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THE FIRST CLASS DIFFERENCE

Making your holiday dreams a reality starts with understanding what really matters to you. Whether you're a beach lover or adventurer, a lover of history and culture or the great outdoors, at one with nature or the big city; prefer luxury or authentic, being independent or part of a group. Our travel specialists will get to know what you desire and then create a holiday to match. You will experience superb service all along the way and we will use our wealth of experience to create your holiday as if we were creating our own. And you can be sure that before you go, whilst you are away and even when you come home, we will be with you every step of the way.

AWARD WINNING SERVICE

We were founded in 1996 with a desire to provide outstanding levels of service and customer satisfaction and this is still the case today. With thousands of satisfied customers and a raft of awards for exceptional service, your holiday is in the best possible hands. We are very proud that our personal, friendly service and attention to detail has led to us becoming an industry leader in providing personalised holidays. We have been recognised through the years by winning a number of prestigious awards from within and outside of the travel industry. Some of our awards include Best Long-Haul Operator, Outstanding Service Award and Best Specialist Destination Operator.

EXPERT ADVICE

With a team of over 50 people all sharing a great passion for travelling we have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Many of us have taken the holidays showcased throughout this brochure, and we know that there is nothing more important than firsthand knowledge when planning your dream adventure. We understand that no two people are the same, and that everyone's dream holiday is different, that's why we curate individual holidays to individual requirements with the emphasis on what you want to see and do. We can create itineraries for all budgets, applying the same first-class level of service to all.

TRULY PERSONAL

Our itineraries are meant to inspire you and we have crafted a fantastic range of holidays but if you find that none include everything you want to do, then our personalised travel service is just for you. We have been involved in the planning and preparation of detailed holidays for many years and would be delighted to share our knowledge to help you plan your perfect holiday. Simply visit your local travel agent, call us on **0161 888 5609** or email **enquiries@fcholidays.com** and one of our expert and friendly team will plan your ideal holiday from start to finish.

OUR PRICES

Hotel and transport prices change frequently, and we are in constant contact with our suppliers to ensure that we offer the very best prices that are available. We do not show prices in this brochure as rates do vary and fluctuate quite considerably both due to demand but also due to seasonal special offers that are frequently introduced. When creating your ideal holiday, our team will choose the best rate for the services you have selected and apply any seasonal offers that may be available.

PRICE MATCH PROMISE

We work very hard in sourcing competitive prices and have great relationships with our airlines and suppliers to ensure you get the best value for money. We regularly check prices against our competitors, however if you find a better price elsewhere sold with the same service conditions, we will happily lower our price to match. Please see terms and conditions on our website www.fcholidays.com for more details on our policy.

PEACE OF MIND

We are here whenever you need us, before you go, whilst you're away and when you come home. We are fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority ATOL scheme (Licence Number 5421) and with the Association of British Travel Agents (Licence Number W3550). You can book your travel arrangements with the peace of mind that your money is safe.



OUR FRIENDLY TEAM

Our team of New Zealand experts are passionate about New Zealand and there is nothing more important than speaking to someone who has been there, and we have! We are able to provide first-hand knowledge on everything, from flights and hotels to sightseeing and excursions. We are also happy to share those smaller elements that help create your perfect holiday from finding the best coffee spots to that hidden gem in your favourite city; we want to share our experiences with you.

HOLIDAYS YOU CAN TRUST

We are committed to making your holiday as incredible as possible, but don't take our word for it. We have thousands upon thousands of satisfied customers who would highly recommend our services to make your dream holiday become a reality. Why not have a look at the customer reviews on our website www.fcholidays.com and check out our FEEFO rating.

Sustainable Travel

We believe that the pursuit of extraordinary holidays should not compromise the well-being of our planet. Our sustainable program is a testament to our dedication to creating unforgettable experiences while respecting and preserving the environment. We meticulously choose eco-friendly hotels and services that share the same goals, offer carbon offset options, and promote ethical tourism, ensuring every adventure leaves a positive impact.

New Zealand is precious, and everyone who lives and travels here has a responsibility to look after it. The Tiaki Promise is a commitment to care for New Zealand, for now and for future generations. By following the Tiaki Promise, you are making a commitment to New Zealand. To act as a guardian, protecting and preserving our home.

Nau mai, haere mai ki Aotearoa. Welcome to New Zealand.



KEY PILLARS OF FIRST CLASS HOLIDAYS' SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond a tangible and impactful program that transforms the way we travel. Experience the epitome of sustainable travel with First Class Holidays.

CARBON OFFSET OFFERING

Our clients can neutralise their carbon footprint by contributing to verified carbon reduction projects. We offer the chance to plant new trees across the globe through reforestation and to simultaneously invest into clean renewable energy projects. That means a traveller's climate contribution will remove CO₂e emissions now and invest in the planet for the future. Trees are one of the most powerful absorbers of carbon emissions - by growing trees in developing countries as our clients travel, we can help to restore eco-systems, biodiversity, and support local communities.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH ECO-FRIENDLY SUPPLIERS

We are dedicated to forging relationships with hotels and services that share our unwavering commitment to sustainability. Our selection process involves stringent criteria, assessing factors such as energy efficiency, waste management practices, and sustainable sourcing. By aligning with like-minded partners, we ensure that every aspect of our travellers' experience reflects our shared ethos of environmental responsibility. Through these partnerships, we aim to create a network of destinations that serve as exemplars of eco-conscious hospitality.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

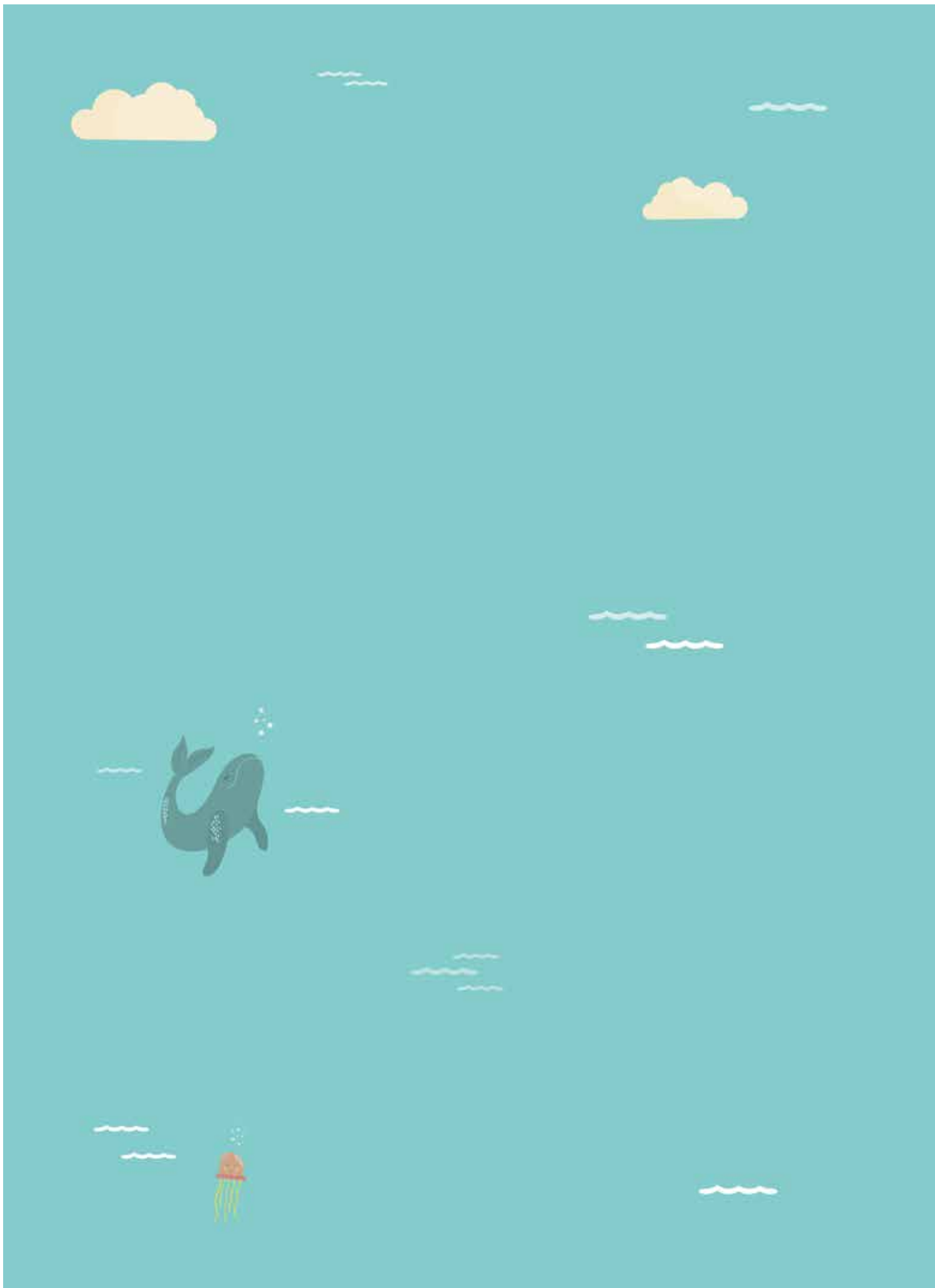
Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond travel experiences—it encompasses a dedication to educating and empowering our staff and travellers. Through our Educational Initiatives, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of sustainable practices and the environmental impact of their choices; to inspire a sense of responsibility amongst them. These initiatives are seamlessly integrated into our travel packages, offering information on local ecosystems, wildlife conservation, and responsible behaviour while traveling.

SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIES

Our dedication to sustainability extends beyond environmental conservation to embrace a holistic approach that actively supports local communities and economies. Recognising that responsible travel involves more than minimising environmental impact, we place a strong emphasis on fostering positive social and economic contributions to New Zealand:

- We recognise the intrinsic value of preserving cultural heritage. We actively engage with communities to understand their traditions, ensuring that our activities are respectful and promote cultural exchange without compromising the integrity of local practices, allowing us to create authentic travel experiences.

- We prioritise collaborations with local businesses. By sourcing goods and services locally, we minimise transportation-related emissions and support regional economies. This approach not only strengthens community ties but also promotes the use of sustainable and locally produced materials.



Tasman sea

Bay of Islands

Auckland

Kotonia

Hobbiton

Tongariro National Park

Abel Tasman National Park

Wellington

Kaikoura

West Coast
Glaciers

Mount Cook

Christchurch

Queenstown

Moeraki Boulders

Dunedin

Pacific ocean

NEW ZEALAND

Ways to Explore

New Zealand appeals to visitors young and old, nature enthusiasts, hikers, photographers and movie lovers, no matter how you want to explore the North and South Islands, we have got it covered. Both islands are diverse allowing you to combine options to suit you. We are passionate about New Zealand and know it personally, with this knowledge we have carefully selected escorted tours, and planned much loved self-drive itineraries and recommended 'roads less travelled' to inspire you. Your plans might see you on board one of three iconic rail journeys or indulging in a luxury lodge stay or ticking off a bucket list, 'Great Walk of New Zealand'. Maybe immerse yourself in Māori culture or seek endemic birdlife of New Zealand or perhaps sail aboard a catamaran on turquoise waters. However, you choose to explore New Zealand these are just a sample of what we can offer, and the opportunities are endless.





Escorted Tours

Ideal if you are looking to travel as part of a small or larger group. With the reassurance of a Knowledgeable Guide, you can be sure everything will be taken care of from 'Kia Ora' to the time you bid 'Haere ra' to new friends. From your seat you have a high advantage point to view undulating landscapes whether the geothermal region or snow-capped mountains of the Southern Alps. Tours vary from luxury where most excursions are included or more bespoke allowing you to choose your day tours and how fast or slow you pace your personal holiday.



Self Drive Tours

Driving in New Zealand is a great way to personalise your perfect route. We have selected some of our favourite pre-arranged journeys, carefully planned with mileage considered. Our itineraries include car hire or motorhome, full insurance and a selection of hotels, self-catering apartments for those fish and chip suppers on a seaside balcony or unique bed and breakfasts where you will wake up with the native wildlife. We also include or suggest experiences not to be missed. No two routes will be the same, our suggestions are for your guidance, and we have the personal experience to customise a route to suit you.



Adventure

Visitors to New Zealand first think adrenalin and high octave adventure. We have eased back and included soft adventure suggestions to suit all abilities and maybe tick off a 'bucket list' 'tramping trail'. We have included a private overnight catamaran sailing adventure. Or tie up those walking shoes and walk on the Queen Charlotte Track. Stay in a private glass pod for a night and watch the stars appear, pure New Zealand on your doorstep. Jet boating will offer an exhilarating, unique ride, from the Dart River, at a slower pace or Skipper Canyon, be prepared to get wet as your skipper navigates through dramatic canyons and pass towering rock faces. We have picked just a small selection to whet your appetite.



Cruising

We have selected cruises from our preferred cruise lines that you can combine with any land-based tour, sail further into New Zealand and beyond. Guests looking for a relaxing stopover following their New Zealand journey may wish to sail to uninhabited islands, anchor at a private beach and spend countless hours lazing on golden beaches, cool off with a swim in crystal clear waters of the South Pacific, Fiji or French Polynesia will not disappoint. Time to leave New Zealand behind, Australia is within easy cruising distance and fulfil your Oceania experience.



Luxury & Unique Stays

Luxury in New Zealand is not just about the cool fresh crisp linen or luxurious toiletries you will find in opulent bathrooms, luxury is also about the location and environment you will wake up to. We have carefully selected some of our favourite luxury lodges and unique bed & breakfasts from sleeping high under a Kanuka grove to sitting on your balcony overlooking white sandy beaches on Waiheke Island. Each property has been chosen for its exquisite attention to detail, hospitality and location where guests can enjoy small group tours encapsivating their surroundings.



Rail Journeys

Travel aboard the Northern Explorer from the 'City of Sails' to the nations' capital Wellington, the contrasting view from your window will take you on a journey through lush green hills and patchwork farmland, soar over icy mountains streams and view the incredible volcanic region. On the South Island the Coastal Pacific will meander gently hugging the rugged coastline from Picton to Kaikōura and on to Christchurch. Finally one of the most iconic train rides in the world, the TranzAlpine, travel coast to coast on this picture perfect experience as you venture high above viaducts before you dive beneath the mountains and through the Otira Tunnel.

Escorted Tours

An escorted tour is the perfect way to explore both, or just one of the islands of New Zealand. Let someone else take care of the itinerary, sightseeing and driving ensuring you can concentrate on enjoying the most wonderful experience from above the hedgerows.

At First Class Holidays, we work with a range of escorted tour companies to suit you. Small group operators tend to follow a less traditional route where your guide knows the best places to sip on a coffee by a secluded waterfall, find tucked away photo opportunities or take a dip from golden sandy beaches and where most sightseeing tours are included. Full size coaches offer value for money, taking in the highlights on both islands, chose optional touring or spend the day relaxing and absorbing your surroundings. Travel with like-minded guests and share new experiences and townships as they unfold before you.

With highly knowledgeable tour guides and exclusive experiences you will really get under the skin of this remarkable destination.





*An escorted tour allows you to sit back relax
and let the spectacular scenery unfold
before you.*

Michelle, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

Small group luxury tours will find your guide serving guests morning tea by a glistening lakeside away from the crowds. They will provide a handy towel for anyone eager to dip their toes in.

Extended itineraries ensure iconic highlights such as the TranzAlpine train and Milford Sound are included.

Premium touring in Business Class seats offer the space and comfort you require onboard so you can relax and enjoy the view.

Short on time, then choose either the North or South Island tours rather than rushing both.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Ultimate Rail, Cruise & Coach Experience

19 days

This small group tour combines world famous rail journeys, luxury coach travel and an overnight cruise on spectacular Doubtful Sound. Explore the majestic South Island and the geothermal and cultural regions on the North Island.

Highlights

Auckland – Bay of Islands – Rotorua
Wellington – Kaikōura – Christchurch
Arthur’s Pass – Fox Glacier – Queenstown
Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
Te Anau – Dunedin – Christchurch

Tour Includes

- 17 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 13 dinners, 2 lunches, 2 morning teas
- Luxury coach with 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach
- Daily on-board Wi-Fi allowance
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 2 rail journeys
- 4 cruises
- Professional coach captain and tour leader
- Sightseeing as described (*optional excursions also available*)

Departure Dates

Departs: September – May
Regular departures

Day 1: Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, you will be met 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: Bay of Islands

Board your luxury coach and enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the ‘City of Sails’, before travelling to Matakohē to hear an informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel to 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

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.

Day 4: Auckland

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands 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, returning to Auckland. This evening is at leisure.
Hotel: Crowne Plaza Auckland

Day 5: Rotorua

Following breakfast, you will travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 9 ½ mile trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train including morning tea. Continue through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures. On arrival into Rotorua 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

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! Enjoy some leisure time in the geothermal capital before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

Day 7: Wellington

Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupō for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park and then continue south to New Zealand’s capital city, Wellington.
Hotel: InterContinental Wellington, 2 nights



Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

Day 8: Wellington

A highlight this morning will be time to explore the Gallipoli exhibition at Te Papa. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time for the remainder of the day.

Day 9: Christchurch

Board the Interislander Ferry and experience the comfort of the Premium Lounge. Enjoy breakfast as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey. Reboard your luxury coach in the fishing village of Kaikoura for the journey to the garden city of Christchurch.

Hotel: The George, 2 nights

Day 10: Christchurch

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. Your day includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at your leisure. This evening is free.

Day 11: Fox Glacier

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Join your coach and continue south on the West Coast.

Hotel: Distinction Fox Glacier

Day 12: Queenstown

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue to picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free.

Hotel: Heritage Queenstown, 2 nights

Day 13: Queenstown

Today is a free day for you. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Enjoy a delicious gourmet BBQ dinner at the Colonel's Homestead. Enjoy a short farm tour before your cruise back to Queenstown.

Day 14: Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

A short ride over the Wilmot Pass brings you to the boarding point to join the Fiordland Navigator. 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: Te Anau

Head back to Deep Cove for the trip to Manapouri. Return to the wharf and meet your luxury coach for the journey to Te Anau where you will enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Day 16: Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, famous for its stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture. Enjoy a city tour of New Zealand's oldest university city.

Hotel: Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 2 nights

Day 17: Dunedin

Travel along the picturesque Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle. On a guided tour you will hear the tragic and scandalous tales which make up the castle's history. There is time to explore this garden of international significance followed by an ultimate high tea served in the grand ballroom. Return to Dunedin for some free time.

Day 18: Christchurch

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 your new found friends.

Hotel: The George or similar

Day 19: Depart Christchurch

Say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.



Dunedin



TranzAlpine rail



GPT Signature

New Zealand Showcase

19 days

This itinerary presents a slice of New Zealand's spectacular scenery including Milford Sound. Stand in awe at magnificent Aoraki/Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest peak, journey on the TranzAlpine Train, one of the world's most famous train journeys and experience the geothermal wonders of Rotorua all in the comfort of a mid-size group tour.

Highlights

Auckland - Bay of Islands - Rotorua
Napier - Masterton - Wellington
Marlborough Franz Josef - Queenstown
Te Anau - Milford Sound Cruise
Dunedin - Twizel - Christchurch

Tour Includes

- 18 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 15 dinners, 2 lunches, 1 afternoon tea
- 32 Premium Economy Class seats on a full-size coach with on-board Wi-Fi
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 1 rail journey and 4 cruises
- Professional coach captain and Tour Leader
- Sightseeing as described (*optional excursions also available*)

Departure Dates

Departs: September – May
Regular departures

Day 1: Auckland

On arrival in Auckland, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader.

Hotel: SkyCity Hotel

Day 2: Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and travel to Matakoho for an informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel to 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

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. You may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise this evening (optional).

Day 4: Auckland

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. Return to Paihia and travel south via Whangarei to Auckland where you will enjoy a city sights tour. This evening is free to explore and dine at your leisure.

Hotel: SkyCity Hotel

Day 5: Rotorua

Enjoy a leisurely start before visiting Sky Tower for a bird's eye view of the city. Depart Auckland and travel to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch and guided tour of the movie set, from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how the farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle Earth.

Hotel: Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

Day 6: Rotorua

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. Enjoy 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 a Māori Hāngi and Concert.

Day 7: Masterton

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupō. 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



Milford Sound

Day 8: Wellington

A leisurely start today before travelling to quaint Greytown. Drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington. Enjoy a city tour of the nation's capital followed by a visit to the Gallipoli exhibition at Te Papa.

Hotel: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

Day 9: Blenheim

This morning board the Interislander Ferry. Enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Continue by coach for the short journey to Blenheim, where you will experience a personalised wine tasting.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Marlborough

Day 10: Christchurch

Travel to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch for a city sights tour.

Hotel: Distinction Christchurch Hotel

Day 11: Franz Josef

This morning embark on the TranzAlpine, travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass. Rejoin your coach and travel to Hokitika, before continuing to the township of Franz Josef.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier

Day 12: Queenstown

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps and continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty, before arriving into picturesque Queenstown. This evening is free.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel Queenstown, 2 nights

Day 13: Queenstown

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Enjoy a delicious gourmet BBQ dinner. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then cruise back to Queenstown.

Day 14: Te Anau

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 National Park.

Hotel: Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau, 2 nights

Day 15: Te Anau

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your 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 you have the rest of the day free.

Day 16: Dunedin

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: Twizel

Continue to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River as you marvel at Aoraki/Mount 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.

Day 18: Christchurch

Head north towards 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 pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Hotel: The George or similar

Day 19: Farewell Christchurch

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home taking a camera full of New Zealand memories.



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Ultimate Highlights

16 days

Your tour starts in Christchurch where you will visit the ever-so-Scottish city of Dunedin, revel in the natural beauty of the Fiordland, cruise on New Zealand's most natural attraction Milford Sound and ride onboard the TranzAlpine train. Watch nature at her best in Rotorua before exploring the beauty of the Bay of Islands where culture and marine life entwine. Final stop Auckland, the 'City of Sails'.

Highlights

Christchurch - Aoraki/Mount Cook - Dunedin Te Anau - Milford Sound Cruise - Queenstown - Fox Glacier - Christchurch Wellington - Rotorua - Bay of Islands Auckland

Tour Includes

- 15 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 12 dinners, 1 lunch, 1 high tea
- 20 Business Class Seats on a full-size coach with on-board Wi-Fi allowance
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 1 rail journey and 4 cruises
- Professional coach captain and Tour Leader
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: September - May
Regular departures

Day 1: Christchurch

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

Hotel: The George

Day 2: Aoraki/Mount Cook

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and 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/Mount 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

Day 3: Dunedin

Depart Aoraki/Mount Cook, see Lake Benmore and follow the Waitaki River to Oamaru. Continue south to Dunedin, enjoy a city tour followed by free time. You may choose to join a local wildlife tour (optional).

Hotel: Distinction Dunedin Hotel

Day 4: Te Anau

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 high tea in the grand ballroom. Bid farewell to Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, your gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Day 5: Queenstown

Depart Te Anau for a stunning drive to Milford Sound where you embark on a cruise through 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, home to a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is at leisure.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel Queenstown, 2 nights

Day 6: Queenstown

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.



Auckland

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 BBQ dinner. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw as you cruise back to Queenstown.

Day 7: Fox Glacier

Travel to Arrowtown, continue via the Haast Pass to the West Coast. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Fox Glacier.

Hotel: Distinction Fox Glacier

Day 8: Christchurch

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue to Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine. View rivers, valleys, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands. On arrival into Christchurch, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Hotel: The George

Day 9: Wellington

Travel along the east coast to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Continue to Picton, where you will board the Interislander Ferry for your journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across the Cook Strait to Wellington.

Hotel: InterContinental Wellington, 2 nights

Day 10: Wellington

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. Reboard your coach for a city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 11: Rotorua

Depart Wellington and view the snowcapped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as you travel to Lake Taupō. 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

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 the Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Free time is available 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 13: Bay of Islands

Travel north to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Continue 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

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. This evening you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

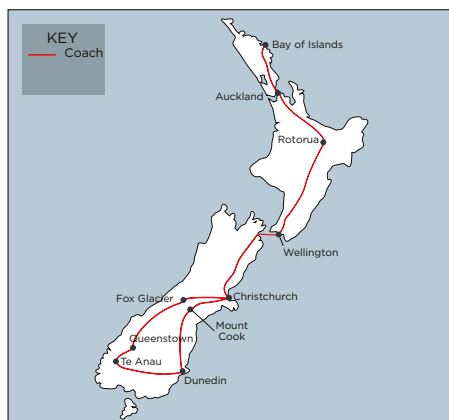
Day 15: Auckland

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei to Matakoho. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening join a farewell dinner with your new found friends.

Hotel: The Grand by SkyCity

Day 16: Depart Auckland

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



New Zealand Panorama

14 days

Stunning scenery, iconic attractions and cultural delights. Where rural beauty, nature's wonders, and a world-famous train journey are just a sample of what to expect. Delve deep into Māori Culture as you experience a performance and 'Hangi' dinner, the sparkling waters of Lake Tekapo and cruise on Milford Sound. Queenstown offers an abundance of activities.

Highlights

Christchurch - Aoraki/Mount Cook
Twizel - Dunedin - Te Anau
Milford Sound Cruise - Queenstown
Franz Josef - Wellington - Lake Taupō
Rotorua - Auckland

Tour Includes

- 13 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 11 dinners, 1 lunch, 1 high tea
- 32 Premium Economy Comfort seats on a full-size coach with Wi-Fi allowance
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 1 rail journey and 3 cruises
- Professional coach captain and tour leader
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: September - May
Regular departures

Day 1: Christchurch

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

Hotel: Distinction Christchurch Hotel

Day 2: Twizel

After a city sights tour depart Christchurch and 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/Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps before travelling to Twizel.

Hotel: Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel

Day 3: Dunedin

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. Rest of the day is at leisure to explore this university town with a very Scottish feel.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

Day 4: Te Anau

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 a delicious Devonshire tea in the grand ballroom. Departing Dunedin your journey continues through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to the Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel: Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau

Day 5: Queenstown

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your 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 2 nights in this stunning township which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is at leisure.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel Queenstown, 2 nights



Church of the Good Shepherd

Day 6: Queenstown

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 BBQ dinner. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw as you cruise back to Queenstown.

Day 7: Franz Josef

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

Day 8: Christchurch

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 Garden City, Christchurch, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Hotel: Sudima Christchurch Airport

Day 9: Wellington

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, relax in the comfort of the Premium Lounge. Sail through the stunning waters of the Marlborough Sounds on to Wellington.

Hotel: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, 2 nights

Day 10: Wellington

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. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour before the rest of the day is at leisure. Movie enthusiasts may wish to visit Wētā Workshop or in the evening venture to Zealandia where you can walk around this world-class eco sanctuary, listen for kiwi and additional birdlife endemic to New Zealand (optional).

Day 11: Rotorua

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

Hotel: Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

Day 12: Rotorua

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. Next stop is the Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment. Leisure 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.

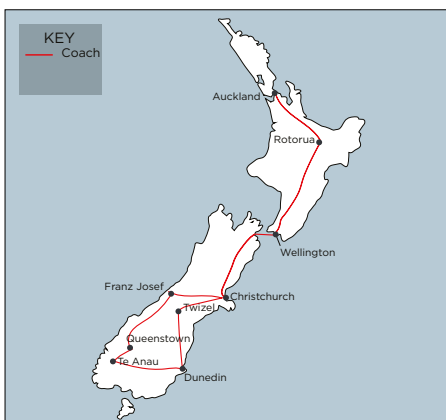
Day 13: Auckland

Continue north from Rotorua heading to Hobbiton for a guided tour of the movie set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how the farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle Earth. Your final stop is Auckland.

Hotel: Sudima Auckland City

Day 14: Farewell Auckland

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



New Zealand Wonderland

17 days

Freedom, flexibility and hotels in stunning locations are the hallmark of this tour. As you journey through the New Zealand landscape you will encounter enriching cultural experiences, amazing geothermal activity and wondrous marine life. Be ready to embrace an unforgettable world of exclusive experiences and moments of wonder.

Highlights

Auckland – Bay of Islands – Rotorua
Wellington – Christchurch – Franz Josef
Queenstown – Milford Sound Cruise
Te Anau – Dunedin – Aoraki/Mount Cook
Christchurch

Tour Includes

- 16 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 11 dinners
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- TranzAlpine train
- Tour director and driver
- Sightseeing as described
- Choice of inclusions in 5 locations

Departure Dates

Departs: September – June
Regular departures

Day 1: Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Hotel: Grand Millennium, Auckland

Day 2: Bay of Islands

Setting off from the 'City of Sails' your journey will cross Auckland's Harbour Bridge and travel along the Hibiscus Coast. Stop at Matakoho's Kauri Museum for an insight into the rich pioneering history of the Northland region. Continue to the Bay of Islands where you will enjoy a visit to the historic Treaty House and ceremonial War Canoe at Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights

Day 3: Bay of Islands

Explore the spectacular Bay of Islands region on a catamaran cruise, Sail to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock, meander through the inner islands, admiring sandy beaches and rocky outcrops. The afternoon is free for you to explore further or relax by the waterfront and watch the world sail by.

Day 4: Auckland

Travel south back to Auckland where you can select from a choice of activities, perhaps join an Auckland Harbour Sailing Cruise or enjoy a unique All Blacks experience. This evening enjoy a Pacific themed dinner with your fellow companions.

Hotel: Grand Millennium, Auckland

Day 5: Rotorua

Today's first stop is at Waitomo, home to the famous glow worm caves. Discover this natural wonder on a guided boat ride before continuing to Rotorua. Tonight be a guest at an indulgent traditional Māori feast and performance.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel Rotorua, 2 nights

Day 6: Rotorua

Today is your choice of activity, maybe enjoy a sheep show at the Agrodome followed by a visit to Te Puia Thermal Reserve or experience Middle Earth during a tour of the Hobbiton movie set.

Day 7: Wellington

Follow the Thermal Explorer Highway to the heart of New Zealand's North Island this morning. View the Wairakei Steam Valley, then visit Huka Falls and Lake Taupō, before travelling across the plateau of Tongariro National Park to Wellington.

Hotel: InterContinental Wellington, 2 nights



Day 8: Wellington

After breakfast, set off on a sightseeing tour of Wellington's best-loved landmarks and sights, including Mt Victoria, the waterfront area and New Zealand's national museum – Te Papa Tongarewa. The rest of the day will be yours at leisure to further explore this coastal city and perhaps dine at a local restaurant.

Day 9: Christchurch

Step aboard the Interislander ferry to cruise across Cook Strait and through the stunning waters of Marlborough and Queen Charlotte Sounds to Picton. Continue through the top of the South Island, to the quaint fishing town of Kaikoura before continuing along the central east coast all the way to Christchurch.

Hotel: Commodore Hotel

Day 10: Franz Josef

Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's greatest rail adventures. From the Canterbury Plains to dramatic waterfalls and stunning scenery make sure you have your camera ready. Disembark at Arthur's Pass where you will continue your journey to the West Coast via Hokitika to Franz Josef.

Hotel: Te Waouni Forest Retreat

Day 11: Queenstown

Enjoy a day of breathtaking scenery as you travel along the Haast River Valley to Queenstown. Tonight dining is your choice, perhaps an evening dinner cruise aboard the TSS Earnslaw, a vintage steamboat for a BBQ dinner or take a ride in the iconic Skyline Gondola to the Stratosfare Restaurant, dining with a view.

Hotel: Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, 2 nights

Day 12: Queenstown

Enjoy flexibility in how to spend your day with a range of activities, perhaps visit several local sites where the Lord of the Rings trilogy was filmed, or maybe a tour of the wine-producing region is a tempting option.

Day 13: Te Anau

Start with a scenic drive today as you journey along the Milford Road in to the heart of Fiordland National Park. Enjoy a cruise that explores the full length of the pristine fiord of Milford Sound.

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Day 14: Dunedin

Journey through the Southland countryside towards Dunedin, 'Edinburgh of the South'. This afternoon you choose your activity.

Hotel: Fable Dunedin

Day 15: Aoraki/Mount Cook

Driving north towards Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park. Your choice of experience this afternoon, during summer months get close to icebergs on the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake.

Hotel: The Hermitage Hotel

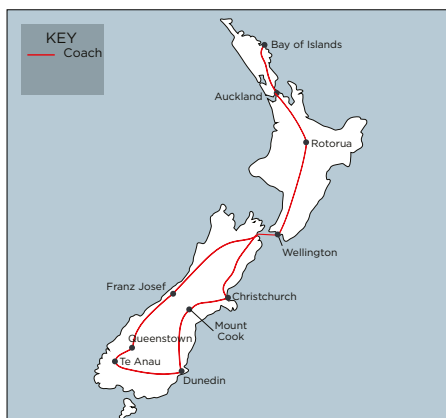
Day 16: Christchurch

Travel to Lake Tekapo as you head to Christchurch. Visit the tiny but charming Church of the Good Shepherd. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner tonight at your hotel.

Hotel: Distinction Christchurch

Day 17: Christchurch

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



Incredible New Zealand

13 days

For guests who may be short on time yet wish to visit and experience some of New Zealand's unique attractions and spectacular scenery this is the perfect starting point. Ride aboard the world famous TranzAlpine Train, cruise on the Milford Sound, be a guest at a Māori Cultural performance and authentic dining experience. This tour will give you a flavour of both islands and their diversity.

Highlights

Christchurch - Lake Tekapo - Dunedin
Te Anau - Milford Sound Cruise
Queenstown - Fox Glacier - Christchurch
Wellington - Rotorua - Auckland

Tour Includes

- 12 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 1 lunch, 7 dinners
- Meet and greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers
- TranzAlpine train
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Tour director and driver
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: September – June
Regular departures

Day 1: Christchurch

Your spectacular New Zealand journey begins today upon arrival in Christchurch. Here, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Dinner with fellow guests.

Hotel: Quality Hotel Elms

Day 2: Lake Tekapo

Enjoy a day of spectacular South Island scenery as you depart Christchurch this morning, following the shoreline of the powder-blue Lake Pukaki. Arrive at Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park and view New Zealand's highest peak. Later, head to Lake Tekapo and visit the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Hotel: Peppers Bluewater Resort

Day 3: Dunedin

Travel through Oamaru to Moeraki Boulders, unusually large spherical boulders stretched across Koekohe Beach. You will then continue south to Dunedin, enjoying views of majestic mountains and the sweeping stillness resting on farmlands and fields along the way.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

Day 4: Te Anau

Enjoy a guided tour of Dunedin, a city with a very 'Scottish' feel, renowned for its rich and interesting architecture, warm and friendly locals, and unique wildlife. Later, head to the picturesque little town of Te Anau on the shore of the stunning lake.

Hotel: Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau

Day 5: Queenstown

Travel deep into the incredible Fiordland National Park for a visit to what Rudyard Kipling famously described as the 'eighth wonder of the world,' Milford Sound. Enjoy an unforgettable cruise along the full length of the World Heritage-listed fiord beneath hulking mountains, stunning waterfalls, and pristine beauty at every angle. Later, travel to New Zealand's adventure capital Queenstown on Lake Wakatipu. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Apartments Queenstown Lakeview, 2 nights

Day 6: Queenstown

Ride the Skyline Gondola above the town to the top of Bob's Peak for a bird's eye view of Queenstown and the glistening waters of Lake Wakatipu below you. Following this, enjoy lunch at one of the FergFoods restaurants located throughout the town centre.



Hobbiton

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps take a cruise on the TSS Earnslaw or join a wine or gin tour for an afternoon of tasting in this premium wine region.

Day 7: Fox Glacier

Today your journey will take you through the stunning drive across Haast Pass bringing you to the Fox and Franz Josef glaciers in the Southern Alps. Both Fox and Franz Josef glaciers go well below the snowline and into temperate rainforest.

Hotel: Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier

Day 8: Christchurch

Drive through the sublime Southern Alps passing spectacular lakes and rainforests to the TranzAlpine Train. Embark on one of the world's great rail journeys aboard the TranzAlpine train. Watch the South Island's snow-capped mountains and rolling green hills glide past from the comfort of your seat before arriving in New Zealand's 'garden city', Christchurch.

Hotel: Quality Elms Hotel

Day 9: Wellington

Journey north hugging the rugged coastline and passing through the marine life township of Kaikōura to the port town of Picton where your ferry awaits. Sail through the stunning waters of Queen Charlotte Sound and Tory Channel before crossing the Cook Strait to New Zealand's capital, Wellington, where your North Island adventure begins.

Hotel: Travelodge Hotel Wellington

Day 10: Rotorua

Continue north to Taupō, a town on the northern shore of New Zealand's largest lake, Lake Taupō, known for its world-class restaurants and resorts and views back towards the volcanic region of the Tongariro. Later, witness the thundering power of Huka Falls, before travelling to Rotorua.

Hotel: Sudima, 2 nights

Day 11: Rotorua

Rotorua captures the essence of New Zealand with its geothermal geysers, fascinating Māori culture and rich heritage. Your sightseeing continues with a visit to the Agrodome or perhaps enjoy a visit to the Hobbiton movie set from the Lord of the Rings series (own expense). Savour an authentic Māori Hangi feast this evening.

The delicious, locally sourced buffet will feature a Māori twist in each dish, followed by an exhilarating cultural performance, and finish the evening with a hot chocolate overlooking the mesmerising display of Pohutu Geyser.

Day 12: Auckland

Travel to Waitomo to explore the glow worm caves, then continue to cosmopolitan Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. This evening, enjoy a special Farewell Dinner with your fellow travellers.

Day 13: Farewell Auckland

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



Moeraki Boulders



Rotorua



Wellington

Kauri Tour

23 days

Join this small group tour that will take you on an adventure like no other. With a maximum of 16 guests, you will enjoy a personal, bespoke experience amongst friends. Take a breath as you take in scenery of snow-capped Alps, wander through lush tropical rainforests and relax on wide sandy beaches. Local guides will share their cultural, historical and ecological expertise as you travel throughout Aotearoa – ‘the land of the long white cloud’.

Highlights

Auckland – Bay of Islands – Coromandel
Rotorua – Napier – Wellington – Nelson
Abel Tasman National Park – Punakaiki
Fox Glacier – Wānaka – Te Anau
Queenstown – Twizel – Christchurch

Tour Includes

- 22 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Luxury small coach travel
- Sightseeing as described
- Airport transfers

Departure Dates

Departs: October – May
Regular departures

Day 1: Auckland

Arrive into Auckland where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Spend the day at leisure.

Hotel: M Social Auckland

Day 2: Bay of Islands

Travel north, first stop is at a kauri forest, before continuing to the Bay of Islands. You are welcomed to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds before taking a ferry to Russell.

Hotel: Duke of Marlborough, 2 nights

Day 3: Bay of Islands

Today is your choice of two excursions, either journey along the magnificent 90 Mile Beach to Cape Reigna or enjoy a Hole in the Rock Cruise.

Day 4: Auckland

Head south through rural towns and beaches en route to Auckland. Enjoy a sightseeing tour which includes a guided tour of the Auckland Museum.

Hotel: M Social Auckland

Day 5: Whitianga

Next stop the Coromandel Peninsula. Visit Driving Creek Railway climbing 120m on a narrow-gauge line to the ‘EyeFull’ Tower for panoramic views before your overnight stay in Whitianga.

Hotel: Oceans Resort Whitianga, 2 nights

Day 6: Coromandel Peninsula

White cliffs, golden beaches, inviting turquoise waters and green forests are the colours of the Coromandel. Rightly famous is Hot Water Beach, where warm springs bubble up through the sand.

Day 7: Rotorua

Follow the Pacific Coast Highway stopping at scenic lookouts before arriving into Rotorua. Rotorua is not only the centre of New Zealand’s geothermal activity centre but of Māori heritage. Visit Te Puia on a guided tour.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel (or Regal Palms Resort), 2 nights

Day 8: Rotorua

Today is your choice, perhaps visit Wamangu Volcanic Valley. Movie lovers may wish to visiting the Hobbiton Movie Set. This evening be a guest at Tamaki Māori Village, where you will be entertained with a cultural performance and dining experience

Day 9: Napier

Visit the powerful Huka Falls then view Lake Taupō. Onto Napier to one of the world’s most complete examples of Art Deco architecture. This afternoon your local guide brings history and architecture alive as you discover Napier on foot. This evening’s dinner is at New Zealand’s oldest winery, Mission Estate.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Te Pania



Church of the Good Shepherd

Day 10: Wellington

Travel through the vineyards, orchards and bush-clad ranges to Wellington. From the Kelburn lookout take the Wellington Cable Car down into the central city precinct before visiting Te Papa.

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, Wellington

Day 11: Nelson

Travelling through the waters of Cook Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound the ferry is often accompanied by dolphins riding the bow waves. Just a short distance to Blenheim, perfect spot for tasting this afternoon before continuing on to Nelson.

Hotel: Heritage Rutherford Hotel, 2 nights

Day 12: Abel Tasman National Park

Abel Tasman National Park is a mosaic of golden coves and turquoise lagoons, most journeys are made by water taxi. This morning your tour includes a choice of activity to include a full park scenic cruise or walk and cruise.

Day 13: Punakaiki

Today you head south via Nelson Lakes National Park, the beginning of the awe-inspiring Southern Alps. Follow the Buller River Gorge, one of the world's best but least-known scenic drives, emerging to Punakaiki, renowned for its famous 'Pancake Rocks'.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel, Punakaiki

Day 14: Fox Glacier

Journey south along the Great Coast Road, pass through historic towns reaching Hokitika, Franz Josef and Fox Glacier.

Hotel: Distinction Hotel Fox Glacier

Day 15: Wānaka

Visit to nearby Lake Matheson for a morning stroll before heading over the Haast Pass deep into Mt. Aspiring National Park. Arrive at the stunning resort town of Wānaka.

Hotel: Edgewater Resort, Wānaka, 2 nights

Day 16: Wānaka

This morning you have the choice of two excursions, join a local eco-guide as you cruise Lake Wānaka to a predator-free island. Or perhaps a 4WD High Country Farm Experience.

Day 17: Te Anau

First stop is the Cardrona Pub before traversing the Crown Range Road to visit historic Arrowtown. Continue your journey via the Remarkables mountain range and spectacular Lake Wakatipu. This evening you will reach Lake Te Anau.

Hotel: Distinction Hotel Luxmore, Te Anau

Day 18: Queenstown

The journey from Te Anau to Milford Sound is one of the most scenic drives. Board a comfortable vessel for a cruise past Mitre Peak to the Tasman Sea.

Hotel: Scenic Suites Queenstown, 2 nights

Day 19: Queenstown

Set on the shores of crystal-clear Lake Wakatipu, the perfect backdrop for a visit full of adventure, exploration or relaxation. Today is free for you to explore.

Day 20: Twizel

Continue north to the Lindis Pass. Take in the beautiful drive along Lake Pukaki to Mt. Cook Village, home to New Zealand's tallest peak, Aoraki/Mount Cook.

Hotel: Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel, Twizel

Day 21: Christchurch

Visit a local home set on the shores of Lake Tekapo. View the Church of the Good Shepherd before passing across the high country's tussock plains, and across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch.

Hotel: Distinction Hotel, Christchurch, 2 nights

Day 22: Christchurch

This morning join punting boatmen and cruise along the river and through the Botanic Gardens. Step onboard a heritage tram through the changing face of Christchurch's city centre. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner.

Day 23: Depart Christchurch

Haere rā – farewell from New Zealand. After breakfast you are transferred to Christchurch Airport for your onward journey.



Lake Te Anau harbour



Queenstown



Cardrona Pub

Koromiko Tour

11 days

Join this personalised small group tour which takes in the stunning sights of the North Island starting with a journey to the sparkling Pacific waters of the Bay of Islands, sweeping sandy beaches of the Coromandel Peninsula and feast on a Hangi in Rotorua, before arriving in Wellington, 'The coolest little capital in the world'.

Highlights

Auckland – Bay of Islands – Auckland
Coromandel Peninsula – Rotorua – Napier
Wellington

Tour Includes

- 10 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 2 dinners
- Luxury small coach travel
- Sightseeing as described
- Airport transfers

Departure Dates

Departs: October – May
Regular departures

Day 1: Auckland

Haere mai – welcome! Arrive into Auckland where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Spend the afternoon and evening exploring the 'City of Sails'.

Hotel: M Social, Auckland

Day 2: Bay of Islands

Travel north via Auckland's iconic Harbour Bridge visiting the Reed Memorial Park. Here walk along an elevated canopy walkway through a remnant of the original kauri forest. Take in the picturesque Whangārei Falls before continuing to the Bay of Islands, a stunning region of 144 sub-tropical islands scattered through warm shallow waters and bays. You are welcomed to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Next, take a ferry to the seaside village of Russell.

Hotel: Duke of Marlborough Hotel, 2 nights

Day 3: Bay of Islands

Today you have the choice of 2 excursions. Perhaps journey along the magnificent 90 Mile Beach to Cape Reinga the very tip of New Zealand, where the Tasman Sea collides with the Pacific Ocean. Or enjoy a cruise, on the way to the Cape Brett Lighthouse, hold your breath as the skipper skilfully navigates through the

famous Hole in the Rock and into Grand Cathedral Cave (conditions permitting). Return to Russell to meet a local guide for an insight into this historic town's rip-roaring past!

Day 4: Auckland

Head south through rural towns and delightful beaches before arriving back in Auckland. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the 'City of Sails' including panoramic views from Bastion Point; trendy Parnell Village; the lovely bays of the waterfront drive; and the vibrant Viaduct Harbour area. You will also join a guided tour of the Auckland Museum which gives an excellent introduction to the artistic legacy and cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Pacific.

Hotel: M Social Auckland

Day 5: Coromandel Peninsula

Travel across the fertile Hauraki Plains to Thames then head up the western side of the Coromandel Peninsula. This coastal drive is quite spectacular. Visit the nearby Driving Creek Railway climbing 120m on a narrow-gauge line to the 'EyeFull' Tower for panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and back over the Hauraki Gulf. Drive east across the peninsula through beautiful scenery to reach the resort of Whitianga on Mercury Bay.

Hotel: Oceans Resort Whitianga, 2 nights



Waimangu Volcanic Valley

Day 6: Coromandel Peninsula

Spend the day exploring sandy beaches and hidden coves taking in the breathtaking scenery. Rightly famous is Hot Water Beach, where warm springs bubble up through the sand, and when the tide is right you can dig out your very own 'spa' pool for a wallow in the warm waters.

Day 7: Rotorua

Today set off on the Pacific Coast Highway through the beachside towns of Whangamata and Tauranga in the beautiful Bay of Plenty before turning inland to visit a well-formed bushwalk with scenic lookouts over Okere Falls. Rotorua is the epicentre, not only of New Zealand's geothermal activity but of Māori heritage. Visit Te Puia, an active geothermal site, it's part of their culture to welcome, guide, entertain, and treat you like part of the family.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel (or Regal Palms Resort), 2 nights

Day 8: Rotorua

Today is your choice. Visit the Waimangu Volcanic Valley site of the eruption of Mt. Tarawera in 1886 which devastated and buried local Māori villages and destroyed the world-famous 'Pink and White' silica terraces, once considered to be the eighth wonder of the world.

Perhaps you are movie fan, experience the real Middle Earth with a visit to the Hobbiton movie set. Your guide will escort you through the site recounting fascinating details of how the movie set was created. The Hobbit holes, Green Dragon Inn, The Millhouse and other structures created for the films can be viewed. This evening visit Tamaki Māori Village for Te Pā Tu.

Day 9: Napier

Visit the powerful Huka Falls then view the vast Lake Taupō. Across the lake stand the mighty volcanic peaks of Ruapehu, Ngāuruhoe and Tongariro within the Tongariro National Park. Onto Napier to view one of the world's most complete examples of Art Deco architecture. This seaside town had a tragic birth, being virtually levelled by fierce fires that followed the devastating 1931 earthquake. This afternoon a local guide brings history and architecture alive with entertaining stories as you discover Napier on foot. This evening's dinner is at New Zealand's oldest winery, Mission Estate.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Te Pania

Day 10: Wellington

Travel through the vineyards, orchards of Hawke's Bay and the bush-clad ranges of the Wairarapa into New Zealand's capital city, Wellington.

On arrival view New Zealand's magnificent Parliament Buildings including the iconic 'Beehive' building. From the Kelburn lookout take the Wellington Cable Car down into the central city precinct before visiting Te Papa, one of the most exciting museums in the world.

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, Wellington

Day 11: Depart Wellington

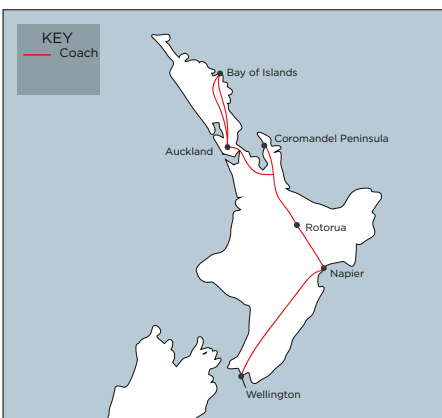
Haere ra – farewell from New Zealand, you will be transferred to the airport. Alternatively you may wish to extend your stay in Wellington or board one of the world's most scenic ferry crossings to the South Island where the vineyards, glaciers and the Southern Alps await.



Hot Water Beach, Coromandel



Tamaki Māori Village



Hole In the Rock Cruise

Tōtara Tour

12 days

Ready to tick some amazing New Zealand adventures off your bucket list? This comprehensive small group tour is jam-packed with a vast range of stunning experiences and journeys. You will get close-ups of fascinating historic events, amazing geothermal activities, and authentic Māori culture. Your journey will include a cruise on the Milford Sound and the famous TranzAlpine across the Southern Alps.

Highlights

Auckland - Rotorua - Christchurch
Fox Glacier - Wānaka - Te Anau
Milford Sound Cruise - Queenstown
Twizel - Christchurch

Tour Includes

- 11 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Internal flights
- Luxury small coach travel
- Sightseeing as described
- Airport transfers

Departure Dates

Departs: October - May
Regular departures

Day 1: Auckland

Welcome to Auckland where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Spend the afternoon and evening at your leisure exploring the 'City of Sails'.

Hotel: M Social, Auckland

Day 2: Rotorua

This morning, enjoy an Auckland City tour before heading south towards Rotorua, the heart of New Zealand's famous thermal and cultural region. On arrival, a city tour to get your bearings before free time to relax before visiting a local Marae. Early evening you will visit Tamaki Māori Village for Te Pā Tū. Feast on Māori song, tradition, and divine seasonal kai (cuisine) within the forest Pā (village) amidst towering Tawa trees, blazing bonfires, and forest-formed amphitheatre.

Hotel: The Millennium Hotel or the Regal Palms Resort, Rotorua

Day 3: Christchurch

No visit to Rotorua would be complete without including Te Puia, an active geothermal site and the nation's centre for indigenous arts and crafts and a Kiwi conservation project. Next travel out to the Redwood Forest and enjoy a Redwood Treewalk consisting of 28 suspension bridges.

At 700-metres long the walkway allows plenty of time to appreciate the beauty of the forest that is quite different from what you experience on the ground. This afternoon fly to Christchurch and join a punt for a relaxing cruise along the Avon River through the Botanic Gardens. The final part of your day will be to journey in style onboard a beautifully restored heritage tram through the city centre.

Hotel: Distinction Hotel, Christchurch

Day 4: Fox Glacier

From Christchurch traverse the Southern Alps aboard the famous TranzAlpine rail journey to Greymouth. Join your coach to travel through historic towns reaching Hokitika where you can stretch your legs at the dramatic gorge where the blue/green waters pass through the rugged rocks. Continue south to the small remote village of Fox where huge rivers of snow and ice of the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers flow. Weather permitting, an optional helicopter ride with a snow landing is a terrific way to experience the sheer grandeur of the glaciers (extra cost).

Hotel: Distinction Hotel Fox Glacier



'That Wānaka Tree'

Day 5: Wānaka

Have your camera ready for your visit to nearby Lake Matheson for a morning stroll before your tour continues over the Haast Pass along the river road beside the icy river and deep into Mt. Aspiring National Park. As you reach Lake Wānaka, you will notice the reflection the mountain peaks.

Hotel: Edgewater Resort, 2 nights

Day 6: Wānaka

This morning you have the choice of 2 excursions, depart Wānaka by boat and cruise across the lake to a predator-free island. The walking track leads from the landing and climbs steadily through native vegetation - filled with very vocal birdlife - to the top of the 'island's secret'; a lake on top of the island! Back on dry land you may prefer the perfect mix of incredible scenery, history, heritage and farming life. Explore remote and seldom travelled back roads of an authentic New Zealand High Country farm overlooking sparkling Lake Wānaka. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks, glaciers and wild river valleys.

Day 7: Te Anau

Depart Wānaka with a stop at the much-photographed Cardrona Pub before traversing the Crown Range road to visit historic Arrowtown.

Then continue your journey via the road pinned between the base of the Remarkables mountain range and spectacular Lake Wakatipu to reach Lake Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland National Park.

Hotel: Distinction Hotel Luxmore

Day 8: Queenstown

The journey from Te Anau to Milford Sound is one of the most scenic experiences you can have on four wheels. Fiordland National Park, part of the Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area, is one of the great wilderness areas of the Southern Hemisphere. Board a cruise past towering Mitre Peak to the Tasman Sea. Following the cruise, retrace your journey back to Te Anau and around spectacular Lake Wakatipu to Queenstown.

Hotel: Scenic Suites Queenstown, 2 nights

Day 9: Queenstown

The natural beauty and the unique energy of Queenstown create the perfect backdrop for a visit full of adventure, exploration or relaxation. Today is free for you to do your own thing; get drenched on a Shotover jet-boat ride, or take the gondola up to Bob's Peak, perhaps join a 4WD safari to Skippers Canyon.

Day 10: Twizel

Continue north through the rugged Kawarau Gorge to the Lindis Pass. Take a beautiful drive along Lake Pukaki to Mt. Cook Village, home to New Zealand's tallest peak, Aoraki/Mount. Cook.

Hotel: Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel

Day 11: Christchurch

Visit a local home set on the shores of Lake Tekapo where you will enjoy morning tea with a truly Kiwi dessert! View the Church of the Good Shepherd, one of New Zealand's most-photographed spots. Pass across the high country's tussock plains and travel across the fertile Canterbury Plains to Christchurch.

Day 12: Christchurch

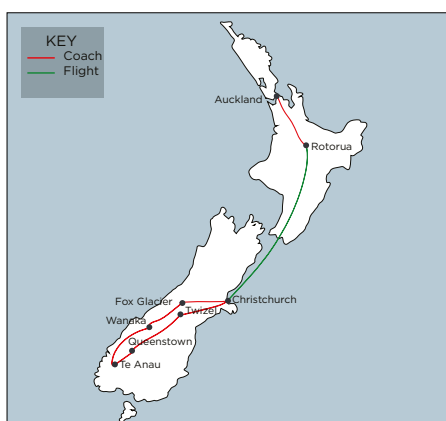
Haere rā – farewell from New Zealand. After breakfast you are transferred to the Christchurch Airport for your onward journey.



TSS Earnslaw



Church of the Good Shepherd



Rotorua

Kaka Tour

17 days

Explore roads less travelled on this special small group, maximum 18 guests, tour of New Zealand and discover country hospitality and nature in the wild. In the North Island discover authentic Māori culture around Rotorua and visit Tongariro National Park. In the South Island visit Aoraki/Mount Cook and famous Milford Sound by land, sea and air. Meet the locals over private lunches at Lake Tarawera, a Marlborough vineyard and a mid-Canterbury farmhouse.

Highlights

Auckland - Rotorua - Tongariro National Park - Wellington - Nelson
Abel Tasman National Park - Kaikōura
Aoraki/Mount Cook - Queenstown
Milford Sound Cruise - Wānaka
Franz Josef - Punakaiki - Christchurch

Tour Includes

- 16 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 4 unique lunches
- Air conditioned, comfortable small coach
- Sightseeing as described
- Airport transfers

Departure Dates

Departs: October - April
Regular departures

Day 1: Rotorua

You will meet your guide and fellow companions in Auckland before setting off south via the lush pastures of the Waikato to your first stop at Karangahake Gorge en route to Rotorua. Stop at Lake Rotoiti board a unique 'Airstream Caravan' and enjoy a private cruise to natural hot pools.

