



## ***New Zealand 2016***

## ***Pre-Conference Tour***

***Long & Short Tour Options***



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## 2016 IPPS PRE CONFERENCE TOUR

### DAY 1: Sunday 10 April: Christchurch – **LONG TOUR BEGINS**

- Welcome Drinks / Dinner *Rydges Latimer Hotel* 5pm
- Accommodation: *Rydges Latimer Hotel*



### DAY 2: Monday 11 April: Christchurch – Oamaru (via the Canterbury Plains)

- **Trents Nursery, Prebbleton** –an established wholesale nursery since 1983 supplying top quality plants to retail outlets, landscapers and nurseries nationwide. They are the largest Flower Carpet producer in the Southern Hemisphere.
- **Lushingtons Garden Centre Ashburton (M/T)**
- **Headford Propagators, Morven (Lunch)** – established in 1995 by Robynne and Grant Hayman, the nursery supplies growing-on-lines and re-vegetation lines to customers in the wholesale and landscape market, they also have a specialist plant freight service which is now used by many growers and suppliers nationwide.
- **Knottingley Park, Waimate** – a large tree park ( 36 ha ), equestrian course, cricket grounds, formal gardens and walking tracks among the large specimen trees ,which are over a hundred years. Knottingley Park is sometimes referred to as the hidden gem.
- Walk through the **Historic Victorian Precinct** in Oamaru
- **Blue Penguin Experience (General Admission)**
- Accommodation & Dinner: **Kingsgate Brydone Hotel, Oamaru**





### DAY 3: Tuesday 12 April: Oamaru – Dunedin

- **Moeraki Boulders**
- **Blueskin Nursery, Waitati (M/T)** - Established in 1988 by Mark & Clare Brown Blueskin Nurseries has gone from strength to strength during the past 21 years, named the Best New Zealand Garden Centre in 2008-2009
- **Dunedin Botanic Gardens (Boxed Lunch)** – This garden holds the status of Garden of International Significance and in 2013 the garden celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, marking its position as New Zealand's first botanic garden. Renowned for its Rhododendron Dell, with more than 3,000 rhododendrons, and its NZ Native collection with many rare and endangered native plant species.
- **Dunedin Railway Station** (recently listed as one of the world's top 100 buildings to see). It is an easy 7 min walk down to the Chinese Gardens from R/way Station.
- **The Dunedin Chinese Gardens** – The garden is in the traditional Yuanlin style.
- **Speights Brewhouse Tour & Dinner**
- **Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City**



### DAY 4: Wednesday 13 April: Dunedin

- **Explore Dunedin & The Otago Peninsula:**
  - **Sights of Otago Peninsula**
  - **Larnach Castle & Gardens (Lunch)**
  - **Hereweka Garden** - Contains plant material from NZ Offshore Islands
- **Dinner: Free evening to explore the many Bars / Restaurants Dunedin has to offer (own cost)**
- **Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City**



## DAY 5: Thursday 14 April: Dunedin – Invercargill

- **Pukerau Nursery (M/T)** Owner –operator, Arne Cleland, has specialised in growing native plants for over 30 years & is recognised as one of the principle growers of native plants for shelter, re-vegetation and landscaping in the lower South Island.
- **Blue Mountain Nursery, Tapanui (Lunch)** – established in 1932, this family owned & operated nursery is the largest grower of Rhododendrons and Azaleas in New Zealand with production covering over 5 hectares with extensive trial gardens. Blue Mountain Nurseries is both a wholesale and retail business marketing plants in a number of grades.
- **Hokonui Moonshine Museum** which celebrates the history of illicit whiskey making in the southern area / **Eastern Southland Art Gallery** – Home to the internationally renowned John Money collection & Ralph Hotere works, Gore (own cost)
- **Hosta Garden & Farm Experience, Glencoe (A/T)**
- **Dinner at “The Rocks” Restaurant, Invercargill**
- **Accommodation: Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill**



## DAY 6: Friday 15 April: Invercargill

- **Tulip / Bulb Operation**
- **E. Hayes & Sons Hardware Store** – a hardware, homeware, giftware and engineering supply store like no other, and it houses one of the finest private collections of classic motorcycles, automobiles and engines in New Zealand set around its centre piece – Burt Munroe’s legendary “Fastest Indian” Motorcycle.
- **Diacks Nurseries** – a family owned and operated nursery established over 100 years ago. They currently have two retail outlets in Invercargill which include a wholesale nursery & landscape service.
- **Bluff** – Group photo under the famous “Lands End” sign & a chance to sample the “Best of the South” over lunch – **Bluff Oysters**.
- **Southland Museum (Tuataras) / Queens Park Gardens**
- **Hayes Wholesale Nursery** - one of the biggest wholesale growers and suppliers of petunias, Pac geraniums, fuchsias and Pac pelargonium’s in New Zealand
- **Barbeque Dinner at Hayes Nursery**
- **Accommodation: Ascot park Hotel, Invercargill**





