

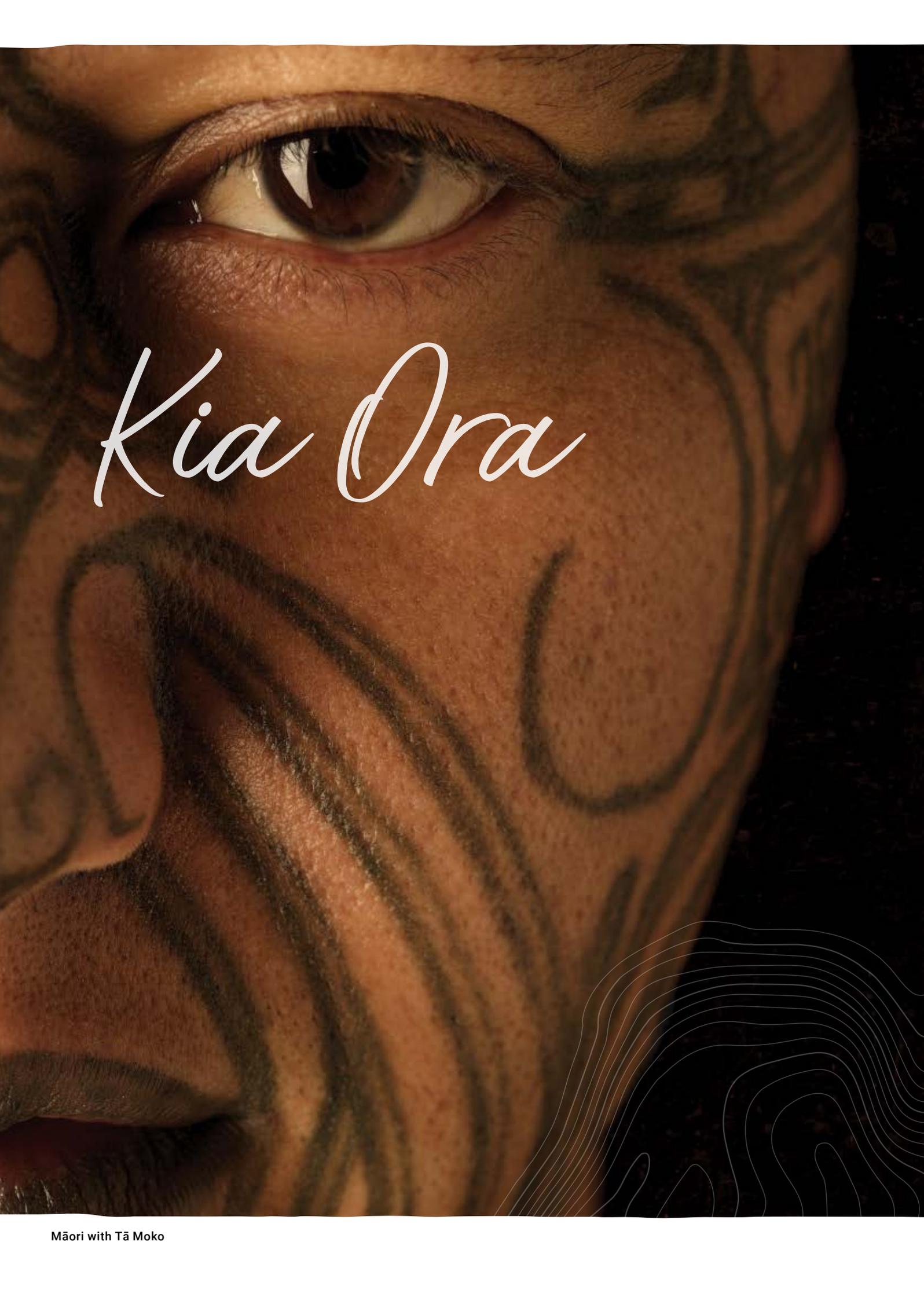
NEW ZEALAND

2023-2024 GUIDED HOLIDAYS

A photograph of two Maori women in traditional dress. The woman in the foreground is pouring water from a woven basket into a large black bowl. She is wearing a dark, sleeveless top with a green feathered skirt and a white fringed skirt. The background shows another woman in similar attire and a traditional Maori building with a thatched roof. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a dirt path.

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Kia Ora



Wild, wide and wonderful, Australia and New Zealand continually excite and inspire. It doesn't matter how many mountains you've climbed or remote island shores you've visited, there's always a different creation story to be told or gallery of ancient rock art to be revealed.

We offer our respect and gratitude to the Māori, First Nations Australian and Torres Strait Islander custodians who have nurtured the land and its cultures for so many millennia, and who are now some of our most trusted partners in introducing them to a curious world.



Welcome Traveller,

Know that there is no comparison to the adventures awaiting you; within these pages you'll discover snow-dusted mountain ranges, untouched natural havens, volcanic landscapes, and geothermal wonders.

One moment you could be pondering otherworldly possibilities, gazing beyond the Southern Cross at the Dark Sky Reserve, which only the clear skies of the Mackenzie Region allow. Then next, exploring Stewart Island's wild and wonderful coastline, the home to the rare yellow-eyed penguin and sanctuary for many protected native wildlife.

You can discover the many arts and traditions unique to Māori culture at Te Puia, in the beautifully carved whareniui, meeting cultural performers, and unearthing the techniques of hāngī cooking, where food is steamed underground. Sample your own hand-churned butter at the 500-acre heritage Red Barn, nestled in the countryside of Waikato – this farm takes paddock-to-plate freshness to a new level. And the new All Blacks Experience will bring you up close and personal with this other famous New Zealand passion – Rugby.

With AAT Kings, you'll go behind the scenes, it's what 100 years of expertise allows you to uncover. Remarkable experiences that many unknowingly pass by – these unexpected moments are the memories you treasure the most.

We are, and always have been pioneers leading the way and pushing boundaries. Together with our extraordinary Travel Directors on the road, we're committed to worry-free and sustainable travel - making every single second of your journey remarkable.

Wherever you decide to roam, you'll be in good hands.

Sincerely,

Ben Hall
AAT Kings Group | CEO

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Aoraki/Mount Cook, South Island



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Te Pā Tū Māori Experience

Te Pā Tū is intended as a Māori experience that gives more than it takes – sustaining land, place, stories and people. Join us for an evening of culture, history and a hangi feast.

Experience Te Pā Tū on First Choice Guided Holidays and Inspiring Journeys that visit Rotorua.

Today, we're proud of
our history and of our people.
Some things never change...