Hotel: Novotel Lakeside, 2 nights

Day 2: Rotorua

Time to explore and discover everything Rotorua has to offer, including a treetop canopy, the famous geothermal area and Māori culture and arts. Enjoy a lakeside lunch with local Māori guides.

Day 3: Tongariro National Park

An exciting day of contrasts travelling through the volcanic landscape of the Central North Island. From the surreal geothermal moonscape of Wai-o-Tapu geothermal wonderland to the World Heritage landscapes of Tongariro National Park. Enjoy a walk at Lake Taupō and a choice of spectacular short walks in Tongariro National Park.

Hotel: Ruapehu

Day 4: Wellington

Leave the volcanic plateau behind and head south through farmland and small rural towns. Continue down the coastline to the capital city Wellington.

Hotel: The Bolton Hotel, 2 nights

Day 5: Wellington

The day is yours to enjoy. Highly recommended is a visit to Te Papa National Museum. Wellington is the food lovers' capital of New Zealand and also the spiritual home of Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit.

Day 6: Nelson

Today cross the Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry to 'Te Waipounamu', the South Island. First stop is for a tasting and lunch in the heart of the world-famous Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc region before travelling on to Nelson via the beautiful Pelorus River.

Hotel: Tides Hotel, 2 nights

Day 7: Abel Tasman National Park

Abel Tasman is a highlight of this tour. A picnic lunch is included, you choose whether to join a scenic cruise or a cruise/walk combo to explore a section of the coastal track, one of New Zealand's Great Walks, with time to relax on the beach or take a dip!



Rotorua

Day 8: Kaikōura

Heading towards Kaikōura the road hugs the rugged coastline between the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura Ranges. Your afternoon is free to take a whale watching flight or simply enjoy a walk along the peninsula to spot fur seals.

Hotel: White Morph Inn

Day 9: Aoraki/Mount Cook

Leaving the coast your tour heads inland to the Canterbury Plains where you will be a guest at a homestead lunch before continuing on to the spectacular Mackenzie Country.

Hotel: Aoraki/Mount Cook Village

Day 10: Queenstown

Always a memorable stay on your day at Aoraki/Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain. Take your pick from exploring the dramatic landscape on one of the many easy walking tracks. Alternatively, take a scenic flight or heli-hike on the Tasman Glacier. After lunch head over the Lindis Pass and onto Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand.

Hotel: Scenic Suites, 3 nights

Day 11: Queenstown

Today is all about majestic Milford Sound, experiencing the Milford Road, a scenic cruise on the sound and a magical flight over the Southern Alps back to Queenstown is a day you will never forget.

Day 12: Queenstown

Free day to make the most of the infinite choice of day tours and activities Queenstown has to offer. From lakeside walks, galleries, bike tours, food and wine and of course the famous adventure activities such as jet boating.

Day 13: Wānaka

Just a short hop to leafy Arrowtown, where gold mining history comes alive beside the Arrow River. Then climb up the Crown Range for your last view of the beautiful Wakatipu basin. Arrive at the lakeside town of Wānaka where you have an afternoon of leisure.

Hotel: Wānaka Accommodation

Day 14: Franz Josef

Today is a quintessential kiwi day, where else in the world can you visit the seaside, a rainforest and a glacier all in the same day?

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier

Day 15: Punakaiki

Your morning is free to discover Glacier Country and Westland. Walk to the Franz Josef Glacier Valley lookout or take a guided wildlife cruise on Ōkārito lagoon. Later head north towards Punakaiki via Hokitika.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel, 2 nights

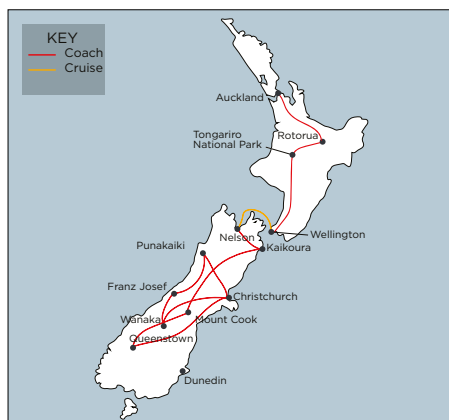
Day 16: Punakaiki

Paparoa National Park is very different to any other area on the trip, towering limestone cliffs and karst rock formations. You'll have plenty of time to discover the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel

Day 17: Farewell to Christchurch

Traverse the Southern Alps before crossing the plains into the 'Garden City' of Christchurch where your tour ends with a camera full of memories and new friends made.



Northern Spectacular

9 days

Explore the North Island on this medium sized group tour. From Auckland the 'City Of Sails' to the scenic Bay of Islands where you will cruise to the Hole in the Rock. Learn all about Māori culture and New Zealand's colourful history in Rotorua, as well as seeing the regions geothermal mud pools and watch a cultural performance. Visit Hobbiton, a 'must do' for movie lovers, discover the Art Deco township of Napier and sip fine wines in the Wairarapa before arriving into Wellington, the nations capital.

Highlights

Auckland - Bay of Islands - Rotorua
Masterton - Wellington

Tour Includes

- 8 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 1 lunch, 6 dinners including a Māori Hangi
- 32 Premium Economy Comfort seats
- Sightseeing as described
- Tour leader
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand

Departure Dates

Departs: September – May
Regular departures

Day 1: Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure, maybe take a stroll to the viaduct and watch the world sail by in the 'City of Sails'. For a different view embark on a ferry or a sailing yacht and cruise under the bridge with a hot beverage served by your crew. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

Hotel: SkyCity

Day 2: Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and travel to Matakohē for 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 Government in 1840.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands,
2 nights

Day 3: Bay of Islands

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 heading north via the picturesque Kerikeri inlet and on to the Cavalli Islands, Matakohē Bay, Takou Bay and the Purerua Peninsula.

This really is a stunning flight showcasing the islands dotted amongst the turquoise waters below. For something more sedate, perhaps take the ferry to the historic town of Russell where you can enjoy lunch at the 'Duke', a historic pub on the waterfront.

Day 4: Auckland

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piery 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 where you will enjoy a city sights tour. This evening is free to explore the many eateries surrounding your hotel or head down to the Viaduct where you will find an abundance of traditional restaurants and Asian influenced dining options.

Hotel: SkyCity

Day 5: Rotorua

Enjoy a leisurely start before visiting the Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions with panoramic 360 degree views across the city and key landmarks. On a good day you may be able to see up to 53 volcanoes. Depart Auckland and travel through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch.



Waitangi

This is followed by a guided tour of the movie set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Continue on to New Zealand’s geothermal centre, Rotorua, where bubbling mud pools and geysers erupt several times a day. You will also find Māori culture on your doorstep.

Hotel: Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

Day 6: Rotorua

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. Enjoy some free time this afternoon. For guests wishing to stretch their legs we recommend a tour to the Redwoods Tree Walk where you will gain a birds eye view of the forest , or go behind the scenes at the National Kiwi Hatchery and hear of the conservation and protection of these quirky birds, natives of New Zealand. Late afternoon you will travel 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: Masterton

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupō. Continue to Napier known as ‘The Art Deco Capital’.

Napier was rebuilt after a 1931 earthquake, the city is known for art deco landmarks, join a city tour which will showcase an impressive collection of art deco buildings. Enjoy some free time to explore the fascinating architecture or maybe a delectable tasting , after all you are also in the Hawke’s Bay region, home to fine wine. Leave this afternoon and travelling through the Wairarapa.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park

Day 8: Wellington

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. A highlight this afternoon 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 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

Day 9: Depart Wellington

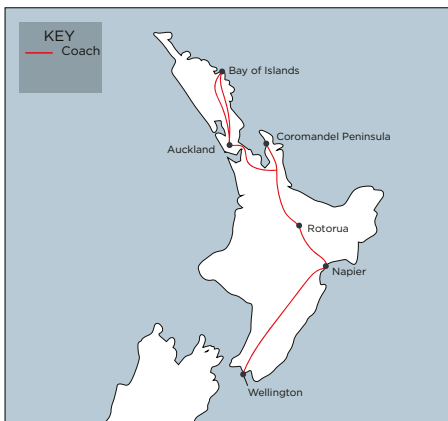
Time to say goodbye to Wellington, you will be transferred to the airport, or you may choose to sail across the Cook Strait and explore the South Island. This is one of the most scenic ferry crossings in the world. Opening up to the Marlborough Sounds, Marlborough wine region and one of New Zealand’s great train journeys the Coastal Pacific to Kaikōura and further south to Christchurch.



Huka Falls



Māori girl



Signature Touring

South Island Spectacular

10 days

New Zealand's South Island is a stunning scenic backdrop. Delighting guests around every corner as this small group tour showcases some of the most beautiful parts of this island. Travel aboard the world-famous TranzAlpine train taking in spectacular views, see the mesmerising crystal blue-water colours of the Franz Josef glacier and marvel at New Zealand's most spectacular natural attraction, Milford Sound.

Highlights

Christchurch – Franz Josef – Queenstown
Te Anau – Milford Sound Cruise
Dunedin – Aoraki/Mount Cook

Tour Includes

- 9 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 1 lunch, 1 high tea, 8 dinners
- 20 Business Class seats
- TranzAlpine train
- Milford Sound cruise
- Sightseeing as described
- Tour leader
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand

Departure Dates

Departs: September – May
Regular departures

Day 1: Christchurch

On arrival into Christchurch, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Take the time to explore the 'Garden City' with a relaxing cruise as your boatman complete with bowler hat 'punts' you down the River Avon and through the Botanical Gardens. Perhaps you might like to board the historic tram where you can hop on and off and see how the city has been rebuilt following the earthquake in 2011. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.

Hotel: Sudima Christchurch City

Day 2: Franz Josef

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. 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: Te Waonui Forest Retreat

Day 3: Queenstown

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, situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free. We recommend riding the gondola to Bob's Peak for spectacular views over the Remarkables Mountain Range, Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown township. Dine on top of the world in the buffet restaurant.

Hotel: Heritage Queenstown, 2 nights

Day 4: Queenstown

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, enjoy a gourmet BBQ dinner at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard your cruise and return to Queenstown.



The OPERA, Dunedin

Day 5: Te Anau

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you will 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 Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas, 2 nights

Day 6: Te Anau

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound, it has been said this is one of the most spectacular drives in New Zealand. From Milford you will 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 the rest of the day is yours to explore further or simply relax. You may choose to visit the Fiordland Cinema and watch *Ata Whenua, Shadowland*, a short movie that will take you soaring over the mysterious, spectacular terrain surrounding you.

Day 7: Dunedin

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Enjoy a city tour followed by free time to explore this historical university city. Optional activities to consider include a wildlife excursion to observe animals in their natural habitat or a guided tour of Olveston Historic Home, containing a wealth of treasures of a bygone era.

Hotel: Distinction Dunedin Hotel

Day 8: Aoraki/Mount Cook

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle. There is time to wander around this garden of international significance followed by 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 Aoraki/Mount Cook.

Hotel: The Hermitage Hotel

Day 9: Christchurch

This morning marvel at Aoraki/Mount 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.

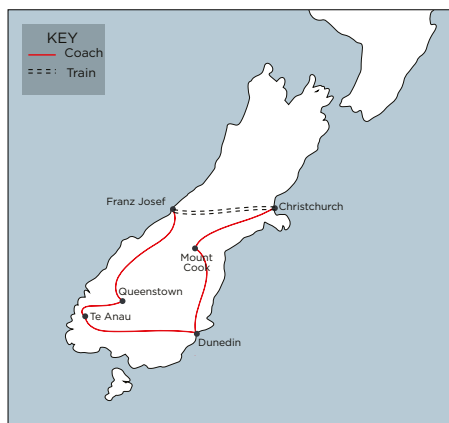
This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your newfound friends and fond memories.

Hotel: Sudima Christchurch City

Day 10: Depart Christchurch

Time to say farewell with transfers back to the airport or extend your stay here in Christchurch or board the Coastal Pacific train north to Kaikōura, home of whale watching and further on to Picton before taking the ferry over to the nation's capital, Wellington.

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Solo Travellers South Island Highlights

11 days

Set off on an escorted tour with like-minded travellers to experience firsthand the highlights of New Zealand's spectacular South Island. Ride the iconic TranzAlpine and cruise across Lake Wakatipu on a vintage steamship, far below the Remarkables Mountain Range. Travel up the Otago Peninsula across scenic highways and discover flora and fauna set beside turquoise blue waters of Lake Tekapo before driving to Aoraki/Mount Cook where the mountains majestically command the Southern Alps. This South Island tour incorporates everything the solo traveller could need.

Highlights

Christchurch - Franz Josef - Queenstown
Te Anau - Milford Sound Cruise - Dunedin
Aoraki/Mount Cook

Tour Includes

- 10 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 1 lunch, 1 afternoon tea, 8 dinners
- 32 Premium Economy Seat full size coach
- TranzAlpine train
- Milford Sound cruise
- Sightseeing as described
- Tour leader
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand

Departure Dates

Departs: February
Set departures

Day 1: Christchurch

On arrival into Christchurch, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. We recommend boarding the restored tram and hop on/off as you please, commentary will share points of interest as well as show where regeneration building work has taken place since the 2011 earthquake. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink as you meet your fellow solo travellers.

Hotel: Distinction Christchurch, 2 nights

Day 2: Christchurch

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 rest of the day and evening is at leisure, why not wander through the botanical gardens or be gently taken along the River Avon by a punting boatman.

Day 3: Franz Josef

Board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges from the viewing carriage as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Rejoin your coach and travel to Hokitika, the home of greenstone, maybe purchase a piece of natural Aotearoa, New Zealand. Your journey continues down the rugged coastline to Franz Josef. Time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier

Day 4: Queenstown

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you meander through the stunning Haast Pass where waterfalls are seen a plenty from the comfort of your seat. You will continue south into picturesque Queenstown set on the shores of Lake Wakatipu with the Remarkables Mountain Range as the stunning backdrop. This evening is free to dine at leisure. Restaurants are on your doorstep or if you enjoy a burger the most iconic outlet is Fergburger or Asian inspired cafés and restaurants at Steamer Wharf.

Hotel: Mercure Queenstown Resort, 2 nights



TSS Earnslaw

Day 5: Queenstown

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. With an abundance of activities from the gondola ride where stunning views of the Remarkables Mountain Range will take your breath away to hiring an e-bike and cycling around the lake or join a guided gin or wine tour, you will be spoilt for choice. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise to Walter Peak Station to enjoy a delicious gourmet BBQ dinner. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard your cruise back to Queenstown

Day 6: Te Anau

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, visit 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 Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel: Distinction Luxmore Hotel, 2 nights

Day 7: Te Anau

Depart Te Anau for a jaw dropping drive to Milford Sound where you board your 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: Dunedin

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

Day 9: Twizel

Head north to Oamaru famous for its limestone, then follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Aoraki/Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps.

Hotel: Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel

Day 10: Christchurch

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

Hotel: Distinction Christchurch

Day 11: Depart Christchurch

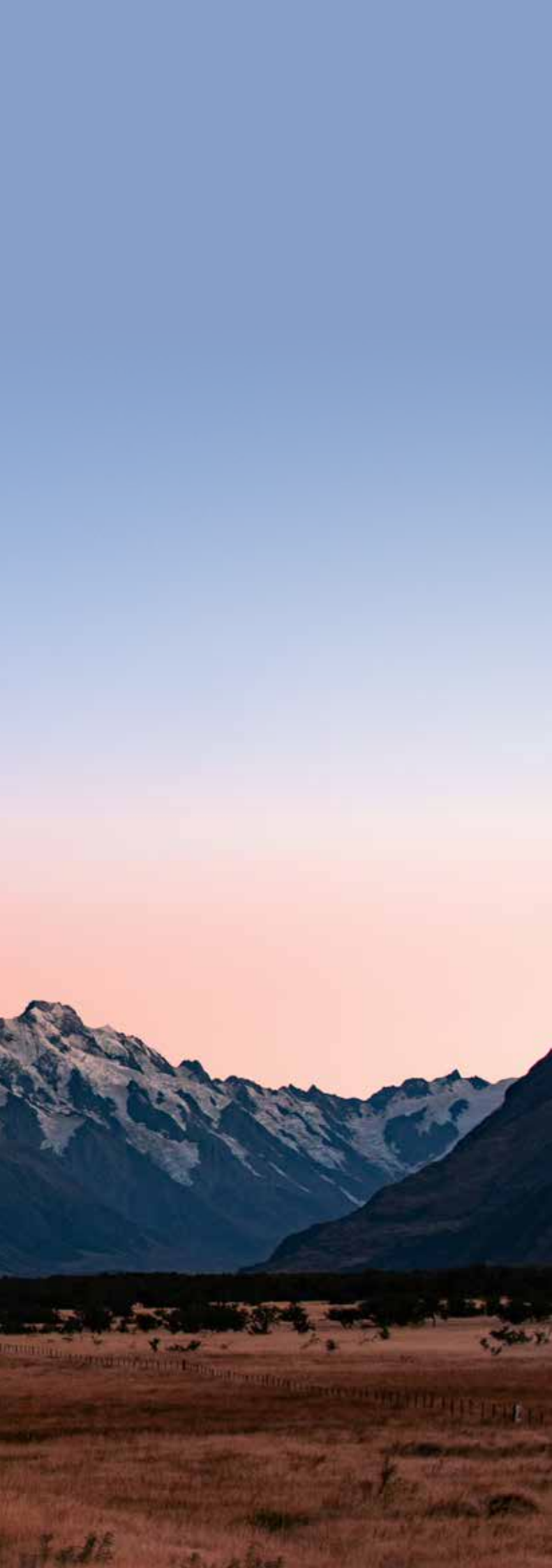
Time to say goodbye, you will be transferred back to the airport for your onward journey.



Self Drive Tours

For those who crave the freedom of the open road and the luxury of travelling at their own pace then a self-drive is an excellent option. Roads in New Zealand are free-flowing and easy to navigate. Where to start with choosing the most scenic road in New Zealand, the choices are endless all have scenic lookouts for a lakeside or waterfall. Quite possibly one of the most breathtaking drives is to follow the shores of Lake Pukaki with its ice blue water to Mount Cook Village. Haast Pass is bursting with spectacular views and short walks as you travel between the glaciers on the West Coast. The Thermal Highway on the North Island will bring highlights of the region as you explore shooting geysers, visit bubbling mud and watch a Māori cultural performance. Off the beaten track drives include the Pacific Coast Highway taking you to some of the North Islands most beautiful remote coastal areas from the Coromandel to the Bay of Plenty. You can mix and match where you stay, intersperse boutique hotels with self-catering apartments and even a luxury lodge or two if that takes your fancy. A self-drive holiday in New Zealand is an easy and relaxed way to explore and here at First Class Holidays we have the experience to plan the perfect itinerary.





The Crown Range is New Zealand's highest road between Queenstown and Wānaka. I recommend a lunch stop at the iconic Cardrona Hotel.

Linda, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

Head north from Auckland to the Bay of Islands, make sure your walking shoes are close by and stop at Waipu Cave where you can view glow worms.

When driving the Haast Pass, connecting the rugged West Coast to the alpine town of Wānaka we highly recommend you stretch your legs at Blue Pools Track. You may want to take a towel and cool off with a dip or simply paddle your toes.

Drive over the Lindis Pass a dramatic alpine road that runs through Central Otago. Enjoy a picnic at Ahuriri River, there are plenty of native bird species to spot, or discover walking trails.

Wildlife and seafood are the way to go on a coastal drive from Picton to Kaikōura. The Store Café is a delightful spot for a coffee. Keep an eye out for a seal lookout sign further south and watch these clumsy fur seals play amongst the rocks. Feeling peckish stop at a Seafood hut for a taste of crayfish, squeeze a lemon and head to the beach.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Land of the Long White Cloud

24 days

Embark on this tour that includes highlights of both North and South Islands where considered distances means you have time to relax and enjoy the views. Drive to the stunning Bay of Islands where Māori culture greets you and sandy beaches and islands wait to be explored. Highlights will no doubt be on the stunning Milford Sound and Doubtful Sound cruises. Stand out on the open-air viewing platform onboard the TranzAlpine.

Highlights

Auckland – Bay of Islands – Orewa
Rotorua – Napier – Wellington
Kaikōura – Christchurch – Aoraki/Mount Cook – Queenstown – Te Anau
Milford and Doubtful Sound Cruises
Wānaka – Franz Josef – Christchurch

Tour Includes

- On arrival airport private transfer
- 23 nights accommodation
- 19 days intermediate car rental with all-inclusive insurance and unlimited mileage
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine trains
- Interisland Ferry in the Premium Lounge
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Auckland

Arrive into Auckland where you will be met and transferred to your chosen hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore the 'City of Sails'.

Day 2: Auckland

Today is your choice, perhaps head out on the harbour for a different perspective of the city, take a walking food tour or head up the Sky Tower for panoramic views.

Day 3: Bay of Islands (142 miles)

This morning collect your rental vehicle and head north over Auckland Harbour Bridge through the northern suburbs and beaches of the Hibiscus Coast to the beautiful Bay of Islands. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

Day 4: Bay of Islands

Choose from either a Cape Reinga Day Trip with lunch, a Cape Brett Hole in Rock Cruise, a Dolphin Eco Encounter or the historic and more leisurely Cream Trip Cruise.

Day 5: Orewa (121 miles)

Today enjoy a leisurely drive south to Orewa, a coastal suburb of Auckland. The 2 mile long beach is a must do for a late afternoon stroll and sundowner.

Day 6: Rotorua (227 miles)

Travel to the Waitomo Caves for a guided tour. From Waitomo continue over the Mamaku Ranges to Rotorua.

Day 7: Rotorua

Today's sightseeing incorporates Rotorua's best attractions. Included is a guided tour of Te Puia and the Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, the Agrodome Leisure Park, a gondola cable car to the Skyline complex and the Polynesian Spa and hot mineral baths (only mineral bath admission is included). This evening attend a traditional Māori Hangi meal and Cultural Show.

Day 8 & 9: Napier (136 miles)

Today travel to Taupō and onto Hawke's Bay with its Art Deco buildings, dramatic history, and vineyards open for tastings and gourmet lunches. Day 9 is at leisure.

Day 10 & 11: Wellington (200 miles)

Travel south over the Rimutaka Ranges to the Wairarapa and continue to Wellington. Return your rental vehicle. Day 11 is free to explore, perhaps visit Te Papa the National Museum or Wētā Workshop for movie fans. In the evening head to Zealandia, an ecosanctuary where New Zealand's endemic wildlife reside, join a guided tour by night and listen for the kiwi.



Fiordland National Park

Day 12: Kaikōura (Ferry & Train)

Board the Interislander ferry, crossing the Cook Strait and cruise through the picturesque Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board the Coastal Pacific train and travel south along the coast to Kaikōura. You may wish to join a sunset kayak tour or enjoy a walk along the Peninsula.

Day 13 & 14: Christchurch (Train)

This morning see giant sperm whales off the coast of Kaikōura on your whale watch cruise. This afternoon reboard the Coastal Pacific and travel to Christchurch for a 2 night stay. (*Operates 4 days a week off peak*). Day 14 is at leisure.

Day 15: Aoraki/Mount Cook (205 miles)

Collect your rental vehicle this morning. Today's journey is through Burke's Pass to Lake Tekapo before you drive to Aoraki/Mount Cook, be prepared for photo stops.

Day 16: Queenstown (164 miles)

Today you'll travel into the Mackenzie Country. Continue to Queenstown over the Kawarau Gorge, surrounded by towering cliffs and rugged hillsides.

Day 17: Queenstown

Today is free to explore this alpine resort. We've included admission to the Skyline Gondola.

Day 18: Te Anau (107 miles)

Today travel south to Te Anau and Milford Sound. Enjoy a Milford Sound cruise and enjoy the breathtaking scenery, and unparalleled beauty. Return to Te Anau following your cruise.

Day 19: Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

Cruise across Lake Manapouri and take a coach over Wilmot Pass to board the Fiordland Navigator. Enjoy the stunning views and discover the hidden arms of Doubtful Sound. As the shadows lengthen, you will drop anchor for the night and enjoy an evening buffet meal. Overnight onboard the Navigator*

**Overnight cruise does not operate from May to August, during this time you will stay overnight in a Te Anau hotel and enjoy a day cruise on Doubtful Sound.*

Day 20: Wānaka (150 miles)

Once you disembark, return to your vehicle and drive to the stunning shores of Lake Wānaka for an overnight stay.

Day 21: Franz Josef (177 miles)

Your journey today takes you along the West Coast, through the awesome Haast Pass, to the glacier towns of Fox Glacier and Franz Josef.

Day 22: Franz Josef

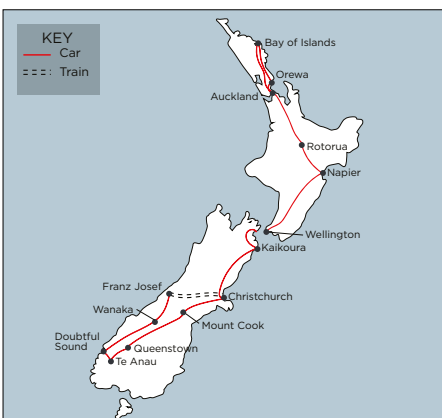
A free day to relax and explore the captivating Franz and Fox Glaciers. Optional activities include Heli-hiking, glacier flight with landing and rainforest walks.

Day 23: Christchurch (107 miles & TranzAlpine Train)

Your final drive today will take you north along the rugged West Coast where you will drop your vehicle and board the TranzAlpine Train to Christchurch.

Day 24: Christchurch

Your tour ends today or extend your stay in New Zealand's 'Garden City'.



New Zealand in Depth

27 days

Enjoy New Zealand at a slower pace with included sightseeing along the way in both North and South islands. With plenty of rest days to relax, soak up the simply stunning landscapes which makes the country so appealing. Included is the famous TranzAlpine, as well as Milford and Doubtful Sounds.

Highlights

Auckland - Bay of Islands - Hokianga
Orewa - Rotorua - Napier
Martinborough - Wellington - Nelson
Abel Tasman National Park - Kaikōura
Christchurch - Franz Josef - Queenstown
Te Anau - Milford and Doubtful Sound
Cruises - Dunedin - Aoraki/Mount Cook

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 26 nights accommodation
- 25 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- 2 cruises
- TranzAlpine train
- Interislander Ferry in the Premium Lounge
- Māori Concert and Hangi
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Auckland

Arrive into Auckland where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

Day 2: Auckland

Today is yours to explore the 'City of Sails'.

Day 3: Bay of Islands (142 miles)

Collect your rental vehicle and drive north over Auckland's Harbour Bridge to Paihia and the Bay of Islands.

Day 4: Bay of Islands

Explore the Bay of Islands on a fantastic dolphin watching cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock. The rest of the day is free.

Day 5: Hokianga (47 miles)

Depart Paihia and head towards the coastal towns of Opononi and Omapere. This evening travel south to Waipoua Kauri Forest and enjoy a guided tour.

Day 6: Orewa (150 miles)

Travel south to the Hibiscus Coast resort of Orewa.

Day 7: Rotorua (164 miles)

This morning travel south towards Rotorua. Included en route is a guided tour of the unique Waitomo Glow Worm Caves. After this amazing experience, continue your journey to Rotorua.

Day 8: Rotorua

Enjoy a day of sightseeing incorporating Rotorua's best attractions. Be a guest this evening at a traditional Māori Hangi meal and Cultural Show.

Day 9: Napier (136 miles)

Head to Taupō for a lake cruise before continuing to Hawke's Bay and the town of Napier.

Day 10: Napier

Spend today exploring the region's incredible Art Deco buildings, stopping to relax at one of many excellent cafés and wineries.

Day 11: Martinborough (168 miles)

Travel south to Martinborough, famed for its international award-winning Pinot Noir. En route visit historic Greytown.

Day 12: Wellington (52 miles)

This morning travel to Wellington, New Zealand's Capital.



**Day 13: Nelson
(3 1/2 hour ferry & 80 miles driving)**

Drive your car this morning to the ferry, cross the Cook Strait in the Premium Lounge before your journey continues to Nelson.

**Day 14: Abel Tasman National Park
(38 miles)**

Drive to Kaiteriteri Beach this morning. Choose from a full day cruise or a shorter cruise with time for a leisurely walk. Lunch is included today. Return to your Nelson accommodation.

Day 15: Kaikōura (156 miles)

Travel over the Richmond Range to Wairau Valley then on to Blenheim and Kaikōura.

Day 16: Christchurch (112 miles)

This morning enjoy a whale-watch cruise then head to Christchurch. Return your rental vehicle.

Day 17: Franz Josef (Train & 107 miles)

Board the TranzAlpine train to Greymouth where you will collect your rental vehicle and drive through Hokitika to Franz Josef.

Day 18: Franz Josef

Today is free for you to relax or explore. Optional activities include rainforest walks, guided glacier walks, scenic flights or join a wildlife tour.

Day 19: Queenstown (217 miles)

Journey past the shores of Lake Wānaka and on through the spectacular Kawarau Gorge to Queenstown.

Day 20: Queenstown

Today is free to explore this alpine resort. We have included a ride on the Skyline Gondola. Sit back and relax as you're taken 450 metres above Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu to the top of Bob's Peak, where you'll enjoy the best views in the region unfolding before your eyes.

Day 21: Te Anau (107 miles)

Travel south to Te Anau, the gateway to the Fiordland National Park. Enjoy a cruise on Milford Sound and experience up close the uniqueness of sheer rock faces rising from the sea with numerous waterfalls and marine life. Return to Te Anau following your cruise.

Day 22: Te Anau

Today you will enjoy an excursion to the secluded Doubtful Sound for a 3 hour cruise. Bottlenose dolphins are often seen alongside the vessel, fur seals on the rocks and at times rare penguins may be observed.

Day 23: Dunedin (179 miles)

From Te Anau drive through farmland to Balclutha where you will cross the Clutha River, famous for its alluvial gold. Drive through Milton and cross the Taieri River to the city of Dunedin.

Day 24: Dunedin

Today is free to explore Dunedin.

Day 25: Aoraki/Mount Cook (198 miles)

Drive north though Oamaru and follow the Waitaki River inland to the aqua blue Lake Tekapo. Head inland to Aoraki/Mount Cook the highest mountain in New Zealand.

Day 26: Christchurch (205 miles)

Travel over Burkes Pass to the small farming villages of Fairlie and Geraldine, then cross the Canterbury Plains to the city of Christchurch.

Day 27: Haere Ra – Farewell to Aotearoa

Drop your rental car off today before your tour ends.



Kaikōura



Dunedin



Abel Tasman National Park

Kiwi Wanderer

19 days

With 2 rail journeys, Interislander Ferry, Milford Sound Cruise, Māori Concert and Hangi and 3 free days to explore at your leisure, this tour has all the highlights covered at a relaxed pace. Satisfy your taste buds in Hawke's Bay where you will find the oldest vineyard in New Zealand, and cruise through the Milford Sound. This tour has it all.

Highlights

Christchurch – Franz Josef
Queenstown – Milford Sound Cruise
Aoraki/Mount Cook – Christchurch –
Wellington – Napier – Rotorua – Orewa
Bay of Islands – Auckland

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 18 nights accommodation
- 17 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- Bay of Islands Cape Brett cruise
- Milford Coach/Cruise/Fly
- TranzAlpine and Coastal Pacific trains
- Interislander Ferry in the Premium Lounge
- Māori Concert and Hangi concert
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year Round
Daily

Day 1: Christchurch

Arrive into Christchurch where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

Day 2: Franz Josef (TranzAlpine & 107 miles)

Board the TranzAlpine train to travel across the Canterbury Plains to Arthur's Pass. Collect your rental vehicle at Greymouth Rail Station and drive south through Hokitika to the West Coast Glaciers.

Day 3: Franz Josef

Today is your choice to discover Franz and Fox Glaciers. Take a scenic heli-flight and landing or join a guided Heli-Hike. Rainforest walks, kayaking tours and scenic cruises are also on offer in search of the Kotuku – white heron.

Day 4: Queenstown (218 miles)

Your journey today starts passing tranquil lakes across the Haast Pass. Arrive in Queenstown, set on the shores of Lake Wakatipu with the Remarkables Mountain Range as a stunning backdrop.

Day 5 & 6: Queenstown

On your choice of day, we have included a full day to Milford Sound, your journey commences on board a coach to Milford where you will cruise the full length of the sound to the Tasman Sea.

Along the way there will be scenic stops at waterfalls, rainforests and viewing local wildlife. Enjoy a different perspective on your way back to Queenstown as you take to the skies on a scenic flight over the snow-capped Southern Alps. (*Coach is also available*). You will then have a free day to discover local vineyards or take a cruise on TSS Earnslaw. For movie fans, we highly recommend a Lord of the Rings 4WD tour to Glenorchy.

Day 7 & 8: Aoraki/ Mount Cook (164 miles)

Depart Queenstown via the Kawerau Gorge and traverse the Lindis Pass to reach MacKenzie Country. Make a stop at Lake Tekapo where you can visit the The Church of the Good Shepherd or take a dip at Tekapo Springs hot pools before continuing to Aoraki/Mount Cook. Enjoy a free day in Aoraki/Mount Cook to explore the highest mountain in New Zealand. Glacier boat trips are available and various day walks.

Day 9: Christchurch (205 miles)

Today continue north and climb Burkes Pass before descending into Christchurch where you will return your rental vehicle.



Hawke's Bay

Day 10: Wellington Coastal Pacific Train/ Interislander Ferry

Board the Coastal Pacific train to Kaikōura before journeying through the wine region of Marlborough before your cruise from Picton to Wellington, possibly one of the most scenic journeys in the world.

Day 11: Wellington

Enjoy a day at leisure in the ‘Coolest little Capital’. Visit Te Papa, New Zealand’s National Museum or perhaps join a ‘foody tour’.

Day 12: Napier (200 miles)

This morning collect your rental vehicle and head over the Rimutaka Range to the Wairarapa before continuing to north to Hawke’s Bay, home to Napier with it’s Art Deco buildings and vineyards.

Day 13: Napier

Spend today exploring the regions’ incredible buildings, stopping at one of many excellent cafés and wineries.

Day 14: Rotorua (136 miles)

Head inland to New Zealand’s largest lake, Lake Taupō where you may like to enjoy a short cruise to view Māori rock carvings. Continue on to the thermal city of Rotorua.

Day 15: Rotorua

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing starting with a guided tour of Te Puia, then on to the Agrodome Leisure Park, ride on the Skyline gondola and soak in the Polynesian Spa. Your day concludes with a Māori Cultural Performance and Hangi.

Day 16: Orewa (162 miles)

Your drive today will take you north through the Waikato to the Hibiscus Coast. You may wish to stop en route and visit Hamilton Gardens or why not call into Hobbiton to find the real Middle Earth, a few hobbits and perhaps a tour of a hobbit hole.

Day 17: Bay of Islands (122 miles)

Set off today for the beautiful Bay of Islands. This afternoon is free to relax by the waterfront and watch the world sail by. This exceptional part of New Zealand enjoys a balmy climate and there is myriad water-based activities to enjoy.

Day 18: Bay of Islands

This morning cruise to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. The crew will be spotting marine life and sharing stories of Captain Cook. This afternoon is free, perhaps head over to Russell and have a sundowner at the ‘Duke’ historical pub.

Day 19: Departure (141 miles)

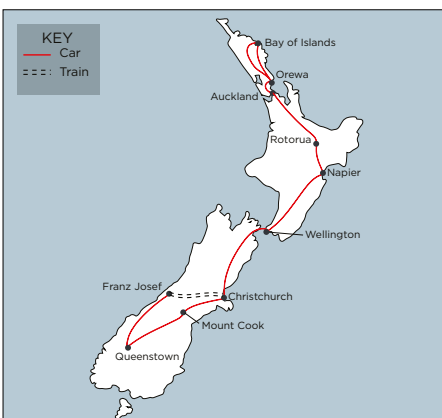
Your tour ends today with a final drive to the ‘City of Sails’ where you will return your rental vehicle. You may wish to extend your stay in Auckland.



Bay of Islands



Hobbiton



Rotorua

The Road Less Travelled

19 days

This itinerary is designed with intrepid travellers in mind. See the main highlights of New Zealand yet stay in smaller townships and discover roads less travelled. The emphasis is on bringing Kiwi hospitality, intimate accommodation and small group touring. Watch the sunset over the volcanic region of Tongariro. Cruise across Lake Taupō and identify bird calls on Kapiti Island before heading to Te Waiponamu (South Island) where wildlife, hot pools and the Southern Alps welcome you.

Highlights

Auckland - Coromandel Peninsula
Taupō - Tongariro Region - Kapiti Coast
Wellington - Abel Tasman
Maruia Springs - Franz Josef
Gibbston Valley - Clyde - Oamarau
Christchurch

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 18 nights accommodation
- 18 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- Doubtful Sound Cruise
- Interislander Ferry in the Premium Lounge
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Auckland

Arrive into Auckland where your private transfer will take you to your accommodation.

Day 2: Coromandel Peninsula (105 miles)

Collect your rental vehicle and drive towards the stunning coastline of the Coromandel. Be sure to visit 'Hot Water Beach' where you can dig your own natural hot pool.

Day 3 & 4: Taupō (173 miles)

Today's journey takes you towards the home of Māori Culture and geothermal activity. En route you will visit Te Puia for a guided walk through the Whakarewarewa valley, visit the Kiwi Conservation Centre and watch a cultural performance. Following your tour continue to the stunning lakeside town of Lake Taupō. On day 4, you will enjoy a morning cruise to view the Māori rock carvings before embarking on an exciting jet boat ride to the mighty Huka Falls.

Day 5: Tongariro (60 miles)

Take the short drive along the lakeside of Lake Taupō and you will see the three volcanoes of the North Island become ever closer as they gaze majestically over the national park. This evening join a 2-hour guided walk to watch the sunset amongst the Tongariro volcanoes.

Day 6: Kapiti Coast (143 miles)

Today you will leave the volcanoes behind heading to the west coast for your coastal overnight stay on the Kapiti Coast.

Day 7: Wellington (40 miles)

Nature awaits as you leave your accommodation and join a guided group tour to discover Kapiti Island. Explore the forests on a guided walking trail with a picnic lunch and hear of stories of Kapiti. Learn how to identify the bird calls of kokako and tieke. Once you are transferred by boat back to the mainland it is a short drive to Wellington.

Day 8: Wellington

Today is a free day to explore the waterfront on foot or maybe hire an e-bike. We highly recommend a visit to Te Papa, or take a ride on the cable car to Kelburn for stunning views from the lookout perched high above the city.

Day 9 & 10: Abel Tasman National Park (Ferry & 120 miles)

This morning embark on one of the most scenic ferry routes in the world to the South Island. Sail in style in the Premium Lounge where you can enjoy breakfast and beverages as you cruise across the Cook Strait and through the stunning Marlborough Sounds, keep watch for dolphins.



Abel Tasman National Park

Once you disembark drive to Kaiteriteri, the gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park. Day 10 is your choice as to whether you take a scenic full day cruise in the park, or cruise/walk and stretch the legs. Feeling more active head out on a kayak to Split Apple Rock where you may be joined by seals and dolphins.

Day 11: Maruia Springs (146 miles)

Today's drive will pass by Nelson Lakes where alpine landscapes and enchanting forests prove to offer plenty of photo opportunities, Maruia Springs is located in Lewis Pass Scenic Reserve where you can enjoy pictures mountain views and soak in natural hot springs tucked under the Southern Alps.

Day 12 & 13: Franz Josef (195 miles)

Your drive today will meander towards the rugged West Coast and the townships of Hokitika, famous for its pounamu (greenstone) and whitebait for seafood lovers. Continue south to Franz Josef.

Day 13 is yours at leisure; you may wish to soar over the glaciers on a helicopter and view Aoraki/Mount Cook or heli-hike through ice blue caves. Keep your feet on the ground, there are an abundance of walks and boat tours to visit the local wildlife, flora and fauna.

Day 14 & 15: Gibbston Valley (213 miles)

Time to leave the West Coast as you traverse through the Haast Pass where waterfalls offer a perfect coffee stop. Within close proximity to Queenstown yet surrounded by vineyards is where you will stay for 2 nights. Day 15 will no doubt be one of your highlights with a wilderness Cruise on the Doubtful Sound. Drive a short distance to Queenstown where you will join your tour following the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Manapouri. Board your cruise at Deep Cove and explore the serene and isolated fiord. A nature guide is on board to offer specialist knowledge of the region. Engine off and enjoy the 'sound of silence' before returning to Queenstown.

Day 16 & 17: Clyde (21 miles)

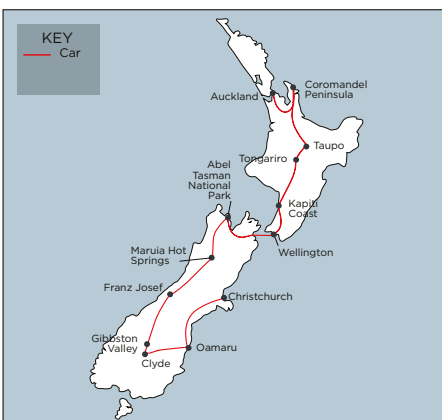
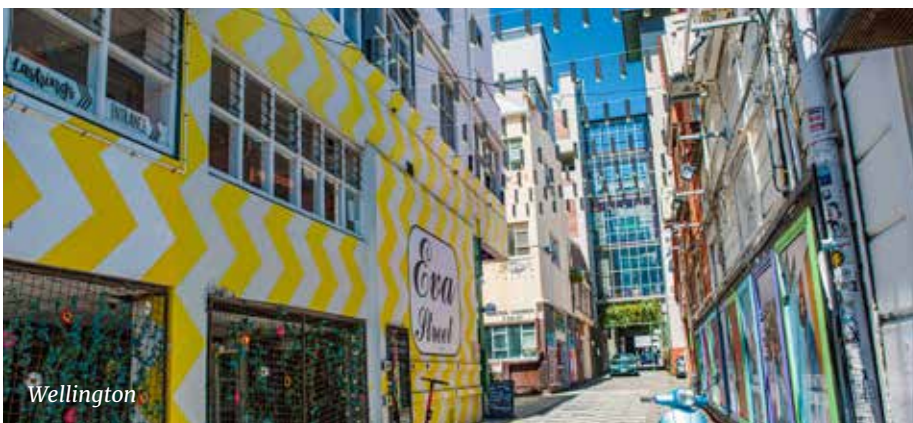
This morning you have time to explore Queenstown further before your short drive to the historic township of Clyde located at the foot of a river gorge. If you enjoy cycling or walking then day 17 is all about the outdoors, recommendations include hiring a bike and follow part of the Otago Central Rail Trail or the Roxburgh Gorge Trail taking you down the side of the Clutha River. For wine connoisseurs you are in the world-renowned region for producing premium quality wines, especially Pinot Noir. Kick back and enjoy lunch with a spectacular setting.

Day 18: Oamaru (138 miles)

Follow your route over to the east coast of the South Island to Oamaru where rich history and proud heritage prevails showing in the Victorian architecture. This evening will suit all wildlife lovers, a private viewing of the worlds' smallest penguins in their natural environment. The blue penguins will arrive home after a day's fishing and walk in front of you before saying goodnight as they retreat in to their breeding colony.

Day 19: Christchurch (154 miles)

Your final day hugging the coast line and heading north towards Christchurch where you will return your rental vehicle and your tour ends.



Kiwi Odyssey

16 days

Spectacular scenery, stunning rail journeys, icy blue glaciers cascading through verdant rainforest; stunning lakes reflecting amazing mountain peaks, powder puff clouds and clear blue skies all await. Cruise Milford Sound and a visit to Dunedin known as New Zealand's Scottish city. Views span from gondola rides, scenic railways, mountain tops and a leisurely world class ferry journey.

Highlights

Christchurch – Franz Josef – Queenstown
Milford Sound Cruise – Dunedin
Lake Tekapo – Wellington
Tongariro National Park – Rotorua
Auckland

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 15 nights accommodation
- 12 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- 3 cruises, including Milford Sound Coach/Cruise/Fly
- Māori Concert and Hangi
- Coastal Pacific train
- Interislander Ferry in the Premium Lounge
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Christchurch

On arrival into Christchurch, you will be transferred to your accommodation.

Day 2: Franz Josef (TranzAlpine & 107 miles)

Early this morning board the TranzAlpine train, travel across the Canterbury Plains to Arthur's Pass. After exiting the Otira Tunnel and the forests of the West Coast reach historic town of Greymouth, pick up your car at Greymouth Rail Station and drive south to the West Coast glaciers.

Day 3: Franz Josef

Today is yours to explore the glacier region, whether from the top by heli or a rainforest walk at the base. Nearby Lake Matheson offers a stunning easy lakeside walk famous for its reflected views of Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park.

Day 4 & 5: Queenstown (217 miles)

Drive south, leave the West Coast glaciers for Central Otago, journey past the shores of Lake Wānaka and continue your journey to Queenstown. On day 5 join a scenic coach tour to Milford Sound where you will join a cruise through the majestic Fiordland out to the Tasman Sea. Stops along the way will take your breath away at waterfalls and magical scenery as well as the crew pointing out local wildlife.

You will fly high on a scenic flight back to Queenstown over the snow-capped Southern Alps.

Day 6 & 7: Dunedin (173 miles)

Today drive east through the Kawarau Gorge; one of New Zealand's most historic gold mining regions. Continue on past the Clyde High Dam and follow the peaceful scenery of the Clutha River towards the coast and Dunedin. On day 7 we have included a full day tour to the beautiful Otago Peninsula and Larnach Castle. Hear of scandalous stories in the castle before taking your time to explore the beautiful gardens and grounds. Next stop is a wildlife cruise to the world's only mainland nesting place of Royal Albatross.

Day 8: Lake Tekapo (178 miles)

This morning you will drive north following the Waitaki River inland to Lake Tekapo. We highly recommend en route a stop at Koekohe Beach where you can view the fascinating Moeraki Boulders.

Day 9: Christchurch (140 miles)

Today you may choose to take the short drive following Lake Pukaki to Aoraki/Mount Cook village. Stand in awe at the highest mountain in New Zealand and visit the Sir Edmund Hillary exhibition. This afternoon travel over Burkes Pass and across the patchwork of the Canterbury Plains before arriving into Christchurch where you will return your vehicle.



Tongariro National Park

Day 10 & 11: Wellington (Coastal Pacific & Ferry)

Board the Coastal Pacific and skirt the South Pacific Ocean to Kaikōura, before journeying north through the Wairau Valley to Blenheim, Marlborough’s wine capital and on to Picton in the heart of the Marlborough Sounds. Board the Interislander ferry and cruise through the tranquil Marlborough Sounds to Wellington.

Enjoy a free day to explore Wellington. Nestled between a sparkling harbour and rolling green hills, New Zealand’s capital city is renowned for its arts. Ride the cable car up the hill to Kelburn for amazing views over the city. On the waterfront find Te Papa Tongarewa Museum, one of the best interactive museums in the world.

Day 12: Tongariro National Park (206 miles)

Collect your rental car and journey north through the pastures of Manawatu and on to the volcanic plateau in the centre of the Island. Skirt Mt Ruapehu to Whakapapa Village located at its western foot. Take some time this morning to explore this unique alpine region.

Day 13: Tongariro National Park

The Tongariro National Park is home to the three mountains of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. A number of gentle short walks are available or drive up to the ‘Top of the Bruce’, a scenic viewpoint. Afterwards enjoy a leisurely drive descending from the volcanic plateau to the shores of Lake Taupō.

Day 14: Rotorua (95 miles)

Continue north to the stunning shore of Lake Taupō where you will join a short cruise to view Māori carvings and you may like to embark on a thrilling jetboat ride to Huka Falls, one of the most visited spots in New Zealand. This afternoon arrive into Rotorua where you have free time to explore. This evening be entertained at a Māori Cultural Performance and Hangi.

Day 15: Auckland (170 miles)

This morning leave Rotorua and drive over the Mamaku Ranges to the Waitomo Caves. Carved by centuries of water, the grotto is illuminated by the light from millions of tiny glow worms. Afterwards head north through Hamilton to Auckland where you are free to explore. Return your rental vehicle.

Day 16: Departure

Your Kiwi Odyssey is complete. Either make your own way to the airport or ask us about extending your tour to the Bay of Islands.

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Moeraki Boulders



Interislander Ferry



Auckland

The Original New Zealand

18 or 22 days

Are you ready for adventure? The Original 4WD journey, this tour takes you to some of the most beautiful and scenic locations, getting you to areas of New Zealand that most travellers don't ever hear about. Take in the picturesque sights of the magnificent turquoise Lake Tekapo and enjoy breathing in the fresh mountain air. This tour will take you off the beaten track experiencing some less travelled routes, remote passes and through rural areas of the north island.

Highlights

Auckland - Waipoua - Bay of Islands
Orewa - Coromandel Peninsula - Rotorua
Napier - Tongariro National Park
Wellington - Nelson Lakes
Maruia Springs - Kaikōura - Akaroa
Lake Tekapo - Queenstown - Franz Josef
Hokitika - Christchurch

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 18 or 22 nights accommodation
- 17 or 21 days 4WD car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- TranzAlpine Scenic train
- Interislander Ferry in the Premium Lounge
- Sightseeing tours as stated

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Auckland

You'll be met on arrival in Auckland and taken to your accommodation.

Day 2: Waipoua (143 miles)

Collect your car and make a side trip to Auckland's west coast and visit a Gannet colony at Muriwai Beach.

Day 3 & 4: Bay of Islands (84 miles)

On your way to the Bay of Islands you will pass sandy beaches and small fishing villages. Take advantage of a free day with endless possibilities. Perhaps visit Waitangi Treaty House, The Hole in the Rock, go sailing or kayaking.

Day 5: Orewa (121 miles)

Today head south on side roads, along the east coast, past beautiful beaches and bays until you arrive in Orewa.

Guests joining the 18 day tour here will overnight in Auckland.

Day 6: Whitianga (140 miles)

Travel along the western shores of the Coromandel Peninsula. Visit Hot Water Beach, where naturally heated mineral water bubbles up from deep within the earth to emerge through golden sand. You can even dig your own thermal pool at low tide.

Day 7 & 8: Rotorua (143 miles)

Travel along the east coast and pass through the Kiwi growing area of Te Puke en route to Rotorua, the heartland of Māori culture and centre of thermal activities in New Zealand. Discover 18 sparkling lakes, magnificent native and exotic forests, geysers, boiling mud pools and hot springs. Take a gondola to the Skyline complex and Polynesian Spa, New Zealand's leading international day spa and hot mineral baths.

Day 9: Napier (136 miles)

Today you are crossing Te Urewera National Park and you will be happy to travel by 4WD. The partly gravel road takes you through dense rainforest to the secluded Lake Waikaremoana. Venture through rainforest and wetlands before heading on to the Art Deco Capital of New Zealand, Napier

Day 10: Tongariro National Park (106 miles)

Driving through the centre of the North Island will give insight into rural New Zealand. You stay overnight at the foot of Mount Ruapehu in the Tongariro National Park, home to the three mountains of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. Short walks are available or drive up the mountain to the 'Top of the Bruce'.



Day 11: Wellington (180 miles)

Your journey continues to Pipiriki and along Whanganui River. For over 800 years, Māori have lived here, building Marae and Kainga (villages), cultivating sheltered river terraces and engaging with the forests. Numerous marae still exist along the river, and the river is home to many descendants of the original inhabitants. Head to Wanganui and on to Wellington.

Day 12 & 13: Abel Tasman National Park (Ferry & 120 miles)

The Interislander ferry cruise through picturesque Marlborough Sound is a highlight of your trip. In Picton you first drive along beautiful Queen Charlotte Drive before your drive to Nelson, known for its art galleries and craft stores before driving north to the Abel Tasman National Park. Included in your tour is a day out sailing, choose to enjoy a full day cruise or hop off and enjoy a short walk to suit you and discover long sandy beaches.

Day 14: Maruia Springs (146 miles)

Leaving the turquoise blue waters behind today's journey will take you through the very middle of the South Island where you will catch your first glimpse of the Southern Alps. Tonight's stop at Maruia Springs is the ideal spot to soak in a hot tub nestled under the mountains.

Day 15: Kaikōura (118 miles)

Kaikōura is beautifully located by the sea with the snow-capped mountains of the Kaikōura Ranges in the background. Here you have the opportunity to swim with dolphins and seals and watch whales in their natural environment.

Day 16: Methven (170 miles)

Drive along the coast to Christchurch. Take a walk through Hagley Park and along the Avon River before you drive across the Canterbury Plains to the foot of the Southern Alps.

Day 17: Mackenzie High Country (152 miles)

The turquoise colour of Lake Tekapo will capture you today. Drive along a remote valley, covered by the scarce vegetation and tussock grass to your overnight stay cradled between the Ohau and Ben Ranges.

Day 18 & 19: Queenstown (126 miles)

Cross a remote pass and drive through Goldrush country to the village of St Bathans. Cross the wine region of Central Otago and another remote track to the Wakatipu Basin and on to Queenstown. Make use of a free day in Queenstown choose from a wide range of experiences on offer surrounded by Queenstown's unique scenery.

Day 20: Franz Josef (217 miles)

Cross the Crown Range to Wānaka and over the Haast Pass, a scenic drive with many opportunities to stop and explore, to reach the West Coast where glaciers, rainforests and coast are close together in Westland National Park.

Day 21: Hokitika (84 miles)

Take one of the walks in the glacier area or book a helicopter flight with glacier landing from Fox Glacier and Franz Josef. Hokitika and Greymouth are the jade centres of the country.

Day 22: Christchurch (60 miles & TranzAlpine)

See the Pancake Rocks in Punakaiki this morning before returning your 4WD vehicle in Greymouth. Your final journey is on the famous TranzAlpine train from coast where your tour finishes in Christchurch.



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Wine & Wildlife

23 days

Tantalise your tastebuds and embrace endemic wildlife across both islands on this tour. Included are well known vineyards and small group tours enticing you to try wines that you previously may have disregarded. Swim or spectate with dolphins in Kaikōura, spot kiwi on Stewart Island and see the unique Blue Penguins. Hear the silence on a wilderness overnight cruise on Doubtful Sound. This really is the tour for wine connoisseurs and wildlife enthusiasts.

Highlights

Auckland - Rotorua - Napier
Wellington - Marlborough - Kaikōura
Christchurch - Oamaru - Dunedin
Invercargill - Stewart Island - Te Anau
Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
Queenstown

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 22 nights accommodation
- 21 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- Interislander ferry in the Premium Lounge and Stewart Island ferry
- Doubtful Sound overnight cruise
- Sightseeing tours as stated

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1 & 2 : Auckland

On arrival you will be met and transferred to the 'City of Sails', the rest of the day at leisure. On day 2 we have included a guided tour to Waiheke Island, a 40-minute boat ride from Auckland city. Taste locally sourced speciality foods, before wine tasting at 2 of the island's top boutique vineyards before returning to Auckland.

Day 3 & 4: Rotorua (147 miles)

Collect your rental vehicle today and head south to Waitomo Glow Worm Caves. A guided tour is included through spellbinding walkways underground where you can view the Waitomo Glow Worms, unique to New Zealand. Your tour completes with a boat trip through the Grotto. Continue to Rotorua for your overnight stay. Day 4 is free for you to explore, maybe walk high up in the Redwood Forest for a birds eye view, take a soak in one of the spas, or watch in amazement at the bubbling mud pools and geysers of Whakarewarewa. Later today we have included a Māori Concert and Hangi.

Day 5 & 6: Napier (136 miles)

Head off to the home of Art Deco and vineyards via the stunning shores of Lake Taupō. On day 6 we have included a half day guided wine experience.

