

SHORE EXCURSIONS

AKAROA, NEW ZEALAND – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Akaroa Highlights



Duration: 4 Hours
Activity Level: Easy
Adult: \$163.90
Child: \$108.90

DETAILS:

Here's your opportunity to explore one of New Zealand's most treasured destinations - Akaroa, the first town to

be settled in the South Island. French colonists arrived here over 160 years ago and today their Gallic influence remains in the town's architecture and street names.

Start with a scenic 45-minute ride through the lush Akaroa countryside, with its picturesque bays, panoramic views of rolling hills and sheep grazing in the green fields. New Zealand is known for its sheep industry, as your first destination will show you.

You'll arrive at Manderley Farm, one of many farms in this area of Canterbury, greeted by a friendly hello and a spot of morning tea. After your refreshment, experienced farm hands will then lead you to the sheep-shearing shed where you'll get to see a demonstration. Another key member of the sheepherding team is the dog. You'll marvel at the considerable talents of these four-legged herders as they perform a lively display of their abilities for you. See top New Zealand sheep dogs gather a mob of sheep from nearby hills herding them down for their master for your photo opportunity. These champion sheep dogs will take whistle commands from half a mile distance with speed and agility. Ross will talk about his life experiences farming the hills over the last 30 years.

Leaving Manderley Farm, head back towards Akaroa and "The Giant's House." Originally known as Linton, the house is a unique part of the history of Akaroa – nestled in a secluded valley, it was built in 1880 for Akaroa's first bank manager. This grand house is reminiscent of the French style typical of Akaroa and features extensive use of native totara and kauri wood and has a magnificent, imported staircase of mahogany and numerous classic features. The gardens are like a living art gallery with a sculpture mosaic garden that's colorful, exuberant, interactive, romantic, fun, and full of surprises. Touches of whimsy create many magical moments and make for an unforgettable experience.

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Christchurch On Your Own



Duration: 6 Hours
Activity Level: Easy
Adult: \$86.90
Child: \$75.90

DETAILS:

Explore independently while enjoying the convenience of pre-arranged transportation between your ship and

Christchurch. You'll set the pace and choose the places you want to see with nearly 3-hours of free time to wander from one landmark to another. At the time specified by your driver/guide, your motorcoach will depart from the same point for the return drive to Akaroa and your waiting ship.

Your motorcoach departs Akaroa and travels for approximately 1.5 hours around the small bays around the harbor, up to the Hilltop and then passing the township of Little River and Tai Tapu, heading to Christchurch City. Your tour driver will give you a brief orientation and point out the places of interest that you might like to visit during your time in the city.

Places of interest include the Canterbury Museum; punting on the Avon River; the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park. The earthquakes of late 2010 to early 2011 have left a unique mark on the city centre, which gives a fascinating insight into post-earthquake recovery.

NOTE:

Amount of walking and level of exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. New Zealand Dollars might be required for entrance to some attractions and lunch as not all places accept foreign currency.