100+ Years of Adventure and many more to come

A century ago, the Australian outback was but a twinkle in most travellers' eyes. But thanks to visionaries like the Pyke family and Bill King, the way we explore the Land Down Under was about to change in unimaginable ways. Over the coming decades, maps were unfolded, desert cruisers and coaches were customised, and guides were trained. From humble beginnings, the company now known as AAT Kings was going places few had gone before, pioneering new paths across Australia and New Zealand and taking intrepid domestic and international travellers on a wild and wonderful ride.

No corner of the Antipodes was – or is – off-limits, from the remote reaches of the Kimberley and spiritual heartland of the Red Centre, to the untamed Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi, bubbling thermal Rotorua and quiet shores of Tasmania. Not to mention in-depth journeys across Sydney and its surrounds, where this forward-thinking travel venture came to fruition all those years ago.

We've come a long way and clocked a few kilometres in the process. But some things will never change. Like our spirit for adventure. Our oh-so-knowledgeable Travel Directors. The local characters we meet (and will never forget) along the way. The epic, goosebump-inducing stories we're told by First Nations guides. The life-changing experiences on offer – the kind that only 100 years of exploring affords.

Now, we're just jumping into more waterfalls, finding ourselves humbled by more sacred sites, laying more footprints on deserted beaches and hiking through more tropical rainforests than ever before. And we've never been more passionate about our next discovery. Join us, and fall in love with Australia and New Zealand all over again.

***"Keep doing what you're doing,
but try and do it better" – Bill King***



1920s

AAT Kings can be traced back to George Page's modest transport service from Melbourne to Brighton.

1930s

The Pike family introduced Sydney to Katoomba and Jenolan Caves which is still apart of our Day Tours business.

1960s

Bill King decided there was a real future with off-the-beaten-track journeys – Bill purchased two Land Rovers, an ex-army international ambulance and a Denning Bus and launched Bill King's Northern Safaris.

1970s

Bill designed and built his own 18 passenger vehicles and called them Desert Cruisers. AAT Coachlines had commenced operations in the Northern Territory.

1980s

AAT Coachlines purchased Bill King's Northern Safaris and operated as Bill King's Australian Adventure Tours.

1984

AAT Kings brand formed.

1997

AAT Kings joined The Travel Corporation Family of Brands.

1999

We began operations in New Zealand.

2010

Small group immersive Inspiring Journeys brand was born.

2018

Down Under Tours joined the AAT Kings Group.

2019

SEIT Outback Australia joined the AAT Kings Group.

New Zealand, but not as you *know* it.

New Zealand never fails to captivate, from its record-breaking glaciers to its steamy hot springs; from its world-leading wineries to its ridges of snow-capped mountains. While we've spent decades here, meeting the locals and crafting the ultimate itinerary, we're always looking for ways to broaden our horizons, discovering new destinations and experiences, and coming up with novel adventures – the one-off kind that remind you why travel is transformative, whether drifting through fjords or swimming in World Heritage listed sites, meeting the makers or listening to soul-stirring stories, dining under the stars or decoding them in a Dark Sky Reserve. Regardless of where we go, some things will never change, like our pioneering spirit, our commitment to worry free and sustainable travel, and our passion for revealing New Zealand in a way you never imagined possible.

Amazing Experiences

We were built on pioneering spirit, and to this day our tours include adventures that few others experience. We're constantly looking for ways to make journeys extraordinary, whether that's remote night-sky gazing or lunch on a dairy farm. This is New Zealand, but not as you've ever seen it.

Diverse Travel Styles

What you want from your holiday is not necessarily the same as your neighbour. Sometimes, it's about adventure. Often, it's a good glass of wine and a remarkable view. Perhaps you want to see major sights, or choose your own path while we handle the main roads. Whatever your destination and route, we have an itinerary for you.

Conscious Travel

There are plenty of things we can all do while travelling to contribute to sustainable tourism practices.

We've developed a series of tours with signature **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences – to ensure travel has a positive impact on our planet, the communities we visit and the wildlife we encounter.

Worry-free Travel

Your wellbeing is our primary concern. In addition to elevated hygiene protocols, AAT Kings tour guarantee upgraded coach air-con filtration systems. We only work with partners we know and trust, and our Travel Directors ensure everything runs smoothly, with a support team on call.

Family Values

When you travel with AAT Kings, you're not only part of our century-old heritage, but are welcomed into just as many years of experience in The Travel Corporation. Journey confidently knowing our family-owned parent company has welcomed millions of people around the world across its brands.



Amazing Experiences

Every year, millions of adventure-seekers visit New Zealand. But to really get to know it – to take its pulse as an insider – you need to follow the lead of locals. We've spent the last 100 years exploring the Antipodes, meeting farmers, winemakers, chefs, Indigenous experts, artists and astronomers, and creating lasting friendships. The kind that now give us – and you, as our guests – unrestricted and unrivalled access to parts of the country that other travellers just can't go, and to exclusive experiences most will probably never know existed. We'll take you places, and our passionate people will reveal their true beauty.

Discover NZ's wildlife haven, Stewart Island

New Zealand's southernmost community resides on Stewart Island, a slip of land where brown kiwi birds outnumber humans, and where blue and rare yellow-eyed penguins waddle on rocks. More than 85 per cent of this wild and wonderful destination is national parkland, as you'll discover on a tour around the petite village and its beautiful bays, your journey taking you to Observation Rock and offering unbroken views over Paterson Inlet. This is nature at its most awe-inspiring and humbling.

All aboard for the Southern Alps!

