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Pre-Booking Info Pack

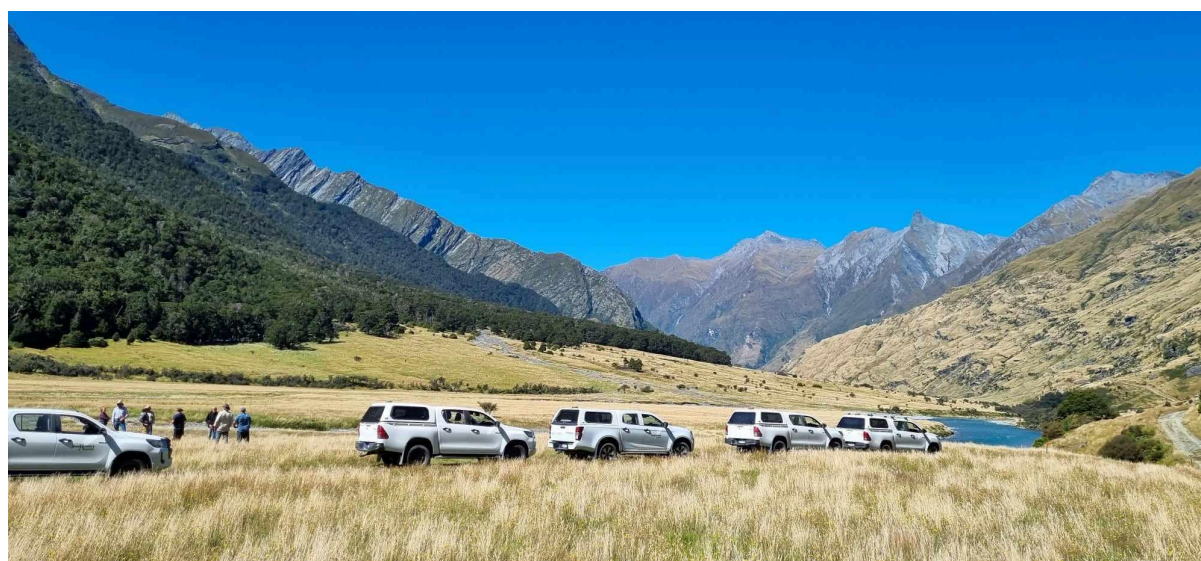
26 Feb – 9 March – AUD\$15,780 for up to 2 people in 1 vehicle.

The Ultimate Alpine Expedition: Roughing it in Style

Join the premier High Country Tag-Along Tour in New Zealand. We pair rugged off-road exploration with "roughing it in style", offering excellent accommodation and dining throughout the tour. Just get yourself to Christchurch, we'll handle the rest.

The Expedition Gear

- **The Fleet:** Drive a late-model automatic Toyota Hilux or Isuzu D-Max 4WD with a lockable canopy (13-day hire included).
- **Extended Exploration:** Want more time? Extend your vehicle hire before or after the tour at our special daily rate.
- **BYO Vehicle:** Bring your own approved 4WD and save approximately AUD\$2,000.



Your Guide: Tony

Experience the backcountry through the eyes of someone who has spent countless hours in the mountains. Tony holds a Master's in Wildlife Management and a Tourism Degree from Lincoln University near Christchurch, offering expert insights into the geography, geology, and ecology of the South Island.

For the last 11 years, Tony has been living in Australia, leading remote tours in the desert and Northern Australia in the Winter/dry season. His Summers are spent guiding tours into the South Island High Country.

The Tour at a Glance

- **Day 1:** Meet at 4:30 pm at the **Airport Gateway Motor Lodge, Christchurch**, for a briefing and welcome dinner.
- **The Pace:** We typically depart at 8:30 am and arrive by 3:30 – 4 pm. The distances are modest, leaving plenty of time for photography and soaking in the views.
- **Access:** 10 days of shifting landscapes across public land and private stations, including a stunning day on Mt Aspiring Station and a remote farm stay lodge near Queenstown, exclusive to our group.

Dining & Accommodation

- **Stay:** A curated mix of hotels, resorts, and authentic high-country farm stays.
- **Breakfast:** 4 cooked breakfasts included.
- **Lunch:** 7 "on the hill" picnic lunches (build-your-own wraps/rolls); other days feature stops at local favorites.
- **Dinner:** 12 delicious **main meals** provided (Entrées, desserts, and alcohol are additional).

Iconic Adventure Highlights

- **Scenic Flight:** A 1 hour flight over NZ's highest peaks and glaciers (weather dependent and optional).
- **Dart River Jet Boat:** A 2-hour high-speed glacial river tour at the head of Lake Wakatipu (optional).
- **The Grand Finale:** A farewell dinner at **Stratosfare Restaurant**, accessed via the **Skyline Gondola**, overlooking **Queenstown** at sunset.