Day 7 & 8: Wellington (200 miles)

Today will take you to the 'coolest little capital' where gourmet eateries, fine wine and New Zealand's national museum await. Explore at your leisure on Day 8, we highly recommend a visit to Zealandia. On a guided tour expect to hear birdsong and meet the tuatara, at night you may even glimpse a kiwi.

Day 9 & 10: Marlborough (Interislander Ferry & 18 miles)

Sail across the Cook Strait through the Marlborough Sounds to the home of Sauvignon Blanc. Day 10 is a tasty treat of all things Marlborough. This intimate wine tour will guide you through a wine journey of recognised labels and unique, boutique cellar doors.

Day 11: Kaikōura (80 miles)

Follow the coastline south towards one of the most scenic townships in New Zealand, Kaikōura, home to the giant sperm whale and dusky dolphins. Lookout for a seal viewing platform on your route and a seafood hut selling locally caught crayfish for a gourmet beachside Kiwiana lunch. This evening you may wish to join an evening sunset wildlife kayaking tour. The view from the ocean back towards the town is jaw dropping.



Marlborough

Day 12: Christchurch (112 miles)

This morning is your choice. Join a 3-hour boat tour in search of the sperm whale or perhaps get your hair wet and swim with dolphins, this is the perfect spot to watch them playfully interact. You may also prefer to view from your vessel where a marine biologist is on hand to point out seabirds. This afternoon make the drive to Christchurch.

Day 13: Oamaru (154 miles)

Maybe take a tram ride this morning around Christchurch before continuing to Oamaru. Tonight, you are a guest at the Blue Penguin Colony. View these quirky little penguins arrive home from a hard day at sea before retiring for the night.

Day 14 & 15: Dunedin (70 miles)

A short drive today, we highly recommend you visit the Moeraki Boulders which are best seen when it's low tide. This stunning scenic drive will have you in Dunedin for the afternoon to explore this city with a very 'Scottish' feel about it. A day of wildlife is included, cross over to the Otago Peninsula where your guide will spot wading birds. You will also enjoy a private viewing of the royal albatross, yellow-eyed penguins and fur seals will complete your day.

Day 16: Invercargill (128 miles)

Drive through the Catlins today, Curio Bay is a must stop en route. Overnight in Invercargill.

Day 17 & 18: Rakiura/Stewart Island (16 miles & 1 hour Ferry Ride)

Just a short drive and ferry crossing (flights also available), over to Stewart Island, New Zealand's 3rd largest island. The island is a haven for brown kiwi which outnumber humans as well as over 175 miles of walking tracks to stretch your legs. Tonight, will prove to be a highlight as you embark on a guided Kiwi spotting tour, listen carefully and you can hear them snuffling close by. Keep your eyes peeled for other night-time visitors.

Day 19: Te Anau (1 hour Ferry Ride & 111 miles)

Your morning return ferry will take you back to your car where you will drive to the lakeside township of Te Anau, gateway to the Fiordland National Park.

Day 20: Doubtful Sound

Today is one of the highlights of your trip, a memorable overnight cruise on Doubtful Sound. A scenic drive and lake cruise takes you to the embarkation point for your cruise. As you set sail the crew will keep watch for fur seals, dolphins, and rare penguins.

There is opportunity to explore by kayak or on a tender vessel before dinner with your fellow guests and perhaps star gazing before you turn in for the night.

Day 21 & 22: Queenstown (Boat & Coach & 107 miles)

Following a hearty breakfast, you will return to Te Anau and drive to Queenstown where the view is truly 'remarkable'. Return your rental vehicle. The final day on your wine and wildlife tour will be a small group tour into Central Otago where you will visit 4 vineyards, designed for those who appreciate the finer things in life.

Day 23: Departure

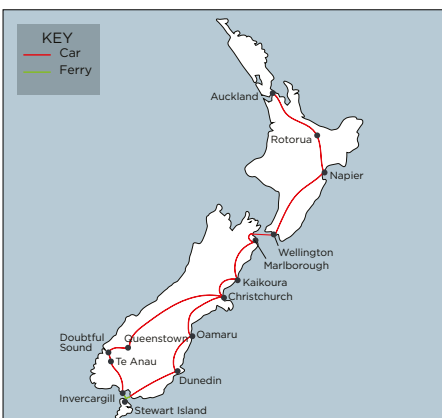
Today make your own way back to the airport for your onward flight, or if you have time, we can extend your tour to the glaciers and the TranzAlpine back to Christchurch.



Interislander Ferry



Stewart Island



The Catlins

North Island Discovered

9 days

Visit New Zealand's North Island with its diversity, from the 'City of Sails', Auckland to the capital city of Wellington, home to Te Papa, the nation's interactive museum. Witness the geothermal township of Rotorua and attend a Māori Culture Performance. Napier is distinct with its Art Deco architecture. Further south you will find not one but three volcanoes commanding the Tongariro National Park, home to many a movie backdrop and keen walkers. Vineyards of Hawke's Bay and the lesser known Martinborough are the ideal stop for a cellar door lunch and tasting. All of this and more will take you deep in to the heart of the North Island.

Highlights

Auckland - Rotorua - Napier - Tongariro
Martinborough - Wellington

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 8 nights accommodation
- 6 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Auckland

Arrive into the 'City of Sails' where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation before the rest of the day is yours to explore. For a panoramic view of the city venture to the Sky Tower or wander to the Viaduct where you will find cafes, bars and restaurants with a very nautical feel.

Day 2: Rotorua (140 miles)

Collect your rental vehicle and travel south through the lush Waikato farmlands and rolling hills. At Waitomo, explore three caves, each cave is exclusive. The Glow Worm Caves are the most famous, wander through the cave and marvel at the tallest chamber, before embarking on a short boat ride through the glow worm grotto, watch as these magical creatures light up the cave. Your drive continues to the geothermal centre of Rotorua for a 2 night stay.

Day 3: Rotorua

Sightseeing is today's highlight. Take a guided tour of Te Puia and the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute. Your tour will include a Hangi buffet lunch. Next, visit the Agrodrome Leisure Park, famous for its entertaining sheep demonstration. Ride the Skyline gondola for a bird's eye view of this unique city below before taking a soak at the Polynesian Spa. Rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 4: Napier (136 miles)

From Rotorua enter the Kaingaroa State Forest one of the largest man-made forests in the world. Continue on to Taupo and Hawke's Bay for your overnight stay in Napier. This afternoon take a walk amongst the Art Deco buildings or relax in a vineyard.

Day 5: Tongariro National Park (140 miles)

Your drive today will take you inland and south towards New Zealand's oldest national park and a dual World Heritage area, with outstanding volcanic features. This evening you may like to join a guided sunset walk where you can experience the volcanic terrain, suited to all abilities.

Day 6: Martinborough (212 miles)

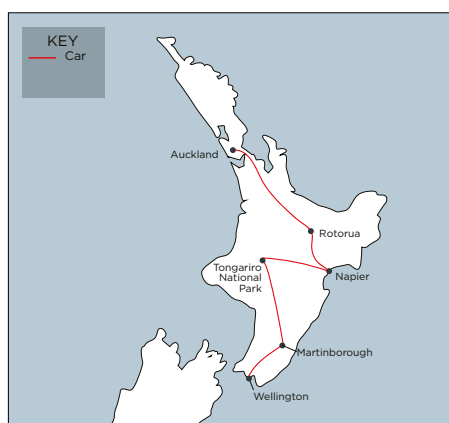
Further south you will overnight in Martinborough. Long stretches of flat road and over 25 vineyards making Martinborough idyllic for wine tasting by bike.

Day 7 & 8: Wellington (50 miles)

Your final day of driving is a scenic one as you climb over the Rimutaka Range before arriving in to Wellington where you will return your rental vehicle. The rest of the day is at leisure, as is day 8. We recommend a visit to Te Papa.

Day 9: Departure

Your tour ends today or extend your adventure on the South Island.



Southern Highlights

9 days

This amazing journey of the South Island will take you to the main highlights. Ride high on the scenic TranzAlpine train, discover the rugged west coast and glaciers before arriving into the lakeside town of Queenstown. Included is a stunning cruise on the Milford Sound, onboard crew will point out areas of interest including cascading waterfalls and alpine scenery. Dunedin has a Scottish vibe, combined with heritage and wildlife, head inland to view Aoraki/Mount Cook, the highest mountain in New Zealand. Lose yourself on this tour amongst the beauty the South Island has to offer.

Highlights

Christchurch - Franz Josef - Queenstown
Te Anau - Milford Sound Cruise - Dunedin
Lake Tekapo - Christchurch

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 8 nights accommodation
- 8 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- TranzAlpine Scenic train
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Christchurch

Arrive into the 'Garden City' of Christchurch where you will be transferred to your accommodation. Spend the rest of the day walking amongst the botanical gardens or get your bearings of the city onboard the Christchurch Tram.

Day 2: Franz Josef (TranzAlpine Train & 106 miles)

Board the TranzAlpine train, meander up the gorges of the Waimakariri River to Arthur's Pass. Exit Otira Tunnell reach Greymouth and collect your rental vehicle, heading south you will pass through Hokitika and continue to Franz Josef.

Day 3: Franz Josef

Today is a free day to explore. Fly high over the glaciers on a heli flight and landing, heli-hike, or join a wildlife cruise.

Day 4: Queenstown (218 miles)

Travel south past tranquil lake and climb the Haast Pass, towering mountains and waterfalls will offer one of the most scenic drives in the South Island. Continue through the alpine resort town Wānaka and onto Queenstown.

Day 5: Queenstown

Today will prove to be a highlight, we have included a scenic cruise on the Milford Sound. Experience numerous waterfalls and marine life. Retrace your steps by coach or chose to take a scenic flight or helicopter back to Queenstown.

Day 6: Dunedin (173 miles)

This morning enjoy a final day in Queenstown, perhaps take a gondola ride where beautiful views await or glide across Lake Wakatipu. After lunch your drive continues through Central Otago and on to Dunedin.

Day 7: Dunedin

Take a wonderful journey back in time today as you visit New Zealand's only castle Larnach Castle. Once you have had time to wander through the gardens your tour will take you along the Peninsula. Board a cruise to Taiaroa Head, home to the world's only mainland nesting place of Royal Albatross and view other marine life.

Day 8: Lake Tekapo (179 miles)

Your journey starts on the coast, we highly recommend a stop at the Moeraki Boulders on Koekohe Beach, reach Mackenzie Country framed by the snow-capped Southern Alps. This evening you may like to visit Tekapo Springs for a soothing soak after your drive in the hot pools. Or discover the dark sky reserve.

Day 9: Departure (205 miles from Aoraki/Mount Cook or 140 from Lake Tekapo)

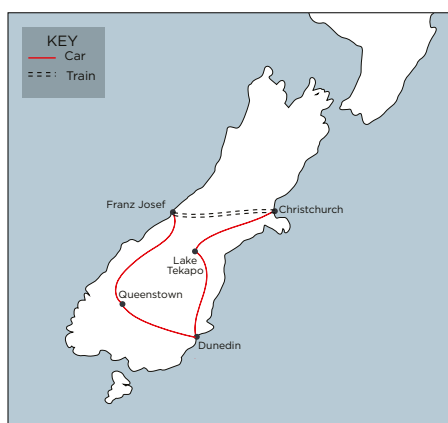
You may wish to drive by the edge of Lake Pukaki to view the highest mountain in New Zealand, Aoraki/Mount Cook. Continue your drive back to Christchurch where you will drop off your rental vehicle.



TranzAlpine train



St Clair, Dunedin



Lake Wakatipu

South Island Explorer

17 days

New Zealand's South Island hosts the purest natural landscapes you'll ever experience. Cruise the beautiful Milford Sound known as the eighth wonder of the world, explore the Scottish inspired town of Dunedin and witness the beauty of Lake Tekapo. Visit the stunning resort of Queenstown from wildlife and wineries to glacial valleys and star-filled skies, you will immerse yourself in nature's best flourishes against a palette of dramatic scenes on this in-depth tour of the South Island.

Highlights

Christchurch - Lake Tekapo - Dunedin
Invercargill - Stewart Island - Te Anau
Milford Sound Cruise - Queenstown
Franz Josef - Punakaiki - Nelson
Abel Tasman National Park - Kaikōura

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 16 nights accommodation
- Return ferry between Bluff and Stewart Island
- 16 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Christchurch

Arrive in Christchurch where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Relax and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in the Garden City.

Day 2: Lake Tekapo (140 miles)

This morning, collect your rental car and drive to Lake Tekapo. Travel southwards across the Canterbury Plains and across the longest bridge in New Zealand. The Southern Alps are a stunning backdrop on you drive today, this afternoon is free to explore. We recommend a night sky tour this evening, or a soak in the hot pools.

Day 3 & 4: Dunedin (179 miles)

Drive to Dunedin, a gateway to Otago Peninsula. Tomorrow, enjoy a free morning before relaxing onboard a cruise along the peninsula. Cruise past Careys Bay historic fishing village, the busy port at Port Chalmers, beautiful bays, farmlands and forest. Learn about the harbour's volcanic, Māori and European history and enjoy a wildlife cruise around Taiaroa Head. Discover yellow-eyed penguins, the most endangered in the world from the award-winning OPERA (Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance).

Day 5: Invercargill (128 miles)

Enjoy a relaxed drive from Dunedin to Invercargill today, travelling via the scenic route of the Catlins at the base of the South Island, with many great photo stops.

Day 6: Stewart Island (16 miles + 1 hour ferry)

Zip across Foveaux Strait on a comfortable catamaran and visit Stewart Island, New Zealand's ultimate eco-tourism destination. This afternoon enjoy a leisurely cruise seeing the unspoilt beaches of Paterson Inlet including a visit to the historic whaler's base at Prices Inlet. Local guides provide commentary whilst keeping a lookout for fur seals and penguins. Enjoy an easy guided walk at renowned wildlife sanctuary Ulva Island. This evening undertake a 45 minute guided bush walk by torchlight where guests can witness the Southern Brown Kiwi in its unspoilt natural habitat.

Day 7: Te Anau (117 miles & 1 hour ferry)

After your return ferry from Stewart Island to Bluff, drive north on to Lake Te Anau. The remainder of the day is yours at leisure to explore this region, gateway to the jaw dropping Fiordland National Park.



Milford Sound

Day 8: Milford Sound Cruise

Today experience your journey on a glass roofed coach. Leave Te Anau taking the spectacular alpine route of Milford Road through the Hommer Tunnel, considered one of the most beautiful drives in the world. Arriving in Milford Sound, board a leisurely cruise along the full length of Milford to the Tasman Sea whilst a nature guide provides a detailed commentary. Take your time exploring scenery, including waterfalls, rainforest, the towering peaks and wildlife. Return to Te Anau by coach.

Day 9 & 10: Queenstown (107 miles)

Depart Te Anau and drive through farmland and tussock country before skirting around the shores of Lake Wakaitipu with snow-capped alpine peaks ahead, to the resort town of Queenstown, the rest of the day is free to explore. Enjoy the next day at leisure in the adventure capital of New Zealand. We have included a ride on the Skyline Gondola 450 metres up Bob's peak to enjoy spectacular views across Lake Wakaitipu to the Remarkables Range.

Day 11: Franz Josef (220 miles)

Leaving Queenstown follow the Kawarau Gorge through to Cromwell. Cross the divide at the Haast Pass and see the powerful series of rapids at the Gates of Haast Bridge. From here you drive north along the west coast passing through Fox Glacier and Lake Matheson where it's worth stretching your legs to view the base of the glacier or take an evening lake side stroll where the reflections of the Aoraki/Mount Cook mountain range can be viewed.

Day 12: Punakaiki (135 miles)

This morning you may chose to join a scenic heli and ice landing or for the more active, a heli-hike where you will explore ice caves and crevasses. Depart Franz Josef and travel through dense bush with scattered milling and farming settlements. Pass through Hokitika and Greymouth to your destination, Punakaiki; famous for its Pancake Rocks. The 30 million old limestone formations with their impressive blowholes at high tide is not to be missed.

Day 13: Nelson (161 miles)

From Punakaiki travel north to Nelson. The Nelson region combines stunning geography, beaches, lakes, national parks, vineyards, cafés, and artists offering a uniquely Nelson way of life.

Day 14: Abel Tasman National Park (38 miles)

Drive to Kaiteriteri Beach this morning. Choose from a full day cruise or take the shorter cruise with time for a leisurely walk along part of the walking track from Torrent Bay to Bark Bay. Board your vessel and cruise into the beautiful Abel Tasman National Park where you will see spectacular stretches of coastline.

Day 15: Kaikōura (156 miles)

Depart Nelson for the seaside town of Kaikōura today – which boasts a diverse and abundant population of marine life. The remainder of the day is yours to explore.

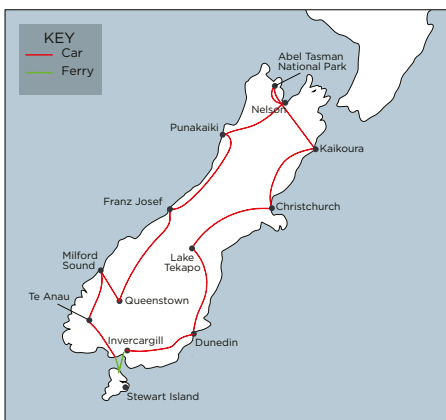
Day 16: Christchurch (112 miles)

Enjoy a whale watch tour this morning, you may encounter giant sperm whales, New Zealand fur seals, pods of dusky dolphins and the endangered wandering albatross. Depart Kaikōura after your tour and make your way to Christchurch.

Day 17: Departure

Your tour ends today with the check out of your hotel and the return of your rental vehicle.

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Our Favourites

Flying into Queenstown airport is one of the most stunning flights in the world, cross the snow-capped Southern Alps before landing in the adventure capital where the Remarkables Mountain Range and Lake Wakatipu offer picture postcard views.

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Aotearoa by Rail & Coach

17 days

All aboard for this fabulous small group rail journey through the very heart of New Zealand. Board the Northern Explorer from Auckland to Wellington before cruising across the stunning Cook Strait and through the turquoise blue Marlborough Sounds to the South Island. Embark on the 'Coastal Pacific' train as it follows the rugged coastline. Your final train journey is onboard the famous TranzAlpine to Arthur's' Pass. Sit back and relax as rolling farmland, cascading waterfalls and snow-capped mountains pass you by. You will then join a scenic coach heading south towards Franz Josef and on to Queenstown.

Highlights

Auckland - Hamilton - Ohakune
Wellington - Marlborough - Kaikōura
Christchurch - Hokitika - Franz Josef
Queenstown - Milford Sound Cruise

Tour Includes

- 16 nights accommodation
- 16 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 7 dinners, 5 meals on the train
- Interislander Ferry
- Northern Explorer, Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine scenic trains
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Mid September - Late April
Regular Departures

Day 1: Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, make your own way to your hotel. After checking into your hotel, explore Auckland at your own pace. Your tour officially begins this evening, as you join your fellow travellers and tour director for a welcome reception.

Day 2 & 3: Hamilton

Your journey awaits as you join the Northern Explorer scenic train. Marvel at rural New Zealand's lush landscapes from the comfort of your scenic carriage. Arriving in Hamilton, your coach awaits to drive you to the famous Hamilton Gardens included is a picnic on the lush lawns. Early afternoon, enjoy some free time in Hamilton before departing for an evening visit to Raglan, a seaside surfer town. It's here that you'll enjoy a Sunset Dinner Cruise on the pristine harbour. On day 3 you will depart for your next exciting excursion, Maungatautari Sanctuary Mountain. Let your guide transport you into an ancient world of ecological wonder within native forest. Discover North Island's robins, tomtits, kākā, pōpokotea, bellbirds, hīhi, tieke, fantails, kereru and wētā. After a lunch stop in New Zealand's 'Kiwiana Capital', Otorohanga. Next, discover the famous Waitomo Glow Worm Caves and be dazzled by the seemingly star-filled sky as you glide by boat through this impressive cave formation. Tonight, your evening is free in Hamilton.

Day 4 & 5: Ohakune

Joining the Northern Explorer train you'll soar over icy mountain streams as you travel to Tongariro National Park, the home of three volcanic mountains. Enjoy a mini excursion up to Tūroa ski field, capture a panoramic photo of Middle Earth before descending into Ohakune. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. Your second day in Ohakune is free for you to discover one of the region's many exciting excursions. Choose from the optional activities on offer, perhaps you will hop aboard a rail cart journey, or why not explore the Old Coach Road on an e-bike.

Day 6 & 7: Wellington

Your day begins with an elevated experience up the northern face of Mt Ruapehu for panoramic views of the volcanic landscape. Joining the Northern Explorer train once again settle into your comfortable seat. Dramatic rivers, gorges, and ravines are just around the bend! Welcome to Wellington Railway Station which is moments away from downtown, the Beehive and Parliament Buildings. Your evening is free to explore this culinary capital. Day 7 Today is free for you to experience vibrant Wellington as you please. Start by joining a Wellington City introduction tour and then head off to explore. Enjoy dinner tonight with your fellow travellers.



Northern Explorer train

Day 8: Picton

This morning you will say poroporoaki ki te motu raki (good-bye to the North Island) as you sail to the South Island, crossing the Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry. Settle down in the Premium Lounge, included is breakfast and morning tea. On your journey you may spot pods of dolphins playing in the wake. As you enter the stunning Queen Charlotte Sound, move outside to the deck and take in the stunning views. Arrive into the gateway of the South Island, Picton. Step off the Interislander Ferry and join a Marlborough Wine Tour.

Day 9: Kaikōura

Today you will be travelling into Kaikōura on the Coastal Pacific train. Keep an eye out for fur seals lazing on the rocks. Once in Kaikōura, the evening will be free to explore and dine.

Day 10: Christchurch

Today will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience of whale, dolphin, or albatross watching. If you would prefer to gain an aerial experience of the fantastic vistas and beyond, why not request a scenic fixed wing plane or helicopter flight to capture the true grandeur of it all. Time at leisure to enjoy lunch before rejoining the Coastal Pacific Train late afternoon en route to Christchurch. Enjoy the relaxing journey with a glass of wine in hand as you indulge in a gourmet meal from the onboard scenic café.

Day 11: Christchurch

Christchurch, the hub for South Island exploration. Today you are free to explore the museums, riverside markets, punting on the Avon, gondola and botanical gardens. This evening, you will re-join your fellow travellers for a special dinner on Christchurch’s historic dinner tram. Enjoy a wonderful circuit of the city while indulging in fantastic conversation and seasonal cuisine.

Day 12: Hokitika

Today experience the world-famous TranzAlpine journey through the Southern Alps, emerging in the West Coast. On this fantastic escape, you will see epic vistas, soar on the edges of the ice field and experience ever-changing landscapes. A private coach will take you to Punakaiki Pancake Rocks before finishing your day in the ocean-front town of Hokitika.

Day 13: Franz Josef

This morning, you’ll start your West Coast adventure by visiting one of the South Island’s most popular activities, the West Coast Tree Top Walk. Continue south into Glacier Country, Franz Josef Glacier is quite special in that it survives in coastal rainforest temperatures. After indulging in the local activities join your group for dinner.

Day 14: Queenstown

Today you will explore the Haast Pass. While aboard an exciting river boat and private coach, stop in unique locations that only locals know about. Discover the cobblestone streets of Arrowtown. After an exciting plunge into the history of this gold rush village, you will arrive in the spectacular lakeside resort town of Queenstown.

Day 15: Queenstown

Today you’re heading to Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi to be engulfed in towering peaks and wind through plunging valleys. Aboard your Milford Sound cruise, you will meander down the sound to experience the rumble of Bowen and Stirling Fall. Marvel at the sheer pinnacle of Mitre Peak. Head back to Queenstown for a relaxing evening.

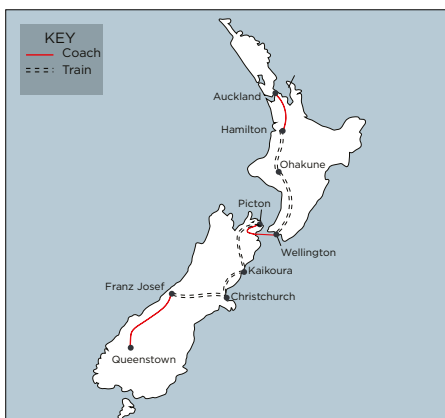
Day 16: Queenstown

Personalise your day to be as active as you would like. Enjoy a ‘final hurrah’ this evening as you board the TSS Earnslaw Steamship Cruise, dinner, and show.

Day 17: Queenstown

Your journey will end after enjoying a final breakfast with your fellow travellers.

Shorter durations also available, details on request.



Spectacular South Island Rail & Coach Tour

11 days

The journey is part of the destination on this tour, perfectly suited for visitors wishing to sit back and enjoy the view and let someone else 'drive'. You will be guided on this rail and coach tour travelling onboard the Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine scenic trains. Cruise majestically across the Cook Strait and stunning waters of the Marlborough Sounds, sip in world-class wineries and visit the 8th wonder of the world, Milford Sound.

Highlights

Wellington – Marlborough – Kaikōura
Christchurch – Hokitika – Franz Josef
Queenstown – Milford Sound Cruise

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 10 nights accommodation including breakfast
- 1 lunch, 4 dinners, 1 meal on the train
- Interislander Ferry in the Premium Lounge
- Coach travel
- Coastal Pacific Scenic train
- TranzAlpine Scenic train
- Milford Sound cruise
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Mid September – Late April
Regular Departures

Day 1: Wellington

Kia ora, Welcome to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city, known for its world-class dining, great coffee and Te Papa Tongarewa, the national museum. After checking into your hotel, explore all that Wellington has to offer. Take a ride on the cable car to get your bearings or enjoy a coffee at the waterfront. Your tour will officially begin this evening as you join your fellow travellers and tour director at this evening's welcome dinner.

Day 2: Marlborough

This morning you will say *poroporoaki ki te motu raki* (good-bye to the North Island) as you sail to the South Island, crossing the Cook Strait on the Interislander Ferry. As the shores of the North Island slowly disappear, settle down in the Premium Lounge, where breakfast and morning tea is included. On your journey take time to head out on to the deck where you may be lucky enough to view dolphins or even a whale. The Marlborough Sounds awaits with its natural beauty, view hidden coves and a scattering of homes mainly accessed via water taxi. Arrive in Picton and a short drive to Marlborough will place you in the heart of wine country.

Day 3: Kaikōura

Explore Picton. Meander through the impressive Edwin Fox (one of the world's oldest surviving merchant sailing ships), local craft stores, art galleries and coastal walks. Enjoy the waterfront cafés before boarding the Coastal Pacific train for another highlight rail journey through the Marlborough Wine Region. Today you will be travelling to Kaikōura. Relax as the train glides across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, on a timeless journey of breath-taking beauty. Keep an eye out for the fur seals lazing on the rocks! Once in Kaikōura, the evening will be yours to enjoy some iconic *kai moana* (seafood) at one of the quaint restaurants before enjoying your ocean-front hotel.

Day 4: Christchurch

Today will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience of whale watching. Enjoy today's thrill of an up-close encounter with the giant sperm whale. If you would prefer to gain an aerial experience of the wildlife, why not request a plane or helicopter ride to capture the true grandeur of it all. Time for lunch, the humble Kiwiana fish and chips is a delight in this seaside township. Wander through the wonderful array of local artisan stores and souvenir shops before joining the Coastal Pacific train en route to Christchurch.



TranzAlpine train

The spectacular scenery doesn't cease to amaze as you journey south through the rolling hills and flat plains. Enjoy the relaxing journey with a glass of wine in hand from the scenic café.

Day 5: Christchurch

Today you are free to explore the museums, riverside markets, punting on the Avon, gondola and botanical gardens. This evening, re-join your fellow travellers for a special dinner on Christchurch's historic dinner tram. Enjoy a wonderful circuit of the city.

Day 6: Hokitika

The moment has come to board the world-famous TranzAlpine journey through the Southern Alps as you travel coast to coast, east to west. See epic vistas, soar on the edges of the ice fed Waimakariri River, traverse through the Great Divide, and experience ever-changing landscapes. The natural scenery isn't the only marvel, though. The TranzAlpine passes through the Otira Tunnel, a true engineering marvel of 100 years. Once you arrive on the West Coast, a private coach will take you even further off the beaten track to Punakaiki Pancake Rocks. Here you will explore curious limestone formations and blowholes before finishing your day in the ocean-front town of Hokitika.

Day 7: Franz Josef

Today start by visiting the Treetop Aerial Walkway. This elevated adventure will get you acquainted with the locals – the ancient Rimu and Kamahi trees. Continue south to Franz Josef Glacier, where you'll get a fantastic view of the vast valley, as well as a sneak peek of the glacier itself. If you would prefer to get up close, we recommend booking an optional helicopter flight. Join your group for dinner.

Day 8: Queenstown

Today you will explore the Haast Pass. With changing landscapes around every bend. While aboard an exciting river boat and private coach, marvel at the beaches, crystal blue lakes and rivers, mountain peaks, lush vineyards, charming plains and majestic glaciers as your tour director guides you between local hidden gems. Explore the cobblestone streets of Arrowtown. Continue on to Queenstown.

Day 9: Queenstown

Quite possibly a highlight of your trip so far as today you're heading to Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi to be engulfed in towering peaks and waltz through plunging valleys. Join your cruise in Milford Sound.

Meander down the sound to experience the rumble of Bowen and Stirling Falls as they plummet from glacial hanging valleys. Marvel at the sheer pinnacle of Mitre Peak, rising from the deep waters of the fjord. Or, if you'd like to soar like the Piopio (ancient bird), why not elevate your day by booking a flight into the sound by plane. After this adventure, you will be heading back to Queenstown for a relaxing evening.

Day 10: Queenstown

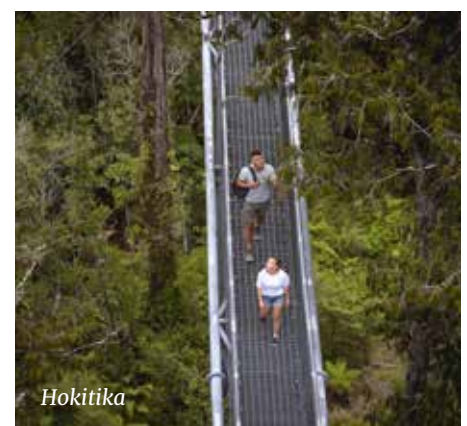
Personalise your day to be as active or relaxed as you'd like. Whether it's riding high on the gondola for inspiring views, or sipping wine in Gibbston Valley, there is no shortage of activities to delight your senses. Enjoy a 'final hurrah' this evening as you board the TSS Earnslaw Steamship Cruise, dinner, and show. Reflect on your great adventure with your fellow travellers as you cruise to your dining experience at Walter peak overlooking the beautiful Table Bay. Sit back and watch a true Kiwi experience as you learn about sheep shearing and dog herding in this beautiful setting.

Day 11: Queenstown

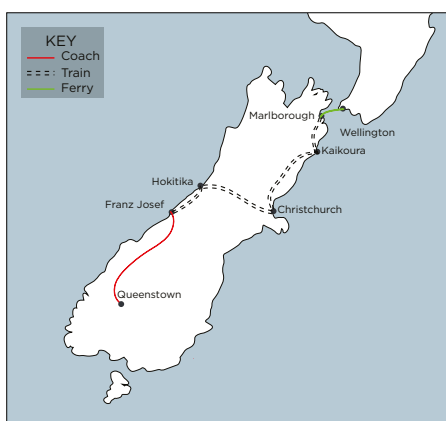
Your journey will end after enjoying a final breakfast with your fellow travellers. Or extend your stay in the North Island and beyond.



Interislander Ferry



Hokitika



Milford Sound

Spirit of New Zealand

15 days

Explore both islands using coach travel and two iconic rail journeys on this independent tour. Auckland and Wellington from stunning harbourside cafés to government buildings and the vineyards on Waiheke Island. Be a guest at a Hangi concert in Rotorua, travel on board the TranzAlpine train, step outside on to the viewing carriage and breathe in the fresh mountain air. We have also included a Milford Sound Day cruise where sharp cliff faces rise up majestically from the Fiordland National Park. All of this in the comfort of coach travel and trains.

Highlights

Auckland – Rotorua – Napier – Wellington
Christchurch – West Coast Glaciers
Queenstown – Milford Sound Cruise
Wānaka – Lake Tekapo – Christchurch

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer
- 14 nights accommodation
- Interislander Ferry in the Premium Lounge
- Coach travel
- Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine train
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Regular Departures

Day 1: Auckland

Arrive in Auckland where you will be transferred to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free to explore.

Day 2: Rotorua

Leaving Auckland you will join a luxury coach heading south. Your tour today includes the Hobbiton Movie Set, where you will be expertly guided as you stroll around the set, stand in the doorway of a Hobbit hole, see where the Hobbit Bilbo himself lived, after the tour you will top off your day with a complimentary beer, ale, cider or ginger beer at the Green Dragon Inn and then have a true Hobbit Feast in the Party Marquee. Once your tour is complete you will rejoin your coach to Rotorua.

Day 3: Rotorua

Today is at leisure for you to discover Rotorua, the home of geothermal activity and an array of sightseeing attractions. Take a gondola ride at Skyline where you can view the city or visit the National Kiwi Hatchery on a behind the scenes tour. This evening your tour includes a Māori Cultural Performance and hangi dinner. Hear of how the famous haka evolved.

Day 4: Napier

This morning you have time to further explore Rotorua before your coach continues your journey to Napier, home of Art Deco and the Hawke's Bay vineyard region.

Day 5: Napier

Today is a free day in this fascinating township. Perhaps join a walking tour of the town which was levelled by a dramatic earthquake in 1931 and completely rebuilt in an Art Deco style. Wine lovers and foodies may choose to join a guided half or full day tour in the vineyards, where wine tasting and platter lunches are the perfect match.

Day 6 & 7: Wellington

Heading to the nation's capital your coach departs soon after breakfast. Pass pasturelands as you journey south. Welcome to Wellington, we highly recommend you visit Te Papa Tongarewa the Museum of New Zealand, this interactive and informative museum will enrich your understanding of New Zealand's Māori culture and what makes it so unique as well as bringing Gallipoli to life. For stunning views of the coolest little capital take the cable car to Kelburn.



Queenstown

**Day 8: Christchurch
(3½ Ferry & Coastal Pacific Scenic Train)**

This morning sail across the Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry and cruise through the stunning Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you will board the Coastal Pacific Scenic train. Head south hugging the coast passing through the marine aquapark to Kaikōura where sperm whales and dusky dolphins call home, keep a close eye for seals who will be lazing around on the rocks. Continue to Christchurch for a night.

Day 9: Franz Josef

Board the TranzAlpine train this morning and journey across the Canterbury Plains and wind up the gorges of the Waimakariri River to Arthur's Pass. Rejoin a coach in Greymouth as you head south down the rugged west coast to Westland Tai Poutini National Park for your overnight stay.

Day 10: Queenstown

Today travel south to the arid Central Otago, journey past the shores of Lake Wānaka to the Kawerau Gorge before passing Lake Hayes to arrive in Queenstown.

Day 11: Queenstown

Today cruise along Milford Sound. This drive is a long one, with considerable distances on narrowing alpine roads.

You may want to consider upgrading to a scenic flight or helicopter back to Queenstown for your overnight stay.

Day 12: Queenstown

Today is free to explore. We have included a ride on the Skyline Gondola, taking you over Lake Wakatipu to the top of Bob's Peak where you can enjoy spectacular views of Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Walter & Cecil peaks. This is also an exceptional wine producing region, so why not take the opportunity to indulge in a tour around some of the fabulous wineries. Or maybe you would prefer to explore the backcountry made so famous in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. There are several 4WD tours that will get you off the beaten track and showcase some truly magnificent scenery.

Day 13: Lake Tekapo

Depart Queenstown via the Kawerau Gorge and traverse the Lindis Pass to reach MacKenzie Country framed by the snow-capped Southern Alps. This area is a renowned Dark Sky Reserve, so why not take a star gazing tour this evening, the night skies here are breathtaking.

You will overnight at Aoraki/Mount Cook or Lake Tekapo

Day 14: Christchurch

Morning at leisure, climb Burkes Pass before descending to the Canterbury Plains. Cross the snow fed Rakaia River and arrive in Christchurch. The rest of the day is free for you explore.

Day 15: Departure

Check out from your hotel or extend your stay here in the 'Garden City'.



Adventure

New Zealand epitomises the word 'Adventure', on visitors first thought, high adrenalin sky-diving and bungy jumping spring to mind. Think again, a country with over 13 national parks, 10 official Great Walks and over 23 Great Rides, by e-bike, pedal or mountain bikes to explore. Tie your laces and walk on the Milford or Hollyford Tracks, for beach strolls, then the Queen Charlotte Track won't disappoint. You may wish to enjoy an extended cycle tour in Central Otago, or simply cycle the vineyards. Sail like a local on an exclusive catamaran in the Abel Tasman National Park, go off grid and sleep under the stars in a PurePod. Glamping on Kapiti Island is a unique experience as you will be guided on a kiwi spotting walk after dinner. An adrenalin rush may be a 360 degrees spin around in a jet boat ride through the spectacular Shotover Canyon or Huka Falls. Ride the luge in Rotorua or Queenstown and race your fellow travellers. We have handpicked some of our favourites which we are confident will enhance your journey and inspire your ideal New Zealand adventure.



Staying in a PurePod was the most magical stay. When the stars came out at night the dark sky was truly incredible.

Ali, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

Sailing on your private catamaran in the Abel Tasman National Park is exclusive yet relaxed with a local skipper and chef. You will escape the crowds, although you may be joined by inquisitive dolphins and seals as you kayak through the turquoise waters.

The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is deemed to be one of the best one-day walks in New Zealand. Steaming vents, glacial valleys and vivid crater lakes will prove to be photograph stops. Your guide will point out the cultural identity and dramatic natural scenery as you take up the challenge.

Twitchers will be thrilled with kiwi spotting experiences in the wild. Kapiti and Stewart Island offer authentic evening tours to hear this unique native bird rustle around underfoot.

Cycling has never been easier with e-bikes. Cycle for a day on a self-guided tour on the Otago Rail Trail. Pedal or 'cruise' through tunnels and across viaducts and over the suspension bridge at Ophir.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Pure Pods

Your soft adventure stay starts off grid where these unique PurePods welcome guests who wish to immerse in pure New Zealand. Engage in the nature which surrounds you, get back to basics with no disruption from WIFI or modern-day technology, you may not even receive a phone signal. Time to indulge in your location, pod, your traveling companion and the world around you. Each PurePod is a glass eco-cabin, even the roof. At night fall asleep under the Southern Cross and millions of other stars, by day whichever door you choose to exit dramatic landscapes are on your doorstep. Each pod is filled with luxurious warmth by winter and cooling ceiling blinds during the summer, all are immaculately styled and all you need to go offline has been considered. You will feel like you are the only guests in your peaceful haven, where the only noise to wake you is birdsong.

Each PurePod is unique in its location, here are two of our favourites.



Greystone PurePod



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Manakau PurePod



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Ideally situated just 1 hour away from Christchurch, set on a vineyard, wine tasting, and seclusion is the way to go as you overlook the Waipara Valley from your private oasis. Feeling active, then cycling and walking trails meander through the winery and onto wineries in the region where wine tasting, and gourmet lunches can be found before relaxing on your deck far away from life's hustle and bustle.

Manakau PurePod

Proves to be a draw card for visitors looking to visit the 'marine township' of Kaikōura, just 20 minutes away. Your pod offers the most stunning views of the Seaward Kaikōura range. Sitting on a spur in a paddock with kanuka trees for company and birds singing all day long in the nearby gullies you will feel completely at one with nature. As you look out from the deck the vastness of the location is overwhelming. During your stay walking trails are only a step away, alternatively if you can tear yourself way then swimming with dusky dolphins or a whale watching helicopter flight from Kaikōura may be the way to while away a morning or afternoon.

When you Arrive

- * Each PurePod is located up to 1km from your secure car park
- * The walk to the PurePod introduces you to the local environment and reinforces the privacy and isolation you will experience
- * We recommend your rental vehicle is 4WD as you cross small streams to a handful of locations
- * Checking in is a matter of locking your car (remember it is safe to leave your luggage in the car, so you only need to take a small overnight bag with you) and walking to the PurePod
- * Check in when you wish after 3pm – but arrive well before dusk as there is no artificial lighting on your walk in
- * We ask you to leave by midday on your departure date
- * If you are staying for multiple days, you won't be interrupted
- * Strict no smoking policy due to your environment

The PurePod

- * Has solar electricity powering LED lighting, the fridge and the water system
- * Shower and WC
- * An excellent dinner and breakfast food package can be ready and waiting for you at the PurePod or you may prefer to cater for yourself, just let us know
- * A cooking hob and outdoor BBQ can be used for cooking – pots, a pan, plates, cutlery, cups and glasses are available
- * Teas, coffee, milk, olive oil and sugar are available, along with a kettle, teapot and coffee plunger
- * There are no power plugs but there is a USB charger
- * There is a bluetooth speaker, so you can bring your own music
- * A PurePod can get pretty hot in the summer so pull the ceiling shades and open the doors, create your own shady oasis – or take the luxury sun loungers into some nearby shade
- * Each PurePod is equipped with either binoculars or a telescope
- * The PurePod is stocked with organic hand cleanser, body wash, shampoo & conditioner
- * There is clean drinking water. You'll need to bring any other drinks in with you – you can store them in the fridge
- * Books and other reference material in the PurePod allow you to learn more about the location and its history
- * Bring warm clothing in winter – especially if you want to soak up the evening stars
- * An emergency pack including fire extinguisher, first aid supplies and a torch is available at all times
- * Emergency communications are available at the PurePod
- * No TV, DVD, Wi-Fi, hair dryer, air conditioning (by design!)

Central North Island Ultimate Adventure

5 days

Welcome to the North Island's 'Adventure Capital', Taupō or 'Tapuaeharuru'. The lake stretches 25 miles south from township of Taupō to the town of Turangi. During your free time in Taupō, you may like to consider a scenic flight, or unwind in the thermal pools. We have included a thrilling jet boat ride at Huka Falls and a self-guided cycle ride, either pedal power or e-bike. Your journey then takes you south to the Tongariro National Park where you will be guided on the best one day walk in New Zealand, the Tongariro Crossing. With further cycling options on the Old Coach Road or maybe take a guided canoeing trip on the Whanganui River your adventure really has it all.

Highlights

Taupō - Huka Falls Jet Boat - Great Lake Cycle Trail - Ohakune/Tongariro Region
Tongariro Crossing - Taupō

Tour Includes

- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfast and 1 lunch
- Sightseeing as included
- 3 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
Year round

Day 1: Arrive Taupō

Enjoy a thrilling 30 minute jet boat ride in the hands of a down-to-earth, funny professional jet boat driver who can make a jet boat do things you would never believe possible! The half hour of thrills, fun and excitement takes you along a beautiful river environment, lined with native bush, sheer rock cliff face and natural hot springs. Combine 360 degree spins and passing by nature incredibly close at disorientating speeds, before reaching the awe inspiring majesty of Huka Falls. From the unique vantage point on the boat you have the best water level view of beautiful Huka Falls.

Your 2 night stay is at a stunning boutique bed and breakfast perfectly positioned close to Taupō and the lake while providing an idyllic, secluded sanctuary away from it all. Ideally located for exploring the trails around Lake Taupō by bike or foot. Your hosts are passionate wine and food enthusiasts. So sit back, relax in style and enjoy an authentic, boutique lodge experience. The lodge has 2 guest suites, each a quiet haven, with original New Zealand art adorning the walls. Each suite has its own well-equipped ensuite bathroom with a separate shower.

Day 2: Great Lake Cycle Trail – Taupō (12 miles)

Following a 3 course breakfast you will be collected from your accommodation and taken to the start of the Great Lake Trail where you will ride from Orakau to Kawakawa and the K2K trails to Kinloch. The trail offers all-weather single track through native forest, where you can enjoy dramatic and stunning views across Lake Taupō to Tongariro National Park. The Orakau section can be tackled by experienced cyclists looking to crank a mountain bike for the first time. Although the Great Lake Trail is a two-way trail, it is best ridden from West to East as this is generally more downhill with easier climbing grades. You will be met at the end and returned to your accommodation where the rest of the day is at leisure, or you may be yearning to fulfil the next adventure or head to the Wairakei Terraces for a well earned soak in the natural silica hot pools.



Image Credit: Destination Great Lake Taupō

Great Lakes Cycle Trail

Day 3: Ohakune/Tongariro Region

Your journey continues with a scenic cruise across the lake where you will get up close and personal to the Ngātoroirangi Māori carvings. Whilst you enjoy a hot beverage on board you will receive an educational commentary of the region, history and cultural significance of the carvings themselves.

Leave Taupō behind and follow the eastern route around the lake, taking in the beautiful scenery of the water and mountains, before reaching the town of Turangi, situated on the banks of the Tongariro River.

Head across the plains into the Tongariro National Park World Heritage site, whilst taking in the stunning views of Mt. Tongariro, Mt. Ngauruhoe and Mt. Ruapehu until you reach Ohakune. For the next 2 nights you will stay in a hotel which borders the southern slopes of Mt. Ruapehu and the spectacular Tongariro National Park. This stunning alpine wonderland is one of only a handful of sites throughout the world to be gifted dual natural and cultural World Heritage status.

Day 4: Tongariro Crossing (12 miles – medium to high fitness level)

This morning, please make your own way to the Adrift Guided Outdoors Adventure base in National Park Village, approx. 30 minutes' drive away where your equipment will be checked, and your guide will give a briefing.

Embark on your tour, approx. 9–10 hours. As you set off, the track leads up to the saddle between Mt Ngauruhoe and Mt Tongariro and then diverts over Mt Tongariro. Mt Tongariro is not a single volcano, but a complex of craters that have been active at different periods. The landscape on Tongariro is peppered with the different coloured and shaped craters, scoured volcanic rocks, mountain springs, and brightly coloured emerald lakes.

At the completion you will be returned to your vehicle. We strongly recommend a 'well done' glass of your favourite tipple back at the hotel bar.

Day 5: Taupō (84 miles)

Depart Ohakune and travel north back towards Taupō to drop your rental vehicle and move on to your next location. Alternatively you may prefer to continue your journey south towards the vineyards of Martinborough and on to the nations capital, Wellington.

You may prefer to collect your car at an alternative location, note local drop off fees may occur which will be advised at time of quotation.



Lake Taupō



Huka Falls Jet



Tongariro National Park



Tongariro Crossing

Queenstown & Central Otago Ultimate Adventure

5 days

Located on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown is where the jagged peaks of the Remarkables Range rise from the lake. Maybe you have a head for heights and want to tick off the bucket list 'sky dive' or enjoy a picnic on a peak with a stunning helicopter flight or join a 4WD tour exploring movie locations. Your adventure will take you out of town and further into Central Otago, follow the Kawarau River through the rugged Kawarau Gorge, home to Gibbston Valley. Also, worth taking a quick stop at is the famous AJ Hackett Bridge Bungy, jumping or not jumping, it's the World Home of Bungy and a great place to stop and watch! At the end of the Gorge sits the historic town of Cromwell, is well worth a visit. Follow the Clutha River to the historic town of Clyde.

Highlights

Queenstown - Wine Tasting - Milford Sound Cruise - Shotover Jetboat - E-Bike Otago Central Rail Trail - Queenstown

Tour Includes

- On arrival private transfer in Queenstown
- 4 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Sightseeing as included
- 3 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage

Departure Dates

Departs: Daily
Year round

Day 1: Arrive Queenstown

On arrival into Queenstown airport, you will be met and transferred to your luxurious accommodation. The next 2 nights will be your 'home' which showcases breath taking panoramic lake and mountain views. Located conveniently, just a gentle lakeside walk from Queenstown's town centre. Late afternoon you will join a small group tour and visit three unique locations around Queenstown and Gibbston Valley on this fun and entertaining tastebud tingling adventure. Enjoy a minimum of 12 tastings of some of the finest drops in the region, and here's the twist, if beer is more your thing then bounce from vines to hops and enjoy tasting local craft beers instead for an ultimate local flavour experience. Shared antipasto platters are also included.

Day 2: Milford Sound Nature Cruise & Flight

You will be picked up from your accommodation, once check in is completed your pilot will give you a briefing on the route and scenic highlights. Your 35 minute flight concludes with an over flight of the fiord of Milford Sound, prior to landing.

The second half of the adventure begins in Milford Sound, where you will board your Milford Sound Nature Cruise.

The 'Spirit of Milford' catamaran explores nooks and crannies along the edge of the fiord, nudging into sheer rock faces to examine flora and fauna in detail. Following your Milford Sound cruise your return flight takes in many of the pristine alpine lakes and waterfalls that Fiordland National Park is recognised for, including the Sutherland Falls which span 580m (1900ft). Flight time is another 35 minutes, with a total trip time of approximately 4 hours. After enjoying your scenic flight back from Milford Sound landing back in Queenstown you will return you to your accommodation.

(Routes can be weather dependent and may vary at the pilot's discretion)



Milford Sound Nature Cruise

Day 3: Clyde/Central Otago (53 miles)

Collect your rental vehicle this morning, but before you leave Queenstown behind embark on a 1 hour Shotover Jet tour. Board your jet boat at Shotover Beach on the banks of the Shotover River. Known as the world's richest gold bearing river, the Shotover's rugged canyons have been carved over thousands of years by billions of tonnes of glacial water sluicing from the heart of the Southern Alps. Once at the river, board the Shotover Jet for the ride of your life. Skim past rocky outcrops at close range as you twist and turn through the narrow canyons at breath taking speeds and hold on tight for the world famous Shotover Jet full 360° spin! Depart Queenstown for a scenic drive to Central Otago where you will stay for 2 nights in a historic lodge complex. This accommodation oozes character embracing a new chapter in its fascinating history, undergoing an authentic restoration, reflecting its significant place in the chronicles of the Central Otago region.

Day 4: Otago Central Rail Trail

This morning you will join a briefing and e-bike fitting in Clyde before you take off for your self-guided Central Otago Rail Trail cycle adventure. The Poolburn Gorge Section is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Otago Central Rail Trail. It cuts through the Raggedy Range that separates the Manuherikia and Ida Valleys. Highlights of this section of the trail include the 37m high Poolburn Viaduct, two tunnels, the trail's longest bridge and Central Otago stunning landscapes. If you feel energetic, there is also the option to take a side trip to historic Ophir before cycling down Tiger Hill to the Chato Creek Tavern. Relax and refresh yourself at the Tavern. You will be met should you wish to finish here, or you can carry on to Alexandra and get picked up.

Cycling distances: Auripo to Chatto Creek: 18 1/2 miles or 21 1/2 miles with Ophir side trip
Auripo to Alexandra: 29 miles or 32 miles with Ophir side trip.

Day 5: Queenstown (53 miles)

Today's drive will take you back to Queenstown where you will return your vehicle and your adventure is complete. Perhaps you may wish to continue to the Catlins Region and discover Dunedin or drive north towards Aoraki/Mount Cook. Whichever you decide we would be delighted to offer recommendations.

You may prefer to collect your car at an alternative location.



Otago Central Rail Trail



Twilight Wine & Craft Beer Tour



Otago Central Rail Trail



Shotover River, Queenstown

Abel Tasman Private Sailing Adventures

3 days

Cruise the crystal-clear waters of Tasman Bay onboard your private sailing catamaran along the coastline of the Abel Tasman National Park, exploring the islands, bays and tranquil beaches of this coastal paradise. Take the opportunity to walk the coastal track soaking up spectacular sea views through native forest. Stop for a swim or spot seals, birds and other marine life. Explore the islands at close range, sail through the Tonga Island Marine Reserve, enjoy golden sandy beaches and quiet bays. Your private skipper will be your personal host and guide, sharing local stories, interesting facts on the geology, flora and fauna, and customizing your perfect sailing adventure.

Enjoy the company of your fellow travellers as you relax onboard each evening in comfort and seclusion, perhaps savouring a chilled wine watching the sunset while your onboard chef prepares a sumptuous meal. Enjoy peaceful nights onboard before awakening to the sound of birdsong while basking in the stillness of the morning and soaking up the tranquillity of your secluded anchorage.

Highlights

Nelson - Tasman Bay - Adele Island
Te Pukeatea Bay - Anchorage Bay
Tonga Island Marine Reserve
Split Apple Rock - Nelson

Tours Include

- Private charter sailing catamaran
- 4 queen cabins with en suite
- Private skipper who will be your personal host and guide
- Private chef including all meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Use of stand up paddle boards, kayaks, snorkelling and fishing equipment, dinghy with motor

Departure Dates

Departs: October – April on request

Sailing departs and returns from Nelson waterfront (alternative location by prior arrangement)

One day private charter also available on request.

Charter will solely be for the exclusive use of you and your party – your party size can be a minimum of 1, maximum of 8’.

Day 1: Embark Nelson

This morning meet your skipper and crew at the yacht berth on Nelson waterfront. Settle into your boat and depart for a sail across Tasman Bay. Arrive at Adele Island, anchor and have lunch onboard. Enjoy some beach time or water play with the onboard kayak, stand-up paddle boards, fishing, and snorkelling equipment available. View the antics of fur seals before sailing onto Te Pukeatea Bay. Here you have the option for a short walk to Anchorage Bay where you will anchor for the night. Enjoy a sumptuous meal freshly prepared by your private chef before enjoying a peaceful night soaking up the tranquillity of your secluded anchorage.

Day 2: Abel Tasman National Park

Enjoy a hearty breakfast before joining your skipper for a briefing on today’s activities and options. This may include an independent walk on the coastal track from Anchorage to Bark Bay (6 miles – approximately 3 hours walking time) soaking up spectacular sea views through native forest. Or stay onboard and view the bush-clad coastline as you explore further into the national park. In a quiet bay lunch will be served with time for swimming as you relax into your afternoon activities. Explore bays, beaches and estuaries.

Your private catamaran will be your accommodation again and together with the skipper you will choose the scheduled bay for your anchorage. Enjoy a twilight stroll along the beach or simply stay onboard and hear the gentle waves lapping.

Day 3: Disembark Nelson

Awaken to the sound of birdsong while basking in the morning stillness and enjoy breakfast before your skipper briefs you on your final day. Options for further walking if you wish or just to relax onboard. Sail along the coastline towards Split Apple Rock. Here enjoy lunch before catching the sea breeze back to Nelson. Arriving Nelson approximately 5pm.

Suggested Itinerary only. Each trip is customised to the guests onboard and weather conditions.



Exclusive Abel Tasman Great Walk & Sail

3 days

Walk the Abel Tasman National Park Great Coastal Walk while enjoying a comfortable bed, sumptuous food and chilled drinks at the days end. Your private luxury sailing catamaran is your floating accommodation as you walk along the national park coastline and reconnect with family or friends on this perfect active holiday.

Spend each day enjoying an independent walk along the coastal track taking in spectacular views of this stunning coastline. Re-join your catamaran as you anchor in secluded bays and enjoy peaceful nights onboard. Between walks, relax and enjoy the beaches or swim from the boat. The skipper's local knowledge will allow you to discover the unique and special beauty of the Abel Tasman National Park. A moderate level of fitness is required for the walking section of this tour (please note walking sections are self-guided). Full details and a pre-walk briefing will be provided by your skipper each morning and greet you at the end of your walk each day. The walking track is an official New Zealand Great Walk which is well maintained and signposted.

Highlights

Nelson - Abel Tasman - Anchorage Bay
Bark Bay - Onetahuti - Awaroa
Totaranui - Kaiteriteri - Nelson

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Day 1: Anchorage Bay (8 miles)

You will be picked up from your Nelson accommodation for your transfer to Mārahau and the start of the Abel Tasman Coastal Walk. A pre-walk briefing, and map will be provided to all guests. Setting off you will walk from Mārahau to Anchorage Bay, a packed lunch will be provided. This afternoon meet your skipper aboard your sailing catamaran which will be anchored at Anchorage awaiting your arrival. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure. You may like to relax and enjoy your surroundings or enjoy the excursions planned with your skipper. This evening dine on a delicious meal and relax with your fellow travellers. Enjoy a peaceful night onboard soaking up the stillness of your secluded anchorage.

