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HOLIDAYS

NEW ZEALAND

ESCORTED COACH TOURS

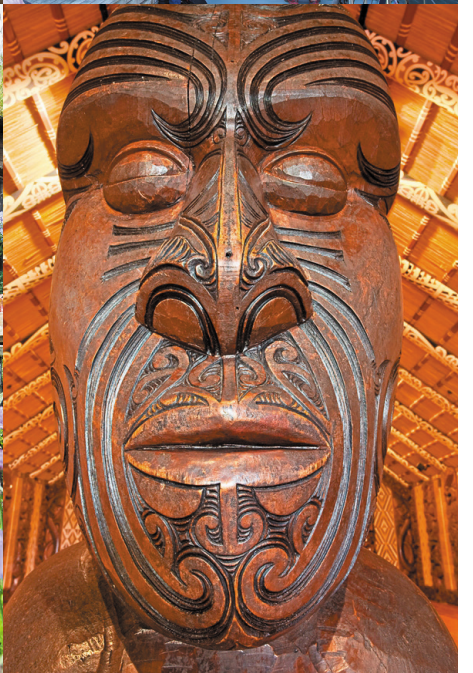
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Kia ora

Welcome to New Zealand

Here at First Class Holidays, we specialise in arranging award winning holidays. New Zealand specialists and independently owned, we are dedicated to bringing unique holiday experiences to all our clients. We are proud to continue our long partnership with Grand Pacific Tours to bring you a selection of New Zealand Coach Holidays that offer incredible experiences and unbeatable value for money.

ABOUT GRAND PACIFIC TOURS

Since 1996, Grand Pacific Tours, the New Zealand Coach Holiday Specialist has been indulging travellers from all over the world with the holiday of a lifetime.

New Zealand, beautiful at all times of the year, is best described as a world in miniature. From local secrets to tourist hotspots, every day is a new adventure, making lifelong friendships along the way.

Taking a coach tour is like choosing the best seat in the house. Through huge panoramic windows, you will be in awe of the picture-postcard scenery that is unveiled with every corner turned. The informative commentary provided by your expert crew on the country's rich heritage and diverse culture will have you captivated.

Tour in style, choose between an Ultimate Small Group Tour, boasting a Business Class level of comfort with only 20 luxury leather seats, or a Signature Mid-Size Group Tour, enjoying Premium Economy comfort onboard a coach with 32 seats.

Select an itinerary from our extensive product range to suit your desired holiday duration and one of our 145+ guaranteed departure dates. The choice is yours!

It's time to tick New Zealand off your bucket list and join us for a holiday where everything is taken care of.

Selection

145+ GUARANTEED Departures*



IT'S ALL ABOUT CHOICE

Ultimate Small Group Touring
- 20 Seat Business Class or
Signature Mid-Size Group Touring
- 32 Seat Premium Economy.
A range of itineraries to suit all
durations, budgets and interests
and 145+ GUARANTEED
departure dates to choose from.



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Like-Minded Travellers
Unique Experiences

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11 Day Ultimate Warbirds Over Wanaka

15 Day Classic Warbirds Over Wanaka

13 Day Classic Warbirds South Island

8 Day Classic Warbirds South Island

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Q&A

Stay Informed



Why New Zealand?

WORLD-RENOWNED NATURAL BEAUTY

Untouched, green and peaceful. Imagine a mix of spectacular scenery and landscapes from mountain ranges and glaciers, picturesque fiords to crystal clear lakes and miles of coastline.

UNIQUE CULTURE AND HISTORY

A young country, but one with a rich heritage including a vibrant arts scene and fascinating Māori Culture - an integral part of Kiwi life.

FRIENDLY LOCALS

Kiwis are friendly and down-to-earth people - it will be one of the things you treasure most about your visit.

IT'S SAFE

Regularly voted one of the safest countries in the world.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

A small country packed full of jaw dropping diversity and unique visitor activities and experiences.

FANTASTIC FOOD AND WINE

Foodies won't be disappointed. Eat and drink your way around New Zealand to discover unique flavours and food fresh from the source.





Why Coach Touring?

IT IS ALL ABOUT CHOICE

Tour in style! Ultimate Small Group Touring - 20 Seat Business Class or Signature Mid-Size Group Touring - 32 Seat Premium Economy. A range of itineraries to suit all durations, budgets and interests and 145+ GUARANTEED departure dates to choose from.

SIT BACK AND RELAX

Relax in armchair comfort, knowing the hassle of overlooking hidden locations or taking a wrong turn is removed.

COMFORTABLE, MODERN COACHES

Featuring panoramic windows, reclining seats, air-conditioning, two door access + more. Take in the breathtaking views from every seat on a daily seat rotation.

EXPERIENCED CREW

The professional and friendly crew will provide fun and informative commentary, showcasing facts and figures, myths and the passion they hold for New Zealand.

ICONIC INCLUSIONS. VALUE FOR MONEY

Coach tours ensure you visit all the 'must see' locations and iconic attractions plus unique hidden gems, neatly packaged up at an unbeatable price.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Share your holiday experiences with like-minded people and make a network of wonderful new friends.

Connect with us

GET SOCIAL

Stay informed via our eNews, exclusive offers and competitions.

www.fcholidays.com

www.facebook.com/fcholidays

www.twitter.com/firstclass_hols

www.instagram.com/firstclasshols

www.youtube.com/@firstclasshols

Why Grand Pacific Tours?

100% NEW ZEALAND

We specialise in one destination with a huge choice of tours to suit all budgets and interests.

145+ GUARANTEED DEPARTURES*

Don't have your plans turned upside down, every tour is guaranteed to travel based on our COVID-19 disclaimer.

NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

Pay one price inclusive of a personalised Meet and Greet on arrival in New Zealand with return airport transfers, hotel portage, coach travel, accommodation, most meals including specialty dining, all sightseeing and prepaid attractions!

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

Enjoy unique Grand Pacific Tours arrangements such as Hotel Wine Time, offering discounted pre-dinner drinks. Depending on the style of travel you choose enjoy tour benefits or a range of VIP extras.

TRAVEL IN STYLE

All tours include a stylish array of travel goods plus available for purchase are a range of quality merchandise items. See pages 64 - 65.

RESERVED DINING

Most meals are included, and all our groups are provided with priority reserved dining at breakfast and dinner.

NO TRAVEL PARTNER? NO WORRIES!

We have dedicated tours for those who travel solo which includes a GUARANTEED single room.

BONUS & SEASONAL OFFERS

We offer a number of specials on our tours, including great savings when travelling over New Zealand's Spring or Autumn seasons, or look out for our HOT DEALS on selected departure dates.

TOURING WITH CONFIDENCE

Our general Health and Safety protocols and other general information covering many frequently asked questions, can be found within our Touring with Confidence Guidebook.

Visit www.gptnz.com/health-and-safety for full list of our Health and Safety measures.

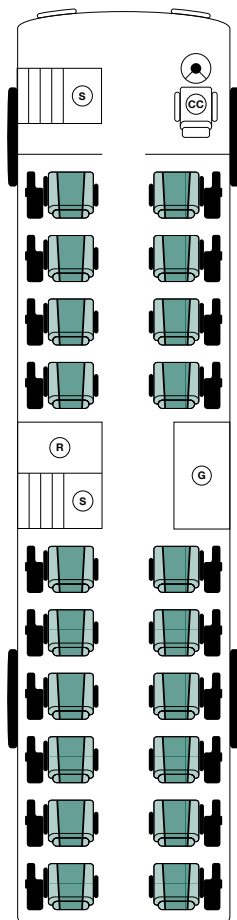
Compare

Tour in Style. 20 or 32 seats

Ultimate Small Group Touring

Itineraries are specifically tailored to provide a Business Class level of comfort, service and quality without compromise. Travel in style on a full-size, state-of-the-art coach with a maximum of only 20 travellers. Enjoy extensive onboard features and VIP Extras.

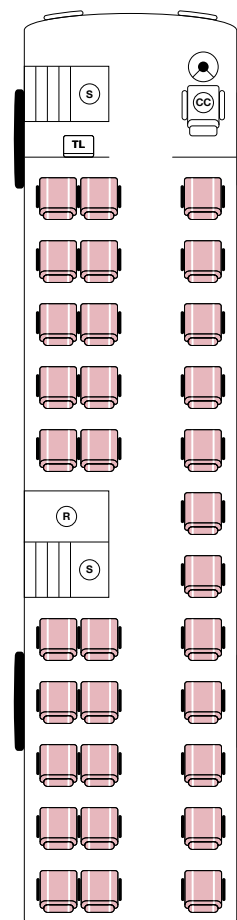
COACH
20 seat Business Class



Signature Mid-Size Group Touring

Experience the Premium Economy Comfort of a full-size coach, touring with a mid-size group of up to 32 travellers, fully escorted. The Signature coaches are beautifully crafted, designed for New Zealand touring with delivering excellence in mind.

COACH
32 seat Premium Economy



KEY (CC) Coach Captain. (TL) Tour Leader. (S) Stairs. (R) Restroom. (G) Galley.



Ultimate Small Group Touring

COACH

20 seat Business Class

SIZE

Full size 13.5 metre

FEATURES

Two door access

Air-conditioning

Restroom

Seat side storage with tray table and cup holder

Personal audio control

Headphones

Stylish centre galley area equipped with refrigerated drinking fountain and fridge units

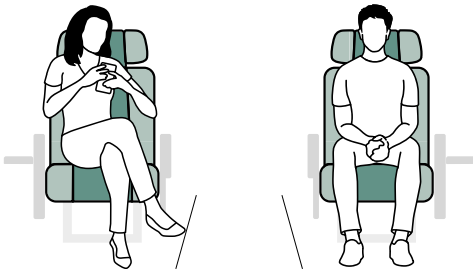
USB charging port

ONBOARD WI-FI

Included with daily allowance

SEAT CONFIGURATION

1 + 1 Seating



CREW

Professional Coach Captain

ACCOMMODATION

4.5 Star

BENEFITS

Complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner

Intimate Farewell Dinner including selected beverages

Boxed mints and souvenir water bottle

Wine Time discounted drinks

COACH LUGGAGE LIMIT

Up to 2 suitcases + Travel Bag per person

DOCUMENTATION PACK

Ultimate Pack

Ticket Wallet per person

ITINERARIES

Refer to pages 12 - 37



Signature Mid-Size Group Touring

COACH

32 seat Premium Economy

SIZE

Full size 13.5 metre

FEATURES

Two door access

Air-conditioning

Restroom

Individual seat back tray table and cup holder

Overhead storage

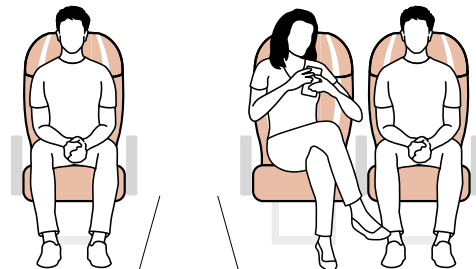
USB charging port

ONBOARD WI-FI

Included with daily allowance

SEAT CONFIGURATION

2 + 1 Seating



CREW

Professional Coach Captain and Tour Leader

ACCOMMODATION

4 Star

BENEFITS

Complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner

Complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Farewell Dinner

Wine Time discounted drinks

COACH LUGGAGE LIMIT

1 suitcase + Travel Bag per person

DOCUMENTATION PACK

Signature Pack

Ticket Wallet per person

ITINERARIES

Refer to pages 38 - 61



ULTIMATE SMALL GROUP TOURING

"The whole tour was absolutely perfect. This Ultimate Coach is the best and most luxurious I have ever been involved with. The look, seating and layout - congratulations to all involved."