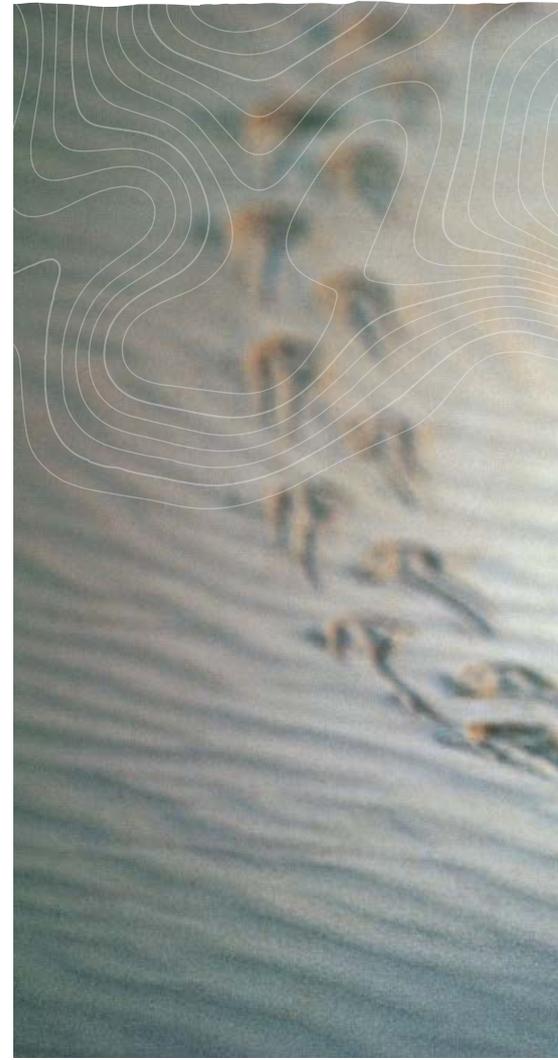
One of the world's great rail journeys, the TranzAlpine train offers a front-row seat to the South Island's most epic landscapes between Greymouth and Christchurch. Jump aboard to traverse the Canterbury Plains, chugging through immense beech forest, over viaducts, across river-carved gorges and past the ice-fed Waimakariri River, backdropped by the snow-capped Southern Alps. This historic route has been in operation since 1914, and is no less spectacular today than it was more than a century ago.

Get set for a peak performance, Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

New Zealand boasts more than its fair share of natural wonders, none quite as dramatic as Milford Sound/Piopiotahi within World Heritage listed Te Wahipounamu reserve. Waterfalls tumble from escarpments into inky water, glaciers sparkle from clifftops and mountains scrape the sky – it's a natural haven for fur seals, penguins and dolphins, which you'll observe firsthand on a scenic cruise through the sound. Back on land, your journey through Fiordland National Park continues to Te Anau, from rainforest through wildflower-dusted meadows and across alluvial flats.

Sip and savour liquid gold, Greymouth

Monteith's Brewery has been making lager, IPA and pale ale since 1868. It's fair to say they know a thing or two about beer – more specifically, excellent craft beer, which you'll get to sample on a behind-the-scenes tour revealing the traditions and heritage of this national icon. While some menu items never change, others are seasonal and experimental, and all are a refreshing accompaniment to the pub-style lunch you'll enjoy here.



International Dark Sky Reserve



Yellow-eyed penguin, Stewart Island

Prepare to see stars, Tekapo

Free from artificial light pollution, the UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve really knows how to dazzle. Visit this spectacular spot, over the Lindis Pass and backdropped by Aoraki/Mt. Cook, at night to gaze at the Southern Cross, Magellanic Clouds and wonders hidden along the Milky Way through an optical telescope, the mysteries and magic of the starry sky above decoded by a specialist astronomy guide.

Churn things up on a dairy farm, Waikato

The Waikato countryside, 150 kilometres south of Auckland, is the stuff of postcards. It's particularly pretty at the Red Barn, a fully functioning dairy farm where you'll not only meet the gorgeous wide-eyed cows, but also try your hand at churning butter – then spread it thick on freshly baked breads before sitting down to a paddock-to-plate, country-style lunch with your hosts. It doesn't get any fresher.



Be My Guest lunch, the Red Barn

4.6/5

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independent &
transparent
satisfaction rating

Experience places that will fill you with wonder and let us take you beneath the surface to show you the enchanting beauty and soul of these two truly diverse countries. From the white sandy beaches of the Great Barrier Reef to the snow-capped mountains of New Zealand's South Island, you'll learn the history of these lands and be inspired by their ancient cultures. Our experts' knowledge and passion for showcasing Australia & New Zealand is unrivalled, making our Guided Holidays a truly unforgettable experience. **But we'll let you see it for yourself and hear it in our guests' own words.**

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Can't wait to go touring again.

Was wonderful in every way. We intend travelling with AAT KINGS again next year when we go to New Zealand. Tour guide and drivers went out of their way to help in any way they could. Best holiday I have ever been on.

Leanne Y ★★★★★

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“ **Amazing!**

Our 18 day coach tour to New Zealand was outstanding BEST trip ever. The tour guides were amazing very informative and friendly. They had every base covered with every new destination. We were WOWING 18 days straight. The coach was very comfortable. The accommodation was very comfortable and the restaurants sensational. We now love New Zealand wines YUM. We can't wait to do the same trip again.

Edward ★★★★★

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Diverse Travel

Styles

No two travellers are ever the same. Which means that with AAT Kings, neither are any two tours. We understand that sometimes you want to switch off and enjoy the scenery, with your itinerary, accommodation and exclusive experiences all seamlessly sorted 'behind the scenes'. Other journeys require the essentials covered and insider tips provided, but need built-in flexibility so you can go your own way. Whether you have a couple of weeks or a couple of hours, whether you want to leave everything to us or customise parts of your journey, AAT Kings offers a travel style for every kind of traveller. And regardless of the tour you choose, you'll leave a minimal footprint, connect with culture and support the local communities you visit.



First Choice Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- Exclusive experiences and adventures around New Zealand
- Everything taken care of by talented Travel Directors

There's nothing quite like setting off to see New Zealand, knowing that each wild encounter, all your accommodation – and everything in between – has been taken care of by your Travel Director, guides and the team of supporting experts. All you need to do is enjoy the relaxed pace, make lasting connections and delve into the country's culture. This is about going to wild places, with creature comforts.





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Best Buys Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- A flexible holiday with some inclusions, and some independent travel
- All the essentials managed by in-the-know Travel Directors

Take a fully curated holiday, add in a good dose of flexibility, and you arrive at this travel style, designed for those who like travel fundamentals taken care of – the transportation, accommodation – but also like the option of exploring independently, with tips from knowledgeable Travel Directors to point you in the right direction if needed.



MAKE TREADRIGHT TRAVEL MATTER™

This is our goal as a travel provider. We recognise our responsibility to ensure our impact on the planet we call home, the people we visit, and the rich wildlife we find there, is a positive one. Our work ensures that the impact of our business is positive in two ways; through our TreadRight Foundation, and our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right. Our strategy consists of 11 measurable goals anchored to the United Nations Global Goals, and alongside our Climate Action Plan, will guide our journey to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. Learn about our impact at aatkings.com/aat-kings-cares. The three pillars of our support are:

PEOPLE
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES & CULTURES

PLANET
SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION

WILDLIFE
PROTECTION & AWARENESS

AAT Kings *Cares*

Enrich your travels while supporting the people and places you visit.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

experiences are chosen with great care based on the positive social or environmental impact they have on their communities and those who experience them.

There are plenty of things we can all do while travelling to contribute to sustainable tourism practices. We've developed a series of tours that each include a signature **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**, allowing our guests to see and understand firsthand the important work we support and its impact. Look for the symbol below to see how you can **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**.

