

Canterbury Trails

PERSONALLY GUIDED TOURS

ARTHUR'S PASS HIKING DAY TOUR

Plains, Alps, Native Bush, Wildlife

Christchurch - Arthurs Pass - Christchurch

Tour Code: AP03/AP04

"In the heart of the Southern Alps, Arthur's Pass National Park has an incredible diversity of flora and landscape. They range from eastern beech clad hills and tussock valleys to the luxuriant rain forest in the west. The highest mountains have glaciers and surrounding them are tussock basins, flowering herbs and alpine grasses".

Journey across the wide expanses of the Canterbury Plains into high country surrounded by rugged mountain ranges. After leaving the Canterbury Plains, the landscape dramatically changes into sub-alpine we head towards the spectacular Southern Alps. View the Waimakariri River and its unique braided riverbed system. Enter Arthur's Pass National Park where short walks can be made to experience forests, rivers and mountains vistas. Follow the old stage coach route and travel down the spectacular Otira Gorge, testament to the road builders of the 1860's and the route taken by the Maori in their quest for greenstone. View Cave Stream where it burrows underground in an area of limestone cliffs and gorges, craggy outcrops and a setting of mountains to the east and west. This area was also used as for the filming of C.J Lewis' story – "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". The incredible Castle Hill rocks, unique weatherworn, rain smoothed outcrops of limestone are seen from the highway.

The return journey goes over Porter's Pass, leaving the high country and crosses the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch where your guide will drop you off at your accommodation and bid you farewell.

Option One (AP03): Drive up and back to Arthur's Pass in a luxury mini-van. Your journey will take you west across the rich agricultural belt of the Canterbury Plains with chances to stop along the way to experience some of Canterbury's hidden treasures.

Option Two (AP04): Board the TranzAlpine train, a world famous train journey. The train journey will take you through the spectacular Waimakariri gorge before entering the picturesque high mountains of the Southern Alps and Arthur's Pass, where you will be met by your guide. Your return journey will be by luxury mini-van.



Tour Inclusions:

- Hotel Pick up
- Travel by deluxe mini-van and or TranzAlpine train
- Picnic morning or afternoon tea
- 2-4 hour guided hike to explore the alpine and high country landscapes
- Lunch at a country hotel
- Fully escorted tour with local knowledgeable guide
- Hotel Drop off

Departure time: 8.30am or 7.30am (Train)
Return time: Approx 5.45pm

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