- W. W. - Past Traveller







Business Class on Wheels. Maximum 20 Travellers



ULTIMATE SMALL GROUP TOURING

EXCLUSIVE TO GRAND PACIFIC TOURS



There comes a time in our lives when we begin to prefer quality over quantity and crave more comfort and style on our holidays. Enjoy premium accommodation, fabulous cuisine and impeccable service on a small group tour to remember. Be dazzled by the state-of-the-art design, purpose-built Ultimate Coach featuring 20 Business Class leather seats, panoramic viewing, extensive onboard features and a level of comfort unparalleled by any other vehicle.

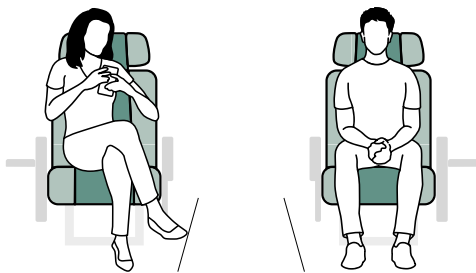


PROFESSIONAL COACH CAPTAIN

The Ultimate Coach Captains are the best in the business. They are carefully selected for their professionalism and attention to detail. They are there from start to finish and will attend to your needs and ensure a personal touring experience.

Enjoy their professional commentary including numerous facts and figures, myths, legends and laughs as you journey through New Zealand.

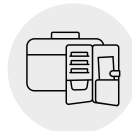
20 SEAT COACH 1 + 1 SEATING



Travel in style on a full-size, state-of-the-art coach with a maximum of only 20 travellers and enjoy extensive onboard features.

5 STAR TREATMENT VIP EXTRAS

Itineraries are specifically tailored to provide a **Business Class** level of comfort, service and quality without compromise. Travel in style and enjoy several unique extras.



Ultimate documentation pack including travel bag and ticket wallet



Complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner



Boxed mints and souvenir water bottle



Intimate Farewell Dinner including selected beverages

4.5 STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

You will stay at a selection of premium hotels in unique locations, or large hotels with a spirited ambience that suits the location. Enjoy a premium level of comfort, extensive guest facilities and thoughtful touches that create a long-lasting experience.



THE ULTIMATE COACH EXTENSIVE FEATURES



20 Business Class reclining leather seats with adjustable headrest and calf support



Panoramic viewing, air conditioning, seat belts and onboard restroom



Wood grain timber tray table with built-in cup holder



Seat side personal storage providing easy access to your travel bag



Personal audio control unit with multiple music channels and a complimentary set of headphones



Stylish centre galley area equipped with refrigerated drinking fountain and fridge units



Complimentary daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance and USB charging port



Access to daily newspapers and range of glossy magazines



The ultimate experience combining rail, coach and Doubtful Sound overnight cruise

19 Day Ultimate Rail, Cruise and Coach

Tour Highlight: Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise



THE FIORDLAND NAVIGATOR

Doubtful Sound is unspoiled, unmatched and unforgettable. You will create some lifelong memories as the Fjordland Navigator takes you through the ultimate Doubtful Sound experience. As you cruise through some of NZ's most stunning scenery, knowledgeable nature guides will provide commentary. There are opportunities to explore the shoreline by kayak or tender boat - or to simply relax on board. As evening falls, you will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner prepared by the onboard chef and served in the dining saloon. Mingle with fellow travellers, savour some of the fine wines and if the skies are clear, enjoy some stargazing. The next day explore other parts of the fiord.

TOUR CODE UGPR19

STYLE Ultimate Small Group
COACH 20 seat Business Class
ACCOMMODATION 4.5 star

STARTS Auckland
FINISHES Christchurch

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023	2024
Sep 5, 8, 21	Jan 6, 11, 14, 26
Oct 5, 10, 12, 28	Feb 10, 26
Nov 14, 20, 28	Mar 8, 15, 28
Dec 18	Apr 2, 15
	May 3

SEASONAL OFFER Save £171 pp on highlighted departure dates.

DEC 18 £57 pp surcharge applies.

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Tour includes transfers in New Zealand, Business Class 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions and a range of VIP extras.

LAND ONLY, PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

£7028

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £2263

PRE / POST STAYS

CITY	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
AUCKLAND	£106	£211
CHRISTCHURCH	£134	£269

Prices are in UK Pounds. Extra nights are per person, based on room only and subject to availability. Contact First Class Holidays for an airfare quotation.

Tour Highlight: 4 breathtaking Rail Journeys



GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY

Experience the thrill of travelling by steam train as you meander through beautiful rural countryside on a vintage train hauled by one of the lovingly restored steam locomotives. A delightful morning tea is also included.



THE TRANZALPINE

One of the great train journeys of the world. Depart Christchurch and travel through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, view alpine scenery, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps.



COASTAL PACIFIC

Begin your journey from the coastal port of Picton, travel through the picturesque Marlborough Wine Region and the East Coast providing vistas of the Pacific Ocean and the coastal mountains. You may see amazing wildlife including dolphins, seals and penguins.



PLEASANT POINT MUSEUM AND RAILWAY

Nestled in the small town of Pleasant Point is a museum and railway housing two steam engines, one of the world's only Model T Ford railcars and a 137-year-old station. A small army of volunteers work hard to preserve New Zealand's railway history.

No hidden extras

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- National Kiwi Hatchery Tour*
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Coastal Pacific Rail Journey
- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Lakes District Museum
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- **HIGHLIGHT** Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- Larnach Castle*
- Pleasant Point Museum and Railway
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- 17 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- 6 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 4 rail journeys
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Ultimate Documentation Pack



“Everything provided has been to a very high standard. Loved every minute!”

- J. C. & G. B. - *Past Travellers*

MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 14 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 3 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch
- 2 lunches: Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise; Pleasant Point Museum and Railway
- 2 delicious morning teas including an Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

Itinerary and Hotels

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach and enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the 'City of Sails', before travelling to Matakoho to enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands including an island visit aboard a luxury catamaran. Cruise to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. On return to Paihia, travel south, call into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree before returning to Auckland.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,D)

This morning travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop followed by a delightful morning tea. Depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures famous for dairying. Continue to Rotorua to visit the National Kiwi Hatchery, for a unique behind the scenes tour of the world's largest kiwi hatchery.

Hotel Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua where spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park and then continue south to NZ's capital city, Wellington.

Hotel InterContinental Wellington (Premium Room. 2 nights)

DAY 8: Wellington (B)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Reboard your Ultimate coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also at leisure .

DAY 9: Wellington - Kaikōura - Christchurch (B,D)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross the Cook Strait and enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey that follows a thin wedge of land between the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura Ranges. Meet your Ultimate Coach in the fishing village of Kaikōura for the journey to the garden city of Christchurch.

Hotel The George (2 nights)

DAY 10: Christchurch (B)

Today visit the International Antarctic Centre designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at your leisure. This evening is free to enjoy one of the many eateries near your hotel.

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Enjoy the surrounds and activities on offer at Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge.

DAY 11: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Fox Glacier (B,D) 🚂

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your Ultimate Coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing via Franz Josef to the township of Fox Glacier where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Distinction Fox Glacier

DAY 12: Fox Glacier - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into Arrowtown to visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Heritage Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 13: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at

the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

DAY 14: Queenstown - Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise (B,L,D) 🚢

Today travel via Te Anau to Manapouri. Enjoy lunch as you cruise across this glacial lake. A short ride over the Wilmot Pass brings you to the boarding point to join the Fiordland Navigator for an amazing overnight experience. As you cruise through the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound, naturalist guides will provide commentary and point out the resident wildlife. When evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared by the onboard chef.

Overnight Fiordland Navigator

DAY 15: Doubtful Sound - Te Anau (B,D)

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back to Deep Cove for the trip to Manapouri. Return to the wharf and meet your Ultimate Coach for the journey to Te Anau where you will enjoy an afternoon at leisure. You may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

DAY 16: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, famous for its stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture dating back to the gold rush of the 1800s. Today Dunedin is New Zealand's oldest university city.

Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 17: Dunedin (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle. On a guided tour you will hear the tragic and scandalous stories followed by time to wander around this Garden of International Significance and an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Return to Dunedin for a city tour followed by some free time. Optional activities available include a tour of the Speight's Brewery, which produces New Zealand's most popular beer, see wildlife in their natural habitat or take a tour of Olveston Historic Home, containing many treasures of a bygone era.

DAY 18: Dunedin - Christchurch (B,L,SD) 🚂

This morning travel to the city of Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue north to Pleasant Point Museum and Railway for a short rail experience followed by lunch and time to explore the preserved heritage of the South Canterbury railway. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with selected beverages and your newfound friends.

Hotel The George

DAY 19: Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.



**FESTIVE SEASON
DEPARTURE
DECEMBER 18**

Witness the spectacular scenery of New Zealand during the Festive Season. On Christmas Day in Wellington enjoy a sumptuous dinner with all the trimmings. Celebrate an unforgettable New Year's Eve on your overnight cruise through the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound. See in the New Year with new friends creating lifelong memories.

The Doubtful Sound overnight cruise on New Year's Eve will provide an unforgettable experience.



On an Ultimate tour of New Zealand, you will not only see spectacular scenery, but you will also make lifelong friends.

Optional Activities



**CAPE REINGA VIA
NINETY MILE BEACH**

A full-day trip takes you to the iconic Cape Reinga lighthouse at NZ's most northern tip. Discover the wild beauty of the region, rich in Māori culture and tradition.



**TE ANAU GLOWWORM
CAVES**

Venture into underground caves and the mysterious world of waterfalls and incredible rock formations before drifting into silent darkness beneath glittering glowworms.

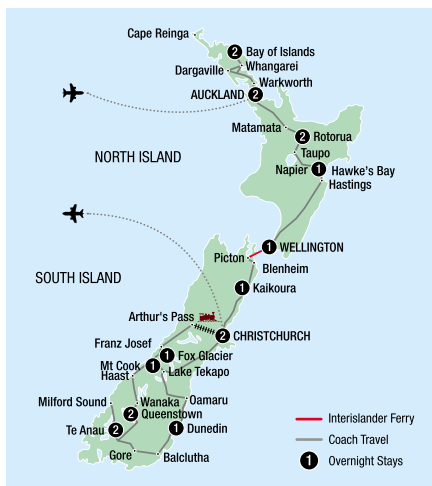


SPEIGHTS BREWERY

See over 141 years of brewing history on a guided tour of this Dunedin icon. At the end of the tour, sample the different styles and flavours of these award-winning brews.