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
EXPERIENCE**



WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Save the kiwi bird, Rotorua

The flightless kiwi bird is under threat, with populations of the beloved national species in decline. AAT Kings supports the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa to provide a safe environment for eggs to hatch, as you'll discover on the *Contrasts of New Zealand* (page 28).



Pomona Island Charitable Trust, Fiordland

Cruise around Pomona and Rona islands in Lake Manapouri to discover how the Charitable Trust is conserving and restoring the islands' native plants and animals. Included on *Southern Spectacular* (page 32).



Te Puia Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, Rotorua

This Māori-owned and -operated experience reveals the richness of Indigenous culture and heritage, while preserving traditions. Included on *Essence of New Zealand* (page 38).



Eat My Lunch, Wellington

For every guest lunch supplied by AAT Kings, another is donated to kids in need to ensure no child goes to school hungry. Included on *Northern Spotlight* (page 50).

Our TreadRight Foundation – TreadRight is a not-for-profit founded by AAT Kings and our sister brands under The Travel Corporation (TTC), to support sustainable tourism projects around the world. Through TreadRight, AAT Kings has helped fund more than 60 projects worldwide. Learn more at [TreadRight.org](https://www.treadright.org)

Worry-free Travel

The travel landscape is forever changing, something we know only too well at AAT Kings – after all, we've been crafting life-changing itineraries for more than a century. Now, more than ever, we're committed to sparking your wanderlust, while ensuring your wellbeing. We're by your side to take the hassle and worry out of your holiday, so you can enjoy the journey (and the company), then sleep soundly knowing we're doing what it takes behind-the-scenes to ensure your safety and health.

Trained Travel Directors

Our Travel Directors not only hold a wealth of information about the destinations you visit, but also have their finger on the pulse when it comes to the latest protocols in hygiene and local etiquette.

Always in the know

AAT Kings is an integral part of a much bigger family, The Travel Corporation, with a network of in-the-know advisors and travel professionals around the globe. We're up-to-date when it comes to the latest health protocols, and are ready to apply internationally proven best practices if issues arise.

A full team of support, 24/7

Our Travel Directors and Drivers rarely need backup, but they have it thanks to a full support team on call around the clock to ensure your journey is seamless and hassle-free, from the moment you sign up until the moment you return home.

Air conditioning

Relax and breathe – we're filtering the air through our fleet of coaches using top-of-the-range air filtration systems to ensure impurities are not left lingering. Expect a full replacement of fresh air every couple of minutes, to protect your health and wellbeing.

Stringent on-the-road protocols

We've always maintained high levels of hygiene on our coaches, but we've now elevated precautions to include enhanced deep cleaning and sanitisation for your safety. Our protocols meet international standards, and we're continually monitoring the travel landscape for best practices.

Trusted partners, exceptional standards

The people we work with around Australia and New Zealand care about our guests as much as we do. We're extremely selective when it comes to our partners – whether restaurants, hotels, suppliers or venues – and we ensure upfront that we're aligned in our commitment to health and hygiene.

Safe travels

by

WORLD
TRAVEL &
TOURISM
COUNCIL

We have worked closely with the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) to guide and co-create their "New Normal Safe and Seamless Traveller Journey" global protocols.

Find out more at:
aatkings.com/about-us/wellbeing

Family Values

At AAT Kings, we're proud of our service and experience, revealing the wonders and characters of Australia and New Zealand to guests for more than 100 years. We're even prouder to be part of a much bigger family, The Travel Corporation (TTC), which enjoys a global reach and a portfolio that includes some of the world's most prestigious travel brands – from luxury hotels and boutique river cruises to independent holiday package companies and guided travel experiences. The collection is diverse, but we all share standards of excellence and common goals: to offer outstanding service and experiences, whichever corner of the planet our guests choose to roam.



Our Commitment

We want our guests to experience everything they expect on their holiday – but we're committed to giving them a whole lot more. We consistently deliver unexpected moments of joy, so you return home with lasting memories, not just a stamp in your passport.

Our Customers

You, our guests, are the reason we have been operating and innovating as a family brand for the past century. You return time and time again, and your loyalty and feedback help keep things fresh and fun while we keep discovering the world together.

Our Passion

We're passionate about the planet, and about sustainably, revealing its many wonders to our guests through the highest levels of service, exceptional experiences, and hugely knowledgeable employees and Travel Directors.

Our Responsibility

Travel offers the power to have a positive impact not only on us, but also on the destinations and communities we visit. Which is why, through our non-profit TreadRight Foundation, we strive to create meaningful, lasting partnerships and projects that enhance and protect the people and places we visit. Learn how you can help at treadright.org/checklist.



Explore New Zealand

From glacial-carved gorges to immense lakes, from rainforest-draped national parks to snowy peaks, New Zealand is diverse and dramatic.

Whichever island you're visiting, adventure awaits – be transfixed by a bedazzlement of stars in the Southern Hemisphere's only dark sky reserve, cruise in the company of penguins across Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, and embrace the opportunity to immerse yourself in both the beauty and importance of Māori culture. This is where magical travel moments are made.

Pancake Rocks

Discover the South Island's wild west coast around Punakaiki, including time-hewn blowholes and the famed Pancake Rocks formed over 30 million years ago.



Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere

Witness this stunning South Island wonder, with its rivers of ice and mantle of snow (perhaps on an unforgettable helicopter flight!)



Franz Josef Glacier/
Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere

Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

Cruise this multifaceted jewel of magnificent Fiordland, once described as the world's 8th natural wonder.




Stories Worth Sharing

Share your memories with us by using **#aatkings** and **#wildawaits**



@ablinkforeternity | Ruakuri Cave
#ruakuricave #waitomo #newzealand
#aotearoa #northisland #wildawaits



Waitomo Caves

Glide through a sparkling underground cave system lit by thousands of glowworms, and tour the incredible limestone caverns.



Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Immerse yourself in the stories, people and history of Aotearoa, before standing on the spot where New Zealand's founding document was signed.



AUCKLAND

North Island

WELLINGTON

South Island

CHRISTCHURCH

QUEENSTOWN

Te Puia

Follow your local guide into a volcanic wonderland of bubbling mud pools, thermal springs and New Zealand's biggest geyser.



Lake Tekapo

Take in the incredible Milky Way, far off planets, star clusters, solar systems, and even distant galaxies from the International Dark Sky Reserve.



Queenstown

Take on New Zealand's amazing adventure capital with a wide range of activities, from winery tours to high-speed thrills!