Day 2: Onetahuti (8 miles)

Enjoy a hearty breakfast before joining your skipper for a briefing on today's activities and your self-guided walk from Anchorage to Bark Bay. On arrival in Bark Bay lunch will be served with time for a swim or some relaxation before enjoying an afternoon walk from Bark Bay to Onetahuti. Your private catamaran will be ready for your arrival.

Relax onboard perhaps savouring a chilled wine while watching the sunset over Tonga Island, located in the middle of this marine reserve. Enjoy a freshly prepared meal and overnight accommodation on Te Harinui this evening.

Day 3: Nelson (8 miles)

Awaken to the sound of the morning stillness and enjoy breakfast before your skipper briefs you on your final day. During your walk from Onetahuti to Awaroa you may like to make a short stop at Awaroa Lodge for morning tea on the way. Continuing towards Totaranui navigating the tidal crossing in the Awaroa Inlet. If the tides don't allow you to walk across the estuary you will be collected you from the beach to continue your walk to Totaranui. On arrival enjoy lunch onboard before catching the sea breeze back to Kaiteriteri viewing Kekenō, New Zealand fur seals and listening to the native birdsong at Adele Island along the way. Passing by Split Apple Rock we arrive Kaiteriteri at 5pm for your return transfer to Nelson.

Suggested Itinerary only. Each trip is customised to the guests onboard and weather conditions.



Queen Charlotte Track

5 days

Settled between the Queen Charlotte Sound and Kenepuru Sound, at the top of the South Island is where you will find the Queen Charlotte Track. The route is clearly marked; therefore, your walk is unguided so you can enjoy at your own pace. Discover hidden beaches, with a historical tale at Ship Cove. Traverse lush coastal forest which opens up to stunning sea views, you may even see dolphins leaping as they play amongst the water taxis wake. We have arranged lodge, hotel-style en suite accommodation with 3 course dining and a picnic lunch included each day. Watch out for the cheeky 'weka' who may join you for lunch and share in a picnic feast. If you would like everything arranged for you then this is the perfect package for you. A medium level of fitness is required.

Highlights

Picton - Ship Cove - Endeavour Inlet
Torea Bay - Anakiwa - Picton

Tour Includes

- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Return Picton water taxi transfers
- Luggage transfers

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Picton

Arrive in to Picton the gateway to sleepy inlets and islands of the Marlborough Sounds. Tonight is at leisure, sit at the wharf and enjoy a sundowner before you embark on your adventure.

Day 2: Ship Cove to, Endeavour Inlet (11 miles)

You will be collected you from your accommodation in Picton to join the water taxi to Ship Cove where your walk begins. This scenic and historic reserve was a favourite anchorage for Captain Cook during his explorations in the 1770s as well as being a site of significance for local Māori. You will walk mainly through a mixture of stunning podocarp and beech forest with punga ferns and native foliage. Your walk concludes at Furneaux Lodge.

Day 3: Endeavour Inlet to Mahana Lodge (7 miles)

Today's coastal walk takes you through mostly regenerating native bush to the call of bellbirds, fantails and native birds. The track continues over a small swing bridge to the head of Endeavour Inlet. Pause there to learn more about antimony and the mining industry that thrived there in the 1880s. Follow the main track into Big Bay where pristine native beech forest awaits before working your way towards Camp Bay and Punga Cove. The delightful Mahana Lodge is a five-minute walk past Punga Cove.

Day 4: Mahana Lodge to Torea Bay (14 miles)

A challenging but rewarding day on the ridgeline between Camp Baye & Torea Saddle. Truly spectacular views round every corner. Stare in awe at the sunken river valleys of the Marlborough Sounds from the iconic Eatwell's Lookout. At different times you can see both the Queen Charlotte and Kenepuru Sounds as you walk, a truly spectacular section of the track. Those who feel like a day's rest today can opt for a boat ride around the bays of the Queen Charlotte Sound. At the end of today's walk catch the waiting water taxi to your night's accommodation at Lochmara Lodge. (NB. Optional boat trip available to Lochmara Lodge today for non-walkers at an additional cost).

Day 5: Torea Bay to Anakiwa (13 miles)

Farewell to your last lodge stay and ascend to the ridgeline once again, enjoying stunning views back towards Picton as well as into the turquoise waters of the Kenepuru Sound. Take time for a photo stop at the picturesque Davies Bay. You will be returned by boat from the Anakiwa Jetty to Picton late afternoon.

Short day trips and longer durations are also available, details on request.



Queen Charlotte Track



Queen Charlotte Track



Queen Charlotte Track



Furneaux Lodge

Abel Tasman Coast Track

4 days

One of New Zealand's Great Walks, the Abel Tasman Coast track is the perfect way to explore the beauty of the Abel Tasman National Park. Water taxis in the park provide easy access for guests. Accommodation en route makes for a restful sleep in private lodge style accommodation. This self-guided tour takes you on a 4-day coastal walk so you can go at your own pace. Stop at pristine bays to view seals and dolphins, follow the track through cool native forest and take a dip in the turquoise waters from wide sandy beaches. We have included everything you need, pack a picnic, tie those walking shoes and set off with a spring in your step. A medium level of fitness is required and for those who prefer a guide this can be arranged. Kayak and walk options are also available.

Highlights

Nelson – Motueka – Wainui
Totaranui – Awaroa – Torrent Bay

Tour Includes

- 3 nights en suite accommodation
- All meals
- Luggage transfers
- Return coach/boat transfers

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Day 1: Nelson/Motueka

Arrive into Nelson or Motueka where the evening is at leisure to relax before your walking tour commences.

Day 2: Awaroa via Totaranui (5 miles)

After an in-depth briefing in Motueka, your driver will take you to Kaiteriteri, at the southern tip of Abel Tasman National Park. Here, you will board your cruise to Totaranui. Relax on the upper or lower viewing decks and enjoy a hot drink from the cafe. From Totaranui walk through mature beech and rata forests and along secluded golden beaches to the breathtaking expanse of the Awaroa Inlet. Then, welcome to Meadowbank Homestead at Awaroa where your hosts will prepare dinner and you can exchange stories with fellow 'trampers' at the In-House bar.

Day 3: Awaroa to Torrent Bay (11 miles)

After a relaxing night's sleep and home-cooked breakfast overlooking the gardens by the sea at Meadowbank, you'll be ready for your scenic day walk to Torrent Bay. Your walk is split into 3 sections, with the option of a boat pick up at each beach. If you're not feeling energetic, arrange for boat transfers before you leave the lodge. Details and timings will be shared with independent walkers at the pre-departure briefing and at Meadowbank Homestead in Awaroa.

Day 4: Torrent Bay to Motueka/Nelson (10 miles)

Wake up to morning light on the golden sands of Torrent Bay and perhaps a coffee on the deck before breakfast. Then on your final day, walk the easiest section of the coastal track from Torrent Bay to Mārahau, with panoramic views across Tasman Bay to Nelson. Along the way you will rediscover the pristine bays and beaches named by French Explorer, Dumont D'Urville in 1827. You will be transferred back to your Motueka or Nelson accommodation for your onward travel arrangements, approx 4.30pm/6pm.

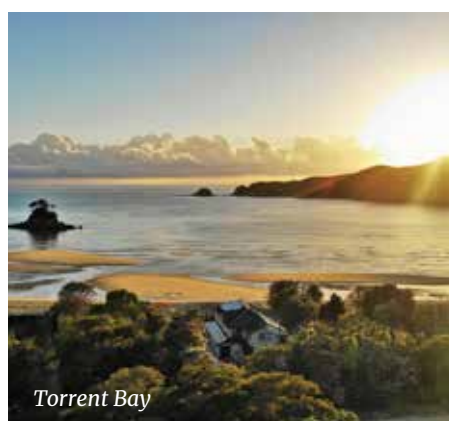
Short day trips and longer durations are also available, details on request. The direction of this trip may be reversed on some departures with an earlier pick up in Nelson.



Wilsons Boat Kaiteriteri



Meadowbank Homestead



Torrent Bay



Kayaking

Cool City & Island Glamping

5 days

Wellington, the Capital of New Zealand, is known for its vibrant arts scene, world class café and restaurant culture and active outdoor lifestyle. This creative, cosmopolitan city is surrounded by the rugged beauty of green hills and has an easily walkable downtown. Next stop a nature lover's overnight experience on Kapiti Island, one of New Zealand's most important nature reserves. Stay in 'Kiwi Country' in a glamping tent or cabin as the island wakes at night. This is New Zealand's sightseeing and natural experience at it's very best.

Highlights

Wellington – E-Bike Guided City Tour
Wētā Workshop – Kiwi Spotting
Kapiti Island Glamping

Package Includes

- Private return transfers in Wellington airport/hotel/airport
- 3 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Sightseeing as included
- 1 night Kapiti Island glamping accommodation tent or cabin
- Packed lunch and dinner on day 3
- Return transfers from Wellington to Kapiti Island, coach/ferry/shuttle

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily, except 25th December – 2nd January

Day 1: Arrive Wellington

On arrival into Wellington, you will be transferred to your hotel in Oriental Bay for a 2 night stay. Guests arriving by rental vehicle will drop your car and make your own way to your accommodation. This afternoon is all about pedal power or upgrade to an e bike, your guide will introduce you to the 'coolest' little capital in the world so you can get your bearings.

Day 2: Wētā Workshop

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure before you meet your guide and transfer out to Wētā Workshop, meet artisans who have brought movies to life, such as Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Trilogies. Following your tour, you will be returned to the city centre where the afternoon is free to visit Te Papa Tongarewa the national museum of New Zealand.

Day 3: Kapiti Island – Kiwi Spotting

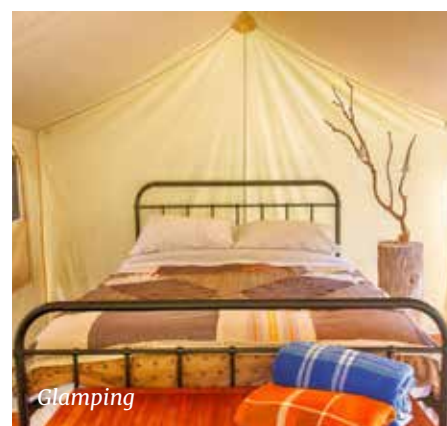
This morning you will be collected for an hour's shuttle journey north to the Kapiti Coast and your ferry over to Kapiti Island, a sanctuary inhabited by native birds. Your nature guide will walk with you identifying the flora and fauna. Expect to see some of New Zealand's most beautiful and endangered birds up close and personal. Dining is shared with fellow guests before you venture out in search of the Little Spotted Kiwi.

Day 4: Kapiti Island – Wellington

Today is free for you to explore the island at your own pace before your departure by ferry and shuttle to Wellington.

Day 5: Depart Wellington

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred back to the airport for your next stop. Alternatively collect a rental vehicle and continue your kiwi adventure.



Southern Lakes Discovered

6 days

Your twin centre stay starts on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown, a resort nestled in a magnificent setting amid steep mountain range. Soar high over the township on a gondola ride and join a thrilling jet boat trip, be prepared to get wet! Your adventure continues just a short drive away in Glenorchy, following one of the most scenic drives in New Zealand, have your camera ready! Hiking on the Routeburn Track and a Funyak Safari will fill your next two days.

Highlights

Queenstown – Skyline Gondola
4WD Tour – Shotover Jet
Funyak Safari Trip – Routeburn Track
Queenstown

Package Includes

- Private arrival transfer, airport to hotel
- 5 nights accommodation
- 3 days intermediate car hire, all-inclusive with unlimited mileage
- Daily breakfast
- Packed lunch on days 4 & 5
- Dinner on days 3 & 4
- Sightseeing as described

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Arrive Queenstown

On arrival into Queenstown airport, you will be transferred to your accommodation for a 2 nights stay, Alternatively self-drivers make your own way. Once you have checked in, at your leisure make your way to Skyline Gondola and enjoy the ride to Bobs' Peak for breathtaking views. Thrillseekers may wish to add on a fun luge ride.

Day 2: 4WD Adventure & Shotover Jet Experience

Following breakfast, you will be collected for your morning tour, take a unique breathtaking ride through canyons on a jet boat ride before climbing aboard your 4WD vehicle for an off road adventure where your guide will point out movie locations and introduce you to gold panning. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 3: Glenorchy (29 miles drive)

Enjoy breakfast at leisure before you collect your vehicle if required, and set off on the Glenorchy – Queenstown Highway, one of New Zealand's most scenic drives. Be prepared for plenty of photo opportunities! Glenorchy is a true slice of paradise and a mecca for outdoor experiences. You will stay in a chalet at an Eco Lodge for 3 nights where the views and your surroundings are simply picture postcard perfect.

Day 4: Funyak Safari Trip & Jetboat

Enjoy a sumptuous breakfast before your full day tour which starts in quite a different jet boat experience, stopping on the way your driver will point out why this area is rare with its 80-million-year-old ecology. Next mode of transport is an inflatable canoe, drift on a spectacular downstream journey stopping for a buffet lunch before returning to your accommodation.

Day 5: Routeburn Track

Fuel up at breakfast as today you will join your guide and navigate your way on part of the Routeburn Track, a moderate level of fitness is required and there are a range of routes to suit your ability, without compromising the wonders of walking in the Mount Aspiring National Park.

Day 6: Queenstown

Time to head back to Queenstown and drop off your vehicle or continue your journey to Southland and beyond.



Nomad Safaris



Shotover Jet



Headwaters Glenorchy



Dart River Funyaks

Hollyford Wilderness Experience

4 days

Located in Fiordland National Park, the remote and spectacular Hollyford Valley is home to breathtaking beech forest and a rich New Zealand history. Traverse the valley by foot, jetboat and helicopter. Explore undisturbed and inspiring scenery that has remained largely untouched for thousands of years, from the snow-capped Southern Alps to the remote sand dunes of the rugged West Coast. Along the way this small group tour is led by an experienced local guide. Enjoy first rate cuisine and personal service in comfortable private lodges. A reasonable level of fitness is required.

Highlights

Queenstown - Te Anau - Ka Tuku Waitai/ Martins Bay - Milford Sound

Tour Includes

- 4 nights en suite accommodation with breakfast
- All meals are included whilst on the track
- Sightseeing as described
- Luggage storage
- Day pack, rain jackets and walking poles
- Return transfers to/from Queenstown/ Te Anau

Departure Dates

Departs: October - April
Regular Departures

Day 1: Te Anau (coach transfer 107 miles)

Begin your adventure by travelling from Queenstown to the lakeside town of Te Anau on a private coach to attend a comprehensive pre-departure briefing. Mix and mingle over dinner with your fellow walkers.

Day 2: Ka Tuku/Pyke Lodge (12 miles)

Discover some of New Zealand's most beautiful lakes and glacial valleys, dwarfed by majestic mountains at the start of the Hollyford Track. Once at the start of the track, put on your pack and start your journey to Ka Tuku/Pyke Lodge. Follow the swift, clear waters of the Hollyford River, beneath the gaze of the mighty Southern Alps, including Fiordland National Park's two highest peaks of Mt Tutoko and Mt Madeline. You'll retrace the footsteps of original Māori and early pioneer explorers. At the end of the first day you'll be welcomed at Ka Tuku/Pyke Lodge by your friendly hosts. Enjoy hot showers and an impressive three course dinner.

Day 3: Waitai/ Martins Bay (10 miles)

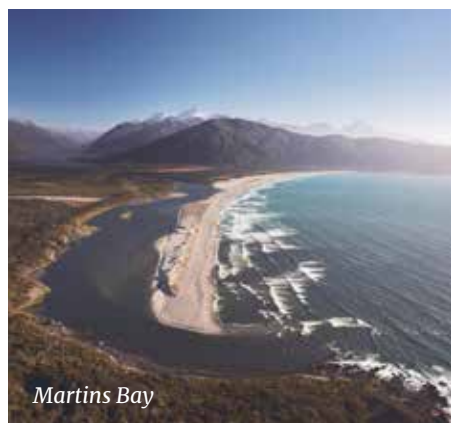
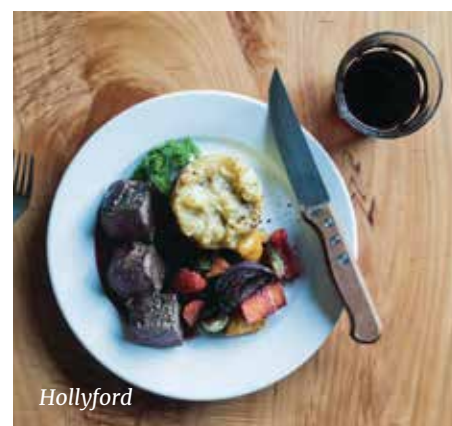
Back on track, ready for the mystical forest, glistening Lake Alabaster and the optional crossing of one of Fiordland's longest swing bridges. Today your main pack will be transported to Waitai/Martins Bay Lodge. After an initial short walk, you'll board a jet boat for an exciting scenic ride along the Hollyford River.

You may even encounter a family of Bottlenose Dolphins. Walk past ancient forests with thousand-year-old giants such as native Rimu, Totara and Kahikatea, and soon, the towering lowland podocarp forest transforms into a tenacious coastal garden. Thunderous surf on the rugged West Coast is a prelude to a bay of boulders, continue on, and Long Reef plays host to a rookery of native New Zealand Fur Seals.

Day 4: Milford (3 miles)

On your final walk, exploring Martins Bay Spit, a famous landmark separating the powerful Tasman Sea from the Hollyford Valley. Here you will view historical sites, where chief Tutoko and his people guarded entry into the Hollyford Valley. Take the opportunity to explore the sand dunes, and wander along the isolated beach at your own pace. Returning to your lodge for lunch, your hosts bid you farewell as you board the helicopter for a scenic flight along the rugged coastline and into the dramatic Milford Sound.

Once in Milford you'll be met by your return shuttle host and travel along the impressive Milford Road stopping at the source of the Hollyford Valley and River before embarking on your last leg back to Te Anau and Queenstown.



3 Great Walks in 3 Days

5 days

This is the ultimate small group hiking package, where you walk through some of New Zealand's most awe-inspiring and diverse landscapes. With Te Anau as a base each evening staying in a hotel with a lakeview room. Your adventure offers three days of fully guided Great Walk experiences on the best parts of the Milford, Routeburn and Kepler Tracks. Each of these premier walks showcases different sides of Fiordland, passing through spectacular scenery from native forests, lakes and rivers to mountain views, vast fiords and lush valleys.

Highlights

Te Anau - Kepler Track Heli-Hike
Milford Track/Cruise - Routeburn Track
Te Anau

Tour Includes

- 4 nights Te Anau hotel accommodation including breakfast
- Lunch on all 3 days of hiking
- Knowledgeable local guide
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Helicopter flight
- Walking poles and wet weather gear

Departure Dates

Departs: October - April
Regular Departures

Day 1: Arrive Te Anau

Arrive to suit you, we can arrange transfers from Queenstown or maybe rent a vehicle for your convenience and flexibility. Overnight in your hotel.

Day 2: Kepler Track Guided Heli-Hike (5-10 miles)

Before you walking adventure begins there will be a briefing with your guide at the Te Anau cinema to check you have all you need and meet fellow hikers. Your adventure begins with a spectacular flight by helicopter from Te Anau Township, over the hidden lakes to arrive at Luxmore Hut. The walk begins in the alpine tussock fields with mountain views, then descends through magnificent beech forest and under towering limestone bluffs, on a well-formed track. Finish your hike today at the sandy beach of Brod Bay, the pick-up point for the water taxi back to Te Anau and your accommodation.

Day 3: Awaroa to Torrent Bay (11 miles)

Following a hearty full breakfast soak up the grandeur of a guided walk to Giant Gate Waterfall on the world-famous Milford Track. From Milford Sound, you will begin with a short boat ride to Sandfly Point. The walk meanders alongside the cascading Arthur River through lush rainforest to the Giant Gate Falls. This spectacular waterfall is best viewed from the large swing bridge spanning the river.

On conclusion you'll complete the Milford Sound experience with a 2-hour scenic small boat cruise this afternoon. With indoor and outdoor spaces on the boat, you can be sure you will get some great viewing opportunities including the geological drama of sheer cliffs, massive waterfalls, glaciers, rainforest, and Mitre Peak in all its grandeur. Your guide will transfer you back to your Te Anau accommodation.

Day 4: Routeburn Track (5 miles)

Fuel up over breakfast as today your guide today will lead you to Key Summit on the renowned Routeburn Track Great Walk. This spectacular trail ascends through lush, temperate rainforest and onto the summit which is covered with a field of unique alpine herbs. Here on the summit, hikers experience panoramic views of snowy mountains, alpine lakes, and deep, glacier-carved, bush-clad valleys.

Day 5: Departure

Today you will depart Te Anau for your onward journey, we are happy to book a transfer back to Queenstown or continue your New Zealand journey by car.

Itinerary may be reversed subject to weather conditions.



Kepler Heli Hike



Kepler Heli Hike



Kepler Heli Hike



Key Summit Track

Cruise

A cruise may not necessarily be the first thing that springs to mind when planning a New Zealand holiday but it's a fantastic way to enhance your itinerary. Traditional cruise ships such as Celebrity Cruises and Holland America sail between Australia and New Zealand. Set sail from the appropriately named 'City of Sails; Auckland where ports of call may include the stunning Bay of Islands, the nation's capital Wellington and through the spectacular Fiordland National Park. Smaller ships such as Captain Cook Cruises can be found in Fiji, where your crew welcome you as family, 'Bula'. Visit secluded beaches and drop anchor for a swim or sip a cocktail on the deck as the sun sets. French Polynesia offers an authentic cruising experience, where you will be a guest as local deliveries are made to remote islands during your itinerary.





Cruising in the South Pacific is the ideal way to island hop, relax as your captain finds the next secluded beach or local village to discover.

Kate, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

Sailing through the Fiordland National Park is spine tingling with vast cliff faces and cascading waterfalls, you will really feel like your ship is just a drop in the ocean.

Combining New Zealand and Australia with a cruise is the perfect way to visit New Zealand's highlights and relax as you cross the Tasman Sea to Sydney. Arrive in to one of the most iconic cities in the world where Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House welcome you.

Fiji offers short duration island hopping cruises, suited to guests who are short on time yet looking for the perfect relaxed end to their New Zealand adventure.

Cruising in the French Polynesia proves to be a very different experience on a freight/passenger ship. Guests will embrace an authentic insight into remote island life as goods are delivered throughout your journey. Meet with villagers along the way as they proudly share their culture and history with you.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.



Celebrity Cruises

Celebrity Cruises is an award-winning cruise line where guests can visit up to 8 destinations in one sailing, dine in a new restaurant at every meal, rest in spaces thoughtfully designed to the last detail for comfort, find your well-being miles away at sea, all with the world at your service. 16 award-winning ships offer unique experiences in more than 300 destinations on all seven continents.

New Zealand & Australia

13 days

Immerse yourself in spectacular diversity on a cruise from New Zealand to Australia. Explore the astonishing natural beauty of dual-island New Zealand, where jade-green mountains plunge into the sea and forest-fringed beaches stretch for miles. You'll discover enchanting cities like cool Auckland, Scottish-influenced Dunedin, and art deco Napier. Add to the mix the ancient Māori culture and a sophisticated food and wine scene for an unforgettable journey. Arrive into Sydney Harbour, one of the most iconic harbours in the world where your next adventure starts.

Highlights

Auckland - Bay of Islands - Tauranga
Napier - Picton - Wellington
Christchurch - Dunedin - Dusky Sound
Doubtful Sound - Milford Sound - Sydney

Cruise Includes

- 12 nights onboard Celebrity Edge
- All meals from time of embarkation on day 1 to breakfast on day 13
- Cruise taxes and port charges

Departure Dates

Departs: February - March

Day 1: Auckland

Experience the fondly known 'City of Sails', New Zealand's most cosmopolitan city.

Attractions to visit include the Sky Tower for panoramic views, Waiheke Island for wine tasting or perhaps stand in front of the All Blacks as they chant the famous haka, in an interactive exhibition located in SkyCity In the heart of the city.

Day 2: Auckland

Full day in Auckland at your leisure, visit Auckland Museum where you will embark on a journey hearing of the rich cultural heritage of Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Perhaps you are feeling more active and would like to join a walking or cycling tour, e-bikes ensure you won't even break into a sweat. This evening your cruise will depart Auckland heading for the Bay of Islands.

Day 3: Bay of Islands

As you awake you will be far away from city life as you arrive in a land of sparkling seas and pristine beauty. The Bay of Islands is a sub-tropical paradise of clear blue water, hundreds of undeveloped islands, diverse wildlife, and historical significance.

Take an eco-cruise and discover the area's dolphins, penguins, marlins, whales, and bird life. Journey into a beautiful cave with majestic rock formations and glow worms. This evening set sail, fall asleep to the gentle waves and memories of Kiwi beach life.

Day 4: Tauranga

Wake up in a new coastal town waiting to be explored. Discover charming waterfalls or board one of the many eco-cruises available in the Bay of Plenty.

Sometimes called the New Zealand Riviera, downtown Tauranga offers galleries, shops, history, and a vibrant café and restaurant scene. Set sail overnight towards Hawke's Bay.

Day 5: Napier

Today explore Art Deco architecture, an alluring seaside town, and some of Hawke's Bay's finest wineries. Napier's devastating 1931 earthquake resulted in a magnificent rebuilding effort that makes the city home to the greatest density of Art Deco buildings in the world.

Journey outside the city to explore some of New Zealand's most spectacular wine vintages in Hawke's Bay. Tour the wineries and enjoy exclusive wine tastings. Bird watchers and eco-tourists can visit Cape Kidnappers to admire the world's largest gannet nesting site. Set sail overnight.



Auckland



Hot Springs



Fiordland



Christchurch

Day 6: Picton

This charming seaside town at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound was settled by early 19th century whalers. Today, it is a bustling seaport surrounded by award-winning restaurants, delightful local art galleries, water sports' activities plus beautiful yet challenging nature trails.

Take an adventurous hike along the famous Queen Charlotte track and experience the photogenic flora and unique fauna of New Zealand.

Day 7: Wellington

Wellington claims to be the coolest little capital in the world. Get an overview of its geological, biological, and cultural history at Te Papa, the national museum. West of the port, ride the iconic cable car up to beautiful Wellington Botanic Garden, with a cable car museum, observatory, and planetarium. On Miramar Peninsula, visit Weta Workshop and view the design and effects facility behind big movies like Blade Runner 2049, Man of Steel, and several Lord of the Rings movies.

Day 8: Christchurch

Welcome to the 'Garden City', Christchurch. You will notice a distinct resemblance to home with large gardens and parks to wander through and punting on the Avon River.

Ride on the tram around the city, you can hop on and off whilst hearing of how the city has been rebuilt following a major earthquake in 2011.

Day 9: Dunedin

With a very 'Scottish' vibe, explore New Zealand's only castle perched on a hill overlooking the harbour or take a cruise and spot albatross, cormorants and other sea birds.

You might even see penguins, dolphins, and seals. Untie the ropes this evening as you head off once again.

Day 10: Dusky Sound, Doubtful & Milford Sounds - Cruising

The view today is spectacular with steep cliffs, carved over centuries by the dozens of waterfalls surrounding Dusky and Doubtful Sounds, the largest and most complex of the Fiordland fiords. Both are a wildlife paradise with seals and dolphins patrolling the water. As the ship sails into the narrow fiords of Milford Sound, you'll feel dwarfed by the sheer size and grandeur of this natural wonder.

Day 11 & 12: At Sea

While at sea, take time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, or explore the venues onboard, until you arrive at the next amazing destination.

Day 13: Sydney

Considered one of the most iconic, Sydney is your last point of call. Tour architectural marvels like the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Once you disembark you can be sure to spend a few days exploring before your onward journey.

This cruise also operates in reverse. Alternative itinerary, dates and durations are also available on request.



Captain Cook Cruises

Captain Cook Cruises are the cruise experts in Fiji, offering you a chance to explore the unexplored onboard the MS Caledonian Sky. This small, luxury expedition ship is perfect for navigating remote islands, reefs and shallow bays, showcasing authentic Fiji, and giving passengers a true cultural experience. Comprising 57 exceptionally spacious, well-designed suites with ocean views arranged over 4 decks. Stylish social spaces provide the perfect place to unwind and watch the impressive views as you sail alongside the beautiful Fiji Islands.

Yasawa Islands

5 days

Join MS Caledonian Sky for a journey of discovery, as you cruise around the Northern Yasawa Islands and visit Pacific jewels like the famous Sawa-i-lau limestone cave and blue lagoon. Wake each day to paradise, trek to mountainous peaks, relax on white sandy beaches including Drawaqa Bay and Yaqueta Beach and visit Fijian Villages where friendly locals offer a warm welcome and share their charming culture.

Highlights

Port Denarau – Tivua Island
Naviti Island – Sawa-i-lau – Yaqueta
Port Denarau

Cruise Includes

- All meals
- House beer, wine, juice and soft drinks at lunch and dinner, 24 hour tea, coffee, and water
- Use of snorkelling equipment
- Stand up paddle board and kayaks
- Daily guided snorkelling and glass bottom boats
- Kava (Yaqona) ceremony and tropical lovo feast in the villages
- Guided island tours

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
One Tuesday per month

Day 1: Tivua

Today board the MS Caledonian Sky and embark from Port Denarau. Visit Captain Cook Cruises' private island of Tivua, get lost as you snorkel surrounded by 500 acres of coral reef. Enjoy the island's amenities including a volleyball court, kayaks and stand up paddle boards. Tonight, get to know your fellow passengers and crew at the Captain's Gala Dinner.

Day 2: Naviti Island

Begin your day with a morning swim and snorkel at Brothers Island before savouring a gourmet buffet lunch. This afternoon visit spectacular Naviti Island, soak up the sunshine on white sandy beaches and enjoy the aquamarine waters as you explore this lush tropical paradise. Tonight, join the festivities at a Fijian village in Gunu for a traditional feast, Lovo and cultural performance.

Day 3: Sawa-i-lau

Famous for its limestone caves, take your time exploring the grandeur of Sawa-i-lau. Swim in the unique cave lagoon, visit a local school for a memorable experience and snorkel over the flourishing coral gardens. For those willing, climb the peak on Yasawa Island and tonight test your luck at crab racing.

Day 4: Yaqueta

Today cruise past volcanic peaks of the Yasawas and dive into the inviting waters of Yaqueta to snorkel amongst a myriad of fish and stunning coral reefs. Cruise the picturesque channels to Drawaqa for another perfect snorkel stop. Tonight, enjoy a music quiz on board.

Day 5: Brothers Island and Naviti Island

Bid farewell to your ship mates and crew as you disembark after breakfast in Port Denarau.



Ultimate Lau & Kadavu

8 days

Discover the islands and reefs of the Lau group, rarely accessible to tourists. Experience the local culture in remote villages. Visit the magnificent Bay of Islands with impressive limestone structures and enjoy spectacular snorkelling in pristine waters.

Highlights

Port Denarau - Tivua - Makogai - Qilaqila Fulaga or Komo - Vuaqava - Totoya Kadavu - Port Denarau

Cruise Includes

- All meals
- House beer, wine, juice and soft drinks at lunch and dinner, 24 hour tea, coffee, and water
- Use of snorkelling equipment
- Stand up paddle board and kayaks
- Daily guided snorkelling and glass bottom boats
- Kava (Yaqona) ceremony and tropical lovo feast in the villages
- Guided island tours

Departure Dates

Departs: October – March year round
Regular Departures

Day 1: Tivua

Set sail from Port Denarau. Enjoy an afternoon of beach activities at Tivua Island, followed by a wonderful welcome dinner as you cruise into a south pacific sunset.

Day 2: Makogai Island

Take part in a traditional Fijian ceremony at Makogai Island and walking tour of the old leper colony, closed to lepers since mid last century. Snorkel over giant clam gardens in this turtle sanctuary and be visited by the church service who will entertain you with their traditional song and dance.

Day 3: Vanua Balavu

Immerse yourself in the amazing scenery, pristine reefs, strange mushroom shaped islands and hidden caves of the Bay of Islands at Qilaqila, on the northwest end of Vanua Balavu.

Day 4: Yagasa Island

The ship has an early start today to cruise to Fulaga Island or Komo island. Both are extinct volcano craters and known for their crystal lagoons and amazing corals. This afternoon we arrive at one of the Yagasa Islands, for snorkelling, swimming, coral viewing or kayaking.

Day 5: Vuaqava Island

Explore the uninhabited sacred island of Vuaqava, known for turtles, snakes and amazing bird life and go an adventurous hike to the hidden saltwater lake. In the afternoon, enjoy beach activities followed by a village sevusevu ceremony, meke and handicraft show.

Day 6: Totoya Island

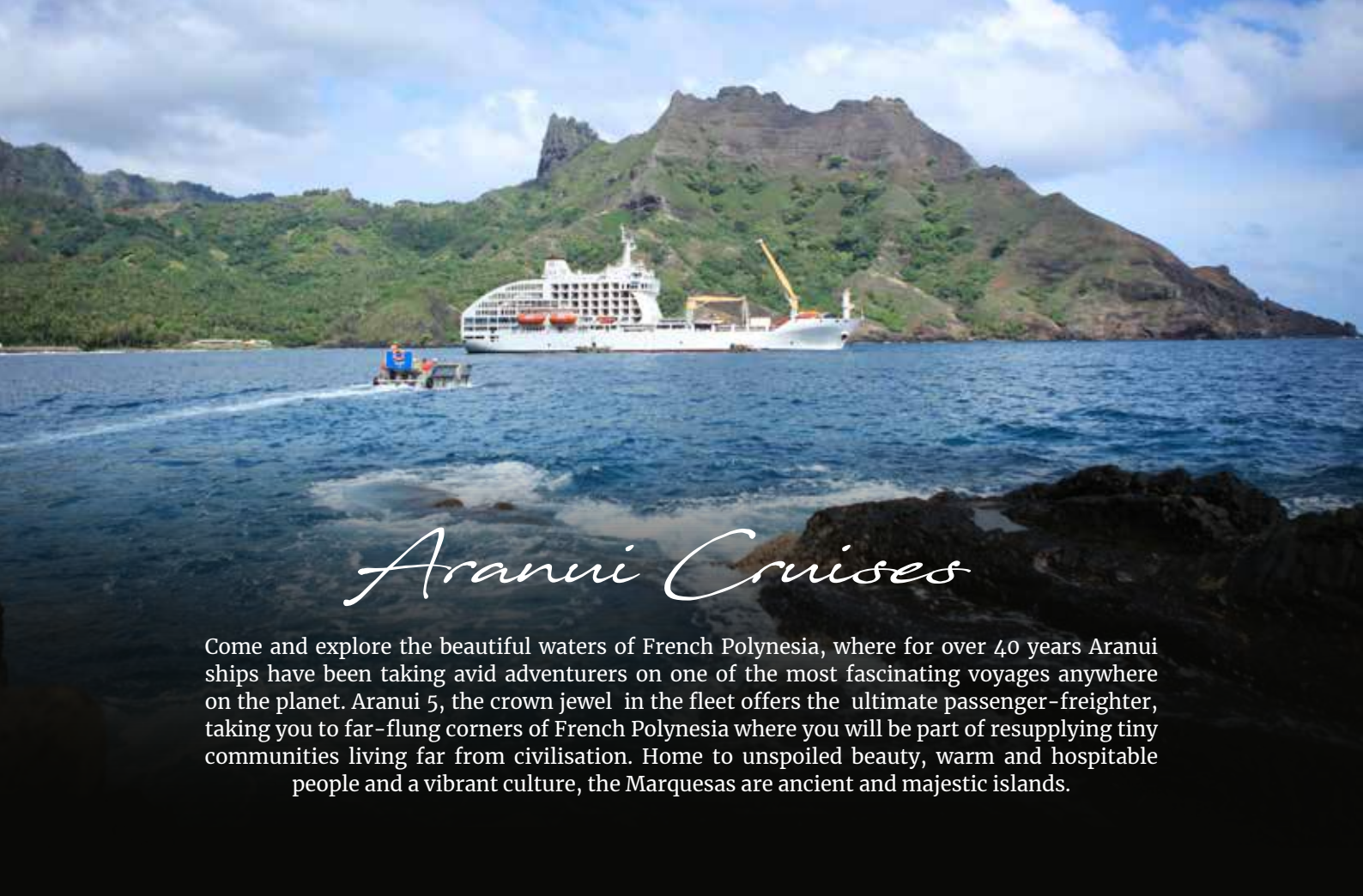
Horse-shoe shaped Totoya Island is our destination today. We will visit a local school and the children will surprise you with their entertainment and show you their work. We will also have the opportunity to explore their reefs.

Day 7: Nalotu

We arrive in Kadavu and head to the Village of Nalotu for a welcome Sevusevu then tour of the village where you can witness the making of traditional fishing traps and pottery. The women of Nalotu village still make clay pottery in the time honoured traditional that is rarely seen in Fiji.

Day 8: Denarau

Bid farewell to your ship mates and crew as you disembark after breakfast in Port Denarau.



Aranui Cruises

Come and explore the beautiful waters of French Polynesia, where for over 40 years Aranui ships have been taking avid adventurers on one of the most fascinating voyages anywhere on the planet. Aranui 5, the crown jewel in the fleet offers the ultimate passenger-freighter, taking you to far-flung corners of French Polynesia where you will be part of resupplying tiny communities living far from civilisation. Home to unspoiled beauty, warm and hospitable people and a vibrant culture, the Marquesas are ancient and majestic islands.

Cruise the Marquesas

12 days

During your 12-day cruise to the Marquesas, your modern and comfortable vessel will be your home as you discover the magic that attracted Paul Gauguin and Robert Louis Stevenson to this remote region. Crew will welcome you as family and delight in introducing you to their centuries-old customs. They are joined by knowledgeable guides in sharing the French Polynesian culture as you explore these captivating islands. With just 230 passengers on board provides a relaxed atmosphere. Every evening presents a new opportunity to watch the infinite colours of the sunset dance in the sky as another day draws to a close in the South Pacific.

Highlights

Papeete - Fakarava - Nuka Hiva - Ua Pou
Ua Huka - Tahuata - Hiva Oa - Fatu Hiva
Bora Bora

Cruise Includes

- 11 nights onboard Aranui 5
- All meals
- Schedules excursions as stated
- Cruise taxes and port charges

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Regularly

Day 1: Papeete

Depart from Papeete in the late afternoon, receive a warm welcome onboard from your crew and set sail.

Day 2: Fakarava

Classified as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO for the preservation of rare species, Fakarava is the second largest atoll in French Polynesia. Guests will have time to discover its small village. Enjoy a day of relaxation, sun and beach, swimming or snorkelling among multi-coloured tropical fish.

Day 3: At Sea

A day to relax on the pool deck or why not simply enjoy the views of the South Pacific Ocean as you sail to the fascinating Marquesas Islands.

Day 4: Nuku Hiva

While the Aranui is unloading, you can explore Taiohae. After breakfast, you will disembark to join 4WDs for the day's excursion. First stop will be a visit to Taiohae Cathedral before continuing to visit the archaeological site of 'Tohua Kamuihei'. Head south to Taiohae with its spectacular bay, a giant volcanic amphitheatre dominated by towering cliffs dotted with waterfalls.

Day 5: Ua Pou

From the decks, you'll see the unique mountain spires of Ua Pou.

Explore the picturesque village of Hakahau and its church, meet the island's talented carvers and artists and climb to the Cross for a breathtaking view of the mountain's lush valleys.

Day 6: Ua Huka

In the early morning, the Aranui will perform an impressive manoeuvre in the magnificent 'Invisible Bay' of Vaipae. On dry land visit the small museum with exquisite replicas of Marquesan art. Continue in your 4WD to explore the island, stopping for breathtaking views before reaching the beautiful village of Hane.

Return to the boat by 4WD or take a 2 mile walk back to your ship. Anchor in the small bay of Tahuata with the scent of Tahitian tiare and frangipani. Time to explore the town before sailing on to Hiva Oa. This is where Paul Gauguin lived and created some of his works. By 4WD, you will visit the largest archaeological site in the Marquesas Islands.



Day 7: Tahuata – Hiva Oa

The Aranui will anchor in the small bay of Tahuata. On this leaf-shaped island, the air is thick with the scent of Tahitian tiare, frangipani and history. Tahuata is the site of the first French colony in the Marquesas in 1842. The large church built by the Vatican, is decorated with beautiful Marquesan sculptures and stained-glass windows.

The Aranui will arrive in Hiva Oa after lunch on board, where you will have plenty of time to explore Atuona, the second largest village in the Marquesas. This is where Paul Gauguin lived and created some of his works. By 4WD, you will visit the largest archaeological site in the Marquesas Islands, ‘Tohua Taa’oa’. Walking up the hill to the cemetery, you will have a breathtaking view of the motu Hanakee. Under a huge frangipani tree is a tombstone with the simple words: Paul Gauguin 1903.

Day 8: Fatu Hiva

Arrive in the most lush and remote of the Marquesas Islands. In the village of Omoa, after visiting the village, you can opt for a 10-mile hike that will take you to Hanavave, offering breathtaking views of the high cliffs. Non-hikers will sail aboard the Aranui from Omoa to Hanavave to the Bay of Virgins.

Day 9: At Sea

A day to relax and share stories with fellow guests on board.

Day 10: Rangiroa or Makatea (dependant on embarkation date)

Rangiroa: Arrive into the largest atoll in French Polynesia and the second largest in the world. Glass bottom boat and scuba diving excursions are available. The Aranui will depart at lunchtime and sail to the magical island of Bora Bora.

Makatea: Surrounded by sheer cliffs rising nearly 240 feet above sea level, Makatea is the only atoll in the Tuamotu Islands with potable water, which comes from its underground caves. The Aranui offers the opportunity to visit the remains of Makatea’s past and the phosphate exploitation.

Passengers will disembark by tender at the Temoa pier and begin the journey across the atoll on foot or by car. Visit the sacred caves of Makatea and picnic under the cliffs or on the beach.

Day 11: Bora Bora

Arrive in Bora Bora’s world-famous lagoon of opalescent blues and greens. In this perfect island paradise, you can enjoy a day at the beach and a BBQ on a private Motu surrounded by crystal clear waters, the ‘Motu Tapu’. Departure in the evening for Papeete.

Day 12: Papeete

This is the end of your journey. It’s time to say Nānā! (Goodbye) to your travel companions, to the Polynesian staff and Aranui guides.

Luxury & Unique Stays

Luxury and unique accommodation can come in many forms and here in New Zealand is no exception. Whether it's a bedroom high up in a tree house in the 'marine Serengeti' of Kaikōura, a working sheep farm in the heart of the Southern Alps or a historic charming bed & breakfast in the Bay of Islands, the choice of exceptional stays is endless. Our carefully hand-picked accommodation encompasses incredible personal hospitality, experiences to be explored on your doorstep and spectacular locations where they lay. Your hosts will provide the finest dining options from a sumptuous breakfast to a 6-course degustation dinner with matching wines. Each property is distinct, you may wish to stay in more than one to truly enhance your New Zealand journey.





Waiheke Island is the perfect location to start or finish your holiday. Stay at the Boatshed, by day visit wineries, my favourite is Man O War. All within touching distance of Auckland's hustle and bustle.
Keir, Destination Specialist

Our Favourites

Guests looking to explore Rotorua yet searching for a more intimate and peaceful stay, On the Point has it all. Situated on the lakeside within stunning surroundings, the attention to detail is simply exquisite.

Historic charm and glorious views welcome guests at Arcadia Lodge. This idyllic lodge is just a short stroll to Russell where you can join cruises around the Bay of Islands.

Wilderness Lodge at Arthur's Pass can be accessed by car or the TranzAlpine train. Quite possibly one of New Zealand's finest high-country sheep stations. Luxury accommodation blended with the most stunning location; this is pure New Zealand.

Tree House living at Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses in Kaikōura proves to have the 'wow' factor. After a day exploring marine life, soak in your secluded bathtub overlooking the olive groves. We are confident you will have the best night's sleep in your custom-made bed.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.

Arcadia Lodge

Beautiful Arcadia Lodge is a welcoming old house that dates from 1902. All throughout the house you can still see the original heart of kauri and timbers salvaged from shipwrecks which add a wonderful sense of time and place to the lodge. Boasting an elevated setting, and overlooking the beautiful waters of Matauwhi Bay, studded with sailboats, Arcadia is only a short stroll from the charms of Russell. There are just 5 beautiful suites and rooms creating a restful and welcoming place to stay. Takurua is a charming king bedroom with wonderful views over the bay, whilst TauToru is a delightful studio with a separate entrance and private deck. Ranginui features a super-king bed and is a loft-style retreat with huge windows overlooking the countryside. The Te Punga suite is spacious and elegant and includes a tranquil sitting room with a private deck. Matariki is filled with timeless charm and can accommodate 4 guests, 2 bedrooms, eclectic décor and a private sitting area with deck access make this suite a memorable place to stay. For guests seeking more privacy the 2-bedroom Arcadia Cottage is a separate space with stunning views and a deck for enjoying a glass of wine in the sunshine. Begin each day with a gourmet breakfast featuring a smorgasbord of delights from the Arcadia kitchen garden, fabulous local produce and home baked treats, crafted by one of your hosts.

Russell and the stunning Bay of Islands is a very special part of New Zealand to explore. There are hugely significant historical sites, wonderful golf courses, glorious beaches, walks and hiking trails and myriad water-based experiences to witness the incredible marine life and incredible bays, coves and coastline. After busy, sun-filled days Arcadia Lodge is a peaceful and welcoming place to return to.

Location: Russell



The Boatshed

The contemporary design of the Boatshed takes its inspiration from the characterful boatsheds that can be found scattered across New Zealand. Tucked above the white sandy beaches of Oneroa, the Boatshed is a place of luxurious, coastal bliss that works in total harmony with its stunning location. The Boatshed began life as a small Waiheke holiday cottage and today is now regarded as one of New Zealand's best-loved boutique hotels. Further inspiration in the form of the classic New Zealand 'bach' a perfect slice of Kiwiana can be seen in the mix of guest rooms and bungalows, each one unique in design, space and category. The 3 Boatsheds offer the nostalgia of a beach hut with private decks and fireplaces. The Bridge sits high overlooking the beach, with a pretty porch. The Lighthouse is a romantic hideaway with whitewashed timbers and a top floor day room with glorious views. Whilst the bungalows are a take on the aforementioned 'bach' but reimagined as spacious, luxurious suites with a garden, deck and soaking bathtubs. The zinc-clad water tower boasts living and private roof garden space with an outdoor bathtub for 2 and the owner's cottage is a dreamy retreat with a private swimming pool and an abundance of space.

The main village is an easy stroll away with a clutch of boutiques and restaurants, but hiring one of the Boatshed Picnic Trucks is a fabulous way to explore the island. Discover tiny art galleries, wineries and vineyards and relax on deserted beaches. Let the Boatshed pack up a gourmet picnic to take on your travels. If more relaxation is the order of the day, then enjoy a personalised yoga or meditation session or a spa treatment in the tranquil Garden Spa Room.

Waiheke is just a 35-minute ferry crossing from Auckland, but it could be a million miles away and offers the perfect alternative to a city stay.

Location: Waiheke



On the Point

Lying in beautiful grounds overlooking the peaceful waters of Lake Rotorua and Mokoia Island, On the Point is a refined and elegant lodge with just 12 spacious suites and lake cottages. Whilst the myriad geothermal and cultural attractions of Rotorua are only a short drive away, On the Point offers a place of calm and tranquillity and is a delightful spot from which to explore the region.

There are 5 lodge suites which can be found within the main manor house, each with an inviting lounge area, en suite bathroom and views over the lake or gardens. There's also a welcoming communal lounge with an open fire place, timber panelled dining room and the billiard room. The lake cottages are set just a short walk from the main lodge and feature a comfortable lounge with a fireplace, bedroom and bathroom and a private hot tub which sits on the deck overlooking Lake Rotorua. Additionally, there is a 2-bedroom villa apartment with views to Rotorua City and a 4-bedroom villa, which is the owner's residence and sits above the lodge affording the most spectacular views over the lake. The lodge is known for its excellent dining and the restaurant offers breakfast and a daily 4 course table d'hote dinner each evening. You can choose to dine in the lovely dining room, in the wine cellar, in the privacy of your suite, or outside by the lake on warm evenings. Use On the Point as the launch pad for a wealth of activities including scenic flights, hiking, cultural immersion and lake experiences. Back at the lodge you can avail yourself of the tennis court, fitness room and onsite wellbeing and beauty treatments.

Location: Rotorua



The Manse

The Manse is an exceptional New Zealand lodge that started life as part of an historic sheep station back in 1910. Today it is an utterly enchanting and elegant retreat yet the sweeping views over the vineyards, and up to the mountains remain as stunning as they always were. There are only 2 suites at the Manse, and with a maximum of 4 guests at any one time the experience here is very special. The garden view room looks out over the beautiful gardens and is sanctuary of precious antiques, soft linens and a stylish en suite bathroom. The river view suite has expansive panoramas over rolling farmland, the river and distant hills, a private veranda and gorgeous bathroom. At the heart of the Manse is a sunny kitchen presided over by one of your hosts. With a background in 5 star hotels and Michelin star restaurants around the globe, you can be sure that dining here is a memorable experience. Menus are based around personal preference and the local and seasonal produce available, and dinner is always a special occasion with pre dinner drinks and canapés starting off proceedings. Afterwards perhaps indulge in a cigar and whisky tasting in the library.

The outdoor swimming pool is a refreshing spot on a warm, sunny day whilst the library and sweeping verandas peaceful places to unwind with your favourite book. If you can bear to leave the beautiful setting of the lodge there are many Hawke's Bay experiences to be enjoyed. World class golf, impressive wineries and vineyards, dramatic coastal scenery and Art Deco architecture are all waiting to be discovered.

Location: Hawke's Bay



Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses

Snuggled between the Kaikōura Seaward Mountain range and the coast is where you will find Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses, one of the South Island's most iconic Luxury Lodges of New Zealand. Kaikōura is renowned for its deep ocean shelf inviting an abundance of marine life to visit from giant sperm whales, dusky dolphins and fur seals attracting visitors.

Accommodation at Hapuku is renowned for sleeping 'out on a limb' with 5 Tree Houses to choose from. Each one nested 10 metres above the ground in the canopy of a native Kanuka Grove. 1 bedroom Tree Houses are for those couples looking for an intimate stay, large windows and a sitting area with a fireplace overlook the deer paddock and mountain range or take a soak in a deep bath looking over the olive groves with distant sea views. Family Tree Houses offer an additional twin bedded room with en suite. Within the main lodge you have a choice of lodge suites or the impressive Hapuku Room which looks across the lap pool, deer grazing in the paddock and beyond to the mountains. Larger groups may choose the Olive Houses, which can accommodate 7 guests. Whichever you chose the attention to detail, and bespoke furnishings are second to none.

Facilities include a heli pad, lap pool, outside dining in the shade, spa treatments, sauna and guest lounge where pre dinner drinks are served. Dining has a farm/ ocean to plate style combining New Zealand's finest ingredients grown in the lodge's farm garden served with locally sourced products. Chefs' welcome guests to watch them at work as the style is open planned.

Just a short 10 minute drive south is where you will find the township of Kaikōura and the departure point for whale watching tours. Maybe swim with dusky dolphins or prefer to keep your hair dry and spectate instead as large pods of these acrobatic mammals entertain guests. Bird enthusiasts may wish to search for albatross. Stretch your legs at the peninsula where you will find lazy fur seals on the rocks in the sun, you may find a seafood caravan where you can dine on crayfish on the beach, a truly unique 'dining experience'. All stays include a gourmet breakfast and dinner.

Location: Kaikōura



Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass

Set amongst the rugged peaks of the Southern Alps in beautiful Arthur's Pass, this wilderness lodge forms part of a spectacular 4,000-acre nature reserve and high country sheep station. Midway between Christchurch and Greymouth, the lodge is the perfect place to spend a few days in the pure mountain air, exploring the magnificent alpine landscapes. Designed with the philosophy that the lodge should sit 'off the land not on the land', it blends seamlessly with its impressive surroundings. There are just 24 rooms, all of which boast simply glorious mountain views and private balconies, 4 of the rooms have deep soaking bathtubs set before huge panoramic windows. There are no televisions here as the focus is on the natural beauty of your surroundings. Offering a full lodge experience, breakfast, dinner and a range of guided activities are included. Mount Rolleston Restaurant is the perfect setting for meals against the stunning alpine background, which surrounds you through the huge windows. The menu changes daily and you can enjoy the company of fellow guests or dine at a private table, the choice is yours.



The real luxury here however is in the location. You can hike for miles without seeing another person, exploring the property and the adjoining Arthur's Pass National Park. Complimentary activities include the high country sheep farm tour, flora and fauna guided walks and a wonderful tour of the night sky. There is also a curated selection of half day and full day guided experiences, including guided walks and kayaking and private guides are available too. This is also a place where you can do your own thing in your own time. There is an extensive network of private walking trails that weave across the property, through the forests and into the mountains and your lodge hosts will be happy to provide trail guides and maps.

Location: Arthur's Pass

Azur Lodge

Azur is a fabulous, contemporary lodge on a hillside in Queenstown overlooking some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand. 9 luxurious villas designed to make the most of their exceptional location gaze out over Lake Wakatipu, the view always front and foremost, framed perfectly through the floor to ceiling windows. Each villa is identical featuring spacious open plan living space with a lounge and dining area, separate bedroom and a private sun deck. The double ended bathtub which sits before a panoramic bay window, is the perfect place to soak away the cares of the day. Breakfast, afternoon tea and pre-dinner drinks and canapes are included for all guests and can be enjoyed in the main lodge or in the privacy of your villa. The centre of Queenstown, with its superb and diverse array of restaurants and eateries is only a 5 minute drive and Azur Lodge offers a complimentary shuttle for guests. Should you however prefer an evening in, then the lodge can arrange for dinner from your chosen restaurant to be served by candlelight in your villa overlooking the lake.

This gorgeous lodge offers the perfect base for exploring the vast range of experiences available in this alpine region. Thrill-seekers can enjoy jetboat rides, sky diving, zip lining or white water rafting, whilst those in search of slightly less adrenaline filled days can explore the mountains on 4WD tours, pan for gold, seek out their inner hobbit on Lord of the Rings tours, or explore the vineyards and wineries of the Gibbston Valley. The setting is peaceful and private, yet all the world class attractions of Queenstown are on the doorstep.

Location: Queenstown



Fiordland Lodge

Everything appears to be on a bigger scale in Fiordland. The mountain peaks higher, the verdant rainforest lush and the mighty fiords deeper. Above the still waters of Lake Te Anau, just a short drive from the township of the same name, Fiordland Lodge is the perfect gateway to the Fiordland National Park, home to Milford and Doubtful Sounds, exceptional walking tracks and more than 3 million acres of untouched wilderness.

The lodge itself is an impressive structure of huge timbers, river stone and vast windows that frame the spectacular view. 10 lodge rooms sit within the main lodge building with super comfortable king size beds and a style and décor that features natural materials and colours, a reflection of the Fiordland landscape, there are also 2 self contained log cabins, which are ideal for families. The restaurant is known for its excellent dining experiences and meals are served in the striking dining room overlooking the lake. Using Fiordland Lodge as your base makes the Fiordland National Park, part of the Southwest New Zealand Heritage Area your playground. Discover the icons of Milford and Doubtful Sounds, embark on one of the superb walking tracks which include the world famous Milford and Routeburn tracks, take a cruise through the magical glow worm caves or head for the skies on a scenic helicopter flight and see often overlooked areas such as Dusky Sound, hard to reach but incredibly beautiful.