Discover the best of New Zealand's iconic regions and attractions in a small group

19 Day Ultimate Showcase



TOUR CODE UGPS19

STYLE Ultimate Small Group
COACH 20 seat Business Class
ACCOMMODATION 4.5 star

STARTS Auckland
FINISHES Christchurch

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023	2024
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	May 7

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£6514

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £1983

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No hidden extras

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- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch*
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Cloudy Bay Estate Wine Tasting
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
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- City sights tour of Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch

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- Ultimate Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 15 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 3 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch
- 2 lunches: Hobbiton, Shire's buffet; Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

Itinerary and Hotels

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DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

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Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach, depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakohē, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also at leisure, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands including an island visit aboard a luxury catamaran. Cruise to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. On return to Paihia travel south via Whangarei before returning to Auckland.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

This morning enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth.

Hotel Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua, where spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop

is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Napier (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where the most comprehensive collection of art deco buildings in the world can be found. Hear informative commentary of the city's fascinating history. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city, you might choose to do a guided walk (optional).

Hotel Scenic Hotel Te Pania

DAY 8: Napier - Wellington (B,D)

Travel south this morning into Wellington for a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here. At Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, there is time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances.

Hotel InterContinental Wellington (Premium Room)

DAY 9: Wellington - Picton - Kaikōura (B,D)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry and enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Board your Ultimate Coach for the short journey to Blenheim, where you will experience a personalised wine tasting at Cloudy Bay Estate, one of the original winemakers in the Marlborough region. Continue south to Kaikōura.

Hotel Sudima Kaikōura (Ocean View Room)

DAY 10: Kaikōura - Christchurch (B)

This morning enjoy a leisurely start in this seaside village, where the mountains meet the sea. Kaikōura is renowned as one of the best places to see Sperm whales and other marine mammals. There is an opportunity to take a scenic flight to view the year-round population of Sperm whales (optional, weather permitting). Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch

Hotel The George

DAY 11: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Fox Glacier (B,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your Ultimate Coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing via Franz Josef to the township of Fox Glacier where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Distinction Fox Glacier



Enjoy an overnight stop in Napier, known as 'The Art Deco Capital'.

DAY 12: Fox Glacier - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is at leisure, you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Heritage Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 13: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

DAY 14: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas (2 nights)

DAY 15: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard.

This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, *Ata Whenua - Shadowland*, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

DAY 16: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Enjoy a city tour followed by some free time at leisure.

Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel

DAY 17: Dunedin - Mt Cook (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, hear the tragic and scandalous stories on a guided tour with time to wander around this Garden of International Significance. This is followed by an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Mt Cook.

Hotel The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

DAY 18: Mt Cook - Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving in Christchurch. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your newfound friends.

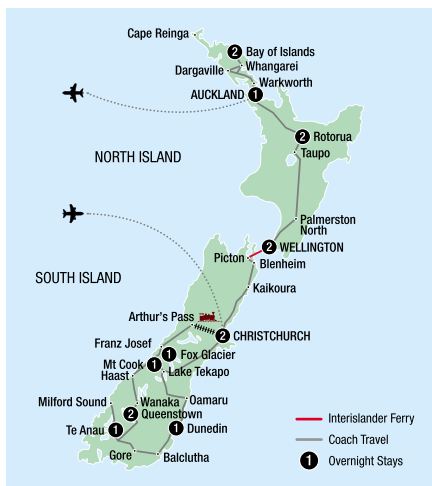
Hotel The George

DAY 19: Depart Christchurch (B)

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- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Kauri Museum
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- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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Hotel The George or similar

DAY 2: Christchurch - Mt Cook (B,D)

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Hotel The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

DAY 3: Mt Cook - Dunedin (B,D)

Depart Mt Cook, see Lake Benmore and follow the Waitaki River to Oamaru. Continue south to Dunedin, enjoy a city tour followed by free time. You might be interested in a tour to see local wildlife in their natural habitat (optional).

Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel

DAY 4: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

DAY 5: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year-round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is at leisure, you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)



In Rotorua enjoy a Māori cultural performance which features the graceful poi dance.

DAY 6: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

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Travel to Arrowtown, an old goldmining village and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Fox Glacier. Time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers before arriving at your hotel.

Hotel Distinction Fox Glacier

DAY 8: Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,D)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue to Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains. On arrival into the elegant city of Christchurch, your Ultimate Coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel The George

DAY 9: Christchurch - Picton - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through Marlborough

Country, famous for its food and wine. Continue to Picton, where you will board the Interislander Ferry for your journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Strait to Wellington.

Hotel InterContinental Wellington (Premium Room, 2 nights)

DAY 10: Wellington (B)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also free to choose your own dining arrangements.

DAY 11: Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua (B,D)

Depart Wellington and view the snow-capped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as you travel to Lake Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls then travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua.

Hotel Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)

DAY 12: Rotorua (B,SD)

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DAY 13: Rotorua - Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

This morning depart Rotorua and travel north via Auckland to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Continue through Whangarei to the Bay of Islands. This afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 14: Bay of Islands (B)

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DAY 15: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,SD)

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei and Dargaville to Matakōhe. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your newfound friends.

Hotel The Grand by SkyCity

DAY 16: Depart Auckland (B)

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Hotel The George

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Hotel The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

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Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel

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Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

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Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)



Experience the Hobbiton Movie Set on a guided tour.

Optional Activities



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Take an excursion into Queenstown's backcountry and recount the history of the goldmining era as well as dramatic landscapes only accessible by 4WD.



ROTORUA CITY AND LAKES TOUR

Discover Rotorua's natural scenery onboard an Amphibious WWII Landing Craft. Includes three lake visits with a 'Splashdown' into Lake Tikitapu and Okareka.

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DAY 14: Depart Auckland (B)

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- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Wilderness Gallery Hokitika
- Monteith's Brewing Co. Tasting
- Nelson Classic Car Museum
- Abel Tasman Guided Walk and Barbecue Cruise*
- Omarka Aviation Heritage Centre*
- Cloudy Bay Estate Wine Tasting
- Queen Charlotte Sound Cruise to Furneaux Lodge
- Kaikōura Museum
- International Antarctic Centre
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- 5 specialty lunches: Kingfisher Restaurant, Lake Brunner; Monteith's Brewing Co., Greymouth; Abel Tasman BBQ lunch, Abel Tasman National Park; Dodson Street Beer Garden, Blenheim; Furneaux Lodge, Queen Charlotte Sound
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Hotel Sudima Christchurch City (2 nights)

DAY 2: Christchurch - Akaroa - Christchurch (B)

After an introductory city sights tour, enjoy a scenic drive to the historic French village of Akaroa, with time to wander through the charming galleries and craft stores. This afternoon set off on a Nature Cruise in the hope of spotting the rare Hector's Dolphin and keep an eye out for penguins and other sea birds. Following your cruise, return to Christchurch where the evening is free to dine at one of the city's many restaurants.

DAY 3: Christchurch - Moana - Hokitika (B,SL,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges before descending through the Otira Tunnel

to Moana, on the banks of picturesque Lake Brunner. Enjoy lunch at Kingfisher Restaurant, before travelling to the Brunner Mine Site, the location of the 1896 mine explosion. This afternoon in the coastal town of Hokitika, visit a local gallery, for the opportunity to pick up a gift or souvenir.

Hotel Beachfront Hotel Hokitika (Ocean View Room)

DAY 4: Hokitika - Punakaiki (B,SL,D)

Today, take in the natural beauty of the Hokitika Gorge on a short walk descending through the hardwood forest that will lead you to a swing bridge which crosses the Hokitika River. Continue north to Greymouth, home of Monteith's Brewing Co. where you will sample locally brewed beers over lunch. This afternoon travel along the Great Coast Road to the world-famous Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and Blowholes.

Hotel The Ocean View Retreat - Punakaiki (Beach View Room)

DAY 5: Punakaiki - Nelson (B,D)

Journey north along the coast to Tauranga Bay and Cape Foulwind, named by Captain Cook in 1770 when he encountered

Set off on your Nature Cruise from the historic French Village of Akaroa for the chance to see the rare Hector's dolphins and other marine life.

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS AND WALKS

- Historic French Village of Akaroa
- Lake Brunner
- Brunner Mine Site
- Hokitika Gorge 
- Punakaiki Pancake Rocks 
- Cape Foulwind walkway 
- Buller Gorge
- Seaside town of Kaiteriteri
- Abel Tasman National Park 
- Marlborough Wine Region
- Marlborough Sounds
- Coastal town of Kaikōura

FITNESS LEVEL REQUIRED

Tour includes a number of short walks of up to 1 hour that require a moderate level of fitness. The walks are scenic and not excessive but can include slight inclines and uneven surfaces. Ensure you feel comfortable with this level of fitness before booking.



Optional Activities



HELI SCENIC TOUR

Arguably the best scenic views in New Zealand! Enjoy a scenic flight above the Kaikōura Peninsula and experience a mountain landing with 360 degrees of breath taking panoramic views.



WHALE WATCHING TOUR

View whales and dolphins in their natural environment and gain an insight into their world. From the comfort of a high-wing aircraft you will enjoy unimpeded viewing and photo opportunities at every turn.

nasty weather. A short walk along the rocky headland will showcase the rugged coastline and sea life often on show amongst the rocks. Travel inland via the Buller Gorge and Murchison to Nelson, one of the sunniest cities in New Zealand. This afternoon enjoy an orientation tour of the city followed by a visit to the Nelson Classic Car Museum where you will marvel at an incredible collection of iconic cars.

Hotel Rutherford Hotel (Premium Room. 2 nights)

DAY 6: Nelson - Abel Tasman National Park - Nelson (B,SL)

Travel to Kaiteriteri, gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park and join a cruise along the parks' picturesque coastline. At Anchorage Bay a barbecue lunch will be served. Re-join your coach and depart for Nelson via the vineyards. This evening is free for you to dine at one of the local restaurants in town.

DAY 7: Nelson - Blenheim (B,SL,D)

Today travel via Havelock and the wine-growing region of Marlborough. Visit the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, home to one of the largest private collections of WW1 Aircraft, brought to life in sets created

by the internationally acclaimed WingNut Films and Weta Workshop. Head back into town where you will enjoy lunch at a local Blenheim beer garden before a short drive to Cloudy Bay Estate. Established in 1985, Cloudy Bay was one of the original wineries in the region. Enjoy a personalised tasting experience followed by time to wander through the superb, manicured grounds and towering gum trees, which will surely be a highlight.