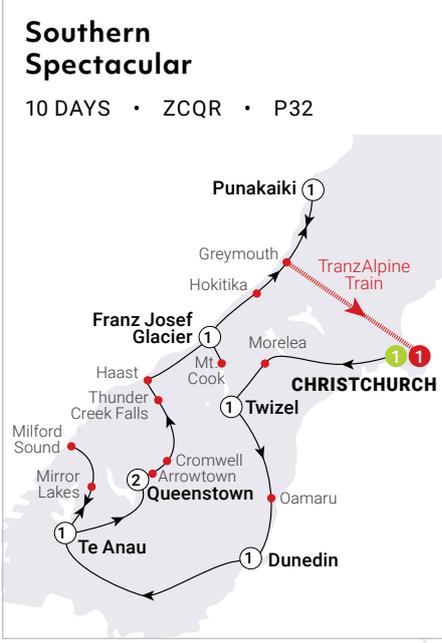
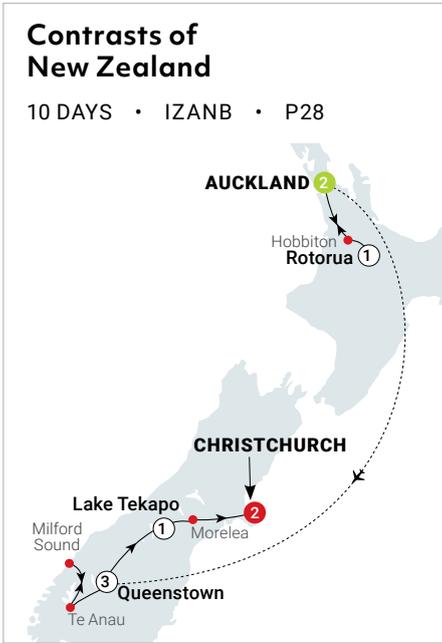
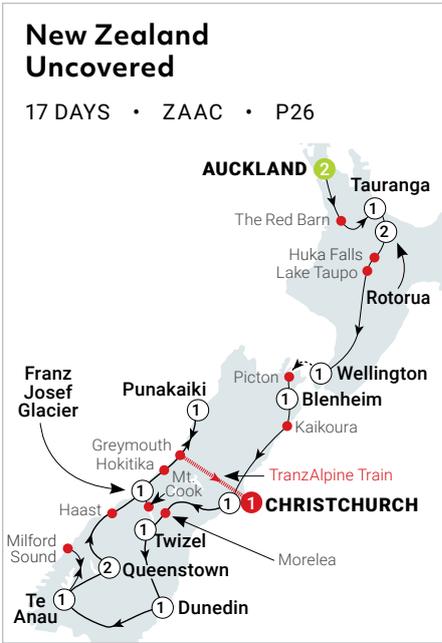


First Choice

Connect with New Zealand's heart and soul, enjoy seamless service, and be guided by the experts on five fully curated experiences.



Walter Peak High Country Farm



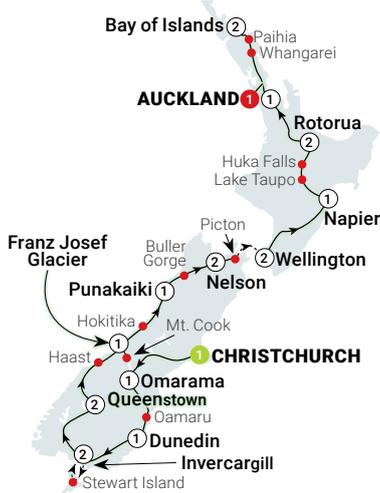
Best Buys

Experience the best of New Zealand, your way. With eleven flexible itineraries, you will enjoy AAT Kings' unrivalled expertise and discover must-see destinations, with plenty of free time to explore these spectacular lands and vibrant cities.