The options for adventure in this very special part of New Zealand are endless and after an exciting day of discovery, the warm and welcoming charms of Fiordland Lodge await as the perfect end to your day.

Location: Te Anau



North Island

BUSTLING CITIES, MAORI CULTURE & NATURE'S WONDERS

Te Ika-a-Māui, the North Island, is diverse in its appeal to visitors. Māori Culture begins in the north where the Waitangi Treaty was signed, head south to Rotorua and be a guest at a Māori Village. Explore geothermal activity as you watch mud pools bubble or stand in awe as the Pohutu Geyser will erupt several times a day. City dwellers will find gastro delights, Te Papa the national museum and an ecosanctuary in Wellington. Sail on Auckland's Harbour or cycle the vineyards in Hawke's Bay or Martinborough. Three volcanoes stand impressively commanding the centre of the island, tie your walking shoes and enjoy magnificent views on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.



Our 5 Favourites in the North Island

Te Ika-a-Māui, the North Island is home to some of New Zealand's highlights, feast at a Hangi Dinner, go wine tasting in Hawke's Bay and dig your own natural hot pool at the world-famous Hot Water Beach. We asked past travellers for their personal recommendations.

Twilight Encounter

Visit the Waipoua Forest with a Māori guide, learn of the bird life, and meet Te Matua Ngahere 'The Father of the Forest', the oldest known kauri tree in the world.



Auckland Harbour

Become a crew member onboard an authentic racing yacht as you learn to navigate and sail around the inner harbour.



Coromandel Beaches

Paddle up and join a guided kayak tour through sea caves and interact with the local marine life.



Sunset amongst the Volcanoes

Enjoy a guided tour, a memorable way to see the Tongariro National Park regarded as among the top ten single-day treks in the world.



Wine Tasting

Go wine tasting at Craggy Range or Mission Estate, New Zealand's oldest winery.



Auckland



The Sky is the Limit

Journey up the Sky Tower for breathtaking views of the city, harbour and beyond. There is also a thrilling Sky Walk experience for the braver visitor.

Contrasting Islands

Take a ferry across to Waiheke Island for wine tasting and cheese platter lunches. Or Rangitoto Island, the largest of 48 dormant volcanic islands in the harbour, an easy island and summit to explore on foot.

Sporting History

Visit the All Blacks Experience, feel the force of the haka, can you score a try against one of the most recognised rugby teams in the world.



Foody Tour

Embark on a culinary experience, and meet local producers and fisherman, taste the traditional flavours of the region, 'hokey pokey' ice cream won't disappoint.

Harbour Discoveries

Board a sailing yacht and join your crew, either roll your sleeves up and learn the basics or sit back and relax as you explore the 'City of Sails'.

Shopping Frenzy

Head to the city-fringe suburb of Ponsonby where you will find local designer boutiques and an array of cafes and restaurants.

Our Favourite Sightseeing Tours

Auckland City Highlights

Experience the best sights of Auckland City on this morning tour, a journey of discovery designed to explore the history and see how Aucklanders live and play in the City of Sails. Travel up Queen Street, through Auckland's central business district, past the Auckland University and through the inner-city park. Continue through the picturesque suburb of Ponsonby, with its historic buildings before heading over the Harbour Bridge to Auckland's North Shore. Stroll on one of the beautiful white sand beaches where there is time for a coffee before continuing up to the summit of Mt Victoria with its stunning panoramic views of Auckland City and historic Devonport. Travel back over the Harbour Bridge and on to the Viaduct Harbour home of the 2000, 2003 and 2021 Americas' Cup.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 3 hours

All Blacks Experience

Embark on a guided journey not only about rugby but about Kiwi culture. Experience first-hand the excitement and emotion of game day. Friendly and knowledgeable guides kick the experience off with an introduction to the game of rugby. Your guide will then lead you through a state-of-the-art experience combining sound, images, interactive technology and hands-on activities. You can experience the full force of the All Blacks haka, tackle interactive zones where you can try out your kicking, catching, line-out and accuracy skills against legendary All Blacks.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 1¼ hours

Coast & Rainforest Walk

Your first stop is at the Arataki Visitor Centre, gateway to the rainforest. Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views from the sweeping decks. Absorb the area's history and admire the magnificent traditional Māori carvings. Walk in the regenerating rainforest where your experienced guide will explain about the local flora and fauna with giant tree ferns growing alongside picturesque streams. Venture on to an awe-inspiring west coast beach where you can stroll along the soft black sand and feel the ocean breeze. Your eco-tour ends in an area of untamed original rainforest where mature 1,000 year old kauri trees tower over the unique flora and fauna. This part of the rainforest is particularly rich in bird life.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 7 hours

Harbour Sailing Cruise

Embark on a purpose-built sailboat on the sheltered waters of Auckland's Harbour. Sail under the harbour bridge and around Auckland's beautiful harbour. Take the opportunity to try your hand at steering and trimming the sails or just sit back. Enjoy hot beverages and cookies served on board, relax and watch the experienced crew sail the vessel. An evening dinner option is also available, starting with canapes as you set sail from the dock, learn of Auckland's history as you sail past iconic landmarks before dinner is served above deck.

Departs: Daily, April - October
Duration: 1½ hours

Taste of Waiheke Island

Board your ferry and combine your visit to Waiheke Island with some of the best food and wine experiences the island offers. Your driver guide will meet and greet you before you set off on a scenic drive taking in the following venues. Batch Winery, the vineyard with the highest altitude on the island, Batch's views will blow you away. Enjoy a 2 course lunch with glass of wine. Mudbrick Vineyard, learn about Mudbrick's varietals during a special cellar door tour. The Heke Kitchen, Brewery and Distillery, where 4 acres of sun soaked gardens, home to New Zealand craft beer and award winning whiskey. Finally, Allpress Olive Groves, taste olive oil at this award winning estate. You will return to the wharf for a 3pm sailing back to Auckland

Departs: Regularly, November - April
Duration: 6½ hours

Hobbiton Movie Set

You will be collected from your city centre hotel and journey through the lush farmland of the Waikato. Arriving at Hobbiton, you will board one of the green Hobbiton coaches for a 2 hour fully guided tour of this amazing 12-acre movie set with a professional Hobbiton guide to ensure you get the most out of your visit. During your tour, step into the lush pastures of The Shire, visit 44 hobbit holes, see amazing gardens, hear the secrets and stories about the making of the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit trilogies and enjoy a complimentary beverage at the famous Green Dragon Inn. Following your movie set tour you will return back to Auckland. (Also available from Rotorua).

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 8 hours



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Auckland Accommodation

Airedale Boutique Suites

With a location in the heart of Auckland's theatre district on vibrant Queen Street, the Airedale Boutique Suites is a comfortable base from which to explore the city. The main entertainment precinct is just across the road and the Auckland Sky Tower and green space of Albert Park are within a 10 minute stroll. The Auckland waterfront and Viaduct Harbour is an easy 20 minute walk. The Art Deco heritage of the building is evident throughout, and this is one of Auckland's most iconic landmark buildings. There are a range of classic and signature studios and premier studio suites, to choose from, many of which offer city views. Trocadero is the on site restaurant and bar, and there is a wealth of dining options nearby.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



Adina Apartment Hotel by Britomart

Just steps from the waterfront this apartment-style hotel boasts an excellent location in the Britomart precinct. There are several superb dining options within minutes of the property and the hotel's own in house restaurant, the Yard Bar & Eatery is also highly regarded. Queen's Wharf offers a charming waterfront setting, as well as being the departure point for ferries to Waiheke Island, Rangitoto and Devonport and is only a 10 minute walk from the hotel. There are 160 studios, 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments, the studio feature small kitchenettes, whilst the apartments offer full kitchens and laundry facilities, making them ideal for families or longer stays in Auckland. There is also an on site gym which is open 24 hours a day for residents.

Location: Britomart

Our rating: ★★★★★



Crowne Plaza Auckland

The Crowne Plaza offers a central location from which to explore, with the Auckland Sky Tower just moments away, as is Albert Park and the Auckland Art Gallery. The waterfront and Viaduct Harbour are a 15 minute walk from the hotel and there are plenty of places to eat and drink nearby, including Elliott Stables, which is just around the corner. The hotel offers 352 standard and premium rooms as well as a range of suites, all with views over the city, executive lounge access rooms are also available. Aria Restaurant and Bar is the in house restaurant, additional facilities include the fitness centre with a range of cardio machines, free weights and a sauna.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



SkyCity Hotel

Ideally located in the heart of the city the SkyCity Hotel is adjacent to the Sky Tower with an array of shops, bars and restaurants on the doorstep. As part of the superb SkyCity entertainment complex, the hotel has access to a wealth of facilities which includes a world class casino and a host of entertainment and more than 20 exciting dining options. Restaurants include the Orbit 360° Dining, a revolving restaurant situated in the Sky Tower, boasting 360 degree views over Auckland and beyond. There is also a day spa within the Sky Grand Hotel, which guests are welcome to book treatments at. 323 rooms and suites offer spacious, comfortable accommodation some with outside space.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★





QT Auckland

QT Auckland is a vibrant, quirky but oh-so-cool hotel just moments from Viaduct Harbour. Bold design and a choice of rooms and suites with a sleek, modern design, featuring pops of colours and shimmering fabrics, all of which take inspiration from the sea, make this a popular choice in Auckland. Esther is the QT's open plan, airy restaurant, featuring a Mediterranean inspired menu, during the warmer months the rear outdoor courtyard is a popular spot. After dinner head to the 6th floor and Rooftop at QT, for drinks with a view over the city and twinkling lights of the marina. There is also a gym and easy access Queens Wharf, with its array of dining and drinking spots.

Location: Viaduct Basin

Our rating: ★★★★★



Grand Millennium

Located between the theatres and shops of bustling Queen Street and the waterside attractions of Viaduct Harbour, the Grand Millennium is in the heart of Auckland with some of the city's finest shopping, dining and entertainment at your fingertips. The Auckland Sky Tower is also only a short walk away as is Aotea Square and the Auckland Art Gallery. This popular hotel has 452 well appointed, comfortable rooms and suites, including an executive club level. Facilities include 3 restaurants, one of which is Dans le Noir, where meals are served in total darkness. There is also an atrium level bar, a fitness centre, indoor pool, and sauna.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★

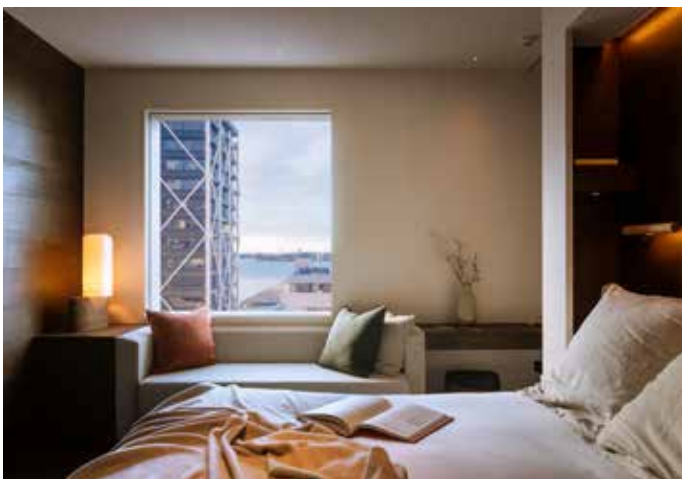


Sudima Auckland City

The Sudima is an excellent hotel in the heart of the city just a short walk from the shops, dining and theatres of Auckland's main entertainment precinct, making it an ideal choice for visitors to Auckland. The Auckland Sky Tower is a 5 minute walk, whilst Viaduct Harbour and Queens Wharf is just 20 minutes away. East is the hotel's modern Asian restaurant, whilst Sunset is on the top floor, harbour view bar, a picture perfect spot for sunset drinks. There is also a ground floor Lobby Bar. There is a choice of rooms and suites on offer at the Sudima including the unique u-rooms, with timber floors, natural colours and a design based around the principals of self care. These rooms include a self care pack and a yoga kit. Gym access is also included for guests staying at the Sudima.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



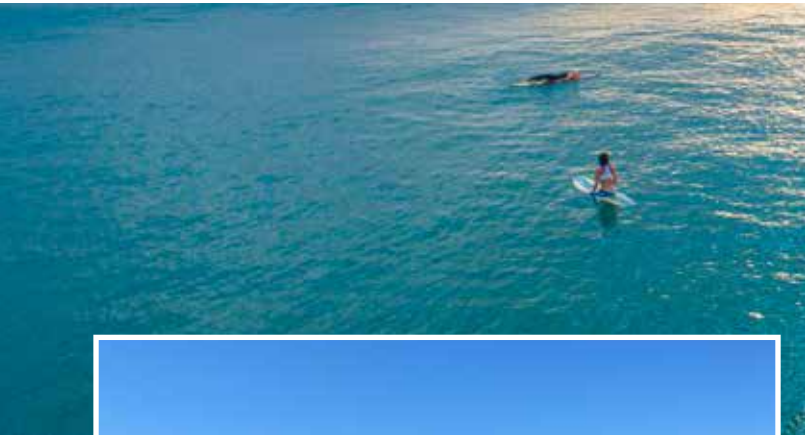
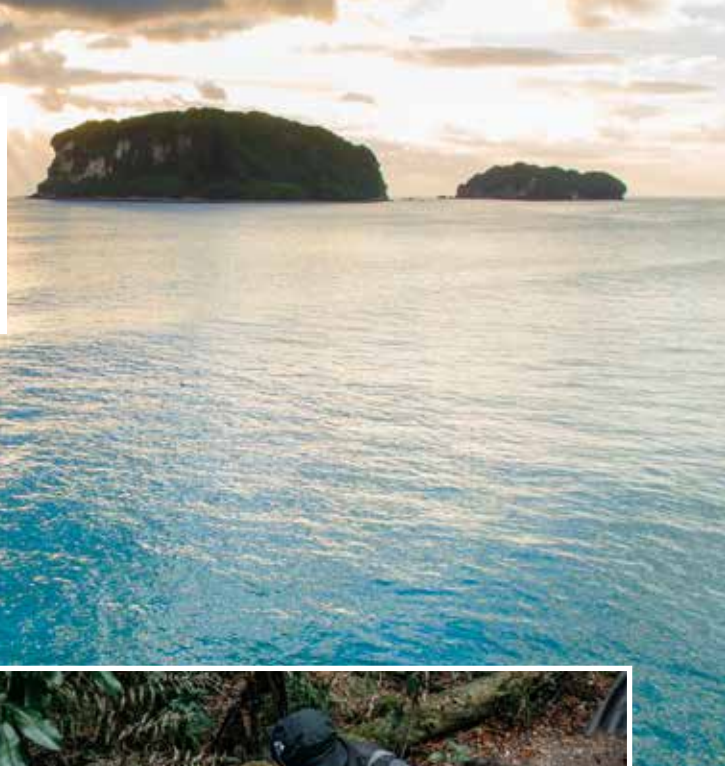
Hotel Britomart

Handmade bricks, a fabulous location and just 99 gorgeous rooms and suites ensures that the Hotel Britomart stands out from its hotel companions in Auckland. The eye catching architecture is a talking point in the city, step inside and the impressive design continues. All guest rooms at the Britomart are the same size, it's the view that changes. Timber clad walls, built-in sofas and beautiful bathrooms come as standard, just choose whether you want a city, water, Britomart, laneway or hotel view. The 5 Landing Suites occupy the top floor of the hotel and adjacent building and offer exceptional levels of space and privacy plus a range of included benefits. In-house dining comes in the form of kingi, a sustainable seafood restaurant, and there is an excellent array of eating places nearby.

Location: Britomart

Our rating: ★★★★★

Northland & The Coromandel



Hole in the Rock Cruise

Board a luxury catamaran and sail out into open sea. Enjoy the views as you cruise past the Cape Brett Lighthouse, before arriving at the stunning Motukokako Island, home of the majestic Hole in the Rock. As you venture in (conditions permitting) – hold your breath as the skipper navigates through the narrow space and admire the rock walls soaring above you. Stop off at Otehei bay on Ulupalakua Island where you have time to relax on the beach or stroll around the island to drink in the views of this breath-taking region.

Departs: Daily, April – September
Duration: 4½ hours

Footsteps of Waipoua Twilight Encounter

Stepping into this special world you will experience the affinity that early Māori had with the forest and the deep spiritual respect they hold for the giants still growing there. Learn of the rich bird life and other fauna that inhabits the forest. Hear of stories and legends of the forests. Deep in the forest among the towering trees, you will meet Te Matua Ngahere, the oldest known kauri tree in the world. The highlight of the tour will be your meeting with ‘The Lord of the Forest’ – the giant Tane Mahuta before returning to your accommodation.

Departs: Daily, April – September
Duration: 4 hours



Coromandel Nature & Coast Tour

Today is an sample of the Coromandel Peninsula’s natural heritage and scenic beauty. Enjoy an easy walk through nature on the forgotten paths of an old town. Visit an old historic gold cave, now home to sparkling glow worms. Enjoy the fascinating history of this area and learn about the flora and fauna within the magnificent forests of this region. Visit stunning coastal scenery with white sand beaches, huge beach caves, magnificent cliffs, old Māori Pa (village) sites and offshore islands. A visit to famous Hot Water beach is included (tide permitting). Lunch will be at a local café.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 8 hours

Cathedral Cove Kayak Tour

You will meet your experienced guide at Hahei Beach where you will receive a briefing and take care of your safety equipment. The Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve opens up a sea kayaking paradise full of beaches, islands and rock gardens that are just waiting to be explored. Today, you will paddle through sea caves, interact with the local marine life and discover the thrill of kayak sailing with the wind on your back. Your guide will travel at a relaxed pace so you can enjoy the views and soak up the sun. Land at Cathedral Cove where you will be treated hot beverages on the beach.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 3 hours

Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

Set in peaceful, sub-tropical gardens, the Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands is a resort-style hotel just a short stroll from the shops and restaurants of Pahia and the town wharf, where many of the island ferries and cruises depart from, including the ferry to Russell. Attractions such as the Waitangi Treaty Grounds are just a 5-minute drive away making it a great base from which to explore the region. When you are not out enjoying the stunning Bay of Islands you can relax in the outdoor swimming pool, beautiful gardens and the on-site restaurant and bar. The hotel offers 114 comfortable rooms, the superior and deluxe rooms are more spacious and benefit from a private balcony or terrace.

Location: Paihia

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Copthorne Bay of Islands

This lovely hotel sits in 60 acres of tropical gardens within the Waitangi National Trust Reserve yet is only a 5-minute drive from the heart of Paihia with its shops and restaurants, and the town wharf. The delightful waterfront setting ensures stunning views, and the 140 rooms and suites all look out over the lush gardens, bay or harbour. The superior harbour view or sea view rooms guarantee a water view. After a day exploring, relax in the lagoon-style swimming pool and listen to the water cascading over the rock pools, head for the tennis courts and enjoy a meal in Jimmy Cook's Kiwi Kitchen and Bar. The historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds are just moments away from the hotel.

Location: Waitangi

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Sea Spray Suites

Lying on beautiful Te Ti Beach, midway between the heart of Paihia and the historical Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the Sea Spray Suites are perfectly located for discovering the myriad attractions of the Bay of Islands. Choose from 1 and 2 bedroom premium and deluxe suites, all are well-appointed with kitchen facilities and separate sleeping and living areas. The premium suites also have laundry facilities and private balconies with wonderful ocean views. The centre of Paihia is a 15-minute stroll where you will find waterfront cafés and bars, restaurants and a selection of boutiques. There is numerous walking, hiking and cycling trails nearby or you can hop on the ferry to Russell just across the bay.

Location: Paihia

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

The Duke of Marlborough

Providing hospitality for travellers since 1827 the 'Duke' as it's known locally is a Russell landmark and institution. The 25 rooms are comfortably appointed and most have a private balcony or access to a terrace with views of the hills behind, garden or sea. The Duke sits on the waterfront in Russell, across the bay from Paihia and offers a great base from which to explore, with easy access to the beautiful Bay of Islands. The hotel restaurant is right on the waterfront and offers an interesting menu of local and regional dishes, dine in the restaurant or on the weather-proofed deck to make the most of the fabulous water views.

Location: Russell

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Coromandel & The Bay of Plenty Accommodation

Mussel Bed

Tucked away on the eastern side of the stunning Coromandel Peninsula, the Mussel Bed is a delightful bed and breakfast offering 3 charming rooms and a self-contained cottage. This relaxing property sits in peaceful gardens and native bushland and is just a 5-minute walk from the white sands of Cooks Beach. Cathedral Cove is a 15-minute drive. Each room is comfortably furnished, features an en suite bathroom and a private terrace area for al fresco dining. The cottage is fully self-contained with a well-equipped kitchen, 2 bedrooms and a garden. The Mussel Bed is a welcoming place to stay and an ideal base from which to explore.

Location: Cooks Beach, Coromandel

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Brenton Lodge

Comprised of 2 private lodges, which sit peacefully in the lush gardens, Brenton Lodge sits on the tranquil east coast of the Coromandel Peninsula. Both lodges are open plan with a lounge and bedroom, en suite bathroom and private balcony with view over Mayor Island and Whangamata. During the summer months guests are also welcome to use the outdoor swimming pool. The Coromandel is blessed with beautiful beaches, pristine natural bushland, walking, hiking and cycling trails, arts and crafts and a rich gold mining history. Brenton Lodge provides a warm and welcoming sanctuary in a wonderful location.

Location: Whangamata

Our rating: ★★★★★



Sovereign Pier on the Waterways

This fully gated enclave is just a short walk from the centre of Whitianga and offers superb accommodation in a beautiful setting overlooking the marina and Mercury Bay. The absolute waterfront accommodation comprises a selection of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom suites with private courtyards, patios and water views. All have full kitchens, laundry facilities and spacious living areas making them an ideal choice for longer stays on the Coromandel. On-site facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, spa pool, fitness room and tennis court. Kayaks can be hired on the marina.

Location: Whitianga

Our rating: ★★★★★



Trinity Wharf Tauranga

Located on the sunny Bay of Plenty, this stylish resort sits on 3 piers which stretch out over the water in Tauranga. The panoramic water views are enhanced with floor to ceiling windows, bringing the outside in. 122 rooms and 2 and 3 bedroom apartments offer modern design inspired by their urban and waterfront setting. The Restaurant at Trinity Wharf offers indoor and outdoor dining with a beautiful wraparound deck and a seasonally and regionally inspired menu. Other dining options are available within walking distance. After a day exploring, enjoy the open air, infinity edge swimming pool and fitness centre or head out on the walking and jogging trails, which lead from the hotel.

Location: Tauranga

Our rating: ★★★★★



Central North Island



Māori Hangi & Concert

Your evening includes a guided tour followed by a Hangi dinner and cultural performance. View greenstone, wood carving and flax weaving schools at the New Zealand Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, then move on to Rotowhio Pā, the Kiwi Conservation Centre and Te Whakarewarewa. Enjoy a cultural performance which takes place in a carved meeting house where you will be entertained by a pōwhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. The evening culminates on the geyser terrace bathed in coloured light.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 4 hours

National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa Behind the Scenes Tour

This tour offers an extra special look into kiwi conservation. Here you are able to view the incubation and hatching technology at the largest kiwi hatching facility in New Zealand and learn more about the kiwi recovery programme 'Operation Nest Egg' from knowledgeable guides. Join the team in a staff-only area where the kiwi chicks are cared for until they are ready to go to the outdoor enclosures. From here you are guided into a Nocturnal House to view kiwi in a more natural environment behind glass.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 1 hour



Wai Ariki Hot Springs and Spa

You will be met with a karakia (prayer) before stepping through 4 sequential cleansing shower and mist jets for stimulation and revitalisation. There are 5 pools to enjoy, 2 mineral pools at 37–40°C, a cold water pool at 12°C to improve circulation and restore tired muscles, the herbal pool at 37°C, to provide aromatherapy benefits and the hydrotherapy pool at 34°C with massaging jets. Follow this with Papatūānuku, using the restorative powers of mud to self-apply on heated stone beds. Finally a heated steam room to soften and wash away the mud. You will feel rejuvenated as you leave.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 2 hours

Lake Rotoiti Starlight Kayaking Tour

Enjoy an evening adventure kayaking out over one of New Zealand's most stunning water ways, Lake Rotoiti. Enjoy the beautiful scenery, abundant birdlife, and learn the myths and legends linked to the area, before kayaking over to the stunning Manupirua Hot Pools. Adventure out to the magical glow worm cave as the sun goes behind the hills to learn the lifecycle and legends of the glow worms. On the way back see how the lake is transformed by the moon and the twinkling stars above, with the night sky being the perfect end to the adventure.

Departs: Daily Year Round
Duration: 4 hours (2 ½ hours paddling)

Rotorua Accommodation

Distinction Hotel

Offering a fabulous location adjacent to the magnificent Whakarewarewa Forest, the Distinction Hotel is a comfortable base from which to explore the myriad attractions of Rotorua and the surrounding area. There is a wide choice of rooms and suites, including family-friendly options and the deluxe rooms and suites feature private balconies. There are 4 restaurants including Mr Yakitori, Kowhai, which transforms into a Māori dinner and show as night falls, the D Bar and Restaurant and the Pavilion Café. Facilities include a heated outdoor pool and spa, and the neighbouring Whakarewarewa Forest has world-class mountain bike trails and beautiful walks through native bush. If you want a round of golf the Arikapakapa Golf Course is just across the road.

Location: Rotorua

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Rydges Rotorua

Close to the edge of the Redwood Forest, overlooking the Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley and Living Māori Village, Rydges Rotorua offers 203 spacious rooms in an excellent location. Choose from superior or deluxe rooms, some with pool or thermal valley views and private balconies. Facilities include a geothermal heated outdoor swimming pool, gym and children's play zone. Chapman's is the in-house restaurant and well known for its buffet menu, although an a la carte option is also available. With the Whakarewarewa attractions on your doorstep along with the cycling and hiking trails of the Whakarewarewa Forest and nearby Te Puia, this comfortable and stylish hotel offers an excellent spot from which to enjoy Rotorua's many attractions.

Location: Rotorua

Our rating: ★★★★★



Sudima Rotorua

Boasting an enviable location on the shores of Lake Rotorua, overlooking the gently steaming waters, the Sudima has arguably one of the best settings in Rotorua. The popular Polynesian Spa is next door, and the centre of Rotorua and restaurants of Eat Street are just short walk away. After a day exploring, relaxation comes in the form of the naturally heated waters of the indoor swimming pool and spa pools, whilst Okareka Restaurant & Bar offers excellent dining and is a lovely spot to relax with a drink as you take in the views over the lake. The Sudima also offers guests the opportunity to experience New Zealand's unique Māori heritage with a regular cultural performance and traditional hāngi buffet dinner. The rooms are all comfortable and well-appointed, and many have lake views.

Location: Rotorua

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Novotel Rotorua Lakeside

The Novotel Rotorua Lakeside sits in park-like surroundings and is just steps from the geothermal waters of Lake Rotorua and only a short walk from the centre of Rotorua and the bustling cafés and restaurants of Eat Street. Enjoy the geothermal waters the region is renowned for with a soak in the hotel's own geothermal mineral pools and take a swim in the heated indoor swimming pool. There is also a sauna and fitness centre, and a restaurant and bar with a lake view terrace. There is a choice of rooms and suites which are modern and stylish and offer views over the city or steaming waters of the lake. With Rotorua's many cultural, natural and geothermal attractions within easy reach, the Novotel is a great base for a stay in the city.

Location: Rotorua

Our rating: ★★★★★





The Springs

This well-established bed and breakfast sits on a peaceful, residential street just a short walk from the shops, restaurants, and attractions. Lake Rotorua is a 5-minute drive or a 30-minute stroll. The Springs is purpose built and offers 4 elegant en suite rooms, each with a private terrace leading out to the garden. There's a large guest lounge with a wood burning stove and a guest library filled with an array of books, magazines, and newspapers. It is a world away from a traditional city hotel stay and if you are looking for somewhere with a sense of place and warm, very personal level of service then the Springs will be a wonderful base for your time in Rotorua.

Location: Rotorua

Our rating: ★★☆☆



The Regent of Rotorua

The Regent is a stylish, boutique hotel close to the lakefront in the centre of Rotorua, and with the vibrant dining area of Eat Street just moments away, this charming property is an elegant base for a stay in this geothermal town. The rooms and suite accommodation are contemporary in style featuring a monochrome black and white colour scheme, with splashes of colour, beautiful bathrooms and soft linens. The open-air swimming pool is a refreshing place to cool off after a day exploring, whilst weary guests can soak away their tiredness in the indoor thermal hot pool. The in-house restaurant, the Regent Room, offers modern New Zealand dishes along with sharing plates and tapas. During the summer, the courtyard is a lovely place to dine by the indoor/outdoor fireplace.

Location: Rotorua

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Reef Resort

The Reef Resort is a family-friendly complex sitting on the shores of Lake Taupō, a lake so vast its roughly the same size as Singapore. The resort comprises a range of studios and 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments, making it perfect for couples and families alike. All feature kitchen facilities, separate living and sleeping areas and many have views over the pool, gardens or lake from a private balcony. The outdoor heated pool is a popular spot to relax after a day of exploration. There's also a BBQ area, which is complimentary for guests to use along with gym membership at a nearby gym and a guest laundry.

Location: Lake Taupō

Our rating: ★★★★★



Millennium Resort Manuels Taupō

This elegant hotel offers fabulous, uninterrupted views of Lake Taupō and the surrounding mountains and is an elegant, well-located place to stay. The centre of Taupō is easily accessible and attractions such as a Huka Falls are only a short distance away. There is also world-class fishing, hiking, scenic flights and lake cruises on your doorstep. The hotel itself has a wonderful art collection with just 51 rooms and suites, many with wonderful views of the lake just beyond the window. Edgewater is the hotel's fine dining restaurant with an award-winning menu, for a more casual experience Beach 234 is a popular lake front brasserie-style restaurant. The Lakefront Bar is a delightful spot for drinks watching the sunset. Other facilities include a gym, tennis court, jacuzzi and swimming pool.

Location: Lake Taupō

Our rating: ★★★★★

Central North Island Accommodation

Art Deco Masonic Hotel

Filled with character and an abundance of Art Deco charm, this welcoming hotel is in the heart of 1930's Napier and perfect for exploring the Hawke's Bay area. It offers guests a real sense of place and the opportunity to stay somewhere that immerses you fully in the history of Napier, and the Hawke's Bay Museum is directly opposite. There are 43 beautifully decorated rooms and suites to choose from and many have French doors which open onto the Marine Parade balcony. The Rose Irish Pub is a friendly spot for a glass of wine and a hearty meal, whilst on the ground floor of the hotel are 2 independent restaurants, KK Kitchen and Bar, serving European cuisine and Origami which offers a range of Japanese inspired dishes and fresh patisserie.

Location: Napier

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Crown Hotel

With a stunning waterfront location in the seaside village of Ahuriri on the edge of Napier, the Crown is a gorgeous, boutique hotel with just 39 rooms comprising of studios and 1- and 2-bedroom suites. The design is a charming blend of Art Deco architecture and modern-day styling and is totally in keeping with its setting. Choose to stay in a heritage suite in the original hotel building, which dates to the 1930's and enjoy a room filled with character and charm, or pick the sleek, stylish lines of the accommodation which sits in the new, contemporary side of the hotel. The House Bar is a popular spot for drinks before heading out for dinner, and whilst there is no inhouse restaurant, the Crown works in partnership with Milk & Honey and guests are able to charge meals back to their room or enjoy room service.

Location: Napier

Our rating: ★★★★★



Tongariro Lodge

Established in 1982 as a premier fishing lodge, Tongariro Lodge is one of New Zealand's most iconic lodges. It lies on the banks of the Tongariro River, close to the southern shores of Lake Taupō and is on the edge of the World Heritage Listed Tongariro National Park. The lodge is surrounded by beautiful grounds and features a warm and welcoming atmosphere with comfortable lounges, open fires and excellent staff. Choose from the original Tongariro chalets which offer 1 bedroom and private decks, or the luxurious villas which feature open plan living and dining areas, 2, 3 or 4 bedrooms and private decks. There are 2 dining rooms, an all-weather tennis court and access to a myriad of attractions including the world-renowned Tongariro Crossing, deemed to be the best 1 day walk in New Zealand.

Location: Turangi

Our rating: ★★★★★



Powderhorn Chateau

The Powderhorn Chateau is a warm and welcoming alpine retreat on the edge of the Tongariro National Park, close to the southern slopes of Mt Ruapehu, and is an ideal base from which to explore this extraordinary region. In particular the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, a spectacular 1 day walk. The Whanganui National Park is also easily accessible and features a diverse landscape of gorges, tumbling waterfalls and abundant flora and fauna. The hotel offers a choice of rooms and apartments furnished in a traditional and cosy style and they are a welcome retreat after an active day in the park. There's also an indoor heated swimming pool and 2 restaurants including the Matterhorn and the bustling Powder Keg Bar and Restaurant, loved by locals and visitors alike.

Location: Ohakune

Our rating: ★★★★★





Scenic Hotel Te Pania

Sitting on the edge of Hawke's Bay, this stylish hotel offers an ideal base from which to explore the wine regions and Art Deco heritage of the area. With a beautiful waterfront setting the ocean views take front and centre stage and its just a short walk into the centre of Napier with its plethora of attractions. The rooms here are spacious and well appointed with large picture windows, the pacific view rooms boast sensational ocean views. Curve is the inhouse restaurant and focuses on exceptional New Zealand flavours, using the finest local produce, there is also a choice of dining options within walking distance.

Location: Napier

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Porters Boutique Hotel

This elegant hotel can be found in the charming village of Havelock North, just a short drive from Napier in Hawke's Bay. 43 stylish rooms and suites feature local artwork and are comfortable retreats after a day sipping and sampling your way around the Hawke's Bay vineyards. Guests who like to keep fit enjoy complimentary access to a nearby fitness centre, just a 5 minute walk away and the hotel also offers guests the use of in room yoga mats. Within the hotel you'll find Malo Restaurant and Lounge, however there is also an excellent choice of eateries within a short walk. Hawke's Bay is renowned for its craft breweries and wonderful array of winery restaurants, you will almost certainly be spoilt for choice.

Location: Havelock North

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Wallingford Homestead

Wallingford is a glorious homestead that rests deep in the Hawke's Bay countryside, on a working farm, just a 10-minute drive from the golden sands of Porangahau Beach and an hour's drive south from Napier. This is a peaceful spot in the heart of coastal wine country. Mountain bikes are available for exploration on 2 wheels and there are plenty of walks to enjoy, there's also a heated swimming pool. With just 5 beautiful rooms a stay here is akin to staying with friends, all are spacious and elegantly appointed and beautiful havens to return to after a day in the bay. Dining here is all part of the experience, and your hosts work closely with local farmers, fisherman and cheesemakers ensuring a creative menu with true local provenance.

Location: Hawke's Bay

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Atahuri

Extending northwards from Wellington, the Kapiti Coast is a beautiful, often underrated coastline which is home to Kapiti Island, now a hugely significant nature reserve and bird sanctuary. On the sand dunes of Peka Peka Beach lies Atahuri, a uniquely designed lodge offering just 4 beautiful guest suites. Each one is completely private with super king beds, lounge areas, bathtubs just for 2 and private patios where you can watch the sun set over Kapiti Island and the Tasman Sea. Hop on one of the lodge bicycles, enjoy beach walks and relax by the pool. A visit to Kapiti Island is also highly recommended and should be booked in advance.

Location: Kapiti Coast

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Wellington & Wairarapa



Cycle the Capital

Embark on this easy cycling tour. Your guide will show you around the Wellington Waterfront and introduce you to some fascinating past and present figures who have made Wellington the creative capital it is today. This tour focuses on the people who have shaped Wellington, and you'll see some key Wellington landmarks including the New Zealand Parliament, Te Papa Museum, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Wellington Railway Station and the Waterfront. Along the way you will hear about Māori culture and history and film making in the capital. This tour is mostly flat, you can choose either pedal power or an e-bike.

Departs: Daily, April – Sep, Tuesday – Sunday, May – August
Duration: 2½ hours

Capital Flavours

Wellington is known for culinary delights. From lauded fine-dining establishments to tiny holes in the wall, you'll find anything, and everything, your heart desires. This guided small group walking tour will give you a great taste of what's on offer. Hitting the hotspots of Cuba Street, the Waterfront, Willis Street and Lambton Quay, you'll stop at a Māori waterfront eatery, a second-generation Italian family-run pizzeria, taste award-winning Wellington-made chocolate, hit up the latest trendy food alley and visit one of the most awarded restaurants in the city. This is the perfect tour if you want to discover great food.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 3 hours



Wētā Workshop Experience

Journey from Wellington to Wētā Workshop in your dedicated shuttle on your guided tour. Wellington, New Zealand, is home to an entire community of creative Wētā Workshop artisans who've brought life to such films as *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit Trilogies*, *King Kong*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Avatar*, and many others. Wētā Workshop is your gateway to filmmaking creativity. Learn about the making of movie effects, from armour to weapons, creatures to costumes, make-up to miniatures, and more. You will be shuttled back to the city.

Departs: Year round, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat
Duration: 3½ hours

Zealandia Ecosanctuary Twilight Tour

Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne is the world's first fully-fenced urban ecosanctuary. Set around a picturesque reservoir it is home to some of New Zealand's most rare and extraordinary wildlife. Walk through the gates and experience the sanctuary as it transforms from daylight to twilight. See birds returning to the sanctuary to settle into their nests, the sight of the evening sky, and the changing sounds of birds from day to night. Encounter unique species such as weta, takahe, tuatara and more. You may even experience the first sounds of the nocturnal birds as they wake. The tour takes place on a range of tracks and trails.

Departs: Daily, October – March
Duration: 2½ hours



Atura Wellington

The Atura offers comfortable, good value accommodation in Wellington, close to the railway station and just a 15-minute walk from Lambton Quay with its array of shops and excellent dining options. The iconic Wellington Cable Car is also within easy reach. The hotel offers a choice of classic and superior rooms, the superior rooms are larger if you like a little more space. Facilities come in the form of Frankie 's Bar + Eatery, a brasserie style restaurant and a garden bar, access to a fully equipped gym and there are even bicycles available if you want to explore Wellington on 2 wheels.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Tryp by Wyndham

This modern hotel lies in the heart of Wellington's central business district and combines contemporary styling with Art Deco architecture. It's just a short stroll from the Wellington Waterfront Walk, which is lined with shops, restaurants and bars and Te Papa, the remarkable museum of New Zealand. Entry is free, although some exhibitions do attract a fee. The Wellington Cable Car and Lambton Quay is an easy 15 minute walk away. There is a choice of rooms and studios, the studios offer greater space and have the added benefit of a fully equipped kitchen, ideal for longer stays in the city. There is a bar and café on-site, complimentary breakfast is available, and guests also enjoy use of a fitness centre.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Booklovers B&B

Booklovers B&B offers a charming and welcoming alternative to a traditional city hotel. This late 1800's Victorian villa has 3 comfortable en suite bedrooms and offers a home away from home stay in a peaceful inner city setting. Breakfast is included and served in the dining room, setting you up for the day. Follow the walking trails in Mount Victoria and climb the look out and enjoy easy access to the rest of the city. Courtney Place is a 15-minute stroll and where you'll find several bars, restaurants and cafés, Te Papa is also a 15 minute walk, or you can hop on the bus that leaves opposite Booklovers for the ride down to Lambton Quay. After a day exploring Wellington, enjoy a peaceful drink on the deck and take in the views over the city.

Location: Mount Victoria, Wellington

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Copthorne Oriental Bay

Boasting a fantastic waterfront location overlooking Wellington Harbour on Oriental Parade, the Copthorne is an excellent base from which to explore Wellington. The main shopping, dining and entertainment area, including the Wellington Waterfront Walk and Te Papa Museum of New Zealand are a 10-minute walk along the harbour. The hotel offers 118 rooms with city or harbour views, and unusually for a city hotel all have private balconies. One80° Restaurant and Lounge Bar can be found on the 7th floor of the Copthorne and is highly regarded in Wellington, offering excellent dining, with stunning views over the harbour. The adjoining cocktail bar is a lively spot for after dinner drinks to the backdrop of Oriental Bay. Guests also enjoy access to an off-site gym.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Wellington Accommodation

Rydges Wellington

With 280 guest rooms featuring city or Wellington waterfront views, Rydges offers a comfortable base in the city. The rooms are modern and stylish and all feature small kitchenette areas for convenience. For longer stays the hotel has suite style accommodation which also offers laundry facilities. The shops and restaurants of Lambton Quay are just a 5 minute stroll, whilst the Wellington Waterfront Walk and Te Papa Museum are a 15 minute walk. Facilities at the hotel include an indoor heated lap pool, fitness studio and sauna whilst in house dining comes courtesy of Portlander, a steak and whisky restaurant bar that is much loved by the locals.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



QT Wellington

Sitting just across from Wellington Harbour, the QT is a vibrant and electric blend of art and character. This is a fun and buzzy place to stay with an in house curated art collection, a gym and sauna and an indoor heated swimming pool lined with shimmering blue tiles. Hippopotamus Restaurant is French inspired with bold colours, glamorous chandeliers and an excellent menu. Hot Sauce bar and eatery offers more relaxed affair with Asian flavours and gorgeous cocktails. The Gallery Lounge is an elegant space and ideal for after dinner drinks. The collection of rooms and suites here offer comfortable beds and stylish bathrooms. The gallery rooms are particularly special with artwork from some of New Zealand's most exciting artists, and some have harbour views and a private terrace.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



Bolton Hotel & Apartments

The Bolton is a family-owned hotel just steps away from the Parliament and vibrant Wellington waterfront, making it an excellent choice for a stay in the nation's capital. 137 stylish rooms and 1- and 2-bedroom suites offer space in abundance and the suites in particular are ideal for those planning a longer stay. Features of this lovely property include a fitness centre and indoor heated lap pool, along with a sauna and spa pool, plus you'll find a curated mini bar and pillow menu in all rooms. There is a lobby café and bar where you can start your day with a great coffee and a grazing menu of light bites is available throughout the day. In-house restaurant Artisan serves authentic New Zealand dishes and is open for breakfast and dinner daily.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



Intercontinental Wellington

Centrally located and adjacent to Wellington's waterfront makes the setting of the Intercontinental hard to beat. There is super shopping and excellent dining on your doorstep and easy access to many of the city's leading attractions. As you would expect from a hotel of this calibre there is a choice of well-appointed rooms and suites, many offering wonderful harbour or city views. Club floor rooms also give guests access to the Club Lounge. There is a health club with a fitness centre, indoor pool, sauna and hot tub. Dining comes in the form of GPO, a kitchen focusing on the vibrant flavours and colours of the Mediterranean, with tapas and mezze inspired dishes along with handmade pasta and local seafood. The Lobby Lounge offers an array of light meals and one of the best afternoon teas in the city.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★





Parehua Resort

Beautiful Parehua sits amongst the glorious vineyards of Martinborough, in the Wairarapa wine region, just an hour over the Remutaka Range from Wellington. The estate sits on the fringes of the historic wine village and there's a complimentary shuttle service to and from the village if you don't want to walk. Accommodation comes in the form of cottages and villas, all with private decks and beautiful living and sleeping spaces, several of them have hot tubs. Explore the surrounding wineries on foot, by bicycle or even on horseback before returning to Parehua for a dip in the heated pool and a drink at the outdoor bar. There is a tennis court and garden games for guests to enjoy too. The York Bistro overlooks the beautiful gardens and is open every night for dinner.

Location: Martinborough

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



The Martinborough Hotel

The Martinborough Hotel has been a focal point in this wine village since 1882 and offers a stay with a real sense of place. Featuring just 20 rooms and suites, each one unique in design and décor, you can choose a room with a contemporary feel or opt for one of the heritage rooms and suites located in the original building. Gleaming wooden floors, high ceilings, soft linens and elegant furnishings greet you throughout the hotel including the Kitchener Library with its collection of old and new books, perfect for relaxing with a glass of wine. Prop up the bar with the locals in the Union Square Bistro & Bar before an excellent meal and reflect on your day exploring the local vineyards, and coastal scenery of Cape Palliser, if you have ventured further afield.

Location: Martinborough

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Wharekauhau Country Estate

Tucked into the wildly beautiful and dramatic countryside surrounding Cape Palliser, Wharekauhau Country Estate is a remarkable place to stay just an hour and a half from Wellington. Sitting on a 3,000-acre estate that weaves through the gorges and hills down to the coast, this is an exceptionally beautiful experience. The cottage suites are just a short distance from the main lodge and a study in luxuriously elegant design. Vaulted ceilings, natural materials, private verandas, deep sofas and four-poster beds create a spectacular haven, looking out over the thundering waves of Palliser Bay. If you're travelling with family, these suites can interconnect, or look to the owner's villa, hidden away on the estate with 3 bedrooms, 3 en suite bathrooms and a private swimming pool.

Dining is an integral part of any stay at Wharekauhau beginning with breakfast, there is an a la carte lunch menu available all afternoon which can be enjoyed on the terrace, the courtyard or in the privacy of your suite, whilst dinner is a sensational occasion with a tasting or a la carte menu available. Spend your days exploring the estate, take a 4WD tour of the farm, head out on one of the lodge e-bikes and follow the coastal track around Palliser Bay, and enjoy the hiking trails that weave around the property. There is a wealth of optional activities to enjoy but if you prefer to relax and stay within the luxurious surroundings of the lodge then guests can enjoy croquet and pickleball as well as the indoor heated pool, fitness room and hot tub. Relax in the airy comfortable lounges or find a hidden corner to curl up with a good book and a glass of wine.

Location: Palliser Bay, Wairarapa



Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

South Island

SPECTACULAR SCENERY, GOLDEN SANDY BEACHES & WILDLIFE

Te Waipounamu, the South Island is undoubtedly one of the world's most beautiful places. Arriving by ferry your first glimpse will be the Marlborough Sounds where native bushland meets the ocean and you can almost taste the Sauvignon Blanc that the region is renown for. Sandy beaches, walks and kayaking can be found at the top of the island in the Abel Tasman National Park, head south to Kaikōura an 'aquatic playground' for marine life. Glaciers and rugged coastlines are the view outside on the West Coast before the Southern Alps and Fiordland stand majestically waiting for another photo.



Our 5 Favourites in the South Island

Te Waipounamu, the South Island entices nature lovers, hikers, photographers, wine connoisseurs, foodies and adrenalin seekers. One day swim with dolphins, the next ride on the famous TranzAlpine train over to the West Coast as you traverse through the Southern Alps. We asked our travel specialists for their personal recommendations.

Paddle Up

Join a guided kayak tour to Split Apple Rock in the Abel Tasman National Park.



Wine Tasting

Marlborough is home to some of the most recognised wines, join a guided tour or cycle the wineries.



Soaring High

Take to the skies and fly high over the Southern Alps to Milford Sound.



Hiking

Breathe in pure New Zealand as you follow the trail of the Routeburn Track, you will feel tiny amongst soaring peaks.



Cruise

Stay overnight on the Milford or Doubtful Sounds where the Fiordland stillness is spine tingling and tranquil as you gently rock to sleep.



South Island



Tie your Laces

With a vast choice of hiking or 'tramping' tracks as it's known locally, we have them all.



Marine Aquapark

Visit Kaikōura where you can view the marine life, fly high above the resident sperm whales, get your feet wet and snorkel with dusky dolphins or kayak with the seals.



Island Flavours

Wine, gin and craft beers will take you on a tasty journey from the Marlborough region to the Gibbston Valley matched with cheese and sumptuous lunch platters.



Cruise

The stillness of an overnight cruise in Fiordland National Park is simply wondrous.



Your journey is the Destination

A train journey on the South Island is spectacular, stand outside on the viewing carriage.



Unique Wildlife

Go beyond on Stewart Island and spot for kiwi and kayak with fur seals in the Abel Tasman National Park.

Our Favourite Sightseeing Tours

Farewell Spit Tour

Explore the spit and the most northern point on the South Island, Cape Farewell on this tour. See seals and their pups basking on the rocks and travel 18 ½ miles along the ocean beach to the Lighthouse Reserve. Enjoy refreshments in the lighthouse keeper's cottage before climbing a sand hill for panoramic views of the beach. During the summer there can be up to 20,000 godwits and 30,000 knots here, along with many other northern migratory birds. Your guide will share the ecology of Farewell Spit and the local wildlife along with the history of Puponga.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: 6½ hours

Guided Cycle the Vines

This half day tour is a great way to experience the Marlborough wine region. Visit 3 wineries with your guide and sample the delicious, cool climate wine varieties of Marlborough. Wind along bike paths, quiet country roads, and take in the incredible views of the Richmond Range, Wither Hills, and Wairau Valley. As you cycle through the vineyards your guide will reveal the history of Marlborough and its winemaking. No experience is necessary to enjoy this tour. The pace is leisurely, and the terrain gentle, ensuring easy riding no matter what your skill level.

Departs: September - June
Duration: Half Day

Full Day Walk, Seals and Sail

Start this fabulous day in the Abel Tasman National Park with a water taxi from Kaiteriteri to Anchorage. On arrival embark on the Pitt Head loop track, a self-guided walk which takes around 1 ½ hours. Absorb the sights and sounds of the native forest and walk on the golden sands of beautiful Te Pukatea Beach before stepping aboard a sailing catamaran for an afternoon on the water. Take in the secluded beaches and coves and enjoy the antics of the resident New Zealand fur seal colony. Lunch and refreshments are served on board as you sail back to Kaiteriteri.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: Full Day

Marlborough Icons Tour

This full day tour takes in the 2 spectacular regions that Marlborough is so well known for. Your day begins with morning visits to 2 outstanding wineries. There is the opportunity to speak with the people who know their wines best. Learn the history of the vineyards and enjoy sampling a range of wines. A delicious BBQ lunch is enjoyed onboard the catamaran which is your transportation for the afternoon adventure. Sit back, relax, and soak up the beautiful scenery as you embark on a seafood cruise accompanied by a glass of Marlborough sauvignon blanc, as you discover the glorious Marlborough Sounds.

Departs: Daily, year round
Duration: Full Day



Abel Tasman and Marlborough Accommodation

Ratanui Lodge

Hidden way in peaceful Golden Bay, in the northwest corner of the Abel Tasman, Ratanui Lodge offers 10 spacious en suite rooms with an elegant, coastal design. Each room has access to outdoor seating, where you can relax and soak up the sights and sounds of the garden. Breakfast is included with all stays and the lodge also has a welcoming bar and restaurant, open for both resident guests and locals and a saltwater swimming pool and hot tub. The beautiful, natural attractions of the area are within easy reach. Te Waikoropupu Springs, the largest cold-water springs in the southern hemisphere are a 15-minute drive, whilst Farewell Spit is just an hour way, as is Wharariki Beach, one of the most photographed beaches in the region.

Location: Golden Bay

Our rating: ★★★★★



Abel Tasman Lodge

Just steps away from the glorious Abel Tasman National Park, this charming lodge offers comfortable studio, and 1- and 2-bedroom chalet accommodation that blends seamlessly into its surroundings. All have private decks for soaking up the sunshine, there is a communal kitchen with Weber BBQ's, a guest laundry, beautiful gardens and a spa pool. A choice of restaurants and cafés can be found within a few moments of the lodge, but the icing on the cake is its proximity to the Abel Tasman, with its golden beaches and pristine bays, hiking trails and crystal-clear waters. This wilderness reserve is also home to an abundance of flora and fauna including wonderful marine life.

Location: Abel Tasman National Park

Our rating: ★★★★★



Kaiteriteri Apartments

With golden sands and an idyllic climate, Kaiteriteri is a unique destination and gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park. These premium 1- and 2-bedroom beachfront apartments are well appointed offering a 'home from home' stay with full size kitchen and laundry facilities. Superior apartments boast spectacular views over the beach, sit on your balcony and watch the world sail in and out of the sheltered bay in front of you. Being well positioned you can literally stroll out of your apartment on to a water taxi where walking tracks and cruises through the park are in abundance. Dine in the summer sun at the restaurant right alongside the apartments and you will have spectacular views of the sea, beach, natural forests and alpine backdrop.

Location: Kaiteriteri

Our rating: ★★★★★



Awaroa Lodge

Sitting within the pristine waterways and natural forest of the Abel Tasman National Park, Awaroa Lodge is a haven of tranquillity. There are no televisions, no spa pools and no mobile phone reception, access is by scenic water taxi, helicopter or on foot. This is a place where you can totally disconnect from the outside world and immerse yourself fully in the stunning beauty of the park. Accommodation comes in the form of standard, standard plus, family rooms and superior suites, all are enveloped in the native New Zealand bush and enjoy outside deck space. Spend your days exploring the soft sandy beaches, crystal clear waters and some of the brightest night skies you will ever see. The lodge restaurant is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, whilst the open-air pizzeria is open during the summer months, weather permitting.

Location: Abel Tasman

Our rating: ★★★★★





Ah House

Award-winning Ah House is a charming bed and breakfast which also offers a self-catering option in the heart of Nelson. The 2 garden rooms have private access and are located in the sunny garden with a private deck and BBQ. The self-contained apartment is spacious and includes a super-king size bed, which can be a twin on request, en suite bathroom and kitchen facilities, there is also private outside deck space. Breakfast is included with all stays. Your hosts are embracing sustainable ideas and strive to reduce their impact on the environment without compromising on comfort or quality. Ah House combines beautiful original features with modern necessities and is a welcoming place to stay in Nelson.

Location: Nelson

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Rutherford Hotel

This comfortable hotel can be found in the centre of Nelson and brings all the city's attractions including its thriving arts and craft scene within easy reach. There are galleries and studios on the doorstep and the Nelson Market, held each Saturday, showcases the finest local artisans and craftspeople along with a wonderful display of local produce. It's the craft brewing capital of New Zealand and a renowned wine region too. Rooms and suites offer all the creature comforts needed with views over the harbour, city, South Street or the beautiful cathedral. Guests enjoy access to an outdoor pool (unheated) and health centre with a gym and sauna. Oceano is the in-house restaurant and Port o'Call Bar is a friendly place for a relaxing drink and a light meal.

Location: Nelson

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Sennen House

Sennen House is a gracious Victorian villa that has been beautifully and sympathetically restored and features 3 individually designed accommodation choices. The Queen Charlotte Studio features an ornately carved 4-poster king size bed, a small kitchenette and a north facing balcony. The Sir Joseph Banks Apartment has a separate lounge and bedroom, kitchenette and balcony, whilst the James Cook Apartment is the largest with a bedroom, sofa bed and 2 separate bathrooms. Sennen House is registered under the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and boasts a grand kauri staircase, stained glass window and fine Rimu doors, it is an atmospheric and utterly charming place to stay in Picton.

Location: Picton

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Bay of Many Coves

Tucked between the pristine native bush and a secluded bay in the heart of the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound, Bay of Many Coves is an idyllic and secluded waterfront retreat. Getting to the resort is all part of the experience. With no roads in or out guests arrive by water taxi from Picton or a scenic helicopter flight from Blenheim and the sense of arrival is memorable. The choice of thoughtfully designed 1,2- and 3-bedroom apartments offer peaceful sanctuaries away from the bustle of everyday life, private decks bring the outside in and afford wonderful views over the sparkling blue waters of the bay. Enjoy the multitude of bush walks, head out on the water by kayak or stand-up paddle board and search for marine wildlife. Relax by the pool or with a spa treatment before dinner in the Foredeck Restaurant.

Location: Marlborough Sounds

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Blenheim Accommodation

St Leonards Vineyard Cottages

This lovely property offers the best of both worlds. It sits tucked into the heart of the beautiful Marlborough wine country yet is only a 5-minute drive from the centre of Blenheim, and just over a mile from the nearest winery. A collection of 6, 1- and 2-bedroom self-contained cottages, which were part of the original farm buildings, have been sympathetically restored and now offer comfortable and charming places to stay. Each has a private BBQ area and outside dining facilities. During the summer months guests can enjoy the heated swimming pool and the spa pool, which is available all year round. There is also a full-size grass tennis court, and you can enjoy wandering through the 5 acres of grounds meeting the friendly sheep, deer and chickens.