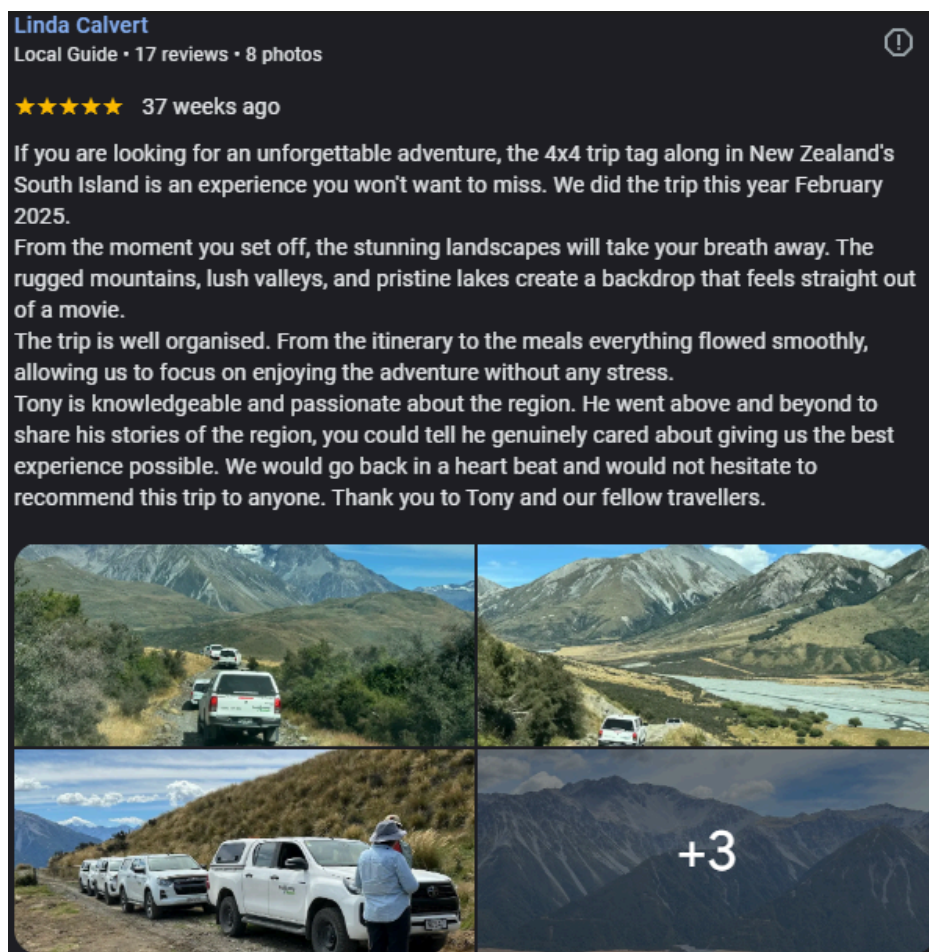
How to Secure Your Spot

Spaces are limited to 5 vehicles plus your tour leader to ensure an intimate group experience.

1. **Enquire:** Email us at info@4x4treks.com.au with any questions or to request a place on the tour.
2. **Deposit:** We will issue an invoice for a 25% deposit (excluding vehicle hire and scenic flight fees).
3. **Preparation:** Once the deposit is received, we'll send you a full Information Pack, including the day-by-day itinerary and packing list.
4. **Final Payment:** Due 60 days before departure.

Payment Note: The vehicle hire is paid directly to the rental company upon collection for licencing and insurance purposes. The scenic flight is paid on the day of travel in case of weather related cancellation.

Please see full details regarding payments and refund conditions in section 5 of our Terms and Conditions below.



Terms and Conditions

These Terms and Conditions are incorporated into our contract with you. Please read them carefully. When we refer to "us" or "we" we are referring to *Australian 4X4 Treks* and where appropriate its directors, employees and agents, and when we refer to "you" or "your" we are referring to each traveller in the booking group (vehicle).

By making a booking, you are agreeing to these terms and conditions.

1. You understand and agree that:

- Our tours take place in remote areas and may need to be modified at times for various reasons .
- The tours are self-drive adventures and conditions may vary, including some longer than expected days, and difficult terrain.
- We cannot guarantee exact arrival and departure times.
- We are not responsible for transportation, accommodation, or any other services provided by third parties, and their terms and conditions and limitations on liability may apply to your bookings.
- We rely on the information you provide to us to be a true and accurate statement.
- Minimum vehicle numbers apply.