Hotel Chateau Marlborough (2 nights)

DAY 8: Blenheim - Marlborough Sounds - Blenheim (B,SL)

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day before travelling to Picton where time is available to explore this picturesque port. Board a luxury vessel at Picton Marina and cruise the spectacular Queen Charlotte Sound to Furneaux Lodge whilst enjoying the informative commentary on this stunning region. At Furneaux Lodge a delicious lunch will be served followed by time to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. There is access to kayaks and short walks around the property. On the return cruise to Picton a cheese platter featuring local produce is served accompanied by a glass of Marlborough wine, the perfect end to your

Marlborough Sounds adventure. Board the coach for the short journey back to Blenheim where the evening is free to dine at one of the local restaurants.

DAY 9: Blenheim - Kaikōura (B,D)

Farewell the Marlborough region and journey to Kaikōura. Visit the Kaikōura Museum, which features an exhibition depicting the impact of the 2016 earthquake. This afternoon you may like to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the coastline to see the many species of whales that migrate through this area.

Hotel Sudima Kaikōura (Ocean View Room)

DAY 10: Kaikōura - Christchurch (B,SD)

Depart Kaikōura and head to Christchurch to visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This evening reminisce on the memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner which includes selected beverages.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

DAY 11: Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable NZ holiday.

Enjoy an ultimate escape to New Zealand's dramatic South Island

10 Day Ultimate South Island



TOUR CODE UGPSI10

STYLE Ultimate Small Group
COACH 20 seat Business Class
ACCOMMODATION 4.5 star

STARTS Christchurch
FINISHES Christchurch

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023	2024
Sep 1, 10	Jan 2, 17
Oct 16	Feb 17, 29
Nov 15	Mar 21
Dec 29	Apr 22
	May 10

SEASONAL OFFER Save £114 pp on highlighted departure dates.

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Tour includes transfers in New Zealand, Business Class 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions and a range of VIP extras.

LAND ONLY, PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

£3759

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £1263

PRE / POST STAYS

CITY	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
CHRISTCHURCH	£117	£234

Prices are in UK Pounds. Extra nights are per person, based on room only and subject to availability. Contact First Class Holidays for an airfare quotation.

No hidden extras

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Larnach Castle*
- City sights tour of Dunedin and Christchurch

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- 9 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 rail journey
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Ultimate Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 9 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 2 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch
- 1 lunch: Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

Itinerary and Hotels

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch (D)

On arrival into Christchurch you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

DAY 2: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

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Hotel Te Waonui Forest Retreat

DAY 3: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is at leisure, you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Heritage Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 4: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.



The TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world.

Optional Activities



DART RIVER WILDERNESS JET

Experience a spectacular journey into the heart of Mt Aspiring National Park. Enjoy breath-taking scenery and an exhilarating ride as we follow the braided, glacier-fed rivers by jet boat.



AWESOME TOURS WILDLIFE TOUR

From Dunedin travel to the beautiful Otago Peninsula to view a variety of wildlife in their natural habitat. Look out for NZ Fur Seals, Sea Lions, Little Blue and Yellow-Eyed Penguins and if you are lucky a Royal Albatross.

DAY 5: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. This innovative museum is heavily involved in the protection of the historic buildings scattered around town. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas (2 nights)

DAY 6: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a nature cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, *Ata Whenua - Shadowland*, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

DAY 7: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Enjoy a city tour followed by some free time to explore at leisure. Optional activities include a tour of the Speight's Brewery, which produces New Zealand's most popular beer, see wildlife in their natural habitat or take a tour of Olveston Historic Home, containing many treasures of a bygone era.

Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel

DAY 8: Dunedin - Mt Cook (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, hear the tragic and scandalous stories on a guided tour. There is time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Mt Cook.

Hotel The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

DAY 9: Mt Cook - Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving in Christchurch for an introductory city sights tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your newfound friends.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

DAY 10: Depart Christchurch (B)

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An unforgettable ultimate experience of New Zealand's cultural North Island

9 Day Ultimate North Island



TOUR CODE UGPN19

STYLE Ultimate Small Group
COACH 20 seat Business Class
ACCOMMODATION 4.5 star

STARTS Auckland
FINISHES Wellington

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023	2024
Sep 1, 24	Jan 2
Oct 3	Feb 8
Nov 3	Mar 13
	Apr 7
	May 14

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ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Tour includes transfers in New Zealand, Business Class 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions and a range of VIP extras.

LAND ONLY, PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

£3274

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £1017

PRE / POST STAYS

CITY	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
AUCKLAND	£106	£211
WELLINGTON	£106	£211

Prices are in UK Pounds. Extra nights are per person, based on room only and subject to availability. Contact First Class Holidays for an airfare quotation.

No hidden extras

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch*
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- City sights tour of Auckland, Napier and Wellington

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- 8 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 cruise
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Ultimate Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 8 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 7 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 2 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Wellington
- 1 lunch: Hobbiton, Shire's buffet
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

Itinerary and Hotels

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach, depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakohē, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day to explore the Bay of Islands. Your Coach Captain will assist with the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach, a spectacular scenic flight over the crystal-clear turquoise waters of the Bay of Islands or you might be

interested to sail in a classic tall ship. This evening is also at leisure, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional) or try one of the waterfront restaurants.

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands including an island visit aboard a luxury catamaran. Cruise to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. On return to Paihia travel south via Whangarei before returning to Auckland.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

This morning enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth.

Hotel Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)



Waitangi Treaty Grounds, New Zealand's most important historic site.

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua where spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening enjoy a Hāngi feast, prepared in the traditional way, over hot coals and buried in the ground. This is followed by an entertaining Māori cultural

performance which features the graceful poi dance and ferocious haka.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Napier (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where the most comprehensive collection of art deco buildings in the world can be found. Hear informative commentary of the city's fascinating history. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city, you might choose to do a guided walk (optional).

Hotel Scenic Hotel Te Pania

DAY 8: Napier - Wellington (B,SD)

Travel south this morning into Wellington for a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your newfound friends.

Hotel InterContinental Wellington (Premium Room)

DAY 9: Depart Wellington (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

Optional Activities



SALT AIR

Fly by helicopter over the crystal-clear turquoise waters found in the world-famous Bay of Islands to the 'Hole in the Rock'. From above explore the townships of Russell, Paihia and Waitangi.



ART DECO GUIDED WALK

In Napier take a guided walking tour and hear how the town was transformed from the 1931 earthquake devastation to world renowned Art Deco architecture.

Visit the South Island in ultimate style with like-minded travellers

11 Day Ultimate South Island SOLO Travellers

No hidden extras



TOUR CODE UGPSO11

STYLE Ultimate Small Group
COACH 20 seat Business Class
ACCOMMODATION 4.5 star

STARTS Christchurch
FINISHES Christchurch

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023 **2024**
Sep 22 Jan 7

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Tour includes transfers in New Zealand, Business Class 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions and a range of VIP extras.

LAND ONLY, GUARANTEED SINGLE ROOM

£5651

PRE / POST STAYS

CITY	SINGLE
CHRISTCHURCH	£234

Prices are in UK Pounds. Extra nights are per person, based on room only and subject to availability. Contact First Class Holidays for an airfare quotation.

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- International Antarctic Centre
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Larnach Castle*
- City Sights tour of Christchurch and Dunedin

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- 10 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- 3 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 rail journey
- 2 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Ultimate Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 10 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 2 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch
- 1 lunch: Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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Itinerary and Hotels

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DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch (D)

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Hotel Sudima Christchurch City (2 nights)

DAY 2: Christchurch (B)

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DAY 3: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

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to the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Te Waonui Forest Retreat

DAY 4: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is at leisure, you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Heritage Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 5: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and



Meet like-minded people and make lifelong friends.

Optional Activities



CLASSIC WINE TOUR

Central Otago is one of the world's premier cool-climate wine regions. Visit three premium vineyards. Included is a guided tour through NZ's largest underground wine cave and a cheeseboard that accompanies a tasting.



FIORDLAND CINEMA

No visit to Fiordland is complete without taking in the breathtaking film, 'Ata Whenua - Shadowland'. Screened in a purpose-built theatre, you will take an unforgettable journey.

locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

DAY 6: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. This innovative museum is heavily involved in the protection of the historic buildings scattered around town. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas (2 nights)

DAY 7: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by

watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua - Shadowland, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

DAY 8: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Enjoy a city tour followed by some free time to explore at leisure. Optional activities include a tour of the Speight's Brewery, which produces New Zealand's most popular beer, see wildlife in their natural habitat or take a tour of Olveston Historic Home, containing many treasures of a bygone era.

Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel

DAY 9: Dunedin - Mt Cook (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, hear the tragic and scandalous stories on a guided tour. There is time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Mt Cook.

Hotel The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

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Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

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Witness the South Island in ultimate festive style featuring Doubtful Sound overnight cruise

11 Day Ultimate South Island Christmas

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ACCOMMODATION 4.5 star

STARTS Christchurch
FINISHES Christchurch

2023 GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
Dec 19

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£4411

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £1480

PRE / POST STAYS

CITY	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
CHRISTCHURCH	£117	£234

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VISIT BOTH ISLANDS

Visit the icons of the North and South islands during the festive season on the **19 Day Ultimate Rail, Cruise and Coach**. Full itinerary pages 16 - 19.

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- International Antarctic Centre
- Larnach Castle*
- **HIGHLIGHT** Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
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Hotel Sudima Christchurch City (2 nights)

DAY 2: Christchurch (B)

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DAY 3: Christchurch - Mt Cook (B,D)

Travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Aoraki / Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps.

Hotel The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

DAY 4: Mt Cook - Dunedin (B,D)

Depart Mt Cook and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city tour followed by some free time. You might be interested in a tour of the Speight's Brewery (optional) or the chance to see local wildlife in their natural habitat (optional).

Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel

DAY 5: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning, travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional) or the Fiordland Cinema, specially constructed to screen the locally filmed movie Ata Whenua - Shadowland which will take you on an unforgettable journey (optional).

Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Tour Highlight: Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise



THE FIORDLAND NAVIGATOR

Doubtful Sound is unspoiled, unmatched and unforgettable. You will create some lifelong memories as the Fiordland Navigator takes you through the ultimate Doubtful Sound experience. As you cruise through some of NZ's most stunning scenery, knowledgeable nature guides will provide commentary. There are opportunities to explore the shoreline by kayak or tender boat - or to simply relax on board. As evening falls, you will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner prepared by the onboard chef and served in the dining saloon. Mingle with fellow travellers, savour some of the fine wines and if the skies are clear, enjoy some stargazing. The next day explore other parts of the fiord.

Optional Activities



SHOTOVER JET

Enjoy a jet boat ride in the spectacular Shotover River Canyons, carved out over the ages by a vast volume of fast flowing water. Hold on tight and take a spin in the iconic Big Red for wall to wall action from start to finish.