Location: Blenheim

Our rating: ★★★★★



Scenic Hotel Marlborough

Located in the township of Blenheim, the Scenic Hotel Marlborough is an excellent, central base for exploring both the beautiful Marlborough Sounds and the world-class vineyards and wineries that the region is renowned for. This is where you will find icons such as Cloudy Bay, Villa Maria, Wither Hills and Nautilus. Take a guided wine tour or follow your nose and explore at your own pace. The rooms at the hotel are comfortable and well-appointed, facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, hot tub and sauna and Savvy Restaurant & Bar. There are several restaurants within walking distance, or you can enjoy a wonderful meal at one of the many winery restaurants.

Location: Blenheim

Our rating: ★★★★★



Vintners Retreat

Offering just 12 self-contained 2- and 3-bedroom villas, Vintners Retreat is perfect for families and couples alike. With the closest winery within walking distance and only a short drive to Havelock for access to the beautiful Marlborough Sounds, this is the perfect base for indulging in all that this wonderful region has to offer. All villas feature spacious living and dining areas with full kitchens and laundry facilities. Private patios with outside dining furniture and BBQ's ensure you can enjoy the abundance of fabulous local produce whenever you choose. Sitting within 4 acres this lovely property also features an outdoor heated swimming pool, tennis court, pétanque and croquet.

Location: Blenheim

Our rating: ★★★★★



Chateau Marlborough

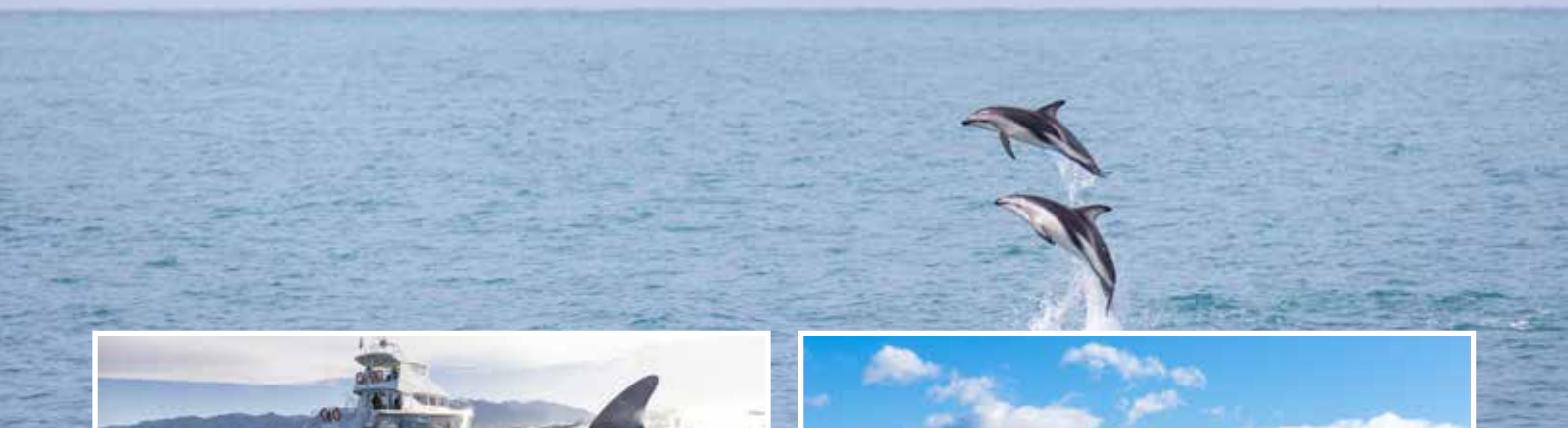
Sitting in the centre of Blenheim, overlooking Seymour Square the Chateau Marlborough offers a range of comfortable studios, suites and apartments, the apartments feature kitchen facilities and are ideal for longer stays in the region. Other facilities include an outdoor heated swimming pool with a poolside bar, a fitness room and a boutique day spa, perfect for a soothing therapy after a busy day exploring. Quench Restaurant and Bar is the excellent in-house restaurant, which is open daily for breakfast and dinner. If you fancy heading out for your evening meal, then Blenheim is home to an array of excellent restaurants and cafés. Alternatively, pick up some local produce and a bottle of wine from one of the wineries and enjoy in the comfort of your room.

Location: Blenheim

Our rating: ★★★★★



Christchurch & Canterbury



Dolphin Encounter

Dusky dolphins inhabit the coastal waters off Kaikōura all year round, making it a unique place in the world where wild dolphins can be encountered every day, weather permitting. This Dolphin Encounter has been developed to enhance the visitor's understanding of dolphins in their natural environment by either snorkelling or as a spectator. Your guide will provide commentary, you may also be lucky enough to see other marine mammals such as orca, pilot whales, New Zealand fur seals, and Hector's dolphins. An albatross encounter option is also available, with up to 12 species found along this marine-rich coastline.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 3 ½ hours



Wings over Whales

Kaikōura is home to sperm whales year-round and is a popular migratory route for many other species of whales and dolphins. Take to the air in a high-winged aircraft with a window seat guaranteed providing the optimal view of the scenery below. From your plane witness the magnitude of the world's largest mammal, the whale in all its glory as they make waves in the sea below. As you fly over the Kaikōura Peninsula you'll see evidence of Māori fortifications (Pa sites) and if the conditions are right enjoy a spectacular flight over the majestic Seaward Ranges. A 45-minute flight is also available.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 30 minutes

Whale Watch Kaikōura

Kaikōura is the whale watching capital of New Zealand and giant sperm whales are the stars of the show. Every tour is unique, and you might spot fur seals, dusky dolphins, and the endangered wandering albatross. Depending on the season you may also see migrating humpback whales, pilot whales and blue whales alongside orcas. Kaikōura is also home to the smallest and rarest marine dolphin in the world, the Hector's. In addition, this coastline attracts a huge variety of seabirds including several species of albatross, petrels and shearwaters. The tour is subject to weather conditions and whale sightings are not guaranteed.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 3 ½ hours



Guided Wildlife Experience

Enjoy a guided paddle around the beautiful coastal waters of the Kaikōura Peninsula. Surrounded by sheer cliffs, craggy rocks, and unparalleled views of the Seaward Ranges. See playful fur seals basking in the sun or playing under your kayak, and see them hunting for octopus, their favourite seafood of choice. Keep your eyes peeled for sightings of dusky dolphins, blue penguins, albatross, and humpback whales. The enclosed double sea kayaks are stable on the water, easy to use, and no previous experience is necessary. Sunset tours during the summer months are also available.

Departs: Daily, Year Round (Sunset tour October to May)
Duration: 3 hours

Kaikōura & Lewis Pass Accommodation

White Morph Inn

The White Morph sits on the Esplanade in Kaikōura, a 10-minute walk from the centre of town. With views over the waterfront and surrounding Kaikōura Ranges, this is a well-established Kaikōura property, and it makes for a great base in this whale watching and marine life hot spot. The motel-style accommodation is modern and comfortable with a choice of studios with garden or ocean views. The deluxe studios are on the higher floors, whilst the premium options have hydrotherapy spa baths. Facilities include a guest laundry and BBQ area and there is a choice of eating places within walking distance, or you can enjoy fish and chips on the beach, just across the road.

Location: Kaikōura

Our rating: ★★★★★



Kaikōura Boutique Hotel

This characterful hotel is on Kaikōura's waterfront within walking distance of an array of restaurants, cafes, and shops as well as all the marine activities the town is famous for. The hotel offers a choice of rooms, the waterfront options are particularly lovely with full frontal water views, beautiful bathrooms, and some boast large balconies where you can sit and soak up the ocean views. There's a delicious continental breakfast included for all guests and the bar is a lovely place for pre-dinner drinks before you head into town for a meal. This pretty hotel also has a boutique day spa which offers massages and facials if you are in need of a little pampering.

Location: Kaikōura

Our rating: ★★★★★



Sudima Kaikōura

The Sudima is a modern and contemporary hotel on the Kaikōura waterfront, a short walk from shops and restaurants and offering fabulous sea and mountain views. The choice of rooms includes superior, ocean view and ocean view with balconies and all are light and spacious. During the summer months guest are welcome to enjoy the heated outdoor infinity swimming pool, there's also a small fitness room too. Hiku is the in-house restaurant and a spacious and modern eatery with all day dining and a lovely sunny terrace overlooking the sea. The adjacent bar offers a range of cocktails and a comprehensive list of wines and beer. With all the Kaikōura experiences on your doorstep, the Sudima is an excellent base from which to explore.

Location: Kaikōura

Our rating: ★★★★★



Maruia Hot Springs

Maruia Hot Springs is an award-winning natural hot springs, day spa and wellness destination in the magnificent Southern Alps. Take time to relax in the geothermal mineral hot pools surrounded by the most glorious alpine scenery, disconnect from the world and soak up the tranquillity of this peaceful place. The rooms here are calm and peaceful with natural timbers and a neutral colour palette and some offer mountain or valley views with private terraces. Overnight guests enjoy access to the natural hot pools, sauna, and steam rooms so perfect to experience once the day visitors have left. There's also an array of wellness activities you can book. The in-house restaurant overlooks the Maruia River and forest and offers a menu of superb, organic local produce to complement your stay.

Location: Maruia Springs

Our rating: ★★★★★



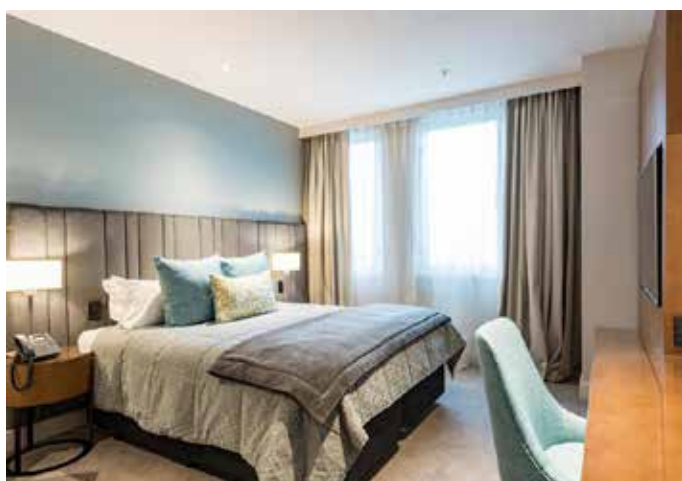


Scenic Hotel Cotswold

This popular hotel is well-known in the city for its Tudor-style architecture and award-winning gardens and offers comfortable, affordable accommodation for visitors. Hagley Park and the Avon River is an easy 10-minute walk from the hotel, whilst the Christchurch Botanic Gardens are a 20-minute stroll. The centre of Christchurch is a 5-minute drive away. The rooms here are light and airy, the suites offer more space and are ideal for families or longer stays. There is a gym and sauna at the hotel and car parking is complimentary. Tudors on Papanui is the hotel restaurant and bar, and the restaurants of Victoria Street are within walking distance. Merivale Mall is also nearby with a choice of boutiques, cafés, and a supermarket.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Distinction Christchurch

With a central location amongst the buzz and rejuvenation of Cathedral Square, the Distinction is in the heart of Christchurch just a short walk from the Botanical Gardens, the Avon River, and the shops of Cashel Street. Rising 11 floors above the square, the hotel offers 179 elegant rooms and suites, which are comfortable spaces to return to after a day exploring. Gumption is the in-house restaurant and bar and there are plenty of dining options within walking distance of the hotel. Whether you are spending a few days exploring the city and its many attractions or perhaps using Christchurch as a base to enjoy trips to Kaikōura for whale watching, a scenic ride aboard the TranzAlpine train or harbour cruises in Akaroa, the Distinction Christchurch is an excellent choice.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Rydges Latimer

With views over Latimer Square, Rydges is a modern, welcoming hotel offering a comfortable stay in the city. A choice of 175 superior, deluxe, premier, and executive rooms feature contemporary Kiwi design and are welcome retreats after a day of exploring. There is an on-site gym and Bloody Mary's is the highly regarded steakhouse restaurant, it's popular with locals and visitors alike, and pre booking is recommended. The adjacent Bloody Mary's Bar has an excellent wine list, with a focus on New Zealand vineyards and a range of rare whiskies. The central location brings a wealth of Christchurch attractions within easy reach and is a great base from which to explore the wider charms of the Canterbury region.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



The Mayfair

The Mayfair is a delightful boutique hotel just a short walk from the centre of the city and moments away from Hagley Park. This is a beautifully elegant and stylish hotel with welcoming rooms featuring contemporary styling, a neutral décor and abundance of natural light. Top of the house rooms have expansive views and private balconies. There are several excellent restaurants nearby however if you choose to dine in then Majestic at the Mayfair is a good choice. Offering a café style ambience throughout the day, as night falls it morphs into a cocktail bar & kitchen with seasonal dishes and superb cocktails. Whilst there is no gym, guests enjoy complimentary access to Total Fitness which is nearby.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Christchurch Accommodation

Eliza's Manor Boutique Hotel

Eliza's is a charming, boutique hotel which occupies an elegant heritage building that dates to 1861. Just 8 spacious rooms feature traditional décor, queen or king size beds and en suite bathrooms and this is a place to stay where there is character in abundance. The building is filled with the historic charm of yesteryear and many of its wonderful, original features have been retained. There is a welcoming guest lounge with a fireplace and a sunny courtyard and an excellent restaurant and bar. Butcher and Bees offers breakfast for all in-house guests and is open for afternoon tea and dinner daily. With a location on the edge of downtown Christchurch it's an easy 5-minute walk to Hagley Park and a 25-minute stroll into the city.

Location: Christchurch

Our rating: ★★★★★



Crowne Plaza Christchurch

The Crown Plaza sits in central Christchurch with an abundance of shopping, dining, and entertainment on the doorstep. Overlooking Victoria Square and the Avon River and with fabulous views, this hotel is a popular choice. The rooms and suites are modern and well-appointed with state-of-the-art technology and some of the best views in the city, particularly from the higher floor rooms. There is also an in-house gym and a hotel library, whilst the Market Place Restaurant offers an excellent dining option, inspired by the local food markets, which were once held in Victoria Square. This central location brings a wealth of shopping and dining within easy reach as well as rides on the Christchurch Tram Car, Hagley Park and the Avon River and the beautiful Christchurch Botanical Gardens.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



Sudima City

This modern hotel is boutique in style and located on Victoria Street, amongst a wonderful array of cafés, restaurants, and bars. Should you prefer to stay closer to home excellent in-house dining comes in the form of The Lane, an all-day Canterbury inspired bistro. For a little pampering the Moss Spa is a tranquil and soothing day spa with an extensive menu of wellness and relaxing treatments. The rooms here are beautifully appointed and feature king or twin beds with elegant décor and space to relax. There's also apartment-style accommodation for those who enjoy more space or are looking for a longer stay. With easy access to excellent dining, shopping, and all the main attractions in the city, the Sudima is an excellent choice in Christchurch.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



The George

The George is something of a Christchurch institution and one of the original boutique hotels in the city. Excellent service, superb dining, beautiful rooms, and style create a wonderful place to stay in an idyllic location. Overlooking Hagley Park and just a short walk from the centre of Christchurch ensures everything you need is on the doorstep. Dining comes in the form of 50 Bistro, regarded as one of the best restaurants in the city and it's open daily for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. There are just 53 elegant rooms and suites, and unusually for a city hotel car parking is complimentary. Facilities include a full gym, complimentary yoga mats and e-bike hire, whilst the footpaths of nearby Hagley Park offer the perfect location for an early morning run or an evening stroll.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



West Coast Glaciers



Franz Josef Heli- Hike

The Franz Josef Glacier is 7 ½ miles long and fed by a massive snowfield at the top of the Southern Alps. It features ice pinnacles as high as multi-story buildings, deep crevasses, and stunning, pristine blue ice and is accessible via one of the most exhilarating experiences in the world. Witness the majesty of the beautiful ice formation from the air as your helicopter takes to the skies above the glacier before descending onto the ice. Your guide will then lead you through some of the most stunning ice formations, immersing you in the icy world of the Franz Josef Glacier.

Departs: Daily, October – March
Duration: 3 hours

Twin Glacier Heli Flight

On this 30-minute experience, you will fly over two of New Zealand's most famous glaciers and land at the head of either the Franz Josef Glacier or Fox Glacier. View the incredible natural phenomenon of the glacier as it winds slowly down the carved valleys from its origin in the mountains high above you. This is a truly memorable helicopter flight-seeing experience, where you will be able to appreciate the majesty and full scale of these ancient glaciers from the air.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 30 minutes with a snow landing



Kayak & Walk

Paddle effortlessly across Lake Mapourika's mirror-like water, taking in the spectacular views of the Southern Alps and glaciers. Once on the far side, your guide will take you to a small bush clad beach where you will get the chance to explore some of Westland's oldest untouched rainforest. The magical Rainforest Trail is designed to take you on a walk through another time through Jurassic Rainforest, filled with abundant bird life and home to the rarest kiwis on the planet - simply unforgettable.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 4 hours



Ōkārīto Penguin Tour

This private experience takes place in Ōkārīto, a small coastal village just 20-minutes from Franz Josef. Explore its fascinating gold mining history and soak in the views of New Zealand's tallest peaks. This is a mystical and breath-taking rainforest environment and the Ōkārīto Lagoon is the country's largest natural wetland home to white heron, owls, royal spoonbills and banded dotterels as well as little blue penguins, furs seals, Hector's dolphins and the occasional southern right whale. You'll arrive at a remote lagoon at dusk to see the little penguins returning up the beach.

Departs: Daily, July-November
Duration: 6-7 hours

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West Coast Glaciers Accommodation

Scenic Hotel Punakaiki

As the setting for the famed Pancake Rocks and Paparoa National Park, Punakaiki is only a 30 minute drive from Greymouth, which is perfect if you are using the TranzAlpine train and the ideal starting point for your West Coast adventure. This oceanfront hotel sits right on the beach and offers 63 comfortable and well-appointed guest rooms with rainforest, beach, and grand ocean view options to choose from. The Ocean View Restaurant & Bar is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and features excellent New Zealand dishes in a beautiful setting, where you can dine watching the sun set over the Tasman Sea. The hotel also has eco friendly eco bikes available for hire if you fancy leaving the car behind for a while and exploring on 2 wheels.

Location: Punakaiki

Our rating: ★★★★★



Breakers Boutique Accommodation

Offering a breathtaking beachfront location overlooking the Tasman Sea, Breakers is an elegant and welcoming retreat between Greymouth and Punakaiki and the intriguing Pancake Rocks and Blowholes. Your hosts are New Zealand born and bred and passionate about the region and their homeland. This lovely accommodation offers just 4 rooms, wonderful sea and mountain views and a private track that leads down to the beach. 2 rooms are in the main house and 2 further rooms are set in the garden annex, all have en suite bathrooms and wonderful sea views, there is also a guest lounge. Breakers sits on 2 acres of native bush and landscaped gardens and is a welcoming and peaceful spot to stay.

Location: 8 1/2 miles from Greymouth

Our rating: ★★★★★



Beachfront Hotel

Set on the beachfront in central Hokitika, this comfortable hotel has easy access to the shops and galleries of the town. The choice of rooms includes several with fabulous ocean views over the Tasman Sea and the Ocean View Restaurant offers both set and a la carte menus and the adjoining bar is a welcoming spot where you can enjoy a drink with the locals. The town of Hokitika is 25 miles south from Greymouth and is an excellent stopping point on any West Coast itinerary, whichever direction you are heading. A 30-minute drive inland from the coast brings you to Hokitika Gorge and Scenic Reserve, a must-see natural attraction where the vivid turquoise waters of the gorge are framed by stark white cliffs and lush rainforest.

Location: Hokitika

Our rating: ★★★★★



Glenfern Villas

Glenfern Villas sit just outside the West Coast township of Franz Josef, a short drive from the glacier of the same name and around 20 minutes from Fox Glacier. There is a choice of 1- and 2-bedroom apartments, which are simple but comfortably furnished and feature fully equipped kitchens and private outside seating areas, BBQ's are also available. If you want to dine out, a number of restaurants in Franz Josef offer a complimentary pick up and drop off service to Glenfern, so you can leave the car behind. The glaciers are the natural drawcard here and there are many ways to discover them including scenic flights, there is also a wealth of lake, bush, and river walking trails to enjoy, cruises on Lake Mapourika, horse trekking and mountain bike hire.

Location: Franz Josef

Our rating: ★★★★★





58 On Cron

Sitting in well-established native rainforest bush gardens, which are alive with the sound of birdsong, and surrounded by soaring mountain peaks, 58 on Cron offers comfortable accommodation in a spectacular setting. The motel is just a short walk from the main village. Accommodation options here range from studios, 1- and 2-bedroom apartments which feature living areas and kitchenettes. This comfortable property offers a central base from which to explore.

Location: Franz Josef

Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Punga Grove

Offering simple but comfortable accommodation in the centre of Franz Josef, Punga Grove is an affordable choice on the West Coast. The property offers a choice of accommodation ranging from studios to 1- and 2-bedroom suites, which also have kitchenette facilities. Private decks put the lush rainforest and pristine native bush front and centre stage. Facilities include a guest laundry and communal BBQ area and the central location in Franz Josef ensures that there is a selection of restaurants, cafes, and bars within a short walk.

Location: Franz Josef Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Rainforest Retreat

This unique property is located in Franz Josef and offers a choice of accommodation in the rainforest. Choose from timber cottages and tree lodges, with spacious decks or indulge in a deluxe tree lodge, house or spa tree house for the ultimate in relaxation. Monsoon Restaurant and Bar is the in-house dining option and offers substantial, hearty meals. The central location makes this a great base from which to explore.

Location: Franz Josef Our rating: ★ ★ ★



Scenic Hotel Franz Josef

On the edge of the Westland World Heritage Park, in the centre of the village and just a short drive from the spectacular Franz Josef Glacier, the Scenic Hotel is a popular choice on the West Coast. The accommodation comprises of 3 room types, set across 2 wings in the hotel. Canavans is the in-house restaurant offering hearty meals, perfect after a busy day exploring, whilst Moa Bar with its open fire and relaxed seating is ideal for a pre-dinner drink. There is a guest laundry and access to the superb Amaia Spa, at the Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Location: Franz Josef Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Te Waonui Forest Retreat

Designed as a stylish, sustainable retreat in one of the most stunning locations in New Zealand, Te Waonui is an outstanding choice on the West Coast. The supremely comfortable rooms feature an extensive range of facilities, and all have private balconies with forest views. The lounge bar offers relaxed dining and drinks by a cosy fire or overlooking the rainforest. Whilst the Canopy Restaurant showcases a carefully curated menu in a treetop setting.

Location: Franz Josef Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Distinction Fox Glacier Te Weheka Inn

A 20-minute drive south from Franz Josef brings you to the little township of Fox Glacier, home to the magnificent glacier of the same name, which is the largest on the West Coast. The Te Weheka Inn is just a short walk from the village and offers 20 lovely rooms with private balconies, a guest lounge, library, and laundry. There is also a breakfast restaurant and a wealth of attractions within easy reach.

Location: Fox Glacier Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Queenstown



Skyline Gondola & Dinner

Queenstown's most popular attraction, the gondola carries visitors high above Queenstown to the Skyline complex located on Bob's Peak. Take the gondola to the top and enjoy the amazing views then sit down for dinner at Queenstown's most spectacular location. Feast on South Island salmon, seafood, salads, roast meats, and delicious desserts - and soak up the most stunning scenery in the country with breathtaking views of Coronet Peak, the Remarkables, Walter Peak and Lake Wakatipu. A premium experience guaranteeing a window seat is also available.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 90 minutes

Safari of the Scenes

The perfect tour for those who want the thrills of an off-road adventure but also want to discover exciting Lord of the Rings film locations. The Wakatipu Basin tour takes you to The Remarkables, which were used as various mountains throughout the trilogy including the Misty Mountains. See locations used for the refugees of Rohan and the Battle of the Wargs scenes, for Argonath, or Pillars of the Kings. Follow a historic gold mining road, try your hand at panning for gold and enjoy morning or afternoon tea as you take in the spectacular scenery.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: ½ and Full Day tours available



Twilight Wine & Craft Beer Tour

Visit 3 unique locations around Queenstown and Gibbston Valley on this fun and entertaining tastebud tingling adventure. Enjoy a minimum of 12 tastings of some of the finest drops in the region, and if beer is more your thing, then you can bounce from vines to hops and enjoy tasting local craft beers instead for an ultimate local flavour experience. The late afternoon departure means you can still enjoy everything Queenstown has to offer during the day before joining this tour. Shared antipasto platters are also included, a perfect starter for once you finish the tour and head into town for dinner.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 4 hours

Milford Sound Flight

Explore Milford Sound's stunning fiord from the air and on the water. Depart from Queenstown on a scenic 40-minute flight to Milford Sound which takes you over the spectacular Southern Alps. Upon landing, you will be transferred to board a Milford Sound nature cruise. Cruise the full length of the fiord to the Tasman Sea for excellent wildlife viewing including seals, dolphins, and penguins when in season. An informative commentary is provided by the skipper. The return flight back to Queenstown takes a different path so that passengers experience further dramatic scenery before arriving back at Queenstown Airport for the return transfer to your accommodation.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 4 ½ hours



Kinross Cottages

Set against a backdrop of dramatic mountain peaks and the pretty vineyards of the Gibbston Valley, Kinross is a vineyard, a place to stay and a place to dine. With 14 studio-style cottages tucked amongst their Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris vines, this is a glorious place to stay just 25-minutes from Queenstown. Exposed timbers and clean lines feature throughout, and these comfortable cottages offer small kitchenettes and outside space where you can relax with a glass of wine and soak in the views. There's an on-site bistro and cellar door so you don't need to venture far to enjoy the superb Gibbston Valley food and wine and after a day exploring a soak in the outdoor hot tub is always welcome. Breakfast is included as is a hosted wine tasting, showcasing the fabulous wine from Central Otago.

Location: Gibbston Valley, near Queenstown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

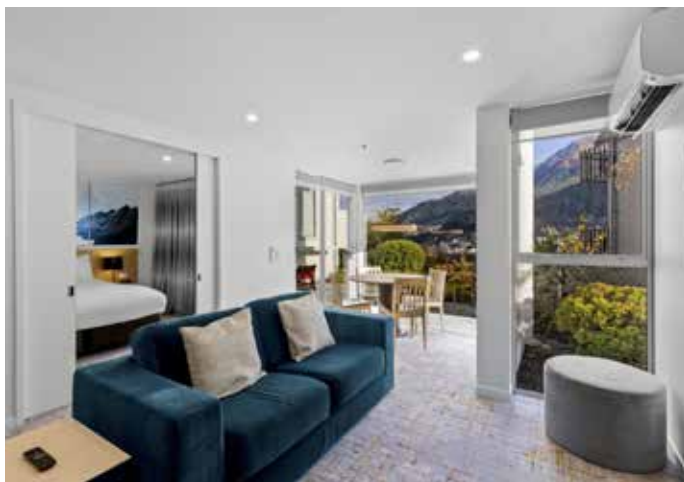


Copthorne Hotel & Resort Queenstown Lakefront

Overlooking the sparkling water of Lake Wakatipu, the Copthorne is a welcoming hotel within walking distance of the centre of Queenstown. Choose between superior and superior lakeview rooms, or the junior suites which offer more space. Several of the lakeview rooms also boast private balconies. Impressions is the in-house restaurant and cocktail bar, both offer magical views over the lake, and are the perfect place to end the day. There is also an excellent selection of dining options just a short walk away.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Scenic Suites Queenstown

This comfortable hotel offers an excellent location in Queenstown with beautiful views of Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountain peaks are just a short walk from the centre of town. Rooms here are modern and contemporary in style and come in a variety of options including hotel-style studio rooms or self-contained apartment suites with 1 or 2 bedrooms with full kitchen and laundry facilities. Many offer lake and mountain views, which you can choose when booking and all have a small private terrace or balcony. The lobby area is shared with the adjacent Heartland Hotel and is where you'll find a cosy bar and fireplace and the Peaks Restaurant, which is open for all day dining. Guests enjoy complimentary access to a fully equipped fitness centre, parking is also available.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Hotel St Moritz

In an elevated setting with glorious views over Lake Wakatipu and the dramatic Remarkable Mountains, this alpine-inspired hotel is an elegant and stylish choice in Queenstown. Curated works of art and bespoke furnishings give this boutique hotel a firm sense of place whilst the impressive array of accommodation includes traditional hotel rooms and 1-bedroom alpine suites, some of which boast magnificent lake views and private balconies. Lombardi offers award-winning dining which encompasses the bar, dining room and library for a choice of dining style to suit your mood. Queenstown is also home to an excellent and diverse selection of restaurants which are within walking distance of the hotel. Leisure facilities include a well-equipped gym and the tranquil hot tub garden.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Queenstown Accommodation

Millennium Queenstown

The Millennium Queenstown is a 10-minute walk from the central shopping and dining area in Queenstown and offers a comfortable and welcoming place to stay. The rooms are well-appointed and traditional in style with superior, deluxe, and junior suite options available. The junior suites feature separate living and sleeping areas if you like a little more space. The Observatory Restaurant offers excellent New Zealand dishes, whilst the Club Bar is a relaxing place for drinks, there is also a bar menu of light meals and dinner menu available. Facilities include a fitness centre and sauna.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★★★★★



Heritage Queenstown

Created from centuries old schist stone, weathered over the years and cedar timbers, the Heritage is a lovely hotel sitting on the lakefront a 10-minute stroll along the lake from the centre of Queenstown. The choice of accommodation available includes deluxe, executive, studio suites and 2-bedroom suites, with lakeview options available in most categories. All are comfortable and welcoming retreats, and all have private balconies. Facilities include an indoor/outdoor swimming pool, spa and sauna and a well-equipped fitness centre is nearby. Mackenzies Restaurant and Bar is open for breakfast and dinner, during the cooler months open fires add to the ambience, during the summer dine alfresco on the sunny terrace. Parking is complimentary.

Location: Fernhill

Our rating: ★★★★★



Kamana Lakehouse

The elevated setting of Kamana Lakehouse ensures the most wonderful of lake and mountain views from the hotel. Boutique in style the rooms here come in several guises, the lead-in options have no views but are still beautifully appointed and spacious. Remarkables rooms have partial views, whilst Tahuna lakeview and lakeview luxe rooms offer stunning, uninterrupted panoramic views over Lake Wakatipu. The Nest Kitchen & Bar is a stunning space with floor to ceiling windows framing the view and open for breakfast and dinner, light meals and bar snacks are also available. After a busy day, relax in one of the private soaking tubs and unwind in front of the memorable view. Kamana is a 5-minute drive from the centre of Queenstown.

Location: Fernhill, Queenstown

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Rees Hotel

Sitting on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, the Rees is a 5-minute drive from the centre of Queenstown or a 30-minute walk along the lake. There's a complimentary shuttle service which runs into town and also a wharf for accessing the water taxi. The Rees offers a range of elegant accommodation options including traditional hotel rooms and 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments, many with glorious lake views. All are stylish and contemporary and offer space in abundance. True South Dining Room is the restaurant at the Rees and as the name suggests focuses on superb produce from the south of the island. The Bordeaux Lounge Bar is where you can enjoy a superb glass of wine by the fire and soaking up the memorable views over the lake and mountain beyond.

Location: Lakefront

Our rating: ★★★★★



Fiordland



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Dart River Safari & Funyaks

This is a truly unique adventure and a fun way to experience an outstanding area. The day starts with an exciting jet boat trip up the Dart River. You'll then disembark and continue your journey in an inflatable canoe. Paddle and drift on a spectacular downstream journey with your guide. Stop amongst the ancient beech forest, enjoy a buffet style lunch, and take the opportunity to explore the hidden side streams, rock pools and dramatic chasms. Afterwards continue downstream to 'Paradise', from where you'll return to Glenorchy by coach via a back-country route.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: Full Day

Routeburn Track

Depart Queenstown on a road that clings to the very edge of the lake. From time to time, the road rises to superb vantage points for unparalleled panoramas of jagged, snow-capped mountains, rolling alpine farmland and glorious tussock meadows. Your trek in the Mount Aspiring National Park begins with a gradual ascent, through 130-million-year-old magical world of ferns, mosses, lichens, and beech forest to the rich grassland of Routeburn Flats, overlooked on all sides by cloud-scraping mountains. Stop here for a picnic lunch before heading back and enjoying the valley in reverse.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: Full Day



Milford Sound Scenic Heli Flight

Take to the skies for a journey through New Zealand's most dramatic scenery. This captivating flight soars over alpine lakes, lush rainforest, and past rugged peaks. You'll experience the grandeur of the Southern Alps en route before landing at The Divide. From here fly into the heart of Fiordland National Park experiencing unparalleled views of world-famous Milford Sound and Mitre Peak. On your return flight you'll experience an alpine landing before returning to Queenstown.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 1½ hours

Milford Track Giant Gate Guided Walk

Your day begins with a transfer to Milford Sound and a short boat ride to Sandfly Point. The Giant Gate is an easy 7-mile round trip walk alongside the cascading Arthur River and Lake Ada, on a well-maintained track to Giant Gate. Take in this beautiful waterfall from the large swing bridge. The return walk is under ancient temperate rainforest surrounded by ferns, mosses, and lichens in vibrant shades of green. This is a wonderful way to discover part of the Milford Track with total walking time of around 4 hours.

Departs: October – Apr
Duration: Full Day

Fiordland Day Tours

Milford Sound Nature Cruise

The journey to Milford is a showcase of sheer mountains and towering cliffs, rugged valleys and native rain forest surrounded by teeming waterfalls and glacial lakes. The 2-hour cruise takes in the highlights of Milford Sound and follows the full length of the fiord. The modern vessel has comfortable indoor seating and panoramic windows, and a large open outdoor upper deck affords excellent wildlife viewing including seals, dolphins, and penguins when in season. A range of lunch options are available for purchase (must be preordered). Transfers are available from Queenstown and Te Anau.

Departure Dates: Daily, Year Round

Duration: Full Day



Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise

From Te Anau make a short journey through rolling countryside to Manapouri, where you'll cruise across the calm waters of Lake Manapouri to West Arm. Reboard a coach to cross the alpine route through Wilmot Pass and some of Fiordland's most dense rainforest. At Deep Cove, board a modern catamaran vessel for a cruise exploring the waterways of this serene and isolated fiord. The scenery is spectacular with waterfalls, rainforest, and mountains all the way out to the Tasman Sea. As you cruise an onboard nature guide will share their specialist knowledge of the region. On the return cruise, the vessel's engines are turned off for you to enjoy the 'sound of silence'.

Departure Dates: Daily, October - April

Duration: Full Day



Luxury Small Group Milford Sound

Explore Milford Sound on a small group tour in the comfort of a custom made 16-seater Mercedes touring vehicle. This premium touring experiences offers extended legroom, leather interior, panoramic windows, and a glass roof for the best views. Journey into the heart of Fiordland National Park, on a remote touring experience with many scenic highlights, including glacier-carved valleys, blue lakes, and native bush. Once in Milford Sound, join a stunning 2-hour small boat nature cruise to see waterfalls, spot fur seals, penguins and occasionally dolphins. Please note the cruise element of this tour is not a small group.

Departure Dates: Daily, Year Round

Duration: Full Day



Milford Cruiser Kayak Tour

This is an enjoyable and relaxed 2-hour paddling experience with postcard views of Milford and Lady Bowen Falls, the fiord's tallest waterfall. This trip is ideal if you are short on time and suitable for all levels of kayak experience and is an excellent option for first-time or novice paddlers. The shorter trip means you have more time to explore the fabulous scenery along the winding Milford Road and have time to fit in a boat cruise on Milford Sound or a hike to make your day complete.

Departure Dates: Daily, November - April

Duration: 3 hours



Milford Sound Overnight Cruise

2 days

Embarking on overnight cruise of Milford Sound is an incredible way to experience this dramatic part of Fiordland and enjoy a peaceful moment in the sheer beauty of this often-busy environment. The opportunity to witness the fiord during the early evening or first thing in the morning makes for a very special experience. Your overnight cruise is aboard the Milford Mariner, a purpose-built ship, designed to replicate a traditional trading scow, and perfectly designed for cruising the fiords. The cruise departs from the wharf in Milford late afternoon and sails through the sound at a relaxed pace giving plenty of time to see the spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountain peaks and wildlife. Seals are a common sight and penguins and dolphins are often encountered too. After dropping anchor in a sheltered cove, you can join a guide in one of the tender vessels or explore under your own steam by kayak. Alternatively, you can simply relax on deck and soak in the scenery. As evening falls dinner is served in the dining room, enjoy the company of your fellow traveller or, if the night is clear, head out onto the deck for a little star gazing, there is no light pollution in Milford Sound and the night skies are truly magical. Afterwards, retire to your private, en suite cabin for the night.

The following morning a hearty breakfast is served, setting you up for the day. There is time for further exploration and the Mariner heads back out to the Tasman Sea before returning to the wharf in Milford. Transport is available from Queenstown and Te Anau, or you can make your own way to Milford for the sailing.

Dates: Daily, October - April

Duration: 2 days / 1 night



Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

2 days

This incredible Doubtful Sound experience takes place aboard a small, family-owned motor cruiser and offers a very personal and authentic experience in one of the most naturally beautiful places in the Fiordland National Park. They have been sailing overnight cruises in Doubtful Sound for over 45 years and know the region intimately. From Pearl Harbour in Manapouri the experience begins with a scenic cruise to West Arm, followed by a courtesy bus over the Wilmott Pass, this is where you'll catch your first glimpses of Doubtful Sound. The MV Southern Secret departs from Deep Cove around midday, lunch is served onboard as you set sail. This intimate cruise enables you to explore at a relaxed pace with many opportunities to learn about the history, take photographs and pause to observe the marine life including dolphins, seals and penguins that make their home here. As you pass through the sound you can check the crayfish pots for Fiordland lobster, cast a fishing line or get down to the water level and explore as you paddle a kayak over the calm, dark water. There are a number of overnight anchorages including Crooked Arm, First Arm and Precipice Cove and your crew will pick their spot. Your evening meal is prepared by the onboard crew and then there is opportunity (weather permitting) for some memorable star gazing. There are just 5 spacious en suite cabins onboard and all have small opening windows. There's also a dining and living area and there are outside viewing decks at the bow and stern.

After a light breakfast the MV Southern Secret makes her way leisurely back to Deep Cove for the reverse journey over Wilmott Pass and across Lake Manapouri to Pearl Harbour. Transport options from Te Anau and Queenstown are available.

Dates: Daily, August - May

Duration: 2 days / 1 night



Te Anau Accommodation

Distinction Luxmore Te Anau

Offering a central location with the shores of Lake Te Anau just a short walk away, this well-established hotel is a comfortable place to stay. Accommodation choices include standard and superior hotel rooms and suites as well as deluxe rooms and suites, some with views over the soaring Fiordland Ranges. The hotel has 2 dining options with Bailiez Café and Bar, a spot that is popular with the locals and Hilights Restaurant, known for its buffet breakfast and carvery buffet evening meals. There's also a well-equipped fitness centre and parking is complimentary for guests.

Location: Te Anau

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Distinction Hotel & Villas

Set in beautiful gardens and surrounded by some of the most breath-taking scenery in New Zealand, this popular hotel is an excellent base for exploring the Fiordland region. Its lakefront location puts Lake Te Anau and the Fiordland Range front and centre stage. There are 112 hotel rooms and villa suites offering garden and lake views, the villa suites are particularly spacious. Mackinnon Restaurant is a place for elegant dining with views over the lake, the Explorer Bar is a lovely spot for pre-dinner drinks or to watch the sun set from the outdoor terrace. Facilities include an open-air swimming pool, which is open seasonally and sauna.

Location: Te Anau

Our rating: ★★★★★



Dunluce

The Dunluce is a purpose-built bed and breakfast retreat on the outskirts of Te Anau. It's a peaceful setting with views over to Lake Te Anau and the surrounding Fiordland mountains and the town is a 5-minute drive or a level 25-minute walk. The 4 modern guest rooms are warm and comfortable, light, and sunny spaces which are a pleasure to return to after a day in Fiordland. A delicious breakfast is served in the dining room each morning and there's a private guest lounge with a great selection of books, games and astro-binoculars for star gazing, with little light pollution in Fiordland the night sky is spectacular. There's also a refreshment area where guests are welcome to help themselves to hot drinks and homemade cakes and fruit.

Location: Te Anau

Our rating: ★★★★★



Prospect Lodge

With serene mountain and lake vistas, Prospect Lodge sits high on a ridge outside the township of Te Anau with unparalleled views over Lake Te Anau. Architecturally designed and surrounded by beautiful farmland, this is a delightful place to stay whilst discovering the staggering natural beauty of Fiordland. There are just 2 guest rooms with super-king beds and private terraces framing the views. Relax by the open fire with a glass of wine in the lounge or in front of the outdoor fireplace as you watch the sun set over the mountains beyond. Breakfast is included for all guests along with pre-dinner drinks and canapes, which can also be enjoyed in the privacy of your room. The lodge is only a short drive from Te Anau where there is a choice of dining options available.

Location: Te Anau

Our rating: ★★★★★



Southern Lakes & Mount Cook



Glacier Explorers

Meet your tour at Aoraki/Mount Cook. Learn about the ever-changing glacial landscape as you journey across the terminal lake in a custom-built boat with your experienced guides. Icebergs of every shape and size periodically tear away from the face of the glacier into the rapidly growing lake. Lateral moraines rear up almost 200m to remind us of the scale and greatness that the glacier has reached in previous times. With the effects of global warming and other climatic processes taking their toll on New Zealand glaciers, their retreat is imminent.

Departs: Jan – Jun and Sept – Dec
Duration: 3 hours

Soak in the Stars

Your tour begins in Tekapo with an introduction to the night sky with a star gazing guide, this element of the tour focuses on the mythology and legend attributed to celestial objects by different cultures around the world. The second half of your experience is where it really gets magical. Step into a hot pool and lie back in your floating hammock and as gentle music plays, you'll feel as though you are floating amongst the stars as you explore the wonders of the night sky.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 1 ½ hours



Star Gazing - Mt John Observatory Tour

The Dark Sky Project is located in Lake Tekapo and it's here that you can join an experienced guide to gaze at the skies from the most southern research observatory in the world. With the use of powerful telescopes, you can view planets, star-clusters, nebulae, and distant galaxies. If the evening is cloudy an alternative 'Observatory Tour', is offered where your guide will escort you through this working research observatory to learn about the projects being undertaken using New Zealand's largest telescope, the MOA.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 1 ¾ hours

Mou Waho Cruise & Guided Nature Walk

Explore Mou Waho Island on this guided experience from Wānaka. The island is a predator free reserve where you can see first hand the results of the conservation work that has taken place including sightings of the rare flightless Buff Weka (extinct on the mainland since 1920) and many other flightless birds. A guided nature walk takes in the glacial lake at the top of the island, where you're surrounded by the most breath-taking scenery. As you walk your guide will share their extensive local knowledge on the history, flora and fauna and geology of the region.

Departs: July – May
Duration: 3 hours

Southern Lakes & Aoraki/Mount Cook Accommodation

Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel

With a classic stone exterior this country hotel perfectly reflects the dramatic mountain and river landscapes that it sits within, and it's a welcoming and comfortable base from which to explore the Mackenzie region. Twizel is a small town in the centre of the Aoraki/Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve and with little light pollution, the night skies here may be the most spectacular you have ever seen. The hotel is only a short walk from the centre of Twizel and is a great base from which to explore Lake Tekapo and cycling part of the Alps to Ocean Cycle Trail. The rooms are simple but comfortable and all have private balconies. The Four Seasons Restaurant & Bar serves welcoming, hearty meals and a perfect spot to relax and refuel after a day exploring.

Location: Twizel

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Hermitage Mount Cook

This legendary hotel lies in the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, surrounded by the most breath-taking natural scenery and New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki/Mount Cook dominates the landscape. There is a choice of rooms including standard, superior, premium, and premium plus and many offer beautiful views. Dining options include the Alpine Restaurant, which offers buffet options for breakfast and dinner, and the a la carte Panorama Room. A short distance from the hotel, at the Mount Cook Lodge is the Chamois Bar & Grill, which offers classic pub meals in a relaxed setting. Alongside the incredible natural attractions there is also the Sir Edmund Hillary Museum with a planetarium and myriad of ways to explore this incredible national park.

Location: Mount Cook/Aoraki National Park

Our rating: ★★★★★



Lakestone Lodge

This small but perfectly formed lodge sits amidst some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Surrounded by the mighty Southern Alps and overlooking the calm, turquoise waters of Lake Pukaki. Lakestone offers 6 guest rooms and 2 self-contained apartments. The guest rooms feature floor to ceiling windows, bathtubs with a view and sit within the main lodge, the spa suites have a private courtyard and outdoor hot tub. The apartments are located behind the main lodge and are a good option for guests who are looking for a fully self-contained option, please note the apartments do not have use of lodge facilities. There are walking trails from the lodge. Breakfast and a 3-course gourmet evening meal is included for all lodge guests.

Location: Lake Pukaki

Our rating: ★★★★★



Peppers Bluewater Resort

Within touching distance of Lake Tekapo, Peppers Bluewater is a relaxing base from which to explore the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park. Choose between a selection of traditional hotel rooms and 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom suites and villas, many with mountain or lake views. The cool colour scheme is inspired by the very beautiful, natural surroundings and the use of neutral tones and pale timbers enhances the tranquil feel of this alpine region. Rakinui Restaurant & Bar follows the farm to table philosophy and offers a New Zealand focused wine list. The centre of Lake Tekapo is a short walk away, whilst a 15-minute stroll will bring you to the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd.

Location: Lake Tekapo

Our rating: ★★★★★



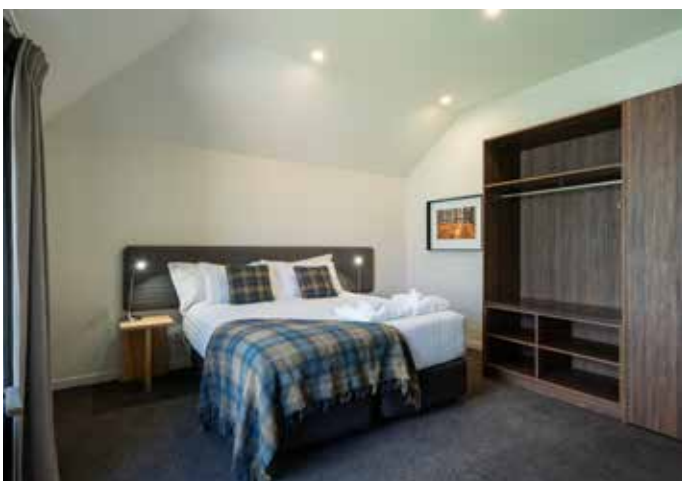


Oakridge Resort

Lying on the outskirts of Wānaka, just over a mile from Lake Wānaka, Oakridge Resort offers a range of accommodation with hotel rooms and 1- and 2-bedroom apartments, which are ideal for longer stays or families, with kitchen and laundry facilities. There are 9 heated outdoor hot pools, which are wonderful for relaxing in after a day exploring, there's also a 25m lap pool, a fitness facility and The Sanctuary Spa, a soothing day spa which offers a range of treatments. Jacob's Grill is the in-house restaurant whilst the Poolhouse Bar is a great place to enjoy a drink at the end of the day. The choice of accommodation and range of facilities makes this an ideal base for discovering Wānaka and the surrounding area.

Location: Wānaka

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Edgewater Hotel

Wānaka is Queenstown's laid-back and relaxed little sister, equally beautiful, surrounded by snow-capped peaks and sitting on the lake of the same name. The Edgewater Hotel is on the shores of Lake Wānaka and a delightful base from which to explore the Southern Lakes region. Choose from hotel rooms, or if you prefer a little more space there are 1-bedroom suites and 2-bedroom apartments, all are comfortable and style and feature a private terrace or balcony. The Edgewater Restaurant showcases local cuisine in a modern and contemporary way with a menu that changes with the seasons. The resort also offers a range of facilities including 2 tennis courts, a 9-hole putting green, children's playground, spa pools and sauna and mountain bikes are available for hire.

Location: Wānaka

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Te Wānaka Lodge

This welcoming, alpine-style lodge is found in the centre of Wānaka and offers a comfortable and relaxed place to stay. The charming lodge rooms are cosy places to rest after a day of exploration, all have en suite bathrooms and a private terrace. Throughout the lodge you'll find inviting spaces to relax, perhaps in front of the fire with a glass of wine, or in the library with a good book. Te Wānaka also offer a garden cottage room, which is located in the courtyard garden. Breakfast is included for all guests as well as complimentary afternoon tea with delicious homemade cake. The central location of the lodge ensures there are plenty of evening dining options within easy walking distance and your hosts are happy to share their favourite places with you.

Location: Wānaka

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Tin Tub Lodge

Boasting a glorious setting overlooking the peaceful waters of Lake Wānaka, Tin Tub Lodge is just a 5-minute drive from the centre of Wānaka. Huge windows frame the incredible mountain and lake views and within the main lodge you'll find a welcoming guest lounge with an open fire, library, and elegant dining room. The terrace is a wonderful spot to enjoy a glass of wine and just soak up the magnificence of your surroundings. Tin Tub Lodge offers 5 guest rooms, the peak rooms are comfortable and cosy with private balconies, whilst the 3 lodge rooms feature vaulted ceilings, a deep spa bath and outside on the private terrace, a pair of twin tin tubs for bathing under the stars. There's a large swimming pool, a tennis court and infrared sauna and mountain bikes available.

Location: Wānaka

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Dunedin & Southland



Castle to Cruise

Your day begins at Larnach Castle to see magnificent carved ceilings, antiques and the painstakingly restored original. Join your wildlife cruise around Tairaroa Head, home to the world's only mainland nesting place of royal albatross. See New Zealand fur seals play and swim before heading a short way out to sea to spot albatross, cormorants, petrels and with a little luck, you might spot blue penguins, dolphins or sea lions. The final stop is a yellow-eyed penguin conservation reserve where you can walk through native bushland viewing hides and watch the world's rarest penguin return to shore.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: Full Day

Larnach Castle & Ground Guided Tour

Nestled on the spectacular Otago Peninsula, Larnach Castle is New Zealand's only castle and sits on 1,000 acres of farmland. The castle is privately owned and has been lovingly restored by the Barker family who purchased it as their home in 1967. Visit the castle and discover its rich history, explore the exquisite gardens which have attained a Garden of International Significance award from the New Zealand Gardens Trust. Take a walk through this beautiful castle as you discover its 43 rooms and learn of the scandalous and tragic tale of the castle's original owner, William Larnach.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: Flexible



Peninsula Encounter and Albatross Centre

Your tour begins with postcard views of the harbour and coast. As you travel, spot wading birds around the inlets and the wetland eco-systems. Stop off at a remote Otago Peninsula beach for a short walk with dramatic views of rugged cliffs, and perhaps the huge sea lions. Tairaroa Head is home to the Royal Albatross Centre, here you'll visit the private viewing observatory for a look at the northern royal albatross breeding colony. The final stop is at a yellow-eyed penguin conservation reserve, for a tour of the reserve and the opportunity to see the world's rarest penguin return to shore.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 6 1/2-7 hours depending on the time of year

Evening Kiwi Spotting Tour

This evening experience begins with a briefing about etiquette when viewing kiwi in the wild followed by a short drive to Mamaku Point Conservation Reserve, Stewart Island, your guide has exclusive rights to operate kiwi spotting tours. The reserve is enclosed by a biosecurity fence to inhibit the movement of non-native mammals into the reserve, and it protects over 120 native species. With little or no light pollution visitors often enjoy the spectacular night sky in the company of kiwi snuffling. At certain times of the year penguins and petrels can be heard, and most evenings the distinctive two-tone Morepork calls resound around the forest.

Departs: Daily, Year Round
Duration: 2 1/2 hours



Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

With a central location in the centre of Dunedin, this is one of the most established hotels in the city and offers stylish accommodation with excellent shopping, dining, and entertainment close to hand. The property dates back to the 1800's and has retained much of its elegance and charm. There are 178 rooms and suites which are modern and elegant in style and a variety of in-house dining options including the Carlton Restaurant, Boldini Café & Wine Bar, and the Port's O' Call Bar & Grill. Additional facilities include a fitness room and guest laundry.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

This contemporary designed hotel is close to the Octagon and Dunedin's shops and restaurants, making it an excellent choice to stay in the city. There are 121 well-appointed rooms and suites, the executive rooms and suites are on the top floor, and all feature a private balcony and several have city or harbour views. Princes on Dowling Restaurant & Bar is street-side and open for breakfast and dinner, there is also a lounge bar with a fireplace and large screen TV showing sporting events. There is a good selection of restaurants and cafes within an easy stroll of the hotel.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Distinction Dunedin

Dating back to 1937, this former Post Office has been transformed into an elegant and welcoming hotel in the rejuvenated Warehouse precinct in the heart of Dunedin. The 123 rooms and suites offer super-comfortable beds and all are equipped with useful features such as small kitchenettes with microwaves and laundry facilities. Parcels is the hotel restaurant and open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the afternoon tea is highly thought after in the city too. Post Bar is a lively spot for pre-dinner drinks. The location of this lovely hotel ensures that a wealth of shopping and eating options are within easy reach. Keep in shape while you are away there is also an on-site gym.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Fable Dunedin

The Fable is an elegant and boutique hotel with just 50 beautiful guest rooms and suites in the heart of Dunedin. Whether you choose one of the classic, superior or luxury rooms or indulge with a stay in one of the beautiful suites, you will find contemporary and timeless décor, rich fabrics, and a nod to Dunedin's Scottish heritage with flashes of tartan. When it comes to re-fuelling then the Press Club is a great choice. This bespoke bar and restaurant plays homage to the original haunt for Dunedin's writers and publishers in the 1870s. The menu is locally sourced and features classic flavours, the whisky list is impressive. The Fable has a central location with shopping and dining on your doorstep and is a wonderful base from which to explore Dunedin and the magnificent Otago Peninsula.

Location: Downtown

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Southland Accommodation

Cascade Creek Retreat

Cascade Creek Retreat is a delightful, off-grid escape offering private accommodation in the rolling hills of South Otago. Lying on an award-winning farm just a 45-minute drive from Dunedin, this exclusive space is yours to enjoy. The beautiful log cabin features rustic timbers, 2 bedrooms, the full kitchen and BBQ means you can be entirely self-sufficient and with no TV or mobile phone signal, this is a chance to disconnect and immerse yourself in the stunning surroundings. See a myriad of native birds including bellbirds, tūi and wood pigeons or light the fire and relax with a good book. The 2 outdoor baths, combined with a glass of wine and star gazing are the perfect way to end the day.

Location: The Catlins

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Lodges at Transport World

Located opposite one of Invercargill's premier attractions Bill Richardson Transport World, these lodges offer a unique place to stay in the town. Choose from the elegant honeymoon suite, which is also wheelchair accessible and the 2-bedroom apartments which feature light and airy bedrooms, beautiful bathrooms and kitchens equipped with everything you might need. Comfortable living spaces with lounging sofas and gas fireplaces make these an excellent base. There are shops and cafes within walking distance and the ferry to Stewart Island is a 30-minute drive away.

Location: Invercargill

Our rating: ★★★★★



Olivers Lodge & Stables

Olivers is a collection of heritage buildings that in a former life served those who sought their fortune during the Otago gold rush in the 1860's. Olivers Lodge & Stables feature 2 styles of accommodation. There are 5 stable rooms, which are charmingly rustic with thick stone walls and timber stable doors, that open to a sunny courtyard and 6 elegant rooms within the main lodge. Clyde sits in the heart of Central Otago and is renowned for its cycling trails including the Otago Central Rail Trail, which follows the former route of the Otago Railway and the Lake Dunstan Trail which links Clyde to Cromwell. After a day in the magnificent scenery of the Otago, Olivers Restaurant is an award-winning dining spot or enjoy a drink in the Victoria Store Brewery.