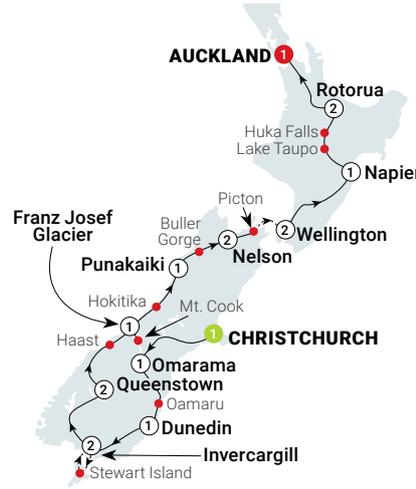
Spirit of New Zealand

21 DAYS • LCQB • P36



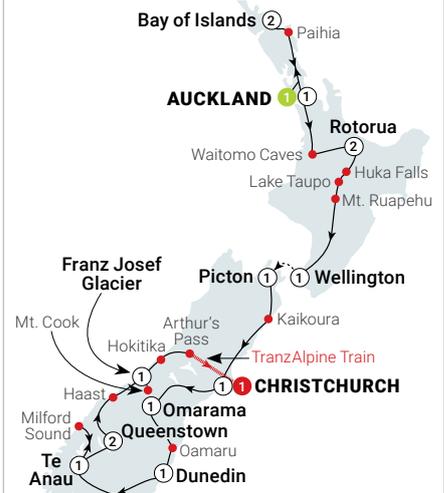
Essence of New Zealand

18 DAYS • LCQA • P38



Kia Ora New Zealand

17 DAYS • LABC • P40



Northern Wonders

8 DAYS • LWBA • P48



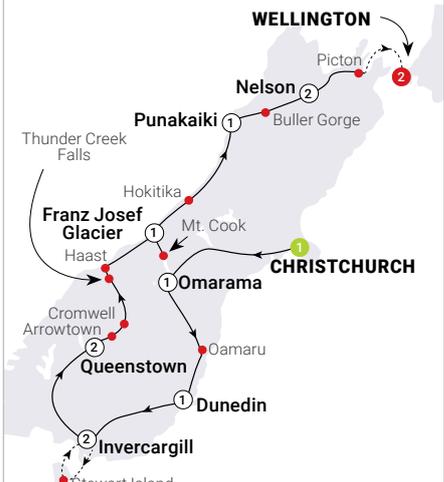
Northern Spotlight

8 DAYS • LABW • P50



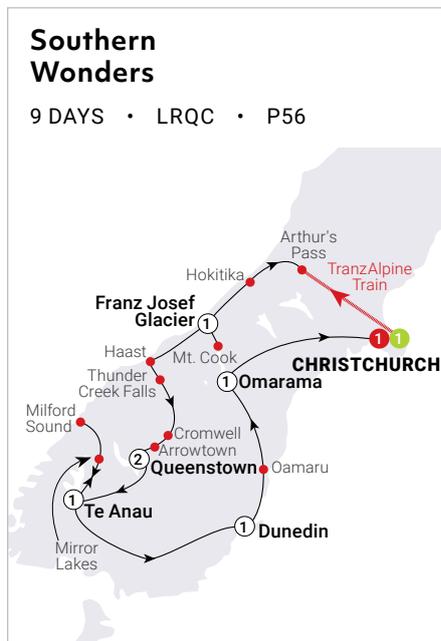
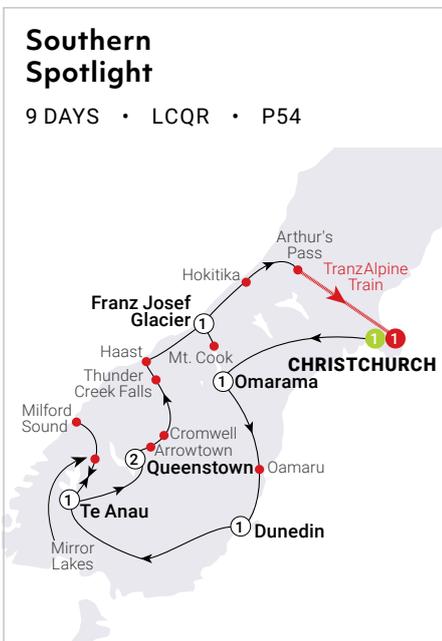
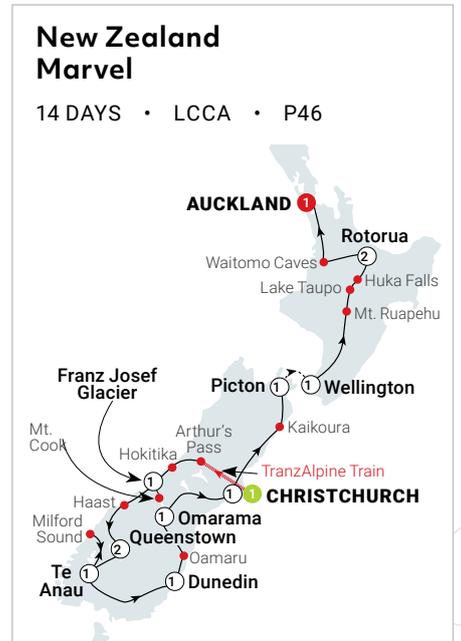
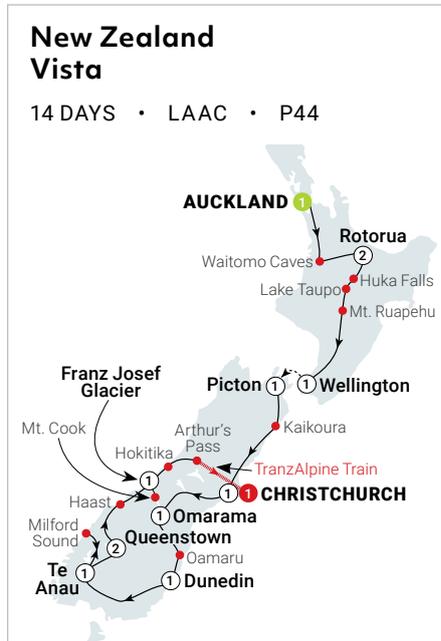
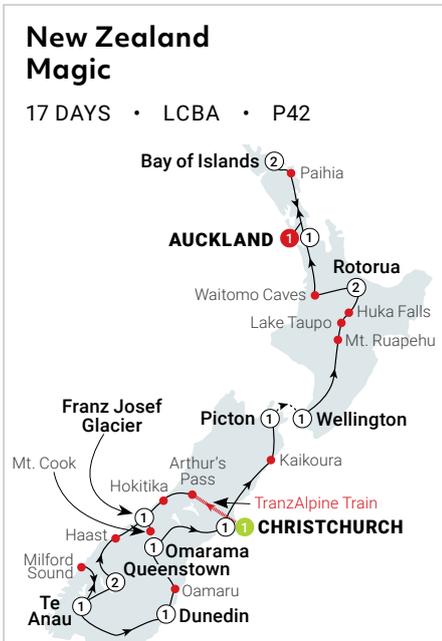
Southern Spirit

14 DAYS • LCQW • P52





TranzAlpine Train



First Choice

Captivating Holidays, Premium Inclusions

For explorers who want to visit wild places with creature comforts, a First Choice Guided Holiday delivers exclusive experiences and quality accommodation around New Zealand, with everything taken care of by your Travel Director so you can relax and enjoy the adventure.



Local Connection

Dine in county-style on a Waikato farm, taste the finest Pavlova in the country while you hear about life on the land in the Southern Alps – exclusive Be My Guest experiences connect you to the heartbeat of New Zealand.

Insider Knowledge

Our Travel Directors take you places and offer experiences you may never know existed if travelling on your own.

Cultural Immersion

Meet the indigenous people of Aotearoa (the Māori name for New Zealand). Discover their history, language and traditions which are central to New Zealand's national identity.

Sustainable Footprints

We're passionate about protecting the environments and communities we visit for future travellers to discover, and do this in partnership with the TreadRight Foundation.

Wildlife & Nature

New Zealand may be small, but it punches well above its weight when it comes to natural drama. Exhale, and be consumed by a cornucopia of wildlife and wilderness areas.

What's included on a First Choice Holiday?

- All accommodation in premium hotels, lodges and eco-resorts
- More 2 night stays with later starts
- Most meals including daily breakfasts
- Exclusive Be My Guest Experiences
- Wine with all included dinners
- Cultural activities in your destinations
- Community engagement activities
- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats and WiFi
- The services of a highly experienced Travel Director
- Luggage handling, transfers and taxes

New Zealand Uncovered

Highlights

Local Connection

Enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest lunch at the Red Barn, a Waikato working dairy farm of a retired champion jockey and his wife.

Insider Knowledge

Milford Sound/Piopirotahi has World Heritage status for good reason. Discover its flora and fauna with an eagle-eyed guide.

Cultural Immersion

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Māori culture is celebrated across the country, no more so than at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Be immersed in art, tradition, culture... and cuisine at a hangi feast cooked underground.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE New Zealand's remote regions are home to a cache of wildlife. Help protect native birds that reside on the country's largest island through the Pomona Island Charitable Trust.

Wildlife & Nature

Penguins and sea lions are among the wildlife you'll meet when visiting Dunedin – which creature wouldn't want to live amid this postcard-perfect harbour?