'GRAND TRAVERSE' OF MT COOK AND GLACIERS

A fixed wing flight of Mount Cook and glaciers is the 'must do' premier flight-seeing experience in New Zealand. This 200km flight encompasses two World Heritage National Parks.

DAY 6: Te Anau - Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise (B,L,D)

A leisurely start today before travelling to Manapouri. Enjoy lunch as you cruise across this glacial lake. After a short ride over the Wilmot Pass, join the Fiordland Navigator for an amazing overnight experience. As you cruise through the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound, naturalist guides will provide commentary and point out the resident wildlife. When evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared by the onboard chef.

Overnight Fiordland Navigator

DAY 7: Te Anau - Queenstown - Christmas Day (B,D)

Merry Christmas! Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back to Deep Cove for the trip back to Manapouri. Return to the wharf and meet your Ultimate Coach for the journey to Queenstown, a year-round resort, situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening dinner will be at your hotel.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 8: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

DAY 9: Queenstown - Franz Josef (B,D)

Travel to Arrowtown, an old goldmining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Fox Glacier. Next you visit Franz Josef, where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers before arriving at your hotel for your overnight stay.

Hotel Te Waonui Forest Retreat

DAY 10: Franz Josef - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,SD)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory before arriving at Arthur's Pass where you board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains. On arrival into the elegant city of Christchurch, your Ultimate Coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. This evening reminisce on the memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner which includes selected beverages.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

DAY 11: Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

The ultimate getaway featuring New Year's Eve in Wellington

11 Day Ultimate New Year

No hidden extras

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Cloudy Bay Estate Wine Tasting
- Larnach Castle*
- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- TransAlpine Rail Journey
- City Sights tour of Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

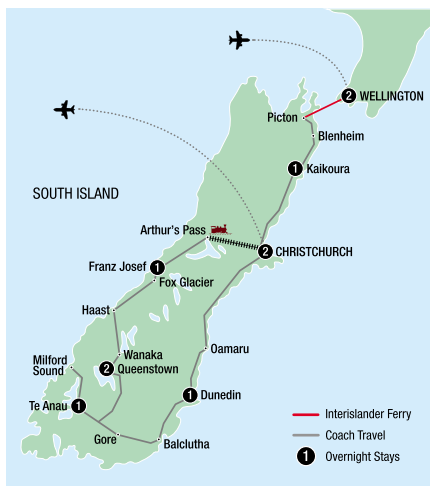
EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- 10 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 rail journey
- 3 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Ultimate Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 10 cooked breakfasts
- 8 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 2 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch
- 1 lunch: Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.



TOUR CODE UGPNY11

STYLE Ultimate Small Group
COACH 20 seat Business Class
ACCOMMODATION 4.5 star

STARTS Wellington
FINISHES Christchurch

2023 GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
Dec 30

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Tour includes transfers in New Zealand, Business Class 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions and a range of VIP extras.

LAND ONLY, PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

£4251

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £1400

PRE / POST STAYS

CITY	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
WELLINGTON	£106	£211
CHRISTCHURCH	£117	£234

Prices are in UK Pounds. Extra nights are per person, based on room only and subject to availability. Contact First Class Holidays for an airfare quotation.

VISIT BOTH ISLANDS

Visit the icons of the North and South islands during the festive season on the **19 Day Ultimate Rail, Cruise and Coach**. Full itinerary pages 16 - 19.

Itinerary and Hotels

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 1: Arrive Wellington (D)

On arrival into Wellington you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.

Hotel InterContinental Wellington (Premium Room. 2 nights)

DAY 2: Wellington - New Year's Eve (B,D)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Reboard your Ultimate coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink to toast the New Year with your fellow travellers.

DAY 3: Wellington - Picton - Kaikōura (B,D)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry and enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Board your Ultimate Coach for the short journey

to Blenheim, where you will experience a personalised wine tasting at Cloudy Bay Estate, one of the original winemakers in the Marlborough region. Continue south to Kaikōura.

Hotel Sudima Kaikōura (Ocean View Room)

DAY 4: Kaikōura - Christchurch (B)

This morning enjoy a leisurely start in this seaside village, where the mountains meet the sea. Kaikōura is renowned as one of the best places to see Sperm whales and other marine mammals. There is an opportunity to take a scenic flight to view the year-round population of Sperm whales (optional, weather permitting). Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

DAY 5: Christchurch - Dunedin (B,D)

Depart Christchurch and travel south through Oamaru, famous for its limestone. In Dunedin enjoy a city tour followed by some free time. You might be interested in a tour of the Speight's Brewery (optional) or the chance to see local wildlife in their natural habitat (optional).

Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel



Dunedin Railway Station, one of the city's most prominent architectural landmarks.

Optional Activities



NEVE DISCOVERER

Take a helicopter flight over staggering ice formations and the rugged South Island terrain of the West Coast. Touch down on snowy glacial plains, inhale the mountain air and take snaps with your chopper in the background.



HAAST RIVER SAFARI

Enjoy the opportunity to experience the untouched natural beauty of the South West World Heritage Area while travelling in a unique custom designed, fully enclosed Jet boat.

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Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

DAY 7: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year-round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is at leisure, you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

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Hotel Sudima Christchurch City

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SIGNATURE MID-SIZE GROUP TOURING

“The Signature tour provided good coverage of New Zealand with experienced staff. A good class of hotels included and attractions covered. The coach was clean and tidy and quite spacious. Would recommend GPT to others.”

- J. B. & L. B. United Kingdom







Premium Economy Comfort. **Maximum 32 Travellers**



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MID-SIZE
GROUP
TOURING**

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New Zealand has a rich and fascinating history; a variety of postcard landscapes and friendly down-to-earth people who embrace the spirit of hospitality. Your Signature tour will take you on an unforgettable journey in a mid-size group and in Premium Economy Comfort. Each day is a new discovery!



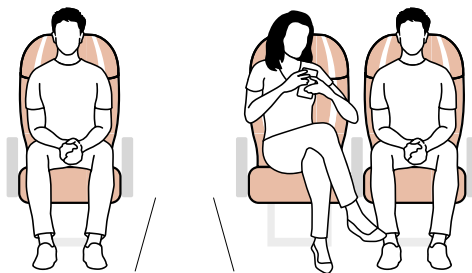
PROFESSIONAL COACH CAPTAIN

Handpicked for their expert knowledge and extensive driving experience the Coach Captain will be on hand to assist you with every aspect of the tour. Enjoy the professional commentary including numerous facts and figures, myths, legends and many laughs along the way.

FULLY ESCORTED TOURING

An experienced Grand Pacific Tour Leader will accompany you throughout the tour. Not only will they make you feel welcome and relaxed, but they will also ensure you enjoy a memorable Kiwi experience.

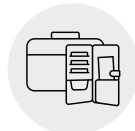
32 SEAT COACH 2 + 1 SEATING



The configuration of the coach seating is two seats on the left side of the aisle and an individual seat on the right side, all with panoramic viewing.

SIGNATURE BENEFITS

Experience the beauty of NZ in **Premium Economy Comfort** onboard the Signature coach. Beautifully crafted and designed for New Zealand touring with delivering excellence in mind.



Signature documentation pack including a travel bag and ticket wallet



Complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner



Complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Farewell Dinner

4 STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The hotels used are stylish, centrally located and offer deluxe service. These hotels have a large range of facilities available and many offer swimming pools, gyms and a choice of dining options. All the service standards are aimed towards looking after your every need.



THE SIGNATURE COACH EXTENSIVE FEATURES



32 Premium Economy Comfort leather and cloth reclining seats



2 + 1 armchair seating configuration for better panoramic viewing



Adjustable arm and headrests and seat belts



Individual seat back tray table, cup holder and USB charging port



Multi-media entertainment systems with three screens



2 door access, restroom, air conditioning and electrical sockets



Cold water storage available



Complimentary daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance



Combining rail, coach and breathtaking cruises including Milford Sound overnight cruise

19 Day Signature Rail, Cruise and Coach

Tour Highlight: Milford Sound Overnight Cruise



THE MILFORD MARINER

For a majestic experience, spend the night on board the Milford Mariner. Cruise the full length of Milford Sound with commentary by a specialist nature guide. View the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. You are bound to encounter seals, maybe dolphins and penguins. As evening falls, enjoy a delicious carvery buffet, prepared by an onboard chef. Relax in the company of your fellow travellers or take in some stargazing before retiring to your cabin. Next morning, indulge in a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) and exploring more of the breathtaking fiord.

TOUR CODE SGPR19

STYLE Signature Mid-Size Group
COACH 32 seat Premium Economy
ACCOMMODATION 4 star

STARTS Auckland
FINISHES Christchurch

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023	2024
Sep 22	Jan 18
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Dec 30	Apr 18, 24

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LAND ONLY, PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

£5702

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £1731

PRE / POST STAYS

CITY	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
AUCKLAND	£103	£206
CHRISTCHURCH	£86	£171

Prices are in UK Pounds. Extra nights are per person, based on room only and subject to availability. Contact First Class Holidays for an airfare quotation.

Tour Highlight: 3 breathtaking Rail Journeys



GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY

Experience the thrill of travelling by steam train as you meander through beautiful rural countryside on a vintage train hauled by one of the lovingly restored steam hauled locomotives. Settle into the immaculate wood carriages and listen to the panting steam engine. A delightful morning tea is also included.



COASTAL PACIFIC

Begin your journey from the coastal port of Picton, travel through the picturesque Marlborough Wine Region and the East Coast providing vistas of the Pacific Ocean and the coastal mountains. You may see amazing wildlife including dolphins, seals and penguins.



THE TRANZALPINE

One of the great train journeys of the world. Depart Christchurch and travel through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, view alpine scenery, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps.

No hidden extras

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Coastal Pacific Rail Journey
- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- **HIGHLIGHT** Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
- Speights Brewery Tour and Tasting*
- Larnach Castle*
- Olveston Historic Home*
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 32 Premium Economy Comfort seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; seat back tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- Tour Leader
- 17 nights 4 star accommodation
- Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
- 6 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 3 rail journeys
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Signature Documentation Pack



“The Milford Sound Overnight Cruise is a ‘must do’ once-in-a lifetime experience.”

- A. R. - Past Traveller

Itinerary and Hotels

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

Hotel Sudima Auckland City

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the ‘City of Sails’, before travelling to Matakoho to enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piercy Island, or as it is popularly known, the ‘Hole in the Rock’. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. Upon return to Paihia, travel south via Whangarei, call into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree before returning to Auckland.

Hotel Sudima Auckland City

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,D)

This morning travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop followed by a delightful morning tea. Depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures famous for dairying. Continue to Rotorua renowned for its geothermal activity and Māori culture.

Hotel Pullman Rotorua (City View Room. 2 nights)

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is the Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you’ve seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park and continue south to New Zealand’s capital city, Wellington.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Executive Room. 2 nights)

MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 14 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 4 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Speights Ale House, Dunedin; Farewell Dinner including pre-dinner drink, Christchurch
- 2 delicious morning teas
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

DAY 8: Wellington (B)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand’s National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon and this evening is also free to explore Wellington’s lively food scene.