2. You warrant that:

- If you are a driver, you have the required experience and skills.
- You do not have any medical conditions or disabilities that would prevent you from completing the tour.
- **You have, or will have at the time of the tour, a comprehensive travel insurance policy that covers cancellation, hospitalisation, injury, theft, vehicle recovery from remote areas, and other potential damages.**
- If you are a driver, you have a valid driver's licence for the country of travel which will remain valid for the duration of the tour.
- Any vehicle you use on the tour is registered and fully insured.
- Your vehicle has been and will continue to be maintained to a standard suitable for the conditions of the tour.
- You have read and understood these terms and conditions.
- If we request proof of any of the above, you will provide it to us.

3. We agree:

- To do our best to operate all tours as advertised.
- To comply with any requirements imposed by third parties, including governments, regulators, and national park operators.

4. You agree:

- To follow our instructions while on tour.
- To behave appropriately and to not do anything that may offend, distress, or harm tour staff or other travellers.
- To follow safety requirements and recommendations applicable to each location and situation, regardless of who imposes or makes them.
- That you have had the opportunity to seek independent advice regarding our agreement.
- To take reasonable steps to ensure your own safety.
- To notify us if any of the warranties in this agreement are, or become, incorrect.
- That if we, acting reasonably, take any action necessary for the provision of medical services, including medical evacuation, you will be responsible for the associated costs.
- To be responsible for the cost of maintaining, towing, recovering, or repairing the vehicle you use on the tour, including any consequential losses.
- To be responsible for any fines or penalties you incur for traffic or other offences.
- That we may cancel a tour if a minimum number of bookings is not reached.
- That we may require you to leave the tour if you breach these terms or if we, acting reasonably, determine that it is in the best interests of tour staff or other travellers, for you to leave the tour.
- To indemnify us for any loss suffered or incurred by us as a result of your failure to provide us with information or breach of any warranties you have given us.

5. Booking and Cancellation:

DEPOSITS

- To make a booking, you must pay a non-refundable deposit of 25% of the tour price (excluding the vehicle hire fee that is paid directly to the rental company for insurance reasons, and the scenic flight cost that is paid directly to “Air Safaris” in case of cancellation due to bad weather). Payment may be made by credit card through our online Xero invoicing system or by direct bank deposit. Credit card payments will incur a handling fee, which will be disclosed at the time of booking.
- A booking is accepted when we issue written confirmation to you, generally by email.

BALANCE PAYMENTS

- The balance payment must be received by us in full at least 60 days before the start date of the tour.
- If a tour is cancelled due to unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances, where we are not at fault, such as a bushfire or flooding, a ***force majeure*** clause

is enacted. This means that any money paid towards your booking is credited to be used on another of our tours departing within 16 months of your original departure date, less any non-refundable deposits we have paid on your behalf.

- If a tour is cancelled by us, for example, due to insufficient bookings, we will refund all amounts paid by you, minus any non-refundable deposits we have paid on your behalf.
- If you cancel your tour, you must notify us in writing immediately. If your notification is received 61 days or more before the tour is scheduled to begin, we will refund any amounts paid by you, minus the non-refundable 25% deposit, and any non-refundable deposits we have paid on your behalf, and any reasonable administration expenses. If your notification is received 60 days or less before departure, no refund will be given. **It is your responsibility to purchase travel insurance to cover this eventuality.**
- If you pull out of a tour of your own volition before the tour has ended, no refund will be given, regardless of the circumstances. Again, it is your responsibility to purchase travel insurance to cover this eventuality.

6. Limitation of Liability:

- To the maximum extent permitted by law, we exclude all liability for loss or damage of any kind, including consequential loss.
 - Without limiting the generality of the above clause, we will not be liable in any way for the acts, omissions, or defaults of third parties, whether negligent or otherwise.
 - Without limiting the generality of the first clause in this section, we will not be liable in any way for any loss or damage (including consequential loss) to any person or property caused by, or contributed to, by your actions (whether negligent or otherwise) during or after the tour.
 - Without limiting the generality of the first clause in this section, we will not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage (including consequential loss) incurred or suffered by you due to any changed itinerary, delay, extreme weather event, storm, fire, earthquake, avalanche, explosion, pandemic, embargo, border closure, government directive or regulation, litigation or dispute, war, or terrorism.
 - These terms and conditions (except for the final clause in this section) cannot be amended or waived unless in writing and signed by you and us.
 - Before commencing any legal proceedings, the parties will attempt to resolve any disputes between them in good faith.
 - Unless you advise us otherwise in writing, you give us permission to use any images of you taken by us or other travellers in our advertising or publicity materials. This includes photographs, videos and voice recordings.
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