

## CLASSIC FIGHTERS OMAKA AIR SHOW TOUR by Deluxe Coach

**8-days (Easter) Departs Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 from Christchurch – 4 nights in Blenheim**

### Tue 4<sup>th</sup> April: Christchurch arrival transfers

Christchurch arrival day. Coach transfers included from Christchurch Airport to Christchurch City Centre and two night's accommodation in Christchurch CBD. Note: Transfer times yet to be confirmed.

*Rydges Hotel Latimer Square or Distinction Hotel Christchurch (2 nights)* **Dinner included**

### Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April: Christchurch to Ashburton and return. Aviation Museum visits & Christchurch sights.

Board your deluxe coach this morning and drive an hour south across the Canterbury Plains to the **Ashburton Aviation Museum**. This surprising museum houses the only Harrier Jump Jet in Australasia, along with a Meteor, two Vampires, an A4 Skyhawk, an Aermacchi, a Canberra cockpit and much more too. Spend the morning viewing the exhibits and talking to the volunteers. Return to Christchurch around noon and visit the **Air Force Museum of New Zealand**. This is the national museum for the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) and New Zealand military aviation, and stands on the site of the former air base at Wigram. There is much to see here during your afternoon visit. Later this afternoon there will be a highlights tour of Christchurch City before you return to your hotel.

*Latimer Square or Distinction Hotel Christchurch* **Breakfast & Dinner included**

### Thu 6<sup>th</sup> April: Christchurch via Kaikoura to Blenheim.

Climb aboard your deluxe coach today and drive to the **International Antarctic Centre**, beside the airport. Christchurch is one of five cities in the world known as an 'Antarctic Gateway'. This is a sincere claim – the city is an active champion of Antarctic geography and history, and the airport is a base for transport flights to the Antarctic. The Antarctic Centre is part of a working campus with a range of interactive experiences. Encounter real snow and ice and survive an indoor Antarctic storm here. Learn about life at Scott Base too and see what it takes to work on the ice. Hang out with little blue penguins, get close to a husky and enjoy the many educational attractions.

Drive north later through the vineyards and farmland of North Canterbury, followed by the scenic Kaikoura coastline. By mid-afternoon you'll be entering the Marlborough region. Then it's onto Blenheim for a four night stay in preparation for the long weekend Air Show action to come.

*Chateau Marlborough or Scenic Hotel Blenheim (4 nights)* **Breakfast & Dinner included**

### Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April: Yealands Classic Fighters Omaka Air Show Opening Day – plus alternative programme.

9.00 am. Transfer from your hotel by coach and return to Omaka Airfield for today's exciting Yealands Classic Fighters Omaka Air Show Opening Day programme. Your 3-day 'Gold Pass' Air Show entry includes access to an exclusive area, plus additional benefits. You'll have guaranteed grandstand seating to ensure the best view of all the action plus access to a large marquee. Your Gold Pass ticket includes lunch Saturday and Sunday in the Gold Pass marquee and tea and coffee is complimentary. A gift bag is included, containing the printed air show programme and a selection of quality items. The pass also entitles you to one free admission to the 'Knights of the Sky' exhibition. And we have included a **complimentary DC-3 scenic flight** for you too – on one day of the Air Show weekend.

Meanwhile transfers will be available for an optional alternative programme of cruises, wine tasting, craft beer tasting or local sights and visits as required. Later in the afternoon your coach will return you to your accommodation in Blenheim.

*Scenic Hotel Blenheim and Chateau Marlborough.* **Breakfast & Dinner included**

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> April: Yealands Classic Fighters Omaka Air Show Day Two – plus alternative programme.**

9.00 am. Transfer from your hotel by coach and return to Omaka Airfield for Day Two of the Classic Fighters Omaka Air Show programme. Your Gold Pass benefits continue today, including complimentary lunch in the Gold Pass marquee. Meanwhile transfers will be available again today for the optional programme. Return to your Blenheim accommodation later this afternoon by coach.

***Scenic Hotel Blenheim and Chateau Marlborough.*** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> April: Yealands Classic Fighters Omaka Air Show Day Three – plus alternative programme.**

9.00 am. Transfer from your hotel by coach and return to Omaka Airfield for Day Three of the Classic Fighters Omaka Air Show programme. Your Gold Pass benefits continue today, including complimentary lunch in the Gold Pass marquee. Meanwhile transfers will be available once more for today's optional programme. Return to your Blenheim accommodation later this afternoon by coach.

***Scenic Hotel Blenheim and Chateau Marlborough.*** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> April: Blenheim to Christchurch via Nelson Lakes, Highway 65 and Lewis Pass.**

Board your deluxe coach this morning to leave Blenheim and head south again. Take the scenic inland route through Nelson Lakes National Park at the northern end of the Southern Alps. Continue to Murchison then join Highway 65 (The Shenandoah Highway) to connect to Springs Junction and Lewis Pass. From here the road will slowly descend to pass by Hanmer Springs turn off then to Culverden, the Waipara wine country region and onto Amberley. Before long you'll be driving back into Christchurch for the last evening of your tour.

***Latimer Square or Distinction Hotel Christchurch*** Breakfast & Dinner included

**Tue 11<sup>th</sup> April: Christchurch departure transfers**

Christchurch departure day. Check out by 10.00 am then coach transfers are included from the hotel to Christchurch Airport (transfer times yet to be confirmed).

**Breakfast included**



## **DEPARTURE DATE**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

*(Returns Tuesday 11th April 2023)*

## **TOUR PRICES**

**NZ \$4,930 per person share twin/double**

**NZ \$5,980 for guaranteed single room**

## **Highlights and Inclusions**

- Upper South Island sightseeing
- Three significant aviation museum visits
- Exceptional pre-paid ground attractions, including International Antarctic Centre visit
- Premium Gold Pass 3-day entry to the 2023 Yealands Classic Fighters Omaka Air Show
- Complimentary DC-3 scenic flight (*scheduled into the Omaka Air Show programme*)
- Quality 4-star hotels; 3 nights in central Christchurch and 4 nights in central Blenheim
- Comprehensive meals: Breakfast (7), Dinner (7), Lunch (2)
- Deluxe coach sightseeing and transfers
- Fully hosted tour (Tour Director/ Host)

## **Transport**

- Deluxe coach for ground transfers and sightseeing

## **Terms & Conditions**

As per the standard DC-3 NZ Air Tour terms and conditions to be found on our website at:

[www.pacifictrailways.co.nz](http://www.pacifictrailways.co.nz)

## **Deposit and Payment**

A deposit of NZ \$500 per person is required to confirm the booking. Payment of the deposit confirms acceptance of the Tour Booking Terms & Conditions. Full payment can be made at any time but is required no later than 60 days prior to departure (full payment is required for bookings made less than 60 days from tour departure).

**INTERNET BANKING** – Pacific Trailways Ltd. **BNZ Account number 02-0400-0116109-001**

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