

## Wanaka Warbirds and Southern Wheels

6 nights/7 days

## Tuesday 12 April - Monday 18 April 2022

Queenstown – Mandeville Airfield – Invercargill – Otautau – Te Anau – Wanaka –Queenstown – Cromwell - Arrowtown – Queenstown



Our tour begins at Mandeville Airfield and ends at Highlands Motorsport Museum. In Invercargill on Burt Munro's trail we visit Classic Motorcycle Mecca and Transport World. At Te Anau jet boat the Waiau River and in Wanaka see this iconic air show with a three day Gold Pass and stay three nights in Queenstown.

## **Tour Highlights include:**

- Three Day Gold Pass, Covered Stand, Warbirds Over Wanaka International Air Show
- Try a dram of whisky at Hokonui Moonshine Museum
- Visit Mandeville Air field and Croydon Aviation Museum
- In Invercargill explore Classic Motorcycle Mecca and Bill Richardson's Transport World
- Visit E Hayes Shop, home of Burt Munro's 1920 Indian Scout
- Check out Allan Stearne's man shed in Otautau
- Jet boat on the Waiau River to Lake Manapouri
- Stay three nights at the Novotel Lakeside Hotel in Queenstown
- In Cromwell visit The Highlands National Motorsport Museum
- Visit Arrowtown and the Chinese miners' settlement

Day 1 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Fly to Queenstown – Mandeville Airfield – Gore – Invercargill We drive south to the Mandeville Airfield which dates back to the biplane barnstorming days after WW1. It's now home to the Croydon Heritage Museum and factory, internationally renowned for restoring vintage aircraft. Tour Gore's Hokonui Museum and try a wee dram of whisky. Then head on to Ascot Park Hotel, our home for two nights.

Ascot Park Hotel, Corner Tay Street & Racecourse Road, Invercargill Phone 03 219 9076

## Day 2 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Invercargill – Oreti Beach – Bluff - Classic Motorcycle Mecca – Transport World

Our first stop is Oreti Beach, famous as Burt Monro's racetrack. Then we continue to Bluff to take in the sights. Back into Invercargill we call into E. Hayes & Sons, the home of Burt Munro's Indian Scout. We browse the display of classic motorcycles at Classic Motorcycles Mecca then lunch at the Grille Café at Bill Richardson's Transport World and explore this astonishing automobile collection.

Day 3 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Invercargill – Otautau – Jet boat Waiau River – Te Anau We visit Allan and Beverley Stearne in Otautau, where Allan has a huge collection of vintage audio gear, cameras and a model railway. We walk over the Clifden Suspension Bridge and at Te Anau ride the Fiordland Jet down the Upper Waiau River to Lake Manapouri. Stay at Distinction Te Anau Hotel and dine in this evening.

Distinction Te Anau Hotel, 64 Lakefront Drive, Te Anau, Phone 03-249 9700

Day 4 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Te Anau – Warbirds Over Wanaka Practice Day - Queenstown
Drive through the Southland countryside to Lake Wakatipu and over the Crown Range to
the Warbirds Over Wanaka International Air Show's practice day. Your three-day Gold Pass
gives you the best seats at the show in front of the runway and the air show programme.
We return back over the Crown Range to stay three nights at the Novotel Lakeside Hotel.

Novotel Lakeside Hotel, cnr Earl St, Marine Parade, Phone 03 442 7750

Day 5 – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Queenstown - Warbirds Over Wanaka - Queenstown We breakfast at Novotel and arrive at the Air Show for the 10am start. Enjoy all the action of this fantastic event from your grandstand seat and lunch at a cooking station where chefs prepare the food in front of you. The show finishes at 4pm and we return to Queenstown in the late afternoon.

Day 6 – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Queenstown - Warbirds Over Wanaka - Queenstown
The final day of the Show – take the chance to mingle with the pilots and walk the
Flight line and enjoy the spectacle in the sky. Later in the day we visit the Warbirds and
Wheels museum collection which tells the story of the Warbird's founder Sir Tim Wallis
before returning to your Queenstown hotel and dining in this evening

Day 7 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Wanaka – Cromwell – Arrowtown – Return flight
There's time to check out Queenstown this morning before we head out to Cromwell to
the Highlands Motor Sport Park for lunch and to visit the museum and check out what is
on offer. We drive through the Kawarau Gorge to Arrowtown before continuing to
Queenstown Airport.

MoaTours reserves the right to amend or alter this itinerary where necessary.