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Akaroa Cruise ship tours to Christchurch city return.

Itinerary

How long is the tour?

It takes around 1.5 to 2 hours to drive from Akaroa to Christchurch. On the journey you will get plenty of photo opportunities over the rolling green farmland with incredible views.

Who will be driving me?

One of our local chauffeurs.

Where will this tour take me?

Christchurch city main attractions.

What will I see? do?

We concentrate on what you want to see.

Where will we eat and drink?

Lots of restaurants and cafes, we have this sorted.

Our tours are very much customised to your interests and needs. However, we are more than happy to give you an itinerary of the must-see most interesting spots to eat, drink, snap photos, and see the best of Akaroa, Christchurch & the Bays.

Where we pick you up? We will meet you at the beginning of the Akaroa Wharf before you reach the information centre kiosk. We will be easy to find as we will have your personal sign with your leader's name on and we will be dressed in a Black suit, white shirt and Black tie. Just as any private chauffeur should be dressed.

Here are some of our recommendations.

The Akaroa Township. Once you reach Akaroa, we will be waiting for you at the beginning of the wharf dressed in our signature chauffeurs' black suit.

1. Robinson's Bay Lookout (Stop or Drive by): If you leave Akaroa later than 10 am, drive by only.

- View of Cruise Ship - Holiday Homes - Lovely secluded Bays - Duvauchelle Bay

2. Hilltop Tavern Lookout (Taking photos of Akaroa Bay):

The highest point on the Akaroa Christchurch road @ 470 metres sea level.

3. Little River (Drive through & Photos from Vehicle):

Small Rural Town serving the local farming community with essential services busy Rail Head until 1962, now very popular stopping place for travellers rail tracks preserved for Rail trail cycle way Silo stays unique alternative accommodation.

5. Lakes Forsyth & Ellesmere (Drive by):

Lake Forsyth: Only 1 x metre deep Eel's are an important part of the cultural significance of the lake to the Maori Significant because it has both fresh and salt water influences.

6. Summit Road above Lyttleton Harbour (Stop photos):

Lyttleton is largest port in South Island, and one of the oldest Colonial towns in NZ Major revenue for Port Company from Logs (Pinus Radiata) Coal from West Coast coal fields.

7. Sign of the Takahe (Toilet available)

One of four Roadhouses to refresh weary travellers Championed by Harry Ell it was constructed between 1918 & 1948

8. Drive into the City from Cashmere via the Eastern Suburbs:

Location of the devastation caused by the Christchurch 2011 earthquake with up to 5000 were pulled down.

9. Lunch. Sumner Beach cafe.

Sit back on the open deck with the views of the South Alps, Christchurch and the ocean while enjoying a delicious lunch of your choice, wine, beer or fresh coffee. (Sorry not included in our price)

10. Botanical Gardens (Walk through – 40 minutes):

70 Acres of Botanic Gardens established in 1853, considered by many international visitors to be “the best in the world” Central part Hagley Park of almost 500 acres Comparison with Central Park in New York (the largest City park in the world) @ 800 acres Central Park.

Leaving Christchurch city 2.30pm returning to Akaroa by 4pm for boat tender to cruise ship.

What activities you can find on a day tour to or from Akaroa to Christchurch

- **Gardens Trip:** Your chauffeur will accompany you through the Christchurch Botanical gardens. These are world famous right in the heart of the city's historic precinct.
- **Shopping Day:** Visit the Honey Farm factory, Westfield Mall, and the Merino Wool factory shop for some retail therapy and enjoy coffee and lunch.
- **Landscape Tour:** Over the Port hills to the Sugar Loaf, the highest viewing point, to see an amazing panorama of the Canterbury Plains and Christchurch City. Then down to the seaside community of Sumner beach for a delicious lunch and stroll on the beach.
- **Polar Explorer:** Have an icy adventure at the **International Antarctic Centre**. During your 2-3-hour trip you will learn all about this amazing continent at the bottom of the world. Meet live penguins, watch a 3D movie and take the Haglund ride (Antarctic caterpillar tractor), just like visiting the South Pole!
- **Adventure Activities:** There are plenty of action-packed activities to choose from including Adrenalin Forest or indoor Kart racing or a jet boat ride.
High in the sky: Up, up and away on a helicopter flight over Christchurch and surrounding areas. Get a group of six and enjoy the fun. We can arrange your personal flight from Akaroa.

We arrive back at Akaroa by 4 to 4.30pm with plenty of time to stretch your legs for a quick walk around Akaroa before boarding the tender back to your cruise ship and we say, "**Good by**".

Returning time to Akaroa Village.

Once we finish our tour, walks, activities we depart and head back to Akaroa about 14:30 arriving about 16:00 in time for shopping and a quick walk before boarding your ship.