DAY 9: Wellington - Kaikōura - Christchurch (B,D)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross the Cook Strait and enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey that follows a thin wedge of land between the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura Ranges. Meet your coach in the fishing village of Kaikōura for the journey to the garden city of Christchurch.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 10: Christchurch (B)

Today visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at leisure. This evening is free to explore the local cuisine.

DAYS 11 - 19 SEE PAGES 44 - 45 >>



The Christchurch Tram is one of the city's leading attractions.

DAY 11: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before arriving at the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

DAY 12: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 13: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader will assist with the many optional activities available. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy

a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

DAY 14: Queenstown - Milford Sound Overnight Cruise (B,D)

This morning travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via Te Anau to Milford Sound and board the Milford Mariner for your amazing overnight cruise. There is plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife - you're bound to encounter seals and if you're lucky maybe dolphins and penguins. As evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared freshly by the onboard chef.

Overnight Milford Mariner

DAY 15: Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,D)

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) to explore more of the fiord. Return to the wharf to meet your coach and enjoy the scenic drive to Te Anau where you will enjoy an afternoon at leisure. You may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (Deluxe Room)

DAY 16: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,SD)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, famous for its stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture dating back to the gold rush of the 1800s. Today Dunedin is New Zealand's oldest university city. This afternoon visit Speight's Brewery, a Dunedin icon, for an informative and interactive tour

through this working brewery. The tasting session will be followed by a delicious dinner at the Ale House restaurant.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross (2 nights)

DAY 17: Dunedin (B,D)

This morning travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Return to Dunedin for a city tour followed by some free time. Optional activities you might be interested in, include the chance to see wildlife in their natural habitat.

DAY 18: Dunedin - Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning visit Olveston Historic Home, a prosperous merchants' home from the turn of the century before travelling to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 19: Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.



Above: Cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands to Piercy Island, or as it's popularly known, the Hole in the Rock. Below: Visit mud pools and geysers at the geothermal wonderland of Te Puia.



Optional Activities



DARRYL'S LUNCH OR DINNER CRUISE

Enjoy a gentle meander up the Waitangi River to view local birdlife and the thundering Haruru Falls all whilst enjoying a fresh display of local cuisine.



ROTORUA CITY AND LAKES TOUR

Discover Rotorua's natural scenery onboard an Amphibious WWII Landing Craft. Includes three lake visits with a 'Splashdown' into Lake Tikitapu and Okareka.

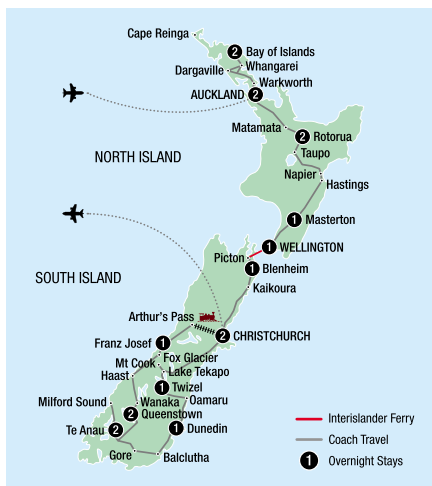


THE GRAND CIRCLE

See the beauty and diverse landscapes of the Wakatipu Basin and the canyons of the Shotover River. Land high on a craggy mountain precipice and take in the striking views.

Experience the iconic attractions of New Zealand in the comfort of a mid-size group

19 Day Signature Showcase



TOUR CODE SGPS19

STYLE Signature Mid-Size Group
COACH 32 seat Premium Economy
ACCOMMODATION 4 star

STARTS Auckland
FINISHES Christchurch

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023	2024
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	Apr 4
	May 6

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £1589

PRE / POST STAYS

CITY	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE
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- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch*
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
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- 15 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 3 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Farewell Dinner including pre-dinner drink, Christchurch
- 2 lunches: Hobbiton, Shire's buffet; Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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Hotel Sudima Auckland City

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakoho, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British Government in 1840.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B)

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piercy Island, or as it is popularly known, the 'Hole in the Rock'. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. Return to Paihia and travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This evening is also free to explore the many eateries surrounding your hotel.

Hotel Sudima Auckland City

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

This morning enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle Earth.

Hotel Pullman Rotorua (City View Room. 2 nights)

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is the Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Napier - Masterton (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where a city tour will showcase an impressive collection of art deco buildings. Enjoy some free time to explore the fascinating architecture before travelling through the Wairarapa, an emerging cool-climate wine region.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park Wairarapa (Superior Room)

DAY 8: Masterton - Greytown - Wellington (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day before travelling to quaint Greytown. Drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington. Enjoy a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Executive Room)

DAY 9: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim (B,D)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. This afternoon board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board your coach for the short journey to Blenheim.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Marlborough

DAY 10: Blenheim - Kaikōura - Christchurch (B,D)

Tour through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine, then travel to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 11: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

This morning board the TransAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing to the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)



Experience the real Middle-earth on a tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set.

DAY 12: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast to Fox Glacier. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 13: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader will assist with the many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

DAY 14: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (Deluxe Room. 2 nights)

DAY 15: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See

the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua - Shadowland, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

DAY 16: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South' and enjoy a city tour. Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

DAY 17: Dunedin - Mt Cook - Twizel (B,D)

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River as you marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay.

Hotel MacKenzie Country Hotel

DAY 18: Twizel - Christchurch (B,SD)

Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving in Christchurch for a city tour. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

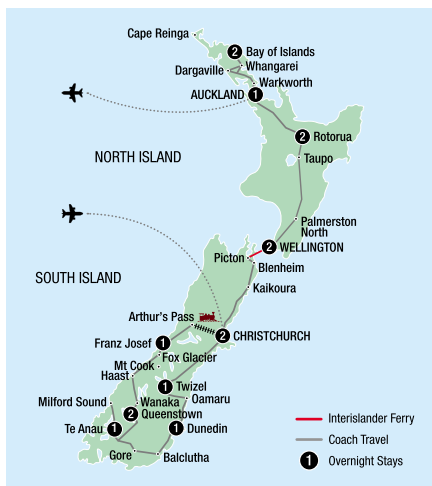
Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 19: Depart Christchurch (B)

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Embrace both islands of New Zealand including the stunning Bay of Islands

16 Day Signature Highlights



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- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
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- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Kauri Museum
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COACH FEATURES

- 32 Premium Economy Comfort seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; seat back tray table; cup holder
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EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
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- Tour Leader
- 15 nights 4 star accommodation
- 4 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 rail journey
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
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- Signature Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 15 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 12 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 3 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Farewell Dinner including pre-dinner drink, Auckland
- 1 lunch: Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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TOUR CODE SGPN16

STYLE Signature Mid-Size Group
COACH 32 seat Premium Economy
ACCOMMODATION 4 star

STARTS Christchurch
FINISHES Auckland

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023	2024
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CHRISTCHURCH	£86	£171
AUCKLAND	£103	£206

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Itinerary and Hotels

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DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch (D)

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Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 2: Christchurch - Mt Cook - Twizel (B,D)

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Hotel MacKenzie Country Hotel

DAY 3: Twizel - Dunedin (B,D)

Depart Twizel and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

DAY 4: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (Deluxe Room)

DAY 5: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

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Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)



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DAY 6: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

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Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Franz Josef. Time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

DAY 8: Franz Josef - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,D)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board the TransAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains. On arrival into the elegant city of Christchurch, your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 9: Christchurch - Picton - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine. Continue to Picton, where you will board the Interislander Ferry for your journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Strait to Wellington.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Executive Room. 2 nights)

DAY 10: Wellington (B)

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DAY 11: Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua (B,D)

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Hotel Pullman Rotorua (City View Room. 2 nights)

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DAY 13: Rotorua - Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

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Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

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Hotel Sudima Auckland City

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Uncover the iconic attractions of both the North and South Island

14 Day Signature Panorama



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COACH 32 seat Premium Economy
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Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)



In Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, enjoy a free afternoon at leisure.

Optional Activities



SKYLINE QUEENSTOWN

Take in the stunning views as you ride the Skyline Queenstown Gondola, the steepest cable car lift in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the must-do activities in Queenstown!



TWIN GLACIER HELICOPTER FLIGHT

Fly over both the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, plus the ice flow high into the upper reaches. Land in the snow and survey the path that the glacier has carved below you.

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Hotel Sudima Auckland City

DAY 14: Depart Auckland (B)

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Unveiling a picturesque landscape of wilderness, wildlife and unique attractions

11 Day Signature Top of the South Island

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TOUR CODE SGPTOS11

STYLE Signature Mid-Size Group
COACH 32 seat Premium Economy
ACCOMMODATION 4 star

STARTS Christchurch
FINISHES Christchurch

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

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£3628

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £954

PRE / POST STAYS

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CHRISTCHURCH	£86	£171

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- Wilderness Gallery Hokitika
- Monteith's Brewing Co. Tasting
- Nelson Classic Car Museum
- Abel Tasman Guided Walk and Barbecue Cruise*
- Omapere Aviation Heritage Centre*
- Cloudy Bay Estate Wine Tasting
- Queen Charlotte Sound Cruise to Furneaux Lodge
- Kaikōura Museum
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Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

to Moana, on the banks of picturesque Lake Brunner. Enjoy lunch at Kingfisher Restaurant, before travelling to the Brunner Mine Site, the location of the 1896 mine explosion. This afternoon in the coastal town of Hokitika, visit a local gallery, for the opportunity to pick up a gift or souvenir.

Hotel Beachfront Hotel Hokitika (Ocean View Room)

DAY 2: Christchurch - Akaroa - Christchurch (B)

After an introductory city sights tour, enjoy a scenic drive to the historic French village of Akaroa, with time to wander through the charming galleries and craft stores. This afternoon set off on a Nature Cruise in the hope of spotting the rare Hector's Dolphin and keep an eye out for penguins and other sea birds. Following your cruise, return to Christchurch where the evening is free to dine at one of the city's many restaurants.

DAY 4: Hokitika - Punakaiki (B,SL,D)

Today, take in the natural beauty of the Hokitika Gorge on a short walk descending through the hardwood forest that will lead you to a swing bridge which crosses the Hokitika River. Continue north to Greymouth, home of Monteith's Brewing Co. where you will sample locally brewed beers over lunch. This afternoon travel along the Great Coast Road to the world-famous Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and Blowholes.

Hotel The Ocean View Retreat - Punakaiki (Beach View Room)

DAY 3: Christchurch - Moana - Hokitika (B,SL,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges before descending through the Otira Tunnel

DAY 5: Punakaiki - Nelson (B,D)
 Journey north along the coast to Tauranga Bay and Cape Foulwind, named by Captain Cook in 1770 when he encountered nasty weather. A short walk along the

Enjoy the scenery of the stunning Hokitika Gorge.