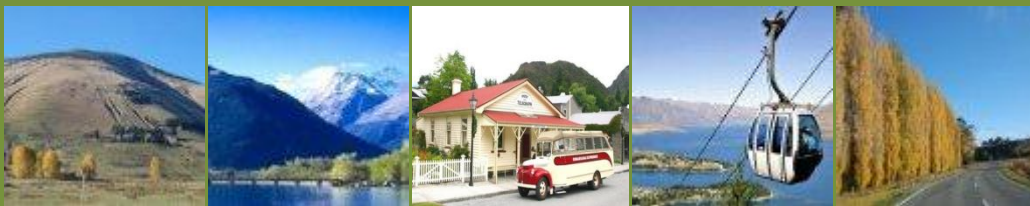
**Day 7: Saturday 16 April: Invercargill – Te Anau**

- *Five Rivers (M/T)*
- *Eglinton Valley (Boxed Lunch)*
- *Milford Sound & Scenic Cruise*
- *Homer Tunnel – Alpine Nature Walk*
- *Accommodation & Dinner: Distinction Luxmore Hotel*



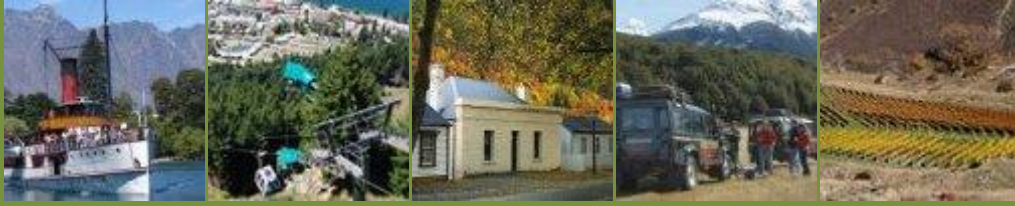
**DAY 8: Sunday 17 April: Te Anau – Queenstown – **SHORT TOUR BEGINS** (Day 1)**

- **Half Day Board Meeting for International Directors (1pm – 5pm)**
- **Arrowtown / Remarkable Experience Tour** (1937 Chev Soft Top Bus) Depart 1pm
- **Skyline Gondola & Buffet Dinner**
- **Accommodation: Heartland Hotel Queenstown**



**DAY 9: Monday 18 April: Queenstown (Day 2)**

- *Free day to explore Queenstown. Options may include:*
  - *TSS Earnslaw (vintage steamship)*
  - *Shotover Jet*
  - *Wine Tour*
  - *Skippers Canyon*
  - *Shopping*
- *Evening Meal – Own Choice (own cost)*
- **Accommodation: Heartland Hotel Queenstown**



**DAY 10: Tuesday 19 April: Queenstown – Mt Cook (Day 3)**

- **Nichols Garden Centre / Hunting & Fishing Store, Cromwell**
- **Lindis Pass** – at 971m the pass is the highest point on the South Island’s state highway network and traverses tussock covered hills.
- **Lunch at “The Wrinkly Rams” Omarama**
- **Mt Cook Village: Options may Include:**
  - **Glacier/ Nature Walk**
  - **Sir Ed Hillary Alpine Centre**
  - **Big Sky Stargazing**
  - **Scenic Flight**
- **Accommodation & Dinner: The Hermitage Hotel, Mt Cook**



**DAY 11: Wednesday 20 April: Mt Cook – Christchurch (Day 4)**

- **Tasman Glacier Boat Trip** – Weather Dependant
- **Lake Pukaki Visitor Centre & Lake Tekapo**
- **Salmon Farms / Canals**
- **Lunch in Geraldine** (own cost) – a small country town in the heart of a prosperous farming area with an artistic streak. Shop for arts and crafts, refresh at one of the many cafes or take a stroll around the historic trail.
- **Ambrosia Nurseries, Prebbleton**
- **Accommodation & Final Dinner** - **“The Canterbury Feast”**: **Rydges Latimer Hotel, Christchurch.** (Please note this is the Conference Hotel)





**DAY 12: Thursday 21 April: Christchurch – CONFERENCE BEGINS (Day 5)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRE-TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CONFERENCE**

- **Full Day Board Meeting for International Directors**
- **Day Free options include:**
  - Quake City - Earthquake Experience
  - Antarctic Centre
  - The Restart Mall
  - Cardboard Cathedral
- **Conference Registration & Drinks 5pm: Rydges Latimer Hotel**



**DAY 13: Friday 22 April: Christchurch – CONFERENCE - Rydges Latimer Hotel (Day 6)**

**Day 14: Saturday 23 April: Christchurch – CONFERENCE - Rydges Latimer Hotel (Day 7)**

**Day 15: Sunday 24 April; Christchurch – CONFERENCE CONCLUDES (12pm) (Day 8)**

