag and our KAL/CAL recipients - I will let everyone know as soon as this is finalised

A city sightseeing tour of Dunedin before a visit to the delightful **OLVESTON HISTORIC HOME** which was the family home of an early Dunedin businessman, collector and philanthropist David Theomin built in 1906. The home is furnished with fine art, furniture and artefacts purchased from all around the world. Our visit includes a tour of the house with an emphasis on the embroidery and textile fabrics, followed by a delicious high-tea luncheon - in the former drying room...as you do!

Later, time to browse the downtown shopping precinct known as **THE OCTAGON** with its famous statue of Scottish poet and lyricist **RABBIE BURNS** (seated with his back to the Cathedral and instead, he faces the pub). Later we join the **Dunedin Cancer Society's Craft and a Cuppa** group's weekly crafty meet-up where we will donate our soft & squishy **KAL/CAL** items.

Evening at leisure. - why not meet-up in the pleasant hotel bar surrounds to chat with new friends and progress on any new NZ WIP.

***** FORCE MAJEURE NOTE: There may be unforeseen disruption to the featured tour activities due to the sudden implementation of local COVID-19 restrictions. Tour participants will need to be flexible and to "go with the flow" during this unprecedented event. Your health and safety are our primary concern.**

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

Some down time today for tour guests with the choice to either attend one or both of the half-day knitting workshops on offer or if preferred, a day to arrange private sightseeing tours to perhaps **LARNACH CASTLE**, a drive along the scenic **OTAGO PENINSULAR** to visit the **Albatross Colony** or a stroll through the beautiful **DUNEDIN BOTANIC GARDENS** located just across the road from our hotel.

Both workshops will be hosted by Morag McKenzie of **VINTAGE PURL YARNS** (and founder of the popular **UNWIND FIBRE CRAFT RETREAT**) and will be conveniently held in the hotel's conference area. **Details are still to be finalized - at this stage the proposed workshops will be Fearless Steeking + Managing Fair Isle Colourwork (each class has a max of 10 participants and will be at an additional quite reasonable cost - still TBA).**

Evening at leisure.

DAY 6: THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER

Northwards this morning toward the historic limestone township of **OAMARU** home to a quality co-op run by local artisans **THE OAMARU TEXTILE EMPORIUM**. We will meet the makers and attend an exclusive demonstration by Doe Arnott on how to achieve the best results from bundle dyeing when using natural dyes. The amazing **STEAMPUNK** museum is close by and again, there are plenty of cafes. Crossing the Canterbury Plains toward **METHVEN** we just may stumble upon another of my favourite woolly treats **THE TIN SHED @ RANGITATA**.

Dinner this evening at our very comfortable ski-lodge restaurant nestled by the majestic Southern Alps.

BRINKLEY RESORT | METHVEN (1 night)

TIP: The Ōpuke Thermal Pools and Spa is a shortish stroll just down the road

DAY 7: FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Another tour highlights today with a visit to the well-known **ASHFORD HANDICRAFTS**. Browse the amazing range of wools, notions and accessories. Time too for a quick coffee before tour of the factory with an Ashford family member.

Next is a visit to the charming **AKAUNUI FARM HOMESTEAD** for a private lunch in the gardens of this historic rural home. The homestead is a window into NZ's sheep and dairy cattle farming history and is set among 12 hectares of gardens and lawns. Enjoy a two-course seasonal lunch hosted by owners Di & Ian MacKenzie featuring fresh produce from the garden and farm meats and all accompanied of course by a couple of good NZ wines!

Late afternoon a short drive continuing across the Canterbury Plains toward **CHRISTCHURCH**. Evening at leisure.

DISTINCTION HOTEL | CHRISTCHURCH (2 nights)

DAY 8: SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

This morning we journey toward North Canterbury to the **HANMER SPRINGS FETE** held in the stunning historic Queen Mary Hospital grounds. This well-known local event now in its 8th year, attracts over 4000 people from every corner of NZ and brings together a selection of the country's finest Home, Garden, Clothing & Lifestyle products. Plenty of time to wander the 200+ stalls and no visit can really be complete without a stop for a well-deserved refreshment at the **PIMMS TENT**.

Early afternoon, laden with goodies we return to titivate ourselves for this evening's **FAREWELL DINNER** at the hotel.

DAY 9: SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Sadly, we are homeward bound today - rooms are available until 11 am check-out.

The tour is valid for a one-off departure on 26 October, 2024 and/or until sold out. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 pp + a completed and signed Booking Form are required to secure your booking. Final payment is due 22 August, 2024.

Tour land content cost is \$A4399.00 ppts (single room supplement is \$A1130.00).

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