Location: Clyde

Our rating: ★★★★★



The Lord Clyde

The Lord Clyde is a beautifully renovated building within the historical precinct in Clyde and offers just 9 charming en suite rooms. Breakfast is included for all guests and other dining options include the Merchant of Clyde Café, which is open daily for breakfast and brunch, and award-winning Olivers Restaurant which is just across the road. Spend your time exploring the cycle trails or discovering the superb vineyards that Central Otago is renowned for, in particular its pinot noir. There are hiking trails to follow and a wealth of water-based activities on Lake Dunstan and the Clutha River and gold mining experiences to try. Afterwards, relax with a glass of wine in the Lord Clyde's private garden overlooking the river.

Location: Clyde

Our rating: ★★★★★



Stewart Island Lodge

Overlooking Halfmoon Bay and the Foveaux Strait, Stewart Island Lodge is private and secluded but also only a 5-minute walk from the centre of Oban village where you'll find a selection of restaurants and the pub. The grounds surrounding the lodge play host to a multitude of birdlife that the island is renowned for including the kaka, which is the native parrot, and the terrace offers stunning views over the garden to the ocean beyond. There are 6 en suite rooms at the lodge and a complimentary guest lounge, continental breakfast is included and complimentary transport from the ferry terminal can be arranged.

Location: Stewart Island

Our rating: ★★☆☆

Kaka Retreat

Kaka Retreat offers a collection of 7 simply furnished but comfortable studios and 2- and 3-bedroom cottages with small kitchenettes and private verandas. BBQ's are also available. This is a small complex of accommodation surrounded by pristine native bush and gardens, and a peaceful spot to see the tūi, bellbirds and friendly kaka's which can often visit. It also offers a great base for the island with the shops and restaurants in Oban being just a 7-minute walk away. Courtesy transfers from the airport or ferry terminal can be arranged.

Location: Stewart Island

Our rating: ★★☆☆



Discover Stewart Island

4 days

Te Wharawhara, Stewart Island is New Zealand's third island within easy access from Invercargill and Bluff either by scenic flight or ferry. The island is a haven for brown kiwi, blue penguins and the rare, yellow-eyed penguins who waddle amongst the rocks. During your stay you will join a guided walk on Ulva Island, just 10 minutes boat ride offshore, a predator free sanctuary where the birdlife is phenomenal. Venture out after dark with a guide in search of kiwi in the wild, a truly magical New Zealand experience.

Day 1: Invercargill

Arrive at your leisure and check in to your accommodation before exploring the township where you will find gracious historic building and elegant department stores. This evening maybe feast on the Southlands' most famous blue cod and chips.

Day 2: Stewart Island

Check out of your hotel and make the short drive to Bluff where you will board an express catamaran across the Foveaux Strait in comfort and style. Look out for wildlife and interesting landmarks en route including Dog Island Lighthouse, Ruapuke Island, the Titi Islands and Mt Anglem, Stewart Island's highest point. Your accommodation is close by the terminals, check in and take a wander around the township of Oban/Halfmoon Bay. This evening you will be collected by your guide who will brief you on the etiquette of kiwi spotting.

This small group tour will take you into Mamau Point, home to at least 18 species of native birds. Enjoy the spectacular night stay as there is no light pollution and listen for the locals, 'kiwi', snuffling and feeding nearby.

Day 3: Stewart Island

Pop those walking shoes back on as this morning you will join a tour to Ulva Island. Your guide will take you along easy walking trails and share their natural love of bird, wildlife and history offering a glimpse of this unique region. Rest of the day is at leisure to further explore or relax and flick through the hundreds of photos you will no doubt have taken.

Day 4: Depart Stewart Island

Time to depart Stewart Island and venture on to your next destination with birdsong still in your ears.

You may prefer to upgrade to a scenic 30 minute flight from Invercargill.



Package Includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Return ferry transfers from Bluff
- 1/2 Day Ulva Island Guided Walk
- Evening Kiwi Spotting

Departs: Daily, except 31 December

South Pacific Islands

Whether you're travelling around the world or just heading to New Zealand, the beautiful islands of the South Pacific never fail to charm and delight. Perfectly located as a stopover on any visit to Oceania, this idyllic region also offers a lifetime of holidays in itself with beautiful sandy beaches backed by swaying palm trees, seemingly endless blue skies and a laid back vibe that you can only truly find in paradise. Fiji, the Cook Islands and French Polynesia are easily accessed yet perfectly isolated, and each offers its own unique blend of utopia. Island hopping is a great way to capture the heart of the South Pacific or join a cruise in search of hidden coves and islands less explored.





Exploring Rarotonga on the local bus, either clockwise or anti clockwise is a fantastic way to discover hidden beaches, visit the local markets and feel the warmth of the locals.
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Our Favourites

Be sure to book a 'canoe breakfast' in the French Polynesia. As you awake from your Overwater Bungalow your breakfast arrives by your hosts who often decorate their canoes and deliver fresh pastries, fruit and juices.

Visit a Traditional Fijian village, be entertained by fire dancing and singing, take part in a Kava ceremony or try your hand at weaving, you will arrive as a guest and leave as part of the family.

Book a romantic dinner beach side, the perfect location for couples on honeymoon or celebrating a special occasion.

Pack a picnic and escape to your own sandbank, some resorts even offer a beach massage where you can hear the waves gently lapping as you ease in to sheer relaxation.

Our Tailor-Made Service

We love to create unique itineraries designed around everything you like to do. A selection of hotels, attractions and sightseeing tours are showcased throughout this brochure but these are just a snapshot of what we can offer.

Simply tell us your interests, your dates and your budget and we will work with you to create your perfect trip.



'Bula' welcome to Fiji. Picture yourself immersed in luscious jungle, surrounded by echoes of nature as tropical waterfalls crash around you and 300 islands sparkle in this South Sea paradise inviting you to explore. Take a dive into turquoise waters backed by swaying palms as you float amongst coral reefs. Venture to the Mamanuca Islands and discover authentic villages and learn of traditional dance and craft, or simply relax at one of the superb authentic Fiji resorts. For a truly memorable stay we recommend island hopping or joining a small group cruise. Whichever way you choose to uncover Fiji, you will leave as part of the Fijian family.

Fiji Cultural Village Evening Tour

The Fiji Cultural Village is a place where you can experience the simple lifestyle, hospitality, and Fijian traditions in a unique and authentic setting. Interact with the villagers and learn about their arts and crafts. The evening experience is a walking tour which includes a traditional warriors welcome and a guided tour through the village. You'll then see the unearthing of the 'lovo' earth oven and take part in a Kava ceremony where you will get to try the kava. A buffet dinner is served before a cultural Fijian Meke & Fire dance performance. At the end of the evening, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Departs: Monday - Saturday, Year Round
Duration: 3 hours



Sigatoka River Safari

Fiji's original jet-boat safari, Sigatoka River Safari, offers a uniquely Fijian adventure in the heart of Fiji aboard custom-built safari jet boats. Passengers will travel along the Sigatoka River, the longest river on the island of Viti Levu in jet boats to visit authentic Fijian villages and experience a day in the life of the real 'kaiviti' (Fijian). To bring the safari to life, a guide is assigned to each group and introduces passengers to the rich culture of the Fijian people and shares the history, customs, and legends of the area.

Departs: Monday - Saturday, Year Round
Duration: 5 hours





Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa

Located on beautiful Denarau Island, this resort overlooks the beachfront and is adjacent to the world class Denarau Golf and Racquet Club. The Sofitel offers luxurious rooms, each with a private balcony, as well as the adults only Waitui Beach Club and Waitui Bar & Grill. Other dining options are the vibrant beach bar Suka, offering over 30 house-made infused rums, and Solis, a beachside Mediterranean themed restaurant or La Parisienne embracing Sofitel's French heritage. The property also has Niu Kids Beach Club, located on the family side of the resort and Teenage Zone for 12- to 16-year-old guests. A nightclub, hair and nail salon and 3 swimming pools completes the resort facilities.

Location: Denarau Island

Our rating: ★★★★★



Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort

Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort is situated in the heart of Fiji's Coral Coast, just over a 1 hour drive from the airport. The resort sits on a white sand beach, amongst 40 acres of tall palms and lush tropical landscaped gardens. Daily cultural activities include traditional storytelling, fire walking and village tours. Guests are also encouraged to participate in the 'coral planting' initiative. Beach activities include kayaks, snorkelling equipment and stand-up paddleboards, there is also a swimming pool. There are endless options to taste the flavours of Fiji, from the iconic steakhouse on the beachfront to sundowners in the hilltop Kalo Kalo Bar. Accommodation ranges from contemporary rooms with garden or ocean views to traditional Fijian-style thatched plantation and beachfront bures.

Location: Coral Coast

Our rating: ★★★★★



Musket Cove Island Resort

Located on Malolo Laila in the picturesque Mamanuca Islands you will arrive in style by either catamaran, private speed boat or helicopter. Musket Cove Island Resort consists of 49 villas and bures scattered along the beachfront and throughout tropical gardens. With 400 acres of rolling hills and palm fringed beaches to explore there is never a sense of crowding. Activities include snorkelling trips, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards to name a few. Or simply lay by the pool or take a seat at the pool bar and sip on a cool cocktail. On land, cultural displays depict the warm and friendly staff proudly sharing their traditions and history. Guests will receive breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. The resort truly offers a Fiji barefoot island experience.

Location: Mamanuca Islands

Our rating: ★★★★★



Matamanoa

Matamanoa Island is a boutique, private resort, just 10 minutes by helicopter from Nadi Airport, catamaran and speedboat transfers are also available. Pristine waters surround the island, featuring excellent snorkelling where a marine sanctuary is waiting to be discovered. The island is home to several beautiful white sandy beaches in complete contrast to the lush native bush and swaying palm trees, a stunning backdrop of the resort. Non-motorised water sports are complimentary. The resort caters to couples with a selection of accommodation to suit all budgets. Private secluded villas, sunrise and sunset beachfront bures, all with plunge pools, cabana, twin day beds and outdoor shower. Full breakfast is included daily.

Location: Mamanuca Islands

Our rating: ★★★★★

Fiji Accommodation

Tokoriki Island Resort

This adult only, boutique luxury resort offers warm Fijian hospitality. From the white sandy beach swim in the azure blue waters and try your hand at paddle boarding or kayaking. Explore on a guided nature walk or visit the nearby local village. Indulge in a romantic island picnic, relax beside the poolside, or unwind with a sensational spa retreat. Dine on South Pacific and Asian infused menus and enjoy a special evening of 'Teppanyaki' at the award winning Oishii restaurant. Accommodation includes beachfront bures furnished in a contemporary style with an outdoor tropical shower, whilst beachfront pool bures also offer a stunning personal pool on a decking area. For the ultimate stay a beachfront pool villa features an infinity edge pool on an expansive deck.

Location: Mamanuca Islands

Our rating: ★★★★★



Likuliku Lagoon Resort

Likuliku Lagoon Resort is an adult only retreat, a unique and special resort designed with integrity to cultural values, traditional designs and architecture and the beating heart of the resort is a magnificent building in the design of a Fijian canoe house. In addition to a variety of complimentary water-based activities there are walking trails, tours of the resort Iguana Sanctuary, wake boarding, jet skiing and sunset cruises around the island whilst sipping a glass of sparkling wine. Dining takes place in the Fijiana Restaurant, for private dining, a table will be set under the stars on the beachside deck. Accommodation includes beach front bures, and stunning over water bures with steps into the crystal-clear water.

Location: Mamanuca Islands

Our rating: ★★★★★



Matangi Private Island

This privately owned island lies in the lesser-known northern group of Fijian islands, a paradise of virgin rainforest, white sandy beaches, and crystal-clear waters. For a truly Fijian experience, Matangi is hard to beat. Traditional beach front and ocean view bures are created from bamboo, lava rock and wood and topped with coconut palm thatched roofs. Within are 4-poster beds, private verandas and louvered windows letting the balmy sea breezes flow. Matangi also boasts 3 unique split-level treehouses, surrounded by lush foliage yet just steps from the beach. An outdoor jacuzzi and spacious sun deck with ocean views makes these a wonderful choice. Matangi is a place for snorkelling, sailing, kayaking, and stand-up paddle boarding before an evening of fabulous Fijian dining.

Location: Northern Fiji

Our rating: ★★★★★



Nukubati

This stunning hidden gem is tucked away in the north of the Fijian islands and offers unparalleled access to the Great Sea Reef, the third largest reef in the world. There is a wide range of snorkelling and diving experiences for all levels along with a wealth of island activities including stand up paddle boards and kayaks and experiences to introduce guests to the warm Fijian culture. Soak in the magical sunsets from the comfort of your traditional bure or island villa, set just steps from the beach. Louvred windows allow the sea breezes to flow through and natural light to fill the space, this is also a place where you can disconnect from the outside world as rooms are TV free. Dining here is a joy with freshly caught seafood taking pride of place paired with ingredients showcasing the local flavours.

Location: Northern Fiji

Our rating: ★★★★★





Discover Fiji

6 days

Fiji is a jewel in the South Pacific and a sun drenched, dreamy paradise that offers coral reefs, glorious beaches and an infectious, warm Bula spirit which makes it one of the happiest places you'll visit. Combine a few days on the main island in Fiji before heading out to relax on a beautiful South Seas Island. This is the perfect introduction to the warm and friendly islanders and combines cultural experiences with a blissful beach stay.

Day 1: Arrive Nadi

Your private vehicle will transfer you from the airport to your hotel on Denarau. The Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa sits on the beachfront adjacent to the world-class Denarau Golf Club. There's a choice of beautiful rooms and suites, some with exclusive beach club access and an adults only area.

Day 2: Sofitel Denarau

Spend today soaking up the warmth of the Fijian sunshine. There are complimentary non-motorised watersports including kayaks, stand up paddle boards and hobie cats, a beautiful day spa and even a beach club for children. The choice of restaurants and bars ensures difficult decisions will need to be made.

Day 3: Malolo Island

Transfer to Port Denarau for your boat to Malolo, in the beautiful Mamanuca Islands. This gorgeous, rustic resort is 100% Fijian owned.

Traditional bures are set amongst the tropical gardens with many just steps from the beach and there is a lovely choice of bars and dining venues.

Day 4 & 5: Malolo Island

This idyllic Fijian paradise is just waiting to be discovered. Fill your days or do nothing at all. There is a daily changing schedule of activities, a wealth of water-based fun and land-based walking trails. Spend time with the indigenous landowners in Yaro, travel by long boat from the resort and enjoy learning the history of the island from the locals. Enjoy an island-hopping cruise including the island where 'Castaway' was filmed, or a sunset sail around the coast.

Day 6: Nadi

Return to Nadi for your onward flight.



Package Includes

- Arrival transfer in Nadi
- 5 nights accommodation
- Return boat transfers to Malolo Island
- Port to airport transfer

Departs: Daily, year round



Discover the Yasawa Islands

6 days

Spend blissful days in the glorious Yasawa Islands, a heaven-sent slither of paradise in the South Seas. Leisurely island hop from island to beautiful island and enjoy the warmth of welcome from the Fijian people. All your transport is taken care of, you just need to plan how you spend those sun-filled days, whether on soft white sandy beaches, swimming in gin-clear water or immersing yourself in the local culture of these friendly islands.

Day 1: Nadi – Blue Lagoon

Depart from Nadi for your boat transfer to the Blue Lagoon Resort in the Yasawa Islands. This lovely resort sits on the lagoon of Nacula Bay with stunning white beaches and warm, turquoise waters.

Day 2: Nanuya

Begin your Yasawa Island hop as you take the boat to Nanuya, which sits on the sunset side of Naynuya Lailai. There is a range of accommodation, a day spa and a restaurant which serves fresh Fijian dishes with a smile.

Day 3: Nanuya

The lagoon setting ensures that water activities take centre stage. Spend the day snorkelling, kayaking, sailing, or enjoying a glass bottom boat ride. Cultural experiences come in the form of guided island walks and cultural village tours.

Day 4: Navutu Stars

Navutu Stars is the 3rd and final island on your Yasawa island hop. A gorgeous boutique hotel, and an adult only hideway that offers a warm slice of Fijian hospitality. Just 10 thatched bures lie moments from the sea, surrounded by tropical flower-filled gardens.

Day 5: Navutu Stars

A stay here allows for true immersion in the Fijian culture with experiences including medicine walks, basket weaving, village, and church visits. Enjoy complimentary use of paddle boards and kayaks and join one of the guided snorkelling adventures to the nearby reefs of Liku Liku and Goat Island. Marvel at the vivid colours as the sunsets, with a sundowner at the Island Bar before a beautiful dinner in the Navutu Stars Restaurant, where plantation to plate dining takes place.

Day 6: Nadi

Depart Navutu Stars for Nadi and your onward travel arrangements.



Package Includes

- Boat transfers Nadi/Yasawa Islands/Nadi
- 5 nights accommodation
- Boat transfers between the islands

Departs: Daily, year round



Cook Islands

Hidden away in the South Pacific, the Cooks Islands lie like tiny precious gems in the aquamarine waters. 15 islands encircled by silky white sand and impossibly blue lagoons surround lush mountains creating an unspoiled south seas paradise. This is a place where a law means no building can be higher than the tallest palm tree, there are no crowds and not a single traffic light. It is beautiful and blissfully natural and with a warm and welcoming culture. Flights arrive into Rarotonga, the largest of the Cook Islands, and just a hop-skip-and-jump away is the utterly gorgeous Aitutaki. 15 islets sprinkled across a sunlit lagoon, including One Foot Island where you can get your passport stamped, in the shape of a footprint, at the smallest post office in the world.

Te Vara Nui Cultural Tour

At Te Vara Nui Village, you will meet local Cook Island Māori people who will share their stories, knowledge, and heritage with you. The cultural tour is an interactive experience immersing visitors in the powerful Cook Islands Māori culture. Your tour begins with a 'Turou' welcome and includes visits to the history hut, the sacred Marae, and the witch doctors hut, where the traditional medicines are revealed and explained. You'll then move through the fishing hut, and the costume hut before ending in the carving hut. This authentic tour shows a wealth of navigational techniques and demonstrates how their traditional dance customs are prepared both past and present.

Departs: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, Year Round
Duration: 1 1/2 hours



Koka Lagoon Cruise

Enjoy a fabulous day out exploring beautiful Muri Lagoon. This memorable experience will enable you to snorkel amongst the lagoon life at the marine reserve or stay above water and enjoy the marine life through the glass bottom boat. There is onboard entertainment with ukulele playing, pareu tying, and weaving and a delicious fish BBQ feast on Koromiri islet. Relax as you take in the amazing coconut tree climbing show, coconut husking and more. Koka is a local, family-owned business who are passionate about what they do and will share their love of the Cook Islands with you.

Departs: Monday - Friday, Year Round
Duration: 4 hours





Manuia Beach Resort

Set on the west coast of Rarotonga, the Manuia Beach Resort is a charming, boutique resort overlooking a white sandy beach to the reef and Pacific Ocean beyond. This coastline is also known for its glorious sunsets. Accommodation includes garden and beachfront suites; premium options are also available. All feature private verandas, Polynesian inspired interiors and local works of art. Dine with your toes in the sand at On the Beach, which offers tropical island dining and sunset cocktails. Relax by the infinity edge pool, enjoy a beachside massage or make use of the complimentary snorkelling equipment and explore the reef just offshore. The resort also has bicycles available for guests to hire.

Location: Manuia Beach, Rarotonga

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Motu Art Villas

This delightful enclave of just 10 villas offers privacy and peace in the most glorious of settings. Weaving through gardens filled with palm trees and hibiscus flowers guests can choose between lagoon villas, which are within steps of the beach and boast tropical garden and ocean views. Beachfront villas are perched on the edge of the lagoon with beautiful ocean views, and premium beach front villas which offer the utmost in privacy. Whichever you choose, a modern Pacific style flows throughout with local artwork and textiles from across the region. Facilities include a freshwater pool, electric bicycles, snorkelling equipment, stand up paddle boards and kayaks. There are local restaurants within a short stroll.

Location: Titikaveka Beach, Rarotonga

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Nautilus Resort

Celebrating the essence of the South Seas, the Nautilus affords a lush mountainous backdrop and a blissful beachfront setting overlooking a crystal-clear lagoon, making it the most idyllic of island escapes. Reflecting the Polynesian heritage of the Cook Islands, guests can choose between tropical garden and beachfront Are' which feature natural textures and spacious private decks with saltwater plunge pools. 2 and 3 bedroom options are also available. The Nautilus Restaurant and Bar showcases Polynesian and European cuisine overlooking the lagoon or sparkling waters of the infinity swimming pool and why not enhance your stay with a treatment at Spa Nautilus. A glorious day spa set in the fragrant tropical gardens.

Location: Muri Beach, Rarotonga

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Pacific Resort Rarotonga

This delightful resort lies on the white sands of Muri Beach and offers a relaxing, laid-back island stay in 6 acres of tropical gardens. The collection of 64 rooms and suites feature traditional thatched roofs, high ceilings and a contemporary Polynesian style, choose from a lush garden setting or overlooking the beautiful beach. Sandals is the in-house restaurant offering Pacific Rim dining, whilst the Barefoot Bar is the place for cocktails overlooking the beach. Facilities at the resort include a swimming pool, watersports equipment and a children's club. If you feel like a stroll then the cafés, bars and restaurants of Muri beach are close by as are the Muri Night Markets.

Location: Muri Beach, Rarotonga

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Cook Islands Accommodation

Sunset Resort

This boutique resort sits on Rarotonga's sunset coast and boasts a beautiful beachfront setting amidst tropical gardens. Swaying palm trees lead down to the soft white sands, which from June to October are a great vantage point for whale watching. There is a choice of studios and 1- and 2-bedroom suites with garden, pool, or beach views. In addition to the stunning beach there are 2 swimming pools, the poolside Birdcage Bar with a swim-up bar is a popular spot and perfect for sundowners. The Anchorage Restaurant and Bar is open daily and offers themed nights during the week as well as a la carte menu. Exploring the island is easy with a bus stop right outside the door, just hop on the clockwise or anti-clockwise bus to discover Rarotonga.

Location: West Coast, Rorotonga

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Little Polynesian

The Little Polynesian is set on one of the most beautiful beaches in the South Pacific and is a private and romantic escape. The palm fringed beach overlooks Titikaveka Lagoon and complimentary snorkelling equipment is available for underwater viewing along with the use of kayaks and stand-up paddle boards. There's also a saltwater infinity edge swimming pool. This intimate resort has just 14 rooms which include garden studios and beachfront bungalows. The garden studios sit within their own private courtyards, whilst the beachfront bungalows boast lagoon views, a private courtyard with an outdoor shower and private veranda. The restaurant is poolside and offers relaxed, open-air dining overlooking the beach. There is also a choice of local cafes within walking distance.

Location: Titikaveka Beach, Rarotonga

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Aitutaki Escape

Designed with privacy in mind Aitutaki Escape offers 3 spacious villas with 1 or 2 bedrooms, romantic 4 poster beds, generous living and dining areas, a beachfront deck and a private courtyard with a swimming pool. Set on a blissful white beach overlooking one of the most beautiful lagoons in the world, Aitutaki Escape is a true retreat in every sense of the word, offering a concierge-style service. Your island hosts will share their favourite snorkelling spots, where you can immerse yourself in local culture and traditions and secret island highlights to enjoy. Rumours is the small but perfectly formed on-site café offering a blend of Pacific Rim flavours and room service is also available.

Location: Aitutaki

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Pacific Resort Aitutaki

29 bungalows, suites and villas lie scattered along the shoreline, within steps of the soft white sands and vivid turquoise of the lagoon. This is arguably one of the finest resorts in the Cook Islands and offers a true South Seas Island escape. Shady verandas and polished timber reflect the Polynesian heritage, whilst the views are just mesmerising. Rapae Bay is the resort restaurant overlooking the lagoon, or perhaps indulge in a romantic private dining experience on the beach. The Black Rock Bar offers cocktails to the backdrop of sunset. Lazy days here are spent snorkelling in the lagoon, swimming and scuba diving. Kayaks and canoes are available for guests and there is a small but beautiful day spa too.

Location: Aitutaki

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★





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Package Includes

- Arrival transfer in Rarotonga
- 2 nights accommodation on Rarotonga
- 3 nights accommodation on Aitutaki
- Transfers on Aitutaki
- Aitutaki Island cruise
- Return flights between Rarotonga and Aitutaki

Departs: Daily, year round

Discover the Pacific Resorts of the Cook Islands 6 days

A true desert island paradise, remote yet accessible. This sprinkling of 15 islands scattered across the South Pacific Ocean is what makes up the utterly idyllic Cook Islands. Spend 2 nights on Rarotonga at the Pacific Resort, where you can explore the island where no building is higher than the tallest palm tree, before hopping to dreamy Aitutaki, and a resort which is generally regarded as one of the best in the Cook Islands.

Day 1: Rarotonga

On arrival in Rarotonga, you'll be transferred to the Pacific Resort Rarotonga for a 2-night stay. This is a delightful resort on Muri Beach and sits in 6 acres of tropical gardens.

Day 2: Rarotonga

Begin your day with a beach stroll and then spend time enjoying the numerous water-based activities including kayaks and stand-up paddle boards. The calm waters of the lagoon are the perfect place to hone your skills and there are a number of islands within easy kayaking distance. Enjoy drinks at the Barefoot Bar before dining at Sandals or take a stroll to the nearby Muri Night Markets.

Day 3: Aitutaki

Transfer back to Rarotonga Airport for the 40-minute flight to Aitutaki, a breathtakingly scenic flight over the reefs below. Your destination for the next 3 nights is the Pacific Resort Aitutaki.

If ever there was a place to find your desert island paradise, this is it.

Day 4: Aitutaki

Surrounded by the aquamarine waters of the Aitutaki Lagoon, this is the picture-postcard vision of the South Seas. Today a leisurely island-hopping cruise takes you to 3 remote islets including One Foot Island, where you can have your passport stamped, with a foot. It's a truly magical day in paradise.

Day 5: Aitutaki

Today is free for you to relax in the beauty of your surroundings, with a glorious beach, complimentary water activities, an infinity edge swimming pool, and a divine spa you can do as much, or as little as you want.

Day 6: Rarotonga

Return to Rarotonga for your onward flight.



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Package Includes

- Arrival transfer in Rarotonga
- Cultural village tour
- Transfers on Aitutaki
- 2 nights accommodation in Rarotonga
- 3 nights accommodation in Aitutaki

Departs: Daily, year round

Discover Rarotonga and Aitutaki

5 days

This is the perfect introduction to the glorious Cook Islands. Paradise found. Spend a couple of days on Rarotonga before taking the short but incredibly scenic flight to Aitutaki, an impossibly beautiful place of vivid turquoise seas and soft white sandy beaches.

Day 1: Rarotonga

Arrive in Rarotonga and transfer to your hotel, the enchanting Little Polynesian Resort, an adult only escape on Titikaveka Beach. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy your beautiful surroundings.

Day 2: Rarotonga

Enjoy a little cultural immersion today with a visit to Te Vara Nui Village. You will meet local Cook Island Māori people who will share their stories, knowledge, and heritage with you. This authentic tour shows a wealth of navigational techniques and demonstrates how traditional dance customs are prepared both past and present and gives you a glimpse into the island traditions. Afterwards return to your hotel and head for the lagoon to take advantage of the snorkelling and water-based equipment available before enjoying dinner overlooking the beach.

Day 3: Aitutaki

You'll be transferred to the airport for the short flight to Aitutaki. Keep your camera's ready for the birds-eye panorama of the ocean and reef below you.

On arrival transfer to the Aitutaki Escape for a 2-night stay.

Day 4 & 5: Aitutaki

Set on a blissful white beach overlooking one of the most beautiful lagoons in the world, Aitutaki Escape is a true retreat in every sense of the word and offers a concierge-style service. Designed with privacy in mind Aitutaki Escape offers beautiful villas with romantic 4 poster beds, generous living and dining areas, a beachfront deck, and a private courtyard with a swimming pool. Your island hosts will share their favourite snorkelling spots, where you can immerse yourself in local culture and traditions and secret island highlights to enjoy. For something special why not allow the resort to organise a dinner under the stars, a truly beautiful experience.

Day 5: Rarotonga

Transfer back to the mainland for your onward flight.



French Polynesia

Imagine an idyllic island paradise sculpted by moss covered peaks so tall they are lost amongst the clouds, surrounded by garlands of palm-fringed sand stretching around turquoise lagoons. Make a visit to French Polynesia and that's exactly what you'll find. Discover something unique at each island, white inviting sandy beaches, black volcanic shores and the remote island of Tetiaroa. Bora Bora is a honeymoon dream, offering romantic stays in iconic overwater bungalows.

Moorea Food Adventure

Enjoy a wonderful morning to tempt the taste buds as you taste your way around Moorea. Tama'a means to eat in Tahitian and that is exactly what this food tour lets you do. Tahitian cuisine is based around 3 cultures, Tahitian, French and Chinese which you will discover as you stop for food. Savour the flavours of local specialities and visit local spots rarely encountered by visitors. Your guides will seek out what the locals are selling roadside, head to different restaurants for traditional snacks and the Manutea Juice Factory for juice and liquor tasting. The tour is all based around the season and what is available following an easily adapted itinerary.

Departs: Regularly, Year Round
Duration: 1/2 Day



Cultural Immersion in Bora Bora

Immerse yourself in the heart of Polynesian culture as you embark on this journey aboard an original (now motorised) outrigger canoe. Learn of the local history as you sail through the crystal-clear waters of the lagoon. With your guide, head to a private motu where you'll have the opportunity to try first hand paddling the canoe. There are 3 snorkelling stops throughout the day giving you chance to explore the colourful underwater world of tropical fish, stingrays, and blacktip sharks. A wonderful lunch of local dishes is included, after you have learnt the skill of weaving a platter from coconut leaves. There is also the chance to experiment with your creativity as you create a flower necklace or bracelet made from shells.

Departs: Regularly, Year Round
Duration: Full Day





Hilton Hotel Tahiti

Located just 5 minutes from Faa'a International Airport and port makes this hotel an ideal choice for arrivals for visitors looking to island hop or join a cruise. Ease into island life around the outdoor pool overlooking Moorea Island or book a treatment in Moearil Spa. Dining is plentiful with a choice of 3 restaurants, La Strada, an Italian bistro, located overwater, diners will have views of the neighbouring island Moorea, San Sushi Bar combines a selection of sushi and sashimi complimented with a choice of Japanese sakes and whiskeys, Taitea Brasserie is located in the very heart of the hotel. Rooms and suites are inspired with island artwork and spacious seating areas with tropical garden views. Pool and ocean view rooms are also available.

Location: Papeete

Our rating: ★★★★★



Cooks Bay Resort & Suites

This friendly hotel offers all suite accommodation on the beautiful Tahitian island of Moorea, which is just a 10-minute flight or 35-minute boat ride from the mainland. There are 36 1-bedroom suites which feature a bedroom, living space with a kitchenette and a terrace with sunbeds, there are also a pair of 2-bedroom suites which are perfect for families. The resort lies on one of the large bays on Moorea, on a beautiful beach. Head out in one of the hotel kayaks and discover the calm waters of Cook Bay or simply relax on the soft white sands. There's also a swimming pool, and sunny pool deck, a small fitness room and a restaurant and bar, which offer wonderful views over the lagoon. The Cooks Bay Resort is a welcoming and affordable hotel, and a lovely choice for a stay in French Polynesia.

Location: Moorea

Our rating: ★★★★★



Sofitel Kia Ora Moorea Beach Resort

Flanking the edge of a crystal-clear, protected lagoon and framed by lush mountains, this beautiful resort enjoys a peaceful and secluded location on the eastern side of Moorea. A collection of bungalows sit within tropical gardens, on the stunning beach or raised above the turquoise waters of the lagoon. Dining comes in the form of Pure, set on the edge of the lagoon with panoramic views to the island of Tahiti from the terrace, and K, a romantic feet-in-the-sand restaurant. The Beach Bar is open throughout the day, whilst Vue Bar is a place for cocktails and nightcaps. There is a wealth of activities available including watersports and Le Jardin, a wellness and beauty spa tucked away in the lush gardens.

Location: Moorea

Our rating: ★★★★★



Manava Moorea Beach Resort & Spa

Just a 30-minute speedboat transfer and you are on the beautiful island of Moorea. Nestled on the inland shore this traditional Polynesian style resort offers 90 rooms and bungalows. Relax by the infinity edge pool, learn of the resorts commitment to protecting the environment at the coral nursery, divers will be well looked after at the on-site dive centre. Dining takes place in Restaurant Mahana'i where fusions of French and Polynesian cuisine align. Rooms offer a traditional Polynesian style with dark wood and splashes of colour. Garden view rooms are set in a 2-story thatch hotel style building with a balcony, beach bungalows are set in front of the lagoon with a sundeck. Overwater bungalows feature a large sundeck with direct access to the azure waters of the lagoon.

Location: Moorea

Our rating: ★★★★★

French Polynesia Accommodation

Conrad Bora Bora Nui

Lying under the gaze of Mount Otemanu, the Conrad Bora Bora sits on its own motu facing the endless blue of the horizon. The aquamarine lagoon, fringed by powder soft white sands and shady palm trees is the stuff dreams are made of, but this is reality. Days are spent moving between the beach, the gorgeous spa and any of the 5 restaurants and bars. There's a beautiful beachside pool, fitness centre and the private islet of Motu Tapu, which is exclusively for guests of the Conrad. There is a wide choice of rooms from lagoon view and garden view suites to beach view villas, some with pools, alongside the quintessential overwater villas with over water hammocks and direct access to the lagoon.

Location: Bora Bora

Our rating: ★★★★★



Le Bora Bora by Pearl Resort & Spa

Located on one of the tiny islets in the Bora Bora Lagoon, this beautiful resort affords wonderful views back towards the peaks of Mount Otemanu. Authentic Polynesian style and charm are found in abundance throughout the traditional architecture, thatched roofs and lush tropical gardens. There is a choice of rooms including garden and beach villas with private pools and the over water bungalows with direct access into the turquoise waters of the lagoon. 3 restaurants showcase international and French Polynesian dishes and there are 2 bars where you can soak up the warm island vibes. Facilities include a swimming pool, tennis court, boutiques, Tavai Spa and use of snorkelling equipment, stand up paddle boards and kayaks.

Location: Bora Bora

Our rating: ★★★★★



St Regis Bora Bora

Set on a motu off the coast of Bora Bora, The St. Regis Bora Bora Resort offers a luxury hotel situated in an unmatched island paradise. Surrounded by the palest aquamarine waters of the lagoon teeming with marine life and sparkling under the sun this is paradise found. Beautiful reef side garden and beachside villas sit alongside the largest overwater bungalows in French Polynesia, and many have private swimming pools. With 3 stunning beaches, 2 swimming pools and a Lagoonarium filled with tropical fish and other marine life, the St Regis is a true aquatic playground. Relax in the gorgeous day spa or try your hand at paddle boarding and kayaking. Indulge your tastebuds with 4 superb restaurants and take in the sunset with cocktails in one of the 2 bars.

Location: Bora Bora

Our rating: ★★★★★



Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa

Blessed with verdant mountains, deep valleys, and turquoise lagoons, Taha's is also known as the Vanilla Island producing what is regarded as the most fragrant vanilla on earth. The resort sits on a tiny islet on the outer reef of the lagoon and is a dreamy blend of authentic Polynesian architecture and Tahitian hospitality. Choose between beautiful beach villas scattered along the white sand beach with private plunge pools, outside bathrooms and tropical gardens and the glorious overwater suites, which float above the crystal-clear lagoon. Dine in 3 restaurants, one of which is a feet-in-the-sand experience and savour sunset cocktails in the 2 bars. Le Taha'a also boasts a soothing day spa, non-motorised water toys including kayaks and stand-up paddle boards and a fitness centre and tennis court.

Location: Taha's

Our rating: ★★★★★





Package Includes

- Flights between Tahiti – Moorea – Bora Bora – Tahiti
- Shared island transfers
- 3 nights accommodation on Moorea with breakfast and dinner
- 3 nights accommodation on Bora Bora with breakfast
- Island sightseeing as stated

Departs: Daily, year round



Package Includes

- Flights between Tahiti – Huahine and Raiatea – Tahiti
- Shared island transfers
- 3 nights accommodation on Huahine with breakfast and dinner
- 3 nights accommodation aboard a Tahiti Yacht Charter with all meals
- Full day outrigger lagoon tour

Departs: Daily, year round

Discover Moorea and Bora Bora

7 days

Explore the beautiful French Polynesian islands of Moorea and Bora Bora and immerse yourself in the warmth and culture of this island nation. Island and lagoon experiences are included to ensure you see the very best of these islands, as well as time to relax and soak in the beauty of your surroundings.

Day 1: Moorea

On arrival enjoy a traditional flower lei greeting before connecting with your flight to Moorea. Once on Moorea transfer to the Manava Beach Resort and Spa for a 3-night stay.

Day 2: Moorea

Enjoy a full day exploring the island. The morning is spent on a 4WD experience through the rugged, lush interior before lunch by the reef. Stroll along the beach and swim in the lagoon before heading to one of the beautiful waterfalls, where you can take a dip in the cool water.

Day 3: Moorea

Today relax and enjoy the charms of the Manava Beach Resort. Indulge in a spa treatment, soak up the sun by the infinity pool, head for the dive centre or embark on one of the many activities available. This afternoon set sail on a sunset cruise with a cocktail in hand.

Day 4: Bora Bora

From Moorea it's time to head to the magnificent island of Bora Bora and your 3-night stay at the Intercontinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort in an overwater bungalow.

Day 5: Bora Bora

Explore the magnificent Bora Bora lagoon with a day spent on an outrigger canoe. Your guide will show you incredible snorkelling spots, let you try your hand at paddling the canoe as well as enjoying cultural activities such as weaving and flower necklace making.

Day 6: Bora Bora

An ATV quad bike tour of the island is included today. Depart on either a morning or afternoon ½ day adventure to see the other 'face' of Bora Bora. See historic sites, breathtaking viewpoints and learn more of the culture, history, and legends of the island. The rest of the day is free to do as you please.

Day 7: Depart Bora Bora

Depart Bora Bora for Tahiti and your onward flight.

Discover Tahiti Island Hopping

7 days

Follow in the waves of the early navigators as you embark on a memorable island-hopping adventure around Tahiti and her islands. Spend 3 nights on beautiful Huahine before setting sail across the aquamarine-hued waters of the South Pacific.

Day 1: Huahine

On arrival enjoy a traditional flower lei greeting before connecting with your flight to Huahine. Once on Huahine transfer to the Hotel Le Mahana for a 3-night stay.

Day 2: Huahine

Discover the myriad charms of Huahine, regarded as Tahiti's 'Garden of Eden' on a tour which covers both the island and the lagoon. Head out by 4WD to explore the cultural sites of the island before lunch on a private motu. The afternoon is spent snorkelling through a coral garden and sailing across the lagoon.

Day 3: Huahine

Enjoy the facilities of your hotel today. Lying on a white beach against a beautiful lagoon, this is paradise personified. There are stand up paddle boards, snorkels and kayaks and a lovely swimming pool.

Day 4: Island Hopping

After lunch today, set sail from the village quay for your island-hopping adventure. Head for Hana Iti and the bay of Avea, a stunning beach south of Huahine. Enjoy dinner onboard as you moor up for the night.

Day 5: Island Hopping

A day of 3 to 4 hours sailing with a little fishing along the way as you head for Taha'a. Enjoy water-based activities with the onboard stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, and snorkelling equipment.

Day 6: Island Hopping

Today includes visits to a vanilla plantation as you sail to Faaaha Bay. There is opportunity for snorkelling over the coral garden of Tau Tau. Weather permitting, tonight enjoy the incredible colours of the sunset over Bora Bora.

Day 7: Depart Raiatea

Sail to Apu Bay and visit a pearl farm before arriving at Apooiti Marina for disembarkation at the Tahiti Yacht Charter base.

Stopovers

A stopover is not just a means of breaking your journey, it's also the ideal way to enhance your travel experience and the options available are endless. Whether you want to start your adventures with a few days somewhere new, or spend a few days reflecting on your travel, whilst lying on a sunny beach, a stopover is a great addition to any holiday. We have some wonderful places that you can include from the Far Eastern charms of Singapore, vibrant Hong Kong, the movie capital of Los Angeles or the iconic Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.





Stopovers Accommodation

Harbour Grand Kowloon

Set on the Victoria Harbour Waterfront in the Whampoa Garden district on Kowloon, the Harbour Grand Kowloon is an elegant hotel giving easy access to the rest of Hong Kong. There is an MTR station within a few steps and the ferry pier to Central is adjacent. The Hung Hom Promenade, a waterfront walkway is just steps from the hotel, perfect for a waterside stroll. The hotel has a wide range of rooms and suites, many offering wonderful views over the harbour and guests booking harbour club rooms also enjoy access to the club lounge. Facilities here encompass 5 restaurants, including a highly regarded international buffet, a roof top swimming pool with stunning views and a well-equipped fitness centre.

Location: Kowloon, Hong Kong

Our rating: ★★★★★



JA Ocean View Hotel

This stylish hotel is in the heart of the Jumeirah Beach Residence (JBR) Walk and on the doorstep of one of Dubai's most popular beaches. It offers an excellent location from which to enjoy the delights of the city. There's direct access to the beach from the temperature controlled infinity swimming pool, 5 restaurants and bars, including Dubai's premier sports bar, a fitness centre, day spa and beauty salon. The JA Ocean View is also incredibly family friendly with a children's pool, kids club for 4-12-year-olds and a shady outdoor play area. The hotel offers a great range of rooms and suites, and whichever you choose all offer private balconies and sea views.

Location: The Walk, Dubai

Our rating: ★★★★★



Habtoor Grand Resort

The Habtoor Grand is a fabulous hotel on Jumeirah Beach, close to the Dubai Marina. It sits within lovely, landscaped gardens and is a wonderful base in Dubai. The extensive range of facilities includes 12 distinctive bars and restaurants, 2 swimming pools, 1 of which is adult only, waters slides, children's pool, fitness centre and day spa. If you're travelling with little ones there's also the Junior Jungle Kids Club. The hotel offers an impressive range of rooms and suites with garden or beach views and family-friendly options are available too. If you want to get out and enjoy some retail therapy there's a complimentary shuttle to the Mall of Emirates, Dubai Outlet Mall and Nakheel Mall.

Location: Jumeirah Beach, Dubai

Our rating: ★★★★★

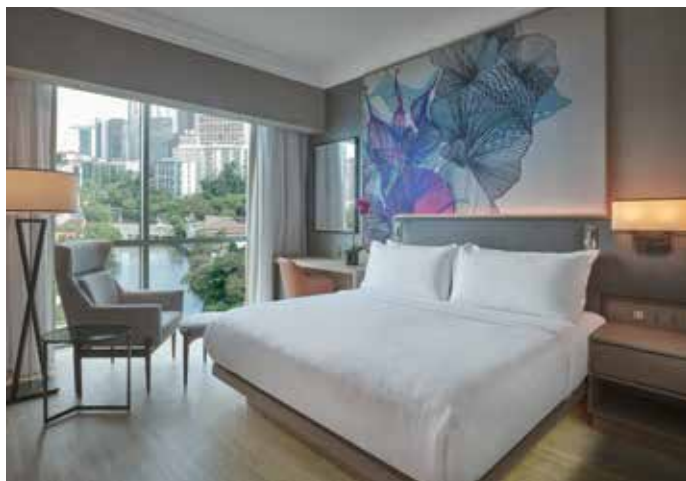


Grand Copthorne Waterfront

Offering a waterfront location on the Singapore River, the Grand Copthorne Waterfront is an excellent base for a stay in Singapore. Just across the river from Robertson Quay, with its wonderful array of dining options and Clark Quay is also easily accessible. There is a MTR station a short stroll away bringing attractions such as Gardens by the Bay, the National Gallery and Chinatown within easy reach. After a busy day exploring the swimming pool is a welcome spot for a refreshing swim, there's also a fitness centre and a tennis court. The hotel offers a choice of rooms and suites, many with river views and 4 excellent restaurants offering Italian, North Indian and local specialities.

Location: Waterfront, Singapore

Our rating: ★★★★★





Paradox Singapore Merchant Court

This elegant hotel boasts a wonderful location in the vibrant riverside district of Clarke Quay, making the Paradox Singapore Merchant Court the perfect base for a few days in Singapore. The Clarke Quay MRT station is on the doorstep bringing a wealth of attractions including Chinatown, Gardens by the Bay, the Singapore Flyer and the shops of Orchard Road within touching distance. The hotel offers a choice of rooms and suites with city skyline and marina views, there is also a club lounge. Facilities include a lovely free-form swimming pool and jacuzzi, a spa and fitness centre. There is also 3 restaurants and a riverside bar, which is an ideal spot for pre-dinner cocktails.

Location: Clarke Quay, Singapore

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Jen Singapore Orchardgateway

As the name suggests the Jen Singapore Orchardgateway is in the heart of Orchard Road, a sublime shopping area, with excellent transport links to the rest of the city. Singapore is also a great place to explore on foot. The rooms here are stylish and thoughtfully designed with city skyline views, elegant bathrooms and space to relax. Club floor rooms include access to the club lounge throughout the day. Makan@Jen is the all-day dining restaurant offering a la carte and buffet options. This delightful hotel also boasts a fabulous rooftop infinity pool with stunning views over Singapore along with a well-equipped fitness centre.

Location: Orchard Road, Singapore

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Andaz West Hollywood

With a location in the heart of West Hollywood, on Sunset Boulevard a stay at the Andaz puts you in the centre of superb shopping, dining, and entertainment. This was the first hotel on Sunset Strip and is now a contemporary, modern place to stay. The rooftop pool offers some of the best views of the Hollywood Hills and LA skyline, and the hotel is a registered art gallery, with exhibits changing every 3 months, showcasing a variety of guest artists and curators. Rooms are simple and stylish, and many offer floor to ceiling windows with memorable views. In-house dining comes in the form of the Riot House Market and Riot House open kitchen, whilst the Riot House Bar, once the venue of choice for 1970s rockers, is now a relaxed, laid-back bar with great views and a welcoming atmosphere.

Location: West Hollywood, Los Angeles

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★



Hotel Riu Plaza Fisherman's Wharf

Close to Pier 39 in one of the most iconic spots in San Francisco, this welcoming hotel offers an excellent base from which to explore the city by the bay. Step out of the hotel to find picture-postcard views of the bay and Alcatraz, sea lions lazing in the sunshine and an abundance of seafood restaurants. Hop on one of the legendary cable cars, there's a stop nearby for easy access to the rest of the city. After a day discovering the charms of San Francisco, the open-air swimming pool is a popular place to cool off and there's a fully equipped gym, in the evening relax by one of the crackling fire pits. The Riu offers a choice of modern, comfortable rooms and suites and a breakfast buffet restaurant.

Location: Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco

Our rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Getting Around New Zealand

With a country as vast and diverse as New Zealand, there needs to be plenty of modes of transport to help you explore. Driving in New Zealand is easy, with open roads, and truly stunning scenery on the way, hiring a car or a motorhome is a great way to cover both islands or just the one. Intersperse rail journeys, there are three in total, Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine on the South Island offer spectacular vistas from the rugged coastline to flying high above the Southern Alps. The Northern Explorer connects two major cities, Auckland and Wellington, the journey will take you through farmland, volcanic splendours and coastal harbours. One mode of transport that really is a cruise rather than a transfer is a journey on the Interislander Ferry between Wellington and Picton. Sail across the Cook Strait and stand outside on deck capturing the pure essence of the Marlborough Sounds, you can almost taste the seafood and Sauvignon Blanc the region is renowned for as well as your gateway to the Southern Alps and beyond. Short on time there are over 40 domestic airports where check in times is relaxed making it easy to hop from one island to another.





Great Rail Journeys of New Zealand

Travelling around New Zealand by train means seeing it all! From snow-capped mountains and rugged coastlines to ancient forests and clean green farmland, experience some of the world's most unique and beautiful landscapes unseen by road. It's the simplest way to experience New Zealand's rich diversity and breathtaking beauty. You'll always travel in comfort in train carriages which are carpeted, centrally heated and air-conditioned. Your seats recline and the panoramic windows allow you to sit back and enjoy the ever-changing views. All trains have an open air viewing area allowing for better views and to take in the clean, fresh air. They also have a buffet carriage with a wide selection of light meals, sandwiches, snacks and beverages including quality local beer and New Zealand wine. New Zealand awaits. Welcome aboard.



GREAT JOURNEYS
NEW ZEALAND





Northern Explorer

Auckland & Wellington, also operates in opposite direction.

Auckland or Wellington and National Park, also operates in opposite direction.

Travel through the heart of New Zealand's North Island on this epic 404 miles journey between Auckland and Wellington. Whether you start from the north or the south, you'll experience a diverse and ever-changing landscape, from quaint towns and rural farmland to lush forest and mountain ranges. Along the way, you'll wind up the historic Raurimu Spiral and ascend the Central Plateau with its three iconic volcanoes and mighty viaduct crossings. All carriages feature large panoramic windows giving sweeping views of the magnificent North Island.

Departs: Northbound Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Southbound Monday, Thursday & Saturday



Coastal Pacific

Christchurch & Picton, also operates in opposite direction.

Christchurch & Kaikōura, also operates in opposite direction.

Picton & Kaikōura, also operates in opposite direction.

The Coastal Pacific train journey travels between the port of Picton and Christchurch. The journey is a scenic feast, with the Kaikōura mountain ranges on one side of the train and the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on the other. Along the way you pass through Kaikōura, where you can break your journey to take a whale or dolphin watching trip. Travel on through some of New Zealand's finest horticultural and farmland areas and see amazing wildlife from the comfort of your train carriage. The Coastal Pacific travels through 22 tunnels and crosses 175 bridges, one of them being New Zealand's only road-rail bridge and has an open air viewing carriage where you can enjoy the scenery in clean, fresh, sea air.

Departs: Regular departures, does not operate during winter months or Christmas Day



TranzAlpine

Christchurch & Arthur's Pass Return, also operates in opposite direction.

Christchurch to Greymouth, also operates in opposite direction.

Travel across the heart of the South Island from Christchurch to Greymouth on the west coast on what is considered to be one of the world's great train journeys. Cross the lush Canterbury Plains, climbing to the high pass guarded by towering, angular mountains. Settle back in warm comfort and enjoy the breathtaking views through panoramic windows or experience the sting of icy mountain air from the open viewing platform, warming your hands on a mug of steaming hot chocolate. Descend to the West Coast, perhaps New Zealand's last frontier. Your destination is Greymouth, a great base for exploring this unspoiled region with its mighty glaciers and famous Punakaiki pancake rocks.

Departs: Daily, end September to beginning May

Monday – Friday for all other dates, does not operate on Christmas Day



Scenic Plus

Scenic Plus offers an all-inclusive experience on your rail journey to invigorate all the senses. Feast your eyes on epic scenery while you savour regionally inspired cuisine paired with sumptuous wine and beer all from the comfort of your luxurious seat, a hosted dining experience like no other. Quite simply, be assured you have everything you need to feel relaxed as you sink back in your seat and soak up the scenery.

Ferry



Interislander

There's only two ways to get between the North and South Islands of New Zealand, fly or take the regular inter-island ferry service between Wellington and Picton.

Discover the beauty of Wellington Harbour, the Cook Strait and the spectacular Marlborough Sounds as you sail between Wellington and Picton on the Interislander Cook Strait Ferry, one of the most scenic ferry journeys in the world and a must do tourist experience when visiting Aotearoa, New Zealand.

The Interislander is also one of the best ways to connect between the Coastal Pacific and the Northern Explorer rail journeys.

The three spacious and comfortable ferries, Kaitaki, Aratere and Kaiarahi, cross the Cook Strait at regular time, 7 days a week, all year round.

Kaitaki

Kaitaki can carry 1,350 passengers and is the largest ferry operating in New Zealand waters. Onboard you'll find several places to eat and drink such as the Ocean View Eatery, Island Bar and Café and Hector's Café. Other amenities include a shop, private cabins, and a large soft play area for young children, plus nurseries. There are several lounges on Kaitaki and other areas to enjoy watching the world float by, including the Lookout Lounge Atrium which has two floors of enormous windows.

Aratere

Aratere was built to show off the picturesque Marlborough Sounds, with three separate viewing areas, including a large roof top seating area and a viewing deck on the bow.

Inside, she features plenty of places to eat and drink including the Ocean View Eatery and the Island Bar. There is a shop and for children, a play area, nursery, and a family area.

Kaiarahi

Kaiarahi is the newest member of the fleet. Onboard, she features a large Ocean View Eatery and the Island Bar. On Deck 8, you will find an outdoor seating area that is perfect for those summer sailings through the gorgeous Marlborough Sounds.

Premium Lounge

For a more refined journey across the Cook Strait, upgrade your booking to the Premium Lounge. You'll enjoy a complimentary meal including drinks (local wine and beer available) in a comfortable, quiet, child-free environment. You need to be 18 years or over to access the Premium Lounge.



InterCity Coaches & Transfers

Private Transfers

Perhaps your flight times or holiday plans don't fit with the fixed timetable of a coach transfer, or maybe you want the flexibility to travel at time that suits you. If that's the case then our private transfers are perfect. Whether it's between airport or downtown, city centre and cruise or rail terminal, or between towns and cities we have a transfer to suit, and you can be sure that you'll travel in comfort with your own experienced driver.

Prices vary depending on locations and journey and our experienced travel specialists will be pleased to quote the best available price for your needs.

Coach Transfers

For those who prefer not to drive, we can offer a selection of coach transfers, these give the freedom and flexibility of independent travel without the need to self drive. Pick up and set downs are provided from central locations and a commentary en route may be given. (Sightseeing tours between locations and transfers which include commentary are available on request.)

This is just a selection of the routes available and most services run daily year round.

Route

- Auckland & Paihia
- Auckland & Napier
- Auckland & Rotorua
- Auckland & Taupō
- Auckland & Wellington
- Rotorua & Wellington
- Wellington & Taupō
- Christchurch & Dunedin
- Christchurch & Kaikōura
- Christchurch & Nelson
- Christchurch & Picton
- Christchurch & Tekapo
- Christchurch & Queenstown
- Christchurch & Franz Josef
- Christchurch & Fox Glacier
- Queenstown & Franz Josef
- Queenstown & Fox Glacier
- Queenstown & Te Anau
- Queenstown & Dunedin
- Queenstown & Wānaka
- Fox Glacier & Greymouth
- Franz Josef & Greymouth

Approx. Travel Time

- 4 hours 15 minutes
- 7 hours
- 4 hours 15 minutes
- 5 hours
- 11 hours 30 minutes
- 7 hours 30 minutes
- 6 hours 30 minutes
- 6 hours
- 3 hours
- 8 hours
- 6 hours
- 3 hours 30 minutes
- 11 hours
- 8 hours 50 minutes
- 9 hours 30 minutes
- 8 hours
- 7 hours 30 minutes
- 2 hours 30 minutes
- 5 hours
- 2 hours
- 5 hours
- 4 hours



maui Motorhomes

A New Zealand road trip is the perfect way to explore this diverse and exciting country with its wide open spaces and magnificent scenery. Whether you're heading to Cape Reinga with its long sandy beaches, the stunning Bay of Islands, winding your way through the vineyards sampling the amazing New Zealand wines, or exploring the delights of the Southern Alps, a motorhome is the perfect way to do it. With your own home from home on wheels you'll find a vast array of campsites and holiday parks and have the freedom to stop where and when you want, for as long as you want. To get up close and personal with nature and the wonderful New Zealand wildlife; to linger on that secluded golden beach watching the sunrise or hike famous trails, to experience Māori culture and enjoy the Kiwi good life to the full.