1 Welcome to Auckland

Auckland is the kind of place you could lose yourself in for a couple of weeks. Arrive at your leisure and explore new waterfront precincts, cruise to the wineries of Waiheke Island, or just steel yourself to meet fellow travellers over dinner and a few local tipples. **Hotel: Cordis, 2 nights. DW**

2 Auckland

A little bit of leisure, a little bit of culture – today is one of those days. Sleep in before a peek behind the scenes of racing history on the New Zealand Maritime Museum's America's Cup Tour. Your Travel Director then takes you around the city, pausing at Bastion Point for epic photo opportunities. **B**

3 Auckland – Tauranga

Bet you didn't know New Zealand is home to horse-racing royalty. The O'Sullivan's welcome you to their Waikato estate for lunch in the Red Barn. Expect country banter, horse-riding gossip and farm-to-table fare. Venture east to the harbourside city of Tauranga, where you have a free afternoon in the Bay of Plenty to climb extinct volcano Mount Mauao or just chill on the golden sand of the main beach. **Hotel: Trinity Wharf. B BG DW**

4 Tauranga – Rotorua

The town of Te Puke grows most of the country's kiwis, and you'll enjoy a taste before venturing toward another hot-spot – Rotorua. Visit steamy Te Puia and tour the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, a staggering valley where geysers pop and thermal springs jettison skywards. The hot rocks in this part of the world are perfect for cooking your hangi (underground) feast at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, a bastion for Māori culture. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B HD**

5 Rotorua Free Time

Today, choose your own adventure. We have plenty of ideas for the paths you might follow. Optional sightseeing experiences include a bedazzling show put on by the glowworms of Waitomo Caves. Or perhaps zipping across Rotorua's three lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. **B**

6 Rotorua – Wellington

Say haere ra (goodbye) to Rotorua and hello to... an immense amount of water. First stop is the raging rapids of Huka Falls, where 220,000 litres of water barrel over an 11-metre-high waterfall every second. Your outlook then unfolds into the dreamy landscape of Lake Taupo, the largest of its kind

in the country. Traverse the volcanic Central Plateau to NZ's cool little capital of Wellington, set on a pretty harbour that beckons with too many good restaurants to choose from. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

7 Wellington – Blenheim

If you don't fall in love with Wellington instantly, then you will surely find a spark after visiting Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand – the morning is yours to peruse the jaw-dropping exhibits at your leisure. Re-join your companions to cruise Cook Strait across tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound. You're on the South Island now, and a Highlight Dinner reflects the best of Marlborough food and wine. **Hotel: Chateau Marlborough. B HD**

8 Blenheim – Christchurch

Sperm whales and fur seals are a common sight in Kaikoura – get lucky and you can see them from shore, or sign up for a bird's-eye view on an optional scenic flight over dramatic black beaches framed by turquoise ocean. Follow the coast and Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, home to some of the country's most innovative restaurants. **Hotel: Distinction. B**

9 Christchurch – Twizel

From its cardboard-crafted Transitional Cathedral to its gold-clad central library, Christchurch has well and truly rebuilt itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. But South Island locals still cherish a simple life, as you'll discover over a Be My Guest afternoon tea with retired farmers Angie and Stan Taylor among the emerald fields of their home Morelea on the edge of Lake Tekapo. **Hotel: Mackenzie Country Inn. B BG DW**

10 Twizel – Dunedin

We got the power – hydro, that is. The Benmore Dam holds back New Zealand's largest artificial lake, and when the Benmore Power Station was opened in 1965 it was the biggest in the country. That should fuel you through to Oamaru, with its stately tree-lined streets and glam limestone buildings, before landing in Dunedin. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B DW**

11 Dunedin – Te Anau

From sheep farms to rugged mountains, today is one of contrasts. Venture into Fiordland National Park toward the South Island's largest lake and the town of Te Anau, the gateway to Pomona Island where native birds are under threat – and you can help protect them. **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau. B DW**



Walter Peak High Country Farm

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20 Included Experiences

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Dining

- 16 Full buffet breakfasts B
- 1 Be My Guest Lunch BG
- 1 Lunch L
- 1 Be My Guest Afternoon Tea BG
- 3 Highlight Dinners HD
- 7 Dinners with wine DW
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive by 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
 Day 17 – flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport
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12 Te Anau – Queenstown

Your journey toward Milford Sound/Piopiotahi traverses native rainforest, alluvial flats and meadows, with mirrored lakes, thundering waterfalls, dramatic rocky ranges and millennia-old valleys. That’s enough drama for an entire travel year – you still have the streets of Queenstown to explore. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

13 Queenstown Free Time

Adrenaline-junkies may wish to zip about in the Shotover Jet, get some perspective on a gondola to Bob’s Peak or tour the gorges of Skippers Canyon. Gourmand at heart? Perhaps a Central Otago wine tour? Your day ends on a dreamy TSS Earnslaw cruise across Lake Wakatipu, landing at Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner at the Colonel’s Homestead. **B HD**

14 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

From Arrowtown’s tree-lined avenues to Central Otago’s gleaming lakes, nature rules. Alpine scenery tiers into rainforest along the West Coast, where Thunder Creek Falls and the glacier-studded Mount Hooker steal the scene. Welcome to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, which is ideally explored on an optional helicopter flight – you may be able to land and walk across the ice-fall. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing). B DW**

15 Franz Josef/Waiau – Punakaiki

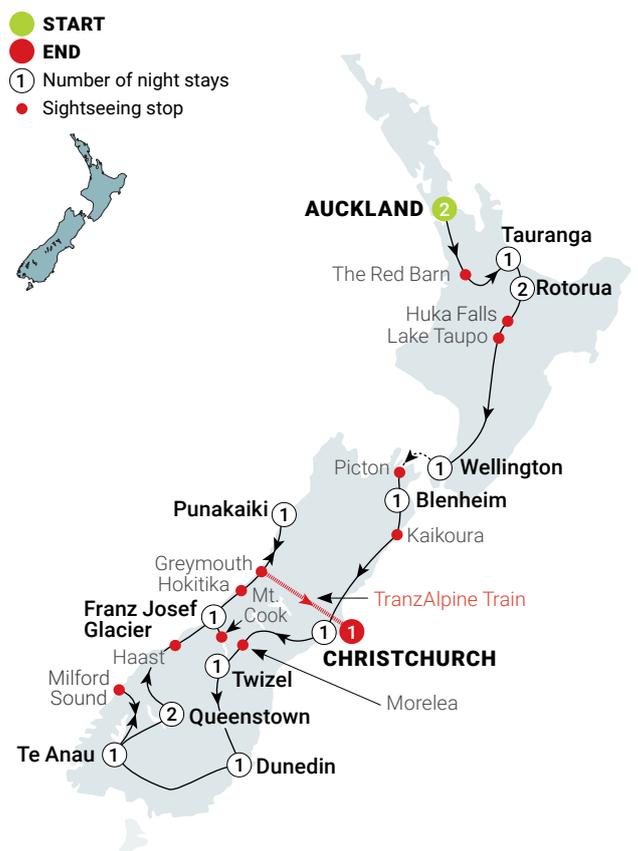
Swap white at Franz Josef/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere for greenstone (native jade) at Hokitika. Then steel yourself for the Pancake Rocks and blowholes of Punakaiki, a sliver of South Island geology that is as humbling as it is awe-inspiring. **Hotel: Ocean View Retreat. B DW**

