

Lernen und Leben mit Kiwis!

Mt Hutt College - Methven

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NZET South Island Trip

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My Holidays were awesome! I did a 10 day trip over the South Island. We were at all sights of the South Island (only not south of Queenstown). We were 44 kids and three tour guys, plus a very cool bus driver.

After meeting in Christchurch we drove straight to the first hostel. That was very cool, because we had for four people a holiday flat with kitchen, bathroom, and living room with TV. And in Christchurch I realised that the dinner and the breakfast from the tour is awesome.

After shopping in the Riccarton mall we arrived at Lake Tekapo. There we visit the very popular small church (to marry in the church it cost for 30 min 500 NZD). And I were with friends in the Lake Tekapo hot pools and of course in the Lake swimming.

We stated at the next day with the bus at 5 am because we had a long drive to

Doubtful Sound. There we took a ferry over a lake to a pass and on the other side was Doubtful Sound. There we slept on a boat (max for 80 guests). The boat took us to the Tasman Sea and across of Doubtful Sound, Doubtful Sound is like Milford Sound only without all the tourist and the manmade structures.

In Doubtful Sound is the fastest growing city in New Zealand, first there lived only one man and then he married and then they had two children (+300 %).

Then we drove to Queenstown, there some guys did bungee jumping and so. I did the lodge (this are race cars on the top of the mountain) and then we hiked down from the mountain. And of course we visit the city centre of Queenstown.

After Queenstown on the way to Wanaka we were Jet boating on a river that was very cool to. It was nice that we were on a river so we could hit the rocks all the time, one time our driver hit one rock a bit, we were lucky that our driver train that for years.

And we were in Puzzling World, there were lots of visual illusions.

Then we drove to the east coast to Franz

Josef Glacier. We did a short hiking trip "to" the Franz Josef Glacier, but we only could see the glacier from far away.

After a small hiking trip we drove for a longer hiking trip and kayaking to Motueka to the north of the south island. The kayaking was very funny, because we had water guns to splash the other kayakers.

The plan was that we can swim with dolphins at Kaikoura, but the last strong earthquake destroy the direct road so we couldn't arrive there early enough to go swimming with the dolphins. But we saw funny rocks coming out of the water, because the earthquake smash some rocks 5 m higher than before.

The whole trip was 2,300 km long and one of my best times in New Zealand!



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