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS AND WALKS

- Historic French Village of Akaroa
- Lake Brunner
- Brunner Mine Site
- Hokitika Gorge 🚶🏻‍♂️
- Punakaiki Pancake Rocks 🚶🏻‍♂️
- Cape Foulwind walkway 🚶🏻‍♂️
- Buller Gorge
- Seaside town of Kaiteriteri
- Abel Tasman National Park 🚶🏻‍♂️
- Marlborough Wine Region
- Marlborough Sounds
- Coastal town of Kaikōura

FITNESS LEVEL REQUIRED

Tour includes a number of short walks of up to 1 hour that require a moderate level of fitness. The walks are scenic and not excessive but can include slight inclines and uneven surfaces. Ensure you feel comfortable with this level of fitness before booking.



Optional Activities



WHALE WATCHING TOUR

Enjoy a scenic helicopter flight above the Kaikōura Peninsula in search for the mighty Sperm whale in its natural habitat, the largest toothed whale in the world.



KAIKOURA SCENIC FLIGHT

Gain an aerial perspective of the world on a fixed wing flight, viewing the very best of Kaikōura from mountain ranges to the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura Peninsula.

rocky headland will showcase the rugged coastline and sea life often on show amongst the rocks. Travel inland via the Buller Gorge and Murchison to Nelson, one of the sunniest cities in New Zealand. This afternoon enjoy an orientation tour of the city followed by a visit to the Nelson Classic Car Museum where you will marvel at an incredible collection of iconic cars.

Hotel Rutherford Hotel (Premium Room. 2 nights)

DAY 6: Nelson - Abel Tasman National Park - Nelson (B,SL) 🚶🏻‍♂️

Travel to Kaiteriteri, gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park and join a cruise along the parks' picturesque coastline. At Anchorage Bay a barbecue lunch will be served. Re-join your coach and depart for Nelson via the vineyards. This evening is free for you to dine at one of the local restaurants in town.

DAY 7: Nelson - Blenheim (B,SL,D)

Today travel via Havelock and the wine-growing region of Marlborough. Visit the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, home to one of the largest private collections of WW1 Aircraft, brought to life in sets created by the internationally acclaimed WingNut

Films and Weta Workshop. Head back into town where you will enjoy lunch at a local Blenheim beer garden before a short drive to Cloudy Bay Estate. Established in 1985, Cloudy Bay was one of the original wineries in the region. Enjoy a personalised tasting experience followed by time to wander through the superb, manicured grounds and towering gum trees, which will surely be a highlight.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Marlborough (2 nights)

DAY 8: Blenheim - Marlborough Sounds - Blenheim (B,SL)

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day before travelling to Picton where time is available to explore this picturesque port. Board a luxury vessel at Picton Marina and cruise the spectacular Queen Charlotte Sound to Furneaux Lodge whilst enjoying the informative commentary on this stunning region. At Furneaux Lodge a delicious lunch will be served followed by time to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. There is access to kayaks and short walks around the property. On the return cruise to Picton a cheese platter featuring local produce is served accompanied by a glass of Marlborough wine, the perfect end to your Marlborough Sounds adventure. Board

the coach for the short journey back to Blenheim where the evening is free to dine at one of the local restaurants.

DAY 9: Blenheim - Kaikōura (B,D)

Farewell the Marlborough region and journey to Kaikōura. Visit the Kaikōura Museum, which features an exhibition depicting the impact of the 2016 earthquake. This afternoon you may like to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the coastline to see the many species of whales that migrate through this area.

Hotel Sudima Kaikōura

DAY 10: Kaikōura - Christchurch (B,SD)

Depart Kaikōura and head to Christchurch to visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 11: Depart Christchurch (B)

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Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 2: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

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Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

DAY 3: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast to Fox Glacier. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 4: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader will assist with the many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.



Enjoy a tour of Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle, built in 1871.

Optional Activities



SHOTOVER JET

Enjoy a jet boat ride in the spectacular Shotover River Canyons, carved out over the ages by a vast volume of fast flowing water. Hold on tight and take a spin in the iconic Big Red for wall to wall action from start to finish.



FIORDLAND CINEMA

No visit to Fiordland is complete without taking in the breathtaking film, 'Ata Whenua - Shadowland'. Screened in a purpose-built theatre, you will take an unforgettable journey.

DAY 5: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (Deluxe Room. 2 nights)

DAY 6: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, 'Ata Whenua - Shadowland', which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

DAY 7: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South' and enjoy a city tour. Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on

a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

DAY 8: Dunedin - Mt Cook - Twizel (B,D)

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay.

Hotel MacKenzie Country Hotel

DAY 9: Twizel - Christchurch (B,SD)

Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving in Christchurch for a city tour. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

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PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch*
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- City sights tour of Auckland, Napier, Wellington

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

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EXPERIENCE

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MEALS

- 8 cooked breakfasts
- 6 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 2 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Farewell Dinner including pre-dinner drink, Wellington
- 1 lunch: Hobbiton, Shire's buffet
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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Itinerary and Hotels

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DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

Hotel Sudima Auckland City

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakoho, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British Government in 1840.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B)

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piercy Island, or as it is popularly known, the 'Hole in the Rock'. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. Return to Paihia and travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This evening is free to explore the many eateries surrounding your hotel.

Hotel Sudima Auckland City

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

This morning enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle Earth.

Hotel Pullman Rotorua (City View Room. 2 nights)



You will be immersed in the traditions and customs of Māori culture in Rotorua.

Optional Activities



SALT AIR

Fly by helicopter over the crystal-clear turquoise waters found in the world-famous Bay of Islands to the 'Hole in the Rock'. From above explore the townships of Russell, Paihia and Waitangi.



POLYNESIAN SPA

Whilst in Rotorua why not take the opportunity to relax in hot mineral spring pools at the Polynesian Spa, New Zealand's leading international spa. Choose from 27 hot pools and enjoy views over Lake Rotorua.

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is the Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Napier - Masterton (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where a city tour will showcase an impressive collection of art deco buildings. Enjoy some free time to explore the fascinating architecture before travelling through the Wairarapa, an emerging cool-climate wine region.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park Wairarapa (Superior Room)

See the world-famous Farm Show at Agrodome starring a cast of talented animals.

DAY 8: Masterton - Greytown - Wellington (B,SD)

Enjoy a leisurely start before travelling to Greytown. Drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington for a city tour of the nation's capital. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Executive Room)

DAY 9: Depart Wellington (B)

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- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Larnach Castle*
- City sights tour of Christchurch and Dunedin

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Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 2: Christchurch (B)

This morning visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. Feel the chill of the Antarctic storm room, take a ride on the Hagglund all-terrain vehicle, see the little blue penguins and be astonished within the immersive 4D theatre. This is followed by a city tour of Christchurch. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure to explore further.

DAY 3: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

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Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

DAY 4: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

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Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (Lake View Room. 2 nights)



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Optional Activities



CLASSIC WINE TOUR

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Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (Deluxe Room. 2 nights)

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Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin for a city tour then travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle for a guided tour followed by Devonshire Tea.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

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Hotel MacKenzie Country Hotel

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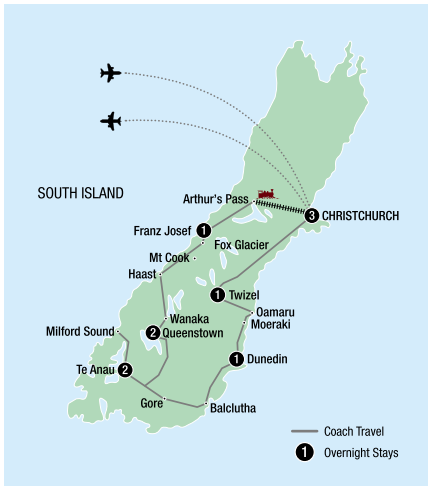


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Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 2: Christchurch (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day to explore Christchurch at leisure. Enjoy a journey on board the Christchurch Tram, one of Christchurch's leading attractions. The all-day ticket allows you to visit the central city sights onboard a beautifully restored heritage tram. This evening is also free to dine at an eatery of your choice.

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Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)



On Christmas Day, board the steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise to Walter Peak Station to enjoy a gourmet celebration lunch and the best of NZ's high-country cuisine.

Optional Activities



KJET

Board the 'Big Yellow' Kjet boat and tear out of the beautiful Queenstown Bay across to Lake Wakatipu for an unforgettable experience along two of New Zealand's most scenic and action-packed rivers of the Shotover and Kawarau.



ALPINE EXPLORER

On a scenic helicopter flight over the Ben Ohau Mountain Range, you will understand why Aoraki / Mount Cook was named the cloud piercer by Māori.

DAY 5: Queenstown - Christmas Day (B,L) 🍷

Merry Christmas! Today board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Enjoy a gourmet Christmas lunch and the best of NZ's high-country cuisine at the Colonel's Homestead. Reboard the TSS Earnslaw and enjoy a sing along by the piano on your return cruise to Queenstown. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

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Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (Deluxe Room. 2 nights)

DAY 7: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, *Ata Whenua - Shadowland*, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

DAY 8: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, famous for its stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture dating back to the gold rush of the 1800s. Today Dunedin is New Zealand's oldest university city. Enjoy a free afternoon at leisure.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

DAY 9: Dunedin - Mt Cook - Twizel (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Travel to Oamaru

famous for its limestone, then follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay.

Hotel MacKenzie Country Hotel

DAY 10: Twizel - Christchurch (B,SD)

Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water. You will also view the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue, iconic landmarks of the Mackenzie region. Arrive in the elegant city of Christchurch for a city tour. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 11: Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

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1. Making a booking: By making a booking, the first named person on the booking, the ("party leader") agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that: A) He/she has read these Booking Conditions and has the authority to do and does agree to be bound by them; B) He/she consents to our use of personal data in accordance with our Privacy Policy and is authorised on behalf of all persons named on the booking to disclose their personal details to us; C) He/she accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking. Subject to the availability of your chosen arrangements, we will confirm your holiday by issuing a confirmation invoice. This invoice will be sent to the party leader or your travel agent.

2. Payment: In order to confirm your booking, a deposit of £525, £700 per person for Ultimate Tours (or full payment if booking within 89 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 89 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Refunds will be set out in clause 10 below. On time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you, in which case the cancellation charges set out in clause 5 below, will become payable. Except in the unlikely event of our financial failure, you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on your behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, the monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

3. Contract: A binding contract between us comes into existence when we issue our confirmation invoice to the party leader or your travel agent. We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below).

4. Holiday Insurance: It is a condition of your contract with us that you should take out insurance to cover you in the event of illness, personal injury or death during the course of your holiday and for cancellation and repatriation.