Our Partner maui

maui are recognised leaders in their field with over 25 years' experience in providing quality motorhomes and operate a fleet that is less than 2 years old from key locations around New Zealand. **The fleet is young but if you want the thrill of the latest model then opt for an Elite vehicle, guaranteed to be less than a year old.**

You'll find a maui branch in Auckland, Christchurch and Queenstown.

thl Roadtrip App

For extra peace of mind and preparation before you collect your motorhome, we recommend you download the thl Roadtrip App. You will be able to access handy tips, what to expect at pick up and a video showing you through the vehicle you have booked.

Key Features

- * FREE for customers to download from Google Play and App Store
- * Must-watch full show-through video of the motorhome
- * Handy tips for planning and preparing for a motorhome holiday
- * Find helpful information, branch locations and shuttle information
- * Uses GPS location to show nearby campsites, activities, fuel stations and restaurants
- * Contact Us with details for On Road Care
- * Customers can join the conversation by following and contributing to recommendations about where to stay and what to do.

Pricing

maui operates a flexible pricing system, where prices change based on supply and demand. Generally the earlier you book the cheaper the price. Our travel specialists will quote you the lowest price available and will tell you the best way to reduce the cost of your hire, such as changing dates by a day or two, changing your pickup locations or considering a different model. Often it is demand for a particular model that pushes up the price rather than the season, so a slightly larger vehicle can sometimes be cheaper. For extra peace of mind we strongly recommend you purchase the 'Value Pack'.

Prices Includes as standard:

- * Unlimited kilometres
- * Kitchen kit
- * Bedding
- * General equipment
- * Extra drivers
- * 24 Roadside Assistance
- * Standard liability (\$7,500 excess)

Value Pack Option also includes:

- * The High Road – nil liability
- * Unlimited Windscreen and Tyre cover
- * Undercarriage/Overhead damage (covered for accidental damage)
- * Single Vehicle Rollover
- * Fan/Heater
- * 3 x Toilet Chemicals
- * Camp Chairs and Table
- * Baby/Booster Seats (with prior request)
- * Snow Chains (on request)

Our prices DO NOT include the NZ Government Road User Recovery Fee. This is payable at the end of the hire based on mileage and vehicle specification.

Special Offers:

Long hire discount is 5% off the daily rate based on a minimum of 21 days rental or over.

Ultima & Ultima plus

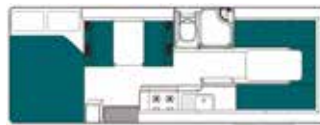


Day



Night

Beach



Day



Night

Cascade

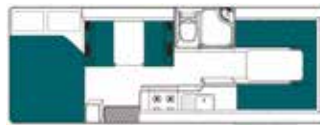


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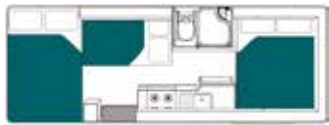


Night

River



Day



Night

Choose Your Motorhome

Whether it's a compact van for 2 or a larger one for 4 or 6, or perhaps just 2 travelling wanting space to spread out, there's something in the maui range for everyone.

Ultima & Ultima Plus

Perfect for 2-3 people this little gem features:

- * Ultimate sleeps 2 in 1 double bed or 2 singles configuration
- * Ultima Plus has an additional single bed
- * fridge/freezer
- * microwave
- * gas stove
- * heating
- * shower & toilet
- * hot/cold pressurised water
- * radio and CD player
- * DVD player with flat screen
- * front swivel seats
- * safe

Cascade

The maui Cascade is perfect for a family of 4, or 2 couples travelling together. The Cascade comes complete with kitchen and bathroom facilities, and an innovative bed design. 2 comfortable double beds are both located at the rear of the vehicle, with the rear lounge converting into the first double bed for 2, and the second lowering from the ceiling to accommodate 2 more.

- * Sleeps 4 in 2 double beds
- * Onboard facilities are similar to the beach and river
- * front swivel seats
- * Automatic transmission

Beach

Ideal for a small family or 2 couples the beach features.

- * Sleeps 4 in 2 double beds
- * fridge/freezer
- * microwave
- * gas stove
- * fixed awning
- * heating
- * shower & toilet
- * hot/cold pressurised water
- * general living and bedding equipment
- * radio
- * CD, DVD player with flat screen
- * 12v battery
- * external storage locker
- * safe
- * Automatic transmission

River

Great for a family or a group of friends the River features.

- * Sleeps 6 in 3 double beds
- * fridge/freezer
- * microwave
- * gas stove
- * fixed awning
- * heating
- * shower & toilet
- * hot/cold pressurised water
- * general living and bedding equipment
- * CD, DVD player with flat screen 12v battery
- * external storage locker
- * safe
- * Automatic transmission

New Zealand Highlights by Motorhome

17 days

Explore vibrant cities and glacial wonderlands, view bubbling mud pools; turquoise lakes and soaring mountains in the geothermal wonder of Rotorua. Relax and enjoy some time on the sandy beaches in the Abel Tasman National Park and seek adventure in the beautiful capital of Wellington. Explore all this and more whilst travelling at your own pace on a motorhome holiday through New Zealand's spectacular North and South Islands.

Highlights

Auckland – Rotorua – Lake Taupō
Wellington – Abel Tasman National Park
Punakaiki – Fox Glacier – Queenstown
Milford Sound Cruise – Wānaka
Aoraki/Mount Cook – Christchurch

Tour Includes

- 17 days maui Ultima motorhome hire including Value Pack with a zero excess and unlimited mileage
- All Inclusive Insurance option
- Unlimited mileage
- 2 nights accommodation in Auckland
- Māori Hangi & Concert in Rotorua

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1 & 2: Auckland

Arrive in Auckland and explore at leisure. The hundreds of sailing boats in Auckland harbour are an incredible sight and why it is known as the 'City of Sails'. You will find shopping galore, restaurants that serve food to die for and a thriving nightlife.

Day 3: Rotorua (142 miles)

Pick-up your motorhome and head to Rotorua, the geothermal capital of New Zealand. Stop at the Hobbiton film set featured in the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Afterwards, continue on to Rotorua.

Day 4: Rotorua

Today is free for you to explore the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua. Try a guided tour of Te Puia and the Māori Arts & Crafts Institute to see roaring geysers and boiling mud pools. In the afternoon, you may want to take a ride on the gondola or relax in the Polynesian Spa. This evening attend a traditional Māori Hangi and Cultural Show in a replica Māori village.

Day 5: Lake Taupō (50 miles)

Enjoy a leisurely start before the short drive to Lake Taupō. Relax in this beautiful setting and perhaps try some watersports on the lake.

Day 6: Wellington (183 miles)

Drive south taking in views of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro in the national park. You can experience one of New Zealand's greatest day hikes, the Tongariro Alpine Crossing in a day or perhaps, enjoy a sunset guided hike that offers a 45 minute walk with a glass of wine whilst enjoying the sunset. *(Please ask for details).*

Day 7: Wellington

Today is a free day to explore New Zealand's capital city. Wellington is renowned for its arts, heritage, culture and native beauty. Why not see some of the city's best-loved landmarks, including the Museum of New Zealand - Te Papa Tongarewa or enjoy the scenic views and ride Wellington's iconic Cable Car. If you're into the outdoors, Wellington has action-packed activities such as mountain biking and kayaking, as well as beautiful walks around the harbour and surrounding hills.

Day 8 & 9: Abel Tasman National Park

Board the Interislander ferry with your motorhome and relax as you set sail for the Marlborough Sounds. Enjoy the views en route to Picton. Disembark and drive the 125 miles to the spectacular Abel Tasman National Park. (Costs vary and we recommend you book early to ensure availability).



Spend the next day exploring Abel Tasman National Park, renowned for its world-famous coastal walking track, golden sandy beaches, granite cliffs and mild climate. Explore by kayak and see Split Apple Rock or hike the coastal path and return by water taxi.

Day 10: Punakaiki (173 miles)

Driving today will take you through Nelson Lakes, as the name suggests there are plenty of places to stop and enjoy a relaxing walk and coffee stop. Continue to the West Coast, check for high tide and view blowholes at the limestone Pancake Rocks.

Day 11 & 12: Fox Glacier (150 miles)

Today is free for you to enjoy the scenery or participate in the many activities available in this glacial wonderland. The Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers offer a wealth of adventure activities. Lake Matheson near Fox Glacier provides stunning reflections and views of Aoraki/Mount Cook.

Day 13: Queenstown (150 miles)

Follow the Haast River along sweeping valleys and peaks either side towards Queenstown. Idyllically located on the shores of Lake Wakitipu, Queenstown is the country's adrenaline capital but also offers relaxing ways to enjoy the stunning scenery. Take an exhilarating jet boat ride or take the gondola up to Bob's Peak for the views.

Day 14: Milford Sound (179 miles)

Start early for the long drive to Milford Sound, but the views are worth it. Nestled in the Fiordland National Park, Milford Sound was carved by glaciers during the ice ages. Breathtaking in any weather, the fiord's cliffs rise vertically from the dark waters, mountain peaks scrape the sky and waterfalls cascade downwards from as high as 1000 metres.

Day 15: Wānaka (213 miles)

Heading north today your journey will take you over the highest main road in New Zealand, Crown Range Road offering spectacular views as you leave the Fiordland and Queenstown region behind. Lake Wānaka offers a 'little Queenstown' vibe for your overnight stay.

Day 16: Aoraki/Mount Cook (128 miles)

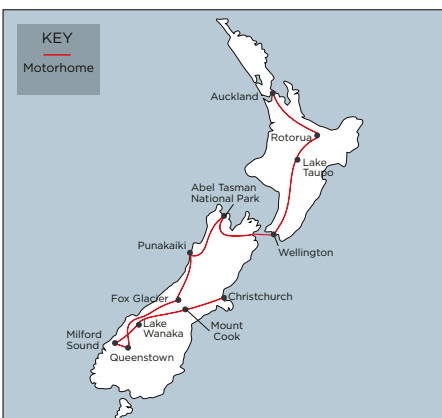
Depart Queenstown via the Kawarau Gorge and traverse the Lindis Pass before reaching MacKenzie Country with its vast expanses of tussock, bordered by the snow capped Southern Alps. Follow the shores of Lake Pukaki into the heartland of the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, which encompasses 15 peaks, all towering over 3,000m.

Day 17: Christchurch (205 miles)

Stop at Lake Tekapo and admire its turquoise waters, be sure to visit the Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of the lake before heading onwards to Christchurch. Drive over Burkes Pass to the small farming towns of Fairlie and Geraldine. Cross the Rangitata River and the Canterbury Plains. On through Ashburton, across the Rakaia River arriving at Christchurch. Spend the rest of the day exploring this city at leisure.

Suggested Campsites:

Top 10 Holiday Parks have campgrounds across the country. We recommend you prebook during peak season.



North Island Adventure

16 days

Pristine beaches, bubbling geothermal wonders, volcanic landscapes, patchwork farmland, wineries, and vibrant waterfront cities are just a selection of the contrasting experiences you will enjoy on this relaxed motorhome tour. Pull into a scenic spot for a coffee where lakeside views will take your breath away, or head to the beach and enjoy a sundowner from your 'home on wheels'. Discover all of this and more on our suggested North Island itinerary.

Highlights

Auckland - Bay of Islands - Orewa
Whitianga - Whakatane - Gisborne
Napier - Wellington
Tongariro National Park - Rotorua

Tour Includes

- 14 days maui motorhome hire
- Value Pack Insurance option
- Unlimited mileage
- 2 nights accommodation in Auckland

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1 & 2: Auckland

Arrive in Auckland and explore at leisure.

Day 3 & 4: Bay of Islands (142 miles)

This morning collect your motorhome and set off for the Bay of Islands. En route why not stop at the Footprints of Waipoua encounter. Afterwards continue onto the Bay of Islands. The next day is free for you to explore Paihia; cruise to the famous Hole in the Rock or perhaps take a spectacular helicopter flight over the Islands.

Day 5: Orewa (121 miles)

Head back down south today to Orewa located 20 minutes outside of Auckland. Famous for its 2 miles of golden sands, a stroll on the beach is a must.

Day 6: Whitianga (146 miles)

This morning head to the Coromandel Peninsula, your base tonight will be Whitianga. Spend the rest of the day exploring.

Day 7: Whakatane (157 miles)

Today head south along the coast to the Bay of Plenty and arrive at Whakatane. Spend the rest of the day exploring; head to the thermal hot pools or take a jet-boat ride across majestic Matahina Lake.

Day 8: Gisborne (115 miles)

Head towards the coast today to your next stop Gisborne.

Day 9 & 10 : Napier (150 miles)

Your next stop is the art deco capital of Napier. Spend the day exploring the surrounding area.

Day 11 & 12: Wellington (205 miles)

Set off today for Wellington, the nation's capital, stopping in Martinborough on the way to taste the Pinot Noir. Day 12 is at leisure to explore Wellington.

Day 13: Tongariro National Park (180 miles)

Head back up north today to the volcanic mountain landscapes of Tongariro National Park.

Day 14 & 15: Rotorua (133 miles)

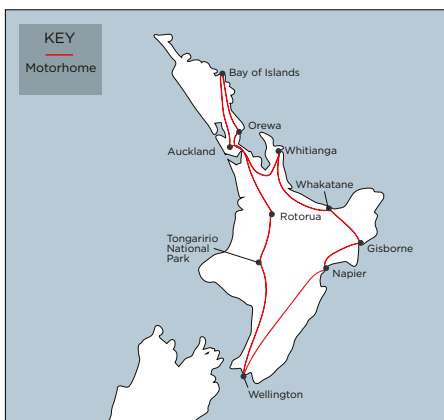
This morning you might want to enjoy a few hours hiking in Tongariro National Park. This afternoon drive to the geothermal city of Rotorua. With its smouldering lakes, bubbling mud pools and spouting geysers this is a place like no other.

Day 16: Auckland (141 miles)

Head back to Auckland today. Perhaps stop at Hobbiton; the famous movie set from the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit Trilogies. In Auckland drop your motorhome off at the local depot.

Suggested Campsites:

Top 10 Holiday Parks have campgrounds across the country. We recommend you prebook during peak season.



South Island Highlights

15 days

New Zealand's South Island boasts some of the world's most spectacular views and is the backdrop to many a movie, perfect for exploring by motorhome. Wildlife is in abundance from the giant sperm whales and dusky dolphins in Kaikōura to seals greeting guests in the Abel Tasman National Park. Take a scenic cruise on the famous Milford Sound, heli-hike through icy blue crevasses on Franz Josef. Dine in exclusive spots and soak up the South Island relaxed pace of life during this tour.

Highlights

Christchurch - Kaikōura - Blenheim
Abel Tasman National Park - Punakaiki
Franz Josef - Wānaka - Te Anau
Milford Sound Cruise - Queenstown
Lake Tekapo

Tour Includes

- 14 days maui motorhome hire
- Value Pack Insurance option
- Unlimited mileage
- 1 night accommodation in Christchurch
- Dolphin cruise in Kaikōura
- Milford Sound Cruise

Departure Dates

Departs: Year round
Daily

Day 1: Christchurch

Arrive in Christchurch and explore at leisure.

Day 2: Kaikōura (113 miles)

Collect your motorhome and head north along the coast to the whale watching hot spot of Kaikōura.

Day 3: Blenheim (81 miles)

Enjoy a morning whale watching cruise before driving north to the Marlborough wine region, renowned for creating some of the world's finest wine.

Day 4: Abel Tasman National Park (110 miles)

Enjoy a full day in the Abel Tasman National Park. Take a guided kayak tour, hike or swim in the clear waters.

Day 5: Punakaiki (173 miles)

See the famous pancake rocks during your overnight stay.

Day 6 & 7: Franz Josef (135 miles)

Discover the rainforest setting of Franz Josef and Fox Glacier.

Day 8: Wānaka (176 miles)

Take a walk around Lake Matheson to see the reflections of Aoraki/Mount Cook, before continuing onto Lake Wānaka.

Day 9: Te Anau (140 miles)

Venture further south over the Crown Range. You will arrive into Te Anau, the gateway to the Fiordland National Park offering world famous hiking trails and wildlife cruises with spectacular scenery.

Day 11 - 13: Queenstown (107 miles)

Journey through the mountains to Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand. With a picturesque backdrop of The Remarkables and lake setting, take time to relax and enjoy the activities on offer including jetboat rides, steamship cruise, superb walks and wonderful views from the gondola to Bob's Peak.

Day 14: Tekapo (159 miles)

Head to the hot pools for a soak and reflect on your motorhome adventure.

Day 15: Christchurch (140 miles)

Your final day will leave the lakes and mountains behind as you drive through the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch where you will return your motorhome at the finish of your time.

Suggested Campsites:

Top 10 Holiday Parks have campgrounds across the country. We recommend you prebook during peak season.





Budget Car Rental

There's nothing better than the freedom of a rental car, enabling you to explore at your own pace, pausing to gaze at the scenery and take photos at the next viewing point. Drive along some of the most scenic routes in the world and breathe in the mountain air or sit by the ocean and watch surfers catch a wave. New Zealand is just made for driving, there are even 'themed' highway routes that will guide you through some of the most iconic landscapes and sightseeing highlights. The Pacific Coast and Thermal Explorer Highways are popular routes on the North Island, with the Southern Scenic Route and Alpine Pacific Touring Route balancing eco-adventures and the dramatic Southern Alps. Choose from one of our suggested self-drive itineraries or ask us to bespoke your personalised route. Whatever you choose you can do so in the knowledge that our partner, Budget, is one of the most respected names in the car rental business offering the widest range of locations and the best fleet of high quality, reliable cars available.

All Inclusive rates (including one way drop off fees) include:

- * Collection from over 30 city and airport locations.
- * Unlimited mileage
- * Third Party Insurance with nil excess
- * Airport/Ferry Fee
- * One way fees
- * Additional driver fees (terms apply)
- * Nil excess

Additional charges to be paid locally:

- * A late fee of NZ\$50 + GST will apply for vehicle collection which takes place at a ferry location after 18:30hours
- * A credit card must be presented at the time of rental, for minimum NZ\$100 security and any additional charges. (plus GST is 15%, Good and Services Tax)
- * Cost of tyre replacements is not covered unless the optional Roadside Assistance is purchased at the counter. Tyre will be charged at \$150 + GST per tyre.

Rental Period: Daily rates are based on 24-hour periods. One rental day is 24 hours, calculated from the time when the vehicle is collected. Reservations/rentals extended beyond each 24-hour period will be charged as a further full day.

Rental Age: All drivers must be 21 years old with an English written/ speaking full driving licence. There is no maximum age for hiring a car in New Zealand.

Additional Drivers: There is no extra charge for additional authorised drivers, however additional drivers must be registered on the Rental Agreement, and prior to driving they must visit a branch of Budget in New Zealand to show their full and valid driver's licence. Additional drivers must be the partner / spouse (not restricted to marriages / relationships between individuals of any gender) of the main driver in order to be free to register as additional drivers.

Airport / Ferry Fees: An Airport/ Wharf Fee of NZ \$47+GST (from 01 April 24) per hire is applicable on hires commencing or terminating at an airport or ferry location. This surcharge is payable directly to Budget at the time of rental. Only applies to rentals on standard rates but is included in all inclusive rate bookings. An additional late fee of NZ\$50+GST will apply for vehicle collection which takes place at a ferry location after 18:30 hours. The late ferry fee applies to all rate plans.

Interisland Travel: Travellers are required to drive their Budget vehicles onto the Interisland Ferry or Bluebridge Ferry when crossing between the North and South Islands (vice versa). Ferry tickets for both the travellers and their vehicle need to be booked, it is essential to book these well in advance due to seasonal capacity constraints on the ferries.

Ferry Ports: You can take your car on the ferry or drop off at Wellington Airport or City Centre and pick up a new vehicle in Picton.

Damage Excess Reduction: Standard Motor Vehicle Damage Waiver is included. In the case of damage to the vehicle, the renter is liable for an excess (aka Deductible or Liability) regardless of party at fault. The excess amount is \$3,500.00+GST for Groups C, G, D, and \$4,250+GST for Groups P, K, F, V, W and Z. Applies to standard rates only, not all inclusive.

Minimum Rental Durations: 3 days for same-return rentals. For one-way rentals, this is 3 days for same-island rentals and 7 days going from one island to the other. Note, this is also applicable to each individual rental that is part of a multi-hire rental.

Compact

- * Group C
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 2 bags



Intermediate

- * Group D
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 2 bags



Premium 4WD

- * Group W
- * Automatic
- * 5 seats
- * 5 bags



Full Size SUV

- * Group F
- * Automatic
- * 5 seats
- * 6 bags



Compact 2WD SUV

- * Group G
- * Automatic
- * 4 seats
- * 3 bags



Intermediate SUV

- * Group P
- * Automatic
- * 5 seats
- * 3 bags



Images are for guidance purposes only.

Continuous & Multi hire rentals:

Continuous Hire is one rental traveling North – South or South – North using Ferry Services. (taking the car on the ferry)

Multi Hire is multiple reservations booked across both islands *not using the Ferry services*.

Subsequent vehicle(s) MUST be collected within 48 hours after the previous return.

Excess Reduction

By purchasing Excess Reduction at commencement of the rental, the excess can be reduced to \$550+GST and \$750+GST respectively.

The charge for Excess Reduction at the counter is NZD\$29+GST per rental day for Car Groups C, G and D, and NZD \$31+GST per rental day for car groups P, K, F, W, V and Z.

A minimum of \$100 NZD pre-authorization will be charged plus total value of any optional extras elected. If no optional extras selected, the initial pre- authorization will be refunded upon completion of the hire.

The pre-authorization can be made by any major international credit cards (Visa, Mastercard and American Express).

A card transaction fee of 2 – 3% may apply. Applies to standard rates only.

Relocation Rates available for high season – 01 November to 31 March

By collecting a vehicle in the South Island and dropping off in the North island for a 14 days+ rental period maybe eligible for a reduction in NZ\$. Prices on application.

Restrictions to South and North Island Roads

Please note that you are not permitted to drive on the following dangerous roads. There is no insurance cover for damage to the vehicle driven on these roads, regardless to the level of insurance coverage purchased (e.g., nil excess)

SKIPPERS ROAD – SOUTHLAND

NINETY MILE BEACH – NORTHLAND

UNFORMED ROADS

Customers are required to exercise duty of care at all times while driving in remote / unsealed roads.

Budget Care 24 Hour Emergency Roadside Services: Budget provides 24-hour emergency breakdown assistance (operated by AA New Zealand) for any mechanical breakdowns. In cases such as flat tyres, keys locked in the vehicle, refuelling (i.e., where the driver might be considered 'at fault') charges will apply.

Optional Accessories: Child Safety Seats, Child Booster Seats, Ski Racks and Chains etc. are available on application at an additional cost per item per hire. These are to be requested in advance at time of booking. Please specify the age of the children when requesting child safety / booster seats. Child safety seat/ booster seats can be hired for \$17+GST per day up to a maximum of \$65+GST per month.

Smoke Free Fleet: Smoking in vehicles is not permitted. A cleaning fee of up to NZ\$250+GST may be charged if the vehicle is returned smelling of smoke.

Road Tolls: New Zealand has three toll roads, one heading north from Auckland towards the Bay of Island's, plus two near Tauranga. A single trip costs between \$2.10 and \$2.60 (subject to change). First Class Holidays advises customers to prepay their toll online - it's super easy and avoids unnecessary administration fees if the fee is left unpaid. Please visit this website within 5 days of travelling on the toll road for payment: www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/toll-roads

All Budget cars are now equipped with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.



Singapore Airlines

Voted the “World’s Best Airline” in 2023. Departures are available from London and Manchester.

- **Economy Class** - Ergonomically designed seats with built in lumbar. Spacious cabins with just 10 seats across the A380 and 9 across the B777. From 25kg baggage allowance.
- **Premium Economy** - 38-inch seat pitch and 8 inch recline. 35kg baggage allowance and priority check in and boarding.
- **Business Class** - Seats convert into 6ft 5inch flat bed. Lounge Access.
- **First Class and Suites** - Private cabin with closing door (Suites). Unlimited complimentary Wi-Fi.



Emirates

Emirates offers daily flights to New Zealand from 7 UK airports. All flights operate via Dubai.

- **Economy Class** - Award winning inflight entertainment system and onboard Wi-Fi.
- **Premium Economy** - On selected A380 flights offering more space and level of comfort on flights to Christchurch and Auckland.
- **Business Class** - Your journey starts with complimentary Chauffeur-drive*. Onboard you will find the finest leather seats that fully recline, an in-seat mini-bar, 23-inch HD-TV.
- **First Class** - Your First-Class journey starts with complimentary Chauffeur-drive*. On Emirates A380 you can enjoy canapes and cocktails on the iconic Onboard Lounge and feel fresh with the on-board Shower Spa

**Chauffeur-drive mileage limitation apply.*



United Airlines

United Airlines offer comprehensive access to the USA with over 46 flights to the USA from London and Edinburgh. As part of the airlines Star Alliance network these connect with Air New Zealand onto Auckland and Christchurch.

- **United Economy** - Ergonomically designed seats up to 32” of legroom.
- **United Economy Plus*** - Stretch out with extra leg room, relax in comfort and style with a total of 37”.
- **United Premium Plus*** - Seats are closer to the front of the plane, giving you more legroom and room to recline. Each seat has its own power outlet and USB charger and complimentary drinks.
- **United Polaris Business Class*** - Includes Premier Access (including priority check-in, security and boarding), generally 2 free checked bags, access to United’s premium Polaris lounge, premium in-flight dining and a lie-flat business class seat. **On selected flights*



Air Tahiti Nui

Air Tahiti Nui is the national carrier to the French Polynesia operating flights from Paris, Los Angeles, Seattle, Tokyo and Auckland with connecting flights available from London. The latest Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft have been introduced on all these routes. World class hospitality with French and Polynesian influences is served on board offering guests the ultimate in stress free travel.

- **Moana Economy Class** - combines comfort and elegance to provide you with a unique experience, a genuine foretaste of your trip to Tahiti and its islands.
- **Moana Premium Economy** - 31” seat pitch, 30cm HD touch screen, USB port.
- **Poerava Business Class** - 60” seat pitch, A seat that converts to a fully flat bed, HD 40cm touch screen for entertainment, at seat power, 2 USB ports.

Important Information

The following pages give information relevant to certain products and services in this brochure, the details shown here form part of your contract with us.

1. Additional Deposits & Cancellation Terms

Some suppliers, such as but not limited to, car and motorhome rental, rail journeys, cruise lines, luxury lodges and viewing tours, escorted tour companies, specialist activities may require an additional deposit in order to confirm a booking. Where this is the case, we will advise at the time of booking. Some of these suppliers may also have different cancellation conditions to ours and we will advise these to you at the time of booking.

2. Budget Car Rental pages 174 & 175

Child Seats: Are mandatory for children aged 12 & under and must be requested at the time of booking.

Fuel Policy: All cars are rented with a full tank of fuel. You can choose to pay for the fuel at the time of rental and return the car empty. Alternatively, the car must be hired with a full tank of fuel, failure to do so will incur a refuelling levy. Loss Damage Waiver: All our rates include Loss Damage Waiver, with a Zero excess.

Liability Protection: All prices quoted will include Third Party Insurance (subject to an excess which can be reduced but has exclusions). We therefore strongly recommend hirers request a price based on the inclusive rates to reduce the damage cover to ZERO excess. Please note terms and conditions of rental apply and can be provided on request before confirming your vehicle.

Restricted Areas: Driving on roads that are unpaved or not government-maintained voids your contract and the Loss Damage Waiver cover. Vehicles cannot be driven on beaches in any sand, through streams, rivers, flood waters, fire trails or unsealed roads.

Smoking: All vehicles are 100% non-smoking. A cleaning penalty of \$250 + GST will be charged if smoking is detected.

Parking/Traffic Violations: You are responsible for reporting and paying all parking/traffic violations when returning your vehicle. Your credit card will be charged for any charges/fines/penalties incurred, in addition to an administration fee, if you do not report a parking/traffic violation when returning your vehicle.

Refunds: We regret that we cannot provide any refund for any unused rental days.

Rental Agreement: You will be required to sign a legal rental agreement detailing all the terms and conditions applicable to the contract on collecting the vehicle, please ensure you understand all the terms before signing.

3. maui motorhomes - additional information to that on pages 170-171

Please see our website for full terms and conditions relating to maui motorhome rentals.

One-way Fees: One way Fees apply to all one way rentals. Prices on request.

National Public Holiday Surcharge:

A Fee of \$100 applies to all collections or returns on Public Holidays.

Extra drivers are charged \$2 per driver per day unless the all-inclusive option has been booked.

Driver Licence and Age Restrictions:

All drivers must be 21 years of age or over. A current and full motor vehicle driver's licence is required and must be produced upon vehicle collection by all drivers on the rental agreement.

Insurance and Liability:

New Zealand legislation provides limited coverage for personal injury. maui does not accept any liability for personal injuries sustained during the rental, nor for any loss or damage to any personal belongings or property of the customer (or any person or entity related to the customer). We strongly recommend that you ensure your personal travel insurance covers your possessions whilst in a motorhome.

All vehicles are insured for the damage to the vehicle or to the property of a third party. The customer is responsible for the first \$7,500 ("the liability") of the cost of any damage to third party property or to the rented vehicle, including single vehicle accident (does not include single vehicle roll over), windscreens and tyre damage, towing and recovery costs, theft, fire, break-in or vandalism. The liability applies in respect of each claim, not rental. The \$7,500 liability can be reduced to nil by taking our all-inclusive option.

Liability Deposit:

If the Liability Reduction Option or the All-Inclusive option is not taken, the customer must pay the Liability Deposit of \$7,500, applicable regardless if the hirer has purchased private travel insurance. The customer must provide a valid credit card to pay the Liability Deposit and the amount will be debited to the customer's credit card on the day of vehicle collection. The credit card holder must be present and able to sign for the Liability Deposit upon vehicle collection. The credit card holder is jointly and severally liable for any damage to the rental vehicle. Pre-paid travel cards are not acceptable as a means to provide a Liability Deposit.

The Liability Deposit is subject to a credit card administration fee in addition to the Liability Deposit.

Rental Duration:

Minimum and maximum rental periods apply and are subject to change. At Christmas/New Year and other peak times they can be as much as 14 days. Late pick-up or early return of vehicle does not entitle the customer to any refund of the unused portion of the rental.

Credit Card Requirement:

All renters must provide a credit card in order to collect their vehicle. The card holder will be jointly and severally liable as a customer. Accepted credit and debit cards are Visa Card, MasterCard and American Express. A non-refundable 2% administration fee will apply to all Visa and MasterCard transactions or 5.3% for American Express. Credit card administration fees also apply to the Liability Deposit and only the customer's credit card is acceptable to use for the purpose of the Liability Deposit and the Credit Card Authority.

On-Road Assistance:

Any problems associated with the vehicle, including equipment failure, must be reported to maui as soon as possible and within 24 hours in order to give maui the opportunity to rectify the problem during the rental. Failure to do so will compromise any claims for compensation. maui does not accept liability for any claims submitted after this period. Contact maui on free phone 1300 850 805.

4. Escorted Tours information

Luggage: Luggage is restricted to one item per person with a maximum weight of 20kgs to comply with strict weight regulations on coaches; this may be less than your airline allowance. Additional luggage, if it can be carried, is charged for locally. Hand luggage is restricted to one small item per person; please be aware that hand luggage with wheels does not always fit into the overhead racks or lockers on coaches. Your luggage will be delivered to and collected from your room at each hotel but if the itinerary involves a boat or train journey you may be required to handle it yourself at stations or cruise ports.

Seat rotation: Seat rotation operates on all tour coaches to give every passenger a chance of the best views.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed on board any coach or train.

Tour Pace: Early departures and late arrivals may sometimes be necessary in order to include the fuller days in some itineraries but generally tours are designed to allow sufficient time in key locations and to offer a relaxed touring pace.

Tour Information: You will be provided with a full day by day itinerary and hotel contact details 2 - 3 weeks before departure.

Tour participation: Escorted tours are suitable for most people, but not everyone, due to the nature of the itineraries, the hotels and locations they visit and the way that coaches are built.

Children do not generally enjoy coach tours and often become restless on the longer journeys involved; for the enjoyment of others, children under the age of 12 are not accepted on Travelmarvel or APT tours, children under 7 are not accepted on AAT Kings tours. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Clients with disabilities are welcome but must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of providing all the assistance they will require without further help from the coach crew. The coach driver and tour director are not able to provide one to one assistance or to lift passengers on or off the coach.

Internal flights: Some of the itineraries we offer require internal flights within New Zealand.

Because of the fluctuating cost of airline tickets within New Zealand we do not include these in our standard tour prices and each tour shows which additional flights are required. We will provide you with a quotation on request or at the time you make your booking. If you choose not to book your flights with us we will require all the relevant flight numbers at the time we make your tour booking in order that all the included transfers can be booked for you with the coach tour company. It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes to these flight arrangements and we will not accept responsibility for any problems that may arise with your transfers if you have not kept us fully informed of any changes.

5. Flight Information

Flight tickets: All airlines now issue e-tickets for your flights, which are electronic paperless tickets. An itinerary will be issued with your documents showing all your flight arrangements that you can present at check in.

Check in: You must check in for your international flights approximately 3 hours prior to departure time on your ticket or e-ticket. Please note that due to increased security measures, some airlines may request personal information on check in such as home address or address for your initial stay.

Special Requests: Unfortunately, we have no control over the allocation of seats on a flight and cannot guarantee that you will be sitting with your travelling companion. If you require special seating for medical reasons, please let us know. Some airlines allow you to pre-book your seats for a small charge, please call us for more information.

Airlines/Aircraft: Airlines reserve the right to substitute carriers, aircraft types, seat configuration and cabin classes on their flights. Some airlines may still consider an intermediary touchdown on a flight as a 'direct' flight.

Alcohol Policy: All airlines operate a zero tolerance policy for excess consumption of alcohol on board their flights. Some airlines may or may not serve alcohol on their flights, and some will charge for alcoholic and soft drinks.

Delays: Liability for flight delays are as per the airline's own conditions of carriage. Please see our terms and conditions or call for more information.

Arrival in New Zealand: Customs & immigration formalities are carried out at your first entry point into New Zealand. Therefore if the journey to your final destination involves a change of aircraft in New Zealand, you will be required to re-claim your baggage to complete the formalities.

Schedule Changes: Flight schedules are arranged many months in advance, and although rare, some flight rescheduling does occur. A schedule change may range from five minutes to a day or more. If a schedule change does occur, and we are told about it before departure, we may offer a revised itinerary and holiday cost to reflect that change. Please note that the holiday price could be higher or lower, depending on the flight affected. Notwithstanding the above, the provisions of paragraph 10 of our Booking Terms & Conditions apply. Please note that schedule changes are made by the airline, not by First Class Holidays. We cannot accept liability for any extra charges incurred as a result of a rescheduled flight.

Meal Requests: Most international flights include a meal service; however flights within New Zealand may not include meals. Your Airline will provide any special meals that you may require (vegetarian, diabetic etc.). Please request your special meal with your consultant at the time of booking. Children's Discounts: Price on application.

6. Passports and Visas

All passengers visiting New Zealand must also have a 10 year machine readable passport with at least 6 months validity after the date you leave New Zealand. If travelling to New Zealand British Citizens must obtain a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZETA) prior to entry into New Zealand. Apply online at: www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas and lasts 2 years, you will also pay an international surcharge. British Citizens must hold a full 10 year passport valid for six months beyond your return date. All visitors must have a return or onward ticket and enough funds to support them during their stay.

If your flights involve a stay or touchdown in the United States of America, a USA visa may be required. UK visitors (including children) wishing to enter the USA without a visa must have their own machine-readable passport and must have completed an on-line ESTA, visa-waiver application. Apply at: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> A fee applies. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that they have a valid passport and visas if necessary. First Class Holidays cannot be held responsible if you are not in possession of the correct documentation. Unused Services: No refunds are allowed for unused services provided in your package, should you cancel, amend or miss any part of your tour.

7. Baggage Allowance

Flights: Each airline imposes its own baggage allowance, so please check the information for your flights. Airlines have indicated that allowances will be strictly adhered to, and charges will be imposed for excess baggage. For the carriage of special items, like golf clubs, skis, wheelchairs etc., There may be an additional charge as this is extra to your normal baggage allowance. Some airlines will require to be told if you intend to take such items, so please check at the time of booking. Coach & Rail Tours: Due to space limitation on coaches and trains, only one piece of baggage is permitted on all coach and rail tours.

8. Building Works: Please be aware that many cities in New Zealand are undergoing citywide construction including (but not limited to) Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown and Dunedin. Where we are advised of building work taking place at your hotel, we will notify you of the work being undertaken, however we cannot take liability for building works outside your accommodation or elsewhere in your destination.

9. Hotel Checking In & Out Times: Check in time is normally after 3pm on the day of arrival; check out time varies between 10am and 12 noon. If you require a late check out, you should be able to arrange a day room for which you should pay the hotel directly (subject to availability).

10. Currency: If you plan to carry cash with you on holiday we recommend that you purchase a pre-paid currency card. All major credit cards are widely accepted and we suggest that clients carry at least one card.

11. Data Protection Statement: Please be assured that we have measures in place to protect the personal booking information held by us. This information will be passed on to the principal and to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs or immigration if required by them, or as required by law. Certain information may also be passed on to security or credit checking companies. If you travel outside the European Economic Area, controls on data protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country. We will only pass your information on to persons responsible for your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to us such as details of any disabilities, or dietary/religious requirements. (If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we will be unable to provide your booking. In making this booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons.) Full details of our data protection policy are available upon request.

12. Documentation: Once your booking is confirmed, you will receive a confirmation invoice which will detail all the arrangements made on your behalf. On receipt, please check all details thoroughly, including the spelling of all names and advise your travel agent immediately if you have any concerns. Your final travel documents will be sent to your travel agent 2 to 3 weeks before departure and may include airline e-tickets, hotel and travel vouchers, maps, tourist information and a day by day personalised itinerary. For some packages, a more detailed documentation kit will be sent to your first hotel.

13. Excursions: Any excursions or tours that you book or pay for whilst on holiday are not part of your package holiday provided by us. For anything that you do book in this way, your contract will be with the operator of the excursion or tour and not with us. We are not responsible for the provision of these excursions or tours or for anything that occurs during them.

14. Gratuities: Service charges are usually not included in bills in restaurants and bars. It is a standard practice to tip service personnel 15-20% of the bill. Tips to tour drivers and escorts are not normally included in your tour cost and are at your own discretion. As a general rule, gratuities are not included in our cruise prices. Please ask for details of the gratuity policy for your chosen cruise line.

15. Health: At the time of printing, no vaccinations are necessary for entry into New Zealand. New Zealand hospital and medical services are excellent, but can be expensive. It is therefore a condition of your booking that adequate insurance is taken for the duration of your holiday.

16. Hotels

Additional charges: hotels may charge for items such as telephone, safe, parking, newspapers, movies, internet and other items. Please check with your hotel for a list of charges which are payable locally. Not all hotels in New Zealand offer tea/coffee-making facilities in your room. Some charge for these within a 'daily service charge'.

Hotel Guests: As First Class Holidays do not own the properties featured in our brochure, we have no control over other guests or individual hotel policies. We are unable to accept liability for conferences or conventions being held at your hotel, or for any facilities or amenities, which may be restricted as a result.

Meal arrangements: Most hotels featured in our brochure are booked on a room only basis. This means that no meals are included. If you are taking an escorted tour, self-drive, independent tour or any other package that includes meals our descriptions will show the number of meals included, if none are stated, none are included. Alcoholic and soft drinks are not included.

Non-Brochure Hotels: Please note that if your chosen hotel is not featured in our brochure, we may be able to contact the hotel to obtain rates and make a reservation on your behalf. Please note however that our suppliers and handlers may not have inspected some non-featured hotels and therefore we cannot accept liability for any lapse in standard or facilities.

Our Prices: Hotel prices fluctuate based on demand and we are constantly in contact with our suppliers to ensure that we offer the very best prices available; for that reason prices are not shown so that we can search for and confirm the best available price at the time of booking.

Room Types: It should be noted that standards of hotels in the remoter parts of New Zealand may not necessarily be equal to those in cities where a larger selection is available. A twin or double room is based on two people sharing either one or two beds (i.e. a double room may have one or two beds). A triple room is based on three people sharing the existing (two) beds in one room. At some hotels, a rollaway bed is available at an additional cost payable directly to the hotel. Please note we cannot guarantee a double bed for honeymoon couples or two beds for those who prefer separate beds. When booking two or more rooms, we can request, but cannot guarantee, adjacent or interconnecting rooms. Please advise our staff at the time of booking if you would like to make this request.

Security deposit: A credit card imprint will be requested on checking in at your accommodation, as a security deposit to cover any incidentals.

17. Travel Insurance: A valid insurance policy is a condition of your booking. We do not sell insurance however we can recommend ABTA Travel insurance. For further information please see www.abta-travelinsurance.co.uk

18. National Parks: Local charges may apply.

19. Smoking: Smoking is not permitted on any sightseeing tour coach or rail journeys. Hotels are smoke-free and charges will be incurred if smoking takes place in rooms. All flights are non-smoking.

20. Suitable Clothing: For Spring, Summer and Fall touring, casual, lightweight clothing that can be worn in layers is suggested. In the mountains during the evenings, it can get quite chilly, so a warm jumper or jacket is recommended. Adverse weather conditions, such as severe rainfall and hurricanes, may affect the area in which you are travelling. Please ensure that you check before travelling.

21. Travelling in Vehicles: When travelling in any motor vehicle, seatbelts (if provided) must be worn at all times.

22. Unused Services: No refunds are allowed for unused services provided in your package. Should you cancel, amend or miss any part of your tour for any reason, we are not able to provide any refund.

23. Wildlife Viewing: When booking a wildlife adventure, it should be noted that as viewing the animals in their own natural environment, sightings cannot be guaranteed. The tour guides will do their utmost to ensure that sightings are made, however in the event that this is not possible, refunds will not be made.

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Terms & Conditions

1st Class Holidays Limited Booking Conditions

The following Booking Conditions together with the Important Information, our Privacy Policy and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking form the basis of your contract with 1st Class Holidays Ltd, trading as First Class Holidays, company number 03445248 and registered address, Trafford House, Chester Road, Manchester M32 0RS (“we”, “us”, “our”).

Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. In these booking conditions, “you” and “your” means all persons named on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is added or transferred. Except where otherwise stated, these booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our travel arrangements. All references in these booking conditions to “holiday”, “booking”, “contract”, “package”, “tour” or “arrangements” mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated.

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 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, including where applicable, special categories of data (such as information on health conditions or disabilities and dietary requirements)

C) He/she is over 18 years of age and resident in the United Kingdom and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services

D) He/she accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking.

1. Making a 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. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with a booking confirmation that will confirm the details of your booking and will be sent to you or your travel agent. If your confirmed arrangements include a flight, we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will also issue you with an ATOL Certificate. Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the ATOL Certificate or booking confirmation or any other document are wrong, you must contact us immediately as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.

2. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of £400 per person (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. Reminders are not sent. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and 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 for flight inclusive bookings, all monies 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 our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours 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, all 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). We both agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA Alternative Dispute Resolution Process (if the process is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 12) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

4. Holiday Insurance

We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. 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/or cancellation.

Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on holiday. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs. We do not check alternative insurance policies.

5. If you change your booking & transfers of 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 we will be able to meet any such 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. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. A change of holiday dates will normally be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and rebooking in which case cancellation charges in accordance with clause 6 of these Booking Conditions, will apply. Changes may result in the recalculation of the holiday price where, for example, the basis on which the price of the original holiday was calculated has changed.

Transfer of Booking: If you or any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else, subject to the following conditions:

- that person is introduced by you and satisfies all the conditions applicable to the holiday;
 - we are notified not less than 7 days before departure;
 - you pay any outstanding balance payment, an amendment fee of £50 per person transferring, as well as any additional fees, charges or other costs arising from the transfer; and
 - the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us.
- You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out in clause 6 will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

Important Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended or transferred after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements. Most airlines do not permit name changes and such changes are likely to be the full cost of the flight.

6. If you cancel your holiday before departure

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 in addition apply cancellation charges up to the maximum amount shown below. 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 notification at our offices.

| Period before departure in which we receive your notification | Cancellation charge payable |
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| More than 89 days | Deposit Only |
| Between 88 and 31 days | 50% |
| Between 30 and 15 days | 75% |
| 14 days or less | 100% |

IMPORTANT NOTE: Certain arrangements on this website and in our brochure have different cancellation terms than those stated above. These are either noted on the website, the relevant brochure page or will be advised on your confirmation invoice.

NOTE: Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these charges if the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms of your holiday insurance policy.

Where any cancellation reduces the number of full paying party members below the number on which the price, number of free places and/or any concessions agreed for your booking were based, we will recalculate these items and re-invoice you accordingly. See clause 5 “If you change your booking & transfers of booking” if any member(s) of your party are prevented from travelling.

Cancellation by You due to Unavoidable & Extraordinary Circumstances:

You may terminate the package travel contract at any time before the start of the package without paying a cancellation charge in the event of “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” occurring at the place of destination or its immediate vicinity which will significantly affect the performance of the package or carriage to your holiday destination. In these circumstances, we shall provide you with a full refund of the monies you have paid but we will not be liable to pay you any additional compensation. For the purposes of this clause, “unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances” may include warfare, other serious security problems such as terrorism, significant risks to human health such as 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 to the travel destination as agreed in the package travel contract. This clause 6 outlines the rights you have if you wish to cancel your booking. Please note that there is no automatic statutory right of cancellation under the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013.

7. If you have a complaint

If in the unlikely event that you have any 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 full details and a contact number. Until we know about a 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 this simple complaint procedure, 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. Please see clause 18 for further details.

8. Behaviour and damage

When you book with us, you accept responsibility for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or loss (reasonably estimated if not precisely known) must be made direct to the accommodation owner or manager or other supplier or to us as soon as possible. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions. You should ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect you if this situation arises.

All our customers are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and acceptable manner and not to disrupt the enjoyment of others. If in our reasonable opinion or in the reasonable opinion of some other person in authority, you or any member of your party behaves in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause damage, distress, danger or annoyance to other clients, employees, property or to any third party, or damage to property, we reserve the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned immediately. In the event of such termination our liability to you and/or your party will cease and you and/or your party will be required to leave the accommodation or other service immediately. We will have no further obligations toward such person(s) including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made, and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination.

9. Entry Passport, Visa and Immigration Requirements, Safety & Health Formalities

It is your responsibility to check and fulfil the entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements, safety and health formalities applicable to your itinerary. We can only provide general information about this. You must check requirements for your own specific circumstances with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (“FCDO”) and your own doctor as applicable. Requirements and the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling to, do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure in order to make your decisions accordingly.

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Passport Office on 0870 5210410 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/browse/citizenship/passports>.

Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). <https://uk.usembassy.gov>.

For European travel you should obtain a UK Global Health Insurance Card (UK GHIC) prior to departure unless you are able to rely upon an existing European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

For travel to Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, UK GHIC and EHIC can not be used for medical treatment. Passengers to these destinations should obtain comprehensive medical insurance prior to departure, including cover for emergency medical treatment and associated costs. Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, visit <https://www.gov.uk/travelaware>.

Non British passport holders, including other EU nationals, should obtain up to date advice on entry, passport, visa, health and immigration requirements from the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of your destination or country(ies) through which you are travelling.

We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. You agree to reimburse us in relation to any fines or other losses which we incur as a result of your failure to comply with any entry passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities.

Please note: The impacts of Brexit may change your visa, ticket and health requirements. Third country nationals may require an airport transit visa when passing through EU Member States. There is the potential for disruption at borders when travelling between the UK and EU Member States and you should allow sufficient time for this when planning any onward travel. You should check any impacts of Brexit on your travel, in advance of your departure, to ensure that you fulfil the requirements post-Brexit, including any passport validity requirements.

10. The price of your holiday

Please note, any prices shown are a guide only and subject to change at time of booking. Any prices shown in this brochure have been calculated using exchange rates of 15 October 2023 as shown in the Financial Times Guide to World Currencies.

We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays. We also reserve the right to increase the price of confirmed holidays solely to allow for increase 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 not directly involved in the performance 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 any amendment charges and/or 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 8% 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 policy.

Should the price of your holiday go down due to 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 apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to 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 a 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 will then enable us to reclaim the tax paid by us on your behalf 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.

11. 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 both before and after your booking has been confirmed. Most 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 is reasonably possible before your departure, but we will have no liability to you. Examples of insignificant changes include alteration to your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers. Please note that unless specifically indicated in the brochure may be subject to change.

Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Examples of significant changes 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 outward departure time or overall length of your arrangements by more than 12 hours;
- (d) a change of UK departure airport except between:

- The London airports: Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton, Stansted, London City and Southend
- The South Coast airports: Southampton, Bournemouth and Exeter
- The South Western airports: Cardiff and Bristol
- The Midland airports: Birmingham, East Midlands and Doncaster Sheffield
- The Northern airports: Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds Bradford
- The North eastern airports: Newcastle and Teesside
- The Scottish airports: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Prestwick and Aberdeen

(e) 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.

If 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; or
- iii. Accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of a comparable or higher standard from us, if available (at no extra cost); or
- iv. If available, accepting an offer of alternative arrangements of a lower standard, with a refund of the price difference between the original arrangements and the alternative arrangements. You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of

our offer. If we do not hear from you within 7 days, we will contact you again to request 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

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so.

Period before departure in which we notify you

Compensation per person

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| Over 89 days | NIL |
| Between 29 and 88 days | £10 |
| Between 15 and 28 days | £15 |
| Between 8 and 14 days | £20 |
| 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 and you accept those changed arrangements or you accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements;
- d) where we have to 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 (see clause 12)

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 at no extra charge and where those alternative arrangements are of a lower standard, provide you with an appropriate price reduction.

12. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Conditions, we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by "Force Majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event beyond our or our supplier's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Such events may include actual or threatened war or terrorism, riot, civil strife, significant risks to human health such as 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 to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned's control.

13. 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 proper provision of the travel services specifically included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking. Please note that we shall not be responsible for any additional services provided to you, whether provided by the travel service providers or otherwise, which are not set out in your confirmation invoice and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking.

(2) We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any personal injury or death unless you are able to prove that it was caused by our negligence or the negligence of our suppliers.

(3) We will not be responsible or pay you compensation for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, cost or other claim of any description if it results from:

- (a) the acts and/or omissions of the person affected; or
- (b) the acts and/or omissions of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; or
- (c) Force Majeure (as defined in clause 12).

(4) 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 and money: the maximum amount we will have to pay 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) Claims not falling under (a) above and which don't involve injury, illness or death: the maximum amount we will have to pay you in respect of these claims is up to three times the price paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you or your party has not received any benefit at all from your booking.
- (c) Claims in respect of international travel by air, sea and rail, or any stay in a hotel:

i) The extent of our liability will in all cases be limited as if we were carriers under the appropriate Conventions, which include The Warsaw/Montreal Convention (international travel by air); The Athens Convention (with respect to sea travel); The Berne/Cotif Convention (with respect to 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 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 that those "Conditions of Carriage" shall be deemed to be included by reference into this contract.

ii) In any circumstances in which a carrier is liable to you by virtue of EC 261/2004 (denied boarding and flight disruption), 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.

iii) When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the transport provider or hotelier for the complaint or claim in question.

(5) Subject to these Booking Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services set out in the confirmation invoice and the information we provided to you regarding the services prior to booking and we don't remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation in respect of any claim for damages or compensation whatsoever will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described 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 supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

(6) It is a condition of our acceptance of liability under this clause that you notify any claim to us and our supplier(s) strictly in accordance with the complaints procedure set out in these conditions.

(7) Where any payment is made, the person(s) receiving it (and their parent or guardian if under 18 years) must also assign to us or our insurers any rights they may have to pursue any third party and must provide ourselves and our insurers with all assistance we may reasonably require.

(8) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss or expense or other sum(s) of any description:

- (a) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you;
- (b) relate to any business;
- (c) indirect or consequential loss of any kind.

(9) We will not accept responsibility for services or facilities which do not form part of our agreement or where they are not advertised in our brochure. For example any excursion you book whilst away, or any service or facility which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you.

(10) Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances", we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where possible, of a comparable standard) for a period not exceeding three nights per Please note that the 3 night cap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided we have been notified of these particular needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as 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.

14. Arbitration

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled will 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 method of arbitration on documents alone 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 booking. Neither does it apply to claims, 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 £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required 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 require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, 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 actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

15. 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 omit or exclude the supplier's liability to you in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 13). 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.

16. Special requests and medical conditions / disabilities

If you have any special request, you must 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. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. For your own protection, you should obtain confirmation in writing that a special request will be complied (where it is possible to give this) where it is important to you.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfillment 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 or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give 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 any particular needs of the persons 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.

17. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators, other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 12(i) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury.

We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

18. Insolvency Protection and ABTA membership

We provide financial security for flight-inclusive packages by way of an Annual Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK, telephone 0333 1036350 email: claims@caa.co.uk (ATOL number 5421) When you buy an ATOL protected flight or 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. For further information, visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. The price of our flight inclusive arrangements includes the amount of £2.50 per person as part of the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. Not all holiday or travel services offered and sold by us will be protected by the ATOL scheme. ATOL protection extends primarily to customers who book and pay in the United Kingdom.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or over a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you

have claimed under the ATOL scheme. We provide full financial protection for our package holidays which do not include flights by way of a bond held by ABTA Ltd. We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W3550) and, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to <http://abta.com/go-travel> for a copy of the guide to ABTA's scheme of Financial Protection.

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct.

For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint (see clause 7) contact ABTA at 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ or see www.abta.com

19. Delays, Missed Transport Arrangements and other Travel Information

If you or any member of your party misses your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

Under UK Law, you have rights in some circumstances to a refund and/or compensation from the airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at UK airports and will also be available from airlines. If the airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority at www.caa.co.uk/passengers. Reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday price from us. If, for any reason, you do not claim against the airline and make a claim for compensation from us, you must, at the time of payment of any compensation to you, make a complete assignment to us of the rights you have against the airline in relation to the claim that gives rise to that compensation payment. A delay or cancellation to your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10 of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been despatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know. Please note the existence of a "UK Safety list" (available for inspection at <https://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-airlines/airlines/licensing/requirements-and-guidance/third-country-operator-certificates/>) detailing air carriers that are subject to an operating ban within the UK.

This website/brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

20. Prompt Assistance

If whilst you are on holiday, you find yourself in difficulty for any reason, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is appropriate in the circumstances. In particular, we will provide you with appropriate information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance, and assistance with distance communications and finding alternative travel arrangements. Where you require assistance, which is not owing to any failure by us, our employees or sub-contractor, we will not be liable for the costs of any alternative travel arrangements or other such assistance you require. Any supplier, airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of these Booking Conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements. Furthermore, we reserve the right to charge you a fee for our assistance in the event that the difficulty is caused intentionally by you or a member of your party, or otherwise through your or your party's negligence.

22. Brochure / website / advertising material accuracy

The information contained in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material is believed correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing or 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.

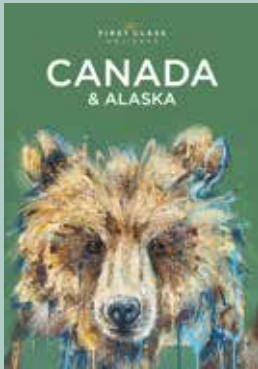
23. Safety Standards

Please note, it is the requirements and standards of the country in which any services, which make up your holiday are provided which apply to those services and not those of the UK. As a general rule, these requirements and standards will not be the same as the UK and may often be lower.

24. Advance Passenger Information

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft to the Authorities before the aircraft leaves the UK. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for your flight. Where we collect the data, we will treat it in accordance with our privacy policy.


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