5. If you change your booking: If, after your confirmation has been issued, you wish to make changes to your confirmed holiday, you must notify us in writing as soon as possible. This should be done by the first named person on the booking. Whilst we will endeavour to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate your requests. Where we can, an amendment fee of £50.00 per person will be payable together with any costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. Important Note: A binding contract between us comes into existence when we issue our confirmation invoice to the party leader or your travel agent. We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below).

6. If you cancel your holiday before departure: If you or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided that the cancellation is made by the party leader and is received by us in writing. As we incur costs from the date we confirm your booking we will retain your deposit and apply cancellation charges. The amount of cancellation charge shown is a percentage of the total holiday price excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges which are non refundable in any event. These charges are calculated from the date we receive your written confirmation. Period before departure in which we receive your notification Cancellation charge payable: More than 89 days, Deposit Only; Between 88 and 31 days, 50%; Between 30 and 15 days, 75%; 14 days or less, 100%

7. If you have a complaint: If you have any complaint, please advise us by reason to complain or experience any problems with your holiday whilst away, you must immediately inform our local representative or agent (if we have one) and the supplier of the service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be put in writing and given to our representative agent and the supplier as soon as possible. If we do not have or you cannot contact our local representative or agent and any complaint or problem is not resolved to your satisfaction by the supplier, you must contact us in the UK using the contact details we have provided you with during your holiday, giving us all details and a contact number. Until we resolve your complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must notify us in writing within 28 days of the completion of your holiday and this must be to us at the address detailed in paragraph one of these Booking Conditions. You must quote your booking reference number, holiday number and departure date. For all complaints and claims which do not involve death, personal injury or illness, we regret we cannot accept liability in respect of any complaint or claims which are not notified to us in accordance with this clause. If you fail to follow the procedure set out above, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result. Please note that we offer an Alternative Dispute Resolution Service through our ABTA membership.

8. Passports and Visas: The passport and visa requirements applicable at the time of printing to British citizens for the holidays we offer can be found at <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/traveladvice-by-country/>. Requirements may change and you must check the up to date information on the internet before departure. Visitors to New Zealand require a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority and must pay a visitor fee. Apply online at <https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz> If your flight involves a stop or stay in the USA you must have an ESTA. Apply online at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. It is the party leader's responsibility to ensure that all members of the party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents before departure. All costs incurred in obtaining such documentation must be paid by you. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry all required documentation. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us accordingly.

9. The price of your holiday: Please note, prices shown are a guide only and subject to change at time of booking. We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays at any time. We do not intend to increase the price of confirmed holidays solely to allow for increases which are a direct consequence of changes in: (i) the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from the cost of fuel or other power sources; (ii) the level of taxes or fees applicable to the holiday imposed by third parties; or (iii) the price of the carriage of passengers of the holiday, including tourist taxes, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports; and (iii) the exchange rates relevant to the package.

Such variations could include but are not limited to airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other service providers. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and amendment charges, for additional services or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that. However, if this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your confirmed holiday (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (if this is of equivalent or higher quality you will not have to pay more but if it is of lower quality you will be refunded the difference

in price), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid to us, except for any insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. Should you decide to cancel for this reason, you must exercise your right to do so within 7 days from the issue date printed on your final invoice. We will consider an appropriate refund of your insurance premiums paid if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your holiday policy. Should there be any circumstances in which the changes mentioned above then any refund due will be paid to you less an administrative fee of £10. However, please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some of our holiday packages are purchased in other currencies. We reserve contractual and other protection in place. There will be no change made to the price of your confirmed holiday within 20 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period. Please also note that our holiday prices include all coach travel, accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT and any Goods and Service Tax (GST), where applicable. A GST is levied on hotel and other elements of your holiday package. Similar to British VAT a proportion of this tax is refundable to overseas visitors. Rather than impose on you the responsibility for reclaiming any rebate due we have already deducted this amount in calculating the holiday prices shown in this brochure. When making your booking, you waive your personal right to claim a GST rebate applicable to your holiday package and assign such entitlement to us as the tour operator. This waiver is not limited to the amount of the rebate due to you and no further refunds will be due to you. Reservations can only be accepted on this express understanding. Unless specifically indicated in holiday itinerary or description contained in this brochure, entrance fees, guide fees, city sightseeing tours and optional excursions are not included in the holiday cost.

10. If we change or cancel your holiday: The arrangements for holidays are made many months in advance. Accordingly, we must reserve the right to make changes to brochure and holiday details (including the name and/or number of our carriers) and to amend any of these changes will, however, be insignificant. Changes: If we make an insignificant change to your holiday, we will make reasonable efforts to notify you or your travel agent as soon as it is reasonably possible before your departure but we will have no liability to you. Examples include: (a) a change of aircraft type, (b) a change of aircraft type to flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed holiday. We will also make reasonable efforts to include the following when made before departure: (a) a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification or standard for the whole or a significant part of the time you are away; (b) a change of accommodation area for the whole or a significant part of the time you are away; (c) a change of the length of your holiday or overall length of your arrangements by more than 12 hours; (d) A significant change to your itinerary, missing out one or more destination entirely.

Cancellation: We will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 89 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. We may cancel your holiday before this date if e.g. the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached.

Force majeure: We have to make a significant change or cancel we will tell you as soon as possible and, if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of: (i) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements; or (ii) Having a refund of all monies paid. You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If we do not hear from you within that period we will assume that you have accepted notification of your choice. If you fail to respond again, we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

Compensation: In addition to a full refund of all monies paid by you, we will pay you compensation as detailed below, in the following circumstances: a) if, where we make a significant change, you do not accept the changed arrangements and cancel your booking; b) if we cancel your booking and no alternative arrangements are available; c) if we cancel your booking and no alternative arrangements are available. The compensation payable will be: (i) if you are notified of your claim more than 90 days before departure, you will be entitled to a refund of all monies paid by you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. Period before departure in which we notify you Compensation per person: Over 89 days, NIL; Between 29 and 88 days, £10; Between 15 and 28 days, £15; Between 14 days and 14 days, £25; 7 days or less, £25. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** We will not pay you compensation in the following circumstances: a) where we make an insignificant change b) where we make a significant change or cancel your arrangements more than 89 days before departure c) where we make a significant change or cancel your arrangements and you do not accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements; d) where we make a significant change or cancel your arrangements as a result of your failure to make full payment on time; e) where the change or cancellation by us arises out of alterations to the confirmed booking requested by you; (f) where we are forced to cancel or change your arrangements due to Force Majeure. If we become unable to provide a significant proportion of the arrangements that you have booked with us after you have departed, we will, if possible, make alternative arrangements for you. If we are unable to do so, we will offer you alternative arrangements of a lower standard, provide you with an appropriate price reduction.

11. Force Majeure: Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Conditions, we regret we cannot accept liability or pay you compensation for the consequences of any event which is beyond our control and which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

12. Our responsibility to you: (1) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the provision of the services and services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to these Booking Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we do not remedy the consequences of your complaint within a reasonable period of time, this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. The level of any such price reduction or compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to the nature and extent of the services provided in these Booking Conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our suppliers' have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us. (2) We will not be liable to you for the death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following: (a) the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or (b) the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unavoidable and extraordinary; or (c) Force majeure.

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you, or any services which are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract and any excursion you purchase in resort. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care as set out above and we do not accept any greater or different liability to you. (4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws and regulations of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question have been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holidaymaker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 12(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations. If you are unable to claim compensation under these Booking Conditions, we limit the amount of compensation we may have to pay you if we are found liable under this clause: (a) loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (excluding cash) and (b) the refund of the amount paid by you in respect of these claims is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person

in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind. (b) For all other claims which do not fall under (a) above and which don't involve death, illness or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is up to 3 times the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything we have done to ensure you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday. (c) Claims in respect of international travel by air, sea and rail, or any stay in a hotel; (1) The extent of our liability will in all cases be limited as if we had been acting as a carrier under the appropriate conventions, which include The Warsaw/Montreal Convention for international travel by air the Athens Convention for travel by sea, The Berne/Cotif Convention with respect to all rail travel and the Paris Convention with respect to hotel arrangements. You can ask for copies of these Conventions from our offices. Please contact us. In addition, you agree that the operating carrier or transport company's own "Conditions of Carriage" will apply to you on that journey. When arranging transportation for you, we rely on the terms and conditions contained within these international conventions and those conditions of Carriage. You acknowledge that all of the terms and conditions contained in those "Conditions of carriage" form part of your contract with us, as well as with the transport company and those "Conditions of Carriage" shall be deemed to be included in your contract with us. The carrier is liable to you by virtue of the Denied Boarding Regulation 2004, any liability we may have to you under our contract with you, arising out of the same facts, is limited to the remedies provided under the Regulation as if (for this purpose only) we were a carrier. (ii) We may not be liable to you for any loss of money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the transport provider or hotelier for the complaint or claim in question. (7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or injury to you or your possessions or the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely back to your departure point.

13. Arbitration: Disputes arising out of, or in connection with, your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to ABTA's approved Alternative Dispute Resolution process if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive form of arbitration to be conducted alongside with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per person for claims for personal injury or illness which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims, which include an element of minor injury, or illness subject to a limit of £1500 or the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Our Alternative Dispute Resolution process and documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not apply to such cases. If you wish to use the scheme, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our contract with you are covered by the scheme. The arbitration or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

14. Conditions of suppliers: Many of the services, which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 12). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions, and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

15. Special requests and medical conditions / disabilities: If you have special requests or medical conditions / disabilities, please advise us at the time of booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. We regret we cannot accept liability for the consequences of any booking which is conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests. If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday, please advise us as soon as possible. We will give you full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. If we reasonably feel unable to properly accommodate the particular needs of the person concerned, we must reserve the right to decline their reservation or, if full details are not given at the time of booking or the condition / disability develops after booking, cancel when we become aware of these details and cancellation charges as set out in clause 6 may apply. Grand Pacific Tours cannot accommodate religious dietary requests.

16. Insolvency Protection and ABTA membership: We provide financial security for flight-inclusive packages by way of an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 5421) When you buy an ATOL protected flight inclusive holiday from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. ATOL protection extends primarily to customers who book and pay in the United Kingdom. We provide full financial protection for our package holidays which don't include flights by way of a bond held by ABTA Ltd. We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W5509) and ABTA membership gives us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. If we reasonably feel unable to properly accommodate the particular needs of the person concerned, we must reserve the right to decline their reservation or, if full details are not given at the time of booking or the condition / disability develops after booking, cancel when we become aware of these details and cancellation charges as set out in clause 6 may apply. Grand Pacific Tours cannot accommodate religious dietary requests.

17. Brochure: The information contained in our brochure is believed correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication. However, errors may occasionally occur and information may subsequently change. You must therefore ensure you check all details of your chosen holiday (including the price) with us or your travel agent at the time of booking.

18. Data Protection: We have measures in place to protect the personal information held by us. This information will only be passed on to third parties for the purpose of supplying you with holiday arrangements or as required by law. By booking you consent to us passing on necessary information.



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