16 Punakaiki – Christchurch

Beer for breakfast? We’ve got you sorted on a morning tour of legendary Monteith’s Brewery. The best is yet to come – all aboard for the scenic TranzAlpine train back to Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts, with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. **Hotel: Distinction. B L FD**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

How many travel highs can you pack into a holiday? Now all you have to do is go home and sort through all those photos. **B**



Contrasts of New Zealand

Highlights

Local Connection

Ever wondered about Southern Alps life on the land? Enjoy lunch with farmers, Angie and Stan Taylor, and go behind the scenes.

Insider Knowledge

World Heritage listed Milford Sound/Piopiotahi is remarkable to look at; it's even more thrilling when its flora and fauna is decoded by your oh-so-knowledgeable cruise guide.

Cultural Immersion

Discover just how strong Māori culture is at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, celebrating art, tradition and cuisine. Bring your appetite for a hangi meal, cooked underground.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Operation Nest Egg may sound James Bond-esque, but it's actually a National Kiwi Hatchery project to care for the country's kiwi population.

Wildlife & Nature

You'd be forgiven for thinking you'd be transported to Mars when you arrive at Rotorua, a place where steam and mud pop, fizz and swoosh at every turn.



1 Welcome to Auckland

New Zealand's largest city is also one of its prettiest, as you'll discover exploring at your leisure. Arrive early to linger in its hip harbourside precincts, where galleries and design-driven stores await. You'll have worked up an appetite by the time you meet your fellow travel companions for a few local tipples at a Welcome Reception and dinner. **Hotel: The Grand by SkyCity, 2 nights. DW**

2 Auckland

If you didn't get your Auckland bearings yesterday, you will today. Have your camera poised as you reach Mission Bay, a dreamy waterside suburb where the blues patchwork to the horizon. Then get snap happy at Bastion Point and the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial, offering epic vistas over Auckland and its harbours. Want some tips on how to spend your free afternoon? How about going behind the scenes of the All Blacks or cruising to Waiheke Island to sip more wine? **B**

3 Auckland – Rotorua

You could be forgiven for thinking Rotorua's landscapes are a sci-fi movie set. Mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. The surrounding forest is a fertile habitat for New Zealand's national bird, being protected and bred at the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa. The cotton-ball kiwi is under threat in the wild; at the hatchery, passionate conservationists reveal how they are saving the population, one incubated egg at a time. Tonight, dive deep into Māori culture and traditions at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, where your hangi Highlight Dinner is cooked underground. **Hotel: Millennium. B HD**

4 Rotorua – Auckland – Queenstown

Lord of the Rings fanatics, prepare for a day of goosebumps – breakfast is served in the very spot that Frodo and Bilbo once lived. The Hobbiton Movie Set is all rolling hills and emerald pastures, a storybook landscape for The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. The feel-good vibes will follow you all the way to Queenstown, where some of the country's most awarded restaurants await. Whether you're in the mood for bulging burgers or lakeside tapas, ask us for recommendations. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B**

5 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

Bring your stamina and sense of adventure – things get a little wild today. Nature rules as you skirt gleaming Lake Wakatipu, over the Devil's Staircase to Te Anau, the alpine gateway to World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. Once you've paused to admire the drama at Mirror Lakes, Knobs Flat, Hollyford Valley lookout, Cleddau Valley and the Chasm, you'll begin to understand why Rudyard Kipling called this the 'Eighth Wonder of the World'. You haven't even seen Bowen Falls or Milford Sound/Piopiotahi yet... Cruise the latter with an eagle-eyed guide, on the lookout for fur seals and dolphins. **B L**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane Shotover Jet, perhaps. Prefer to be able to talk while you cruise? Glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue lunch. Wherever you wander, be sure to save space for tonight's Highlight Dinner at Postmasters Café, a historic Arrowtown cottage replete with picket fence and Instagrammable gardens. **B HD**

7 Queenstown – Lake Tekapo

Whether pinot noir grapes or cherries, things grow well in Central Otago. Get a taste for the region's stone fruit at a local orchard. Mountain drama – including views of Aoraki/Mount Cook – is your backdrop en route to Lake Tekapo, with water so turquoise it looks like a Renaissance painting. This part of the country is ravishing and remote; the lack of light pollution means dazzling Southern Hemisphere stargazing at UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. It's handy to have an astronomer in your company to decode the constellations of the Milky Way. Life in perspective... **Hotel: Pepper's Bluewater Resort. B DW**

8 Lake Tekapo – Christchurch

The Canterbury region of the west coast is a bucolic union of grassy plains, mirror-like lakes and snow-capped mountains, the kind you might see on postcards. Enjoy some warm Kiwi hospitality at Morelea, the home of Angie and Stan Taylor. Indulge in a Be My Guest barbecue lunch and hear about a lifetime spent in farming in New Zealand. You'll also get to



International Dark Sky Reserve, Lake Tekapo

witness Angie preparing her famous pavlova dessert. After soaking up country life, you'll arrive in Christchurch ready to explore the Garden City. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B BG**

9 Christchurch

Start your last full day of your travels touring the beautiful English city of Christchurch, which is not only rebuilding itself after the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes, but is changing the way architects think about design. Case in point the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Tūranga, the gold-clad central library. A big day leads to a big evening joining your Travel Director and travel mates for a celebratory Farewell Dinner featuring produce from the Canterbury region. **B FD**

10 Farewell from Christchurch

You've travelled hundreds of kilometres across two islands, likely taken thousands of photos, and made countless memories and new friends. The only thing left to do is plan your next tour. **B**



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From **\$6405***

per person twin share land and internal-holiday airfare

10 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

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Dining

- 9 Full buffet breakfasts B
- 1 Lunch L
- 1 Be My Guest Lunch BG
- 2 Highlight Dinners HD
- 2 Dinners with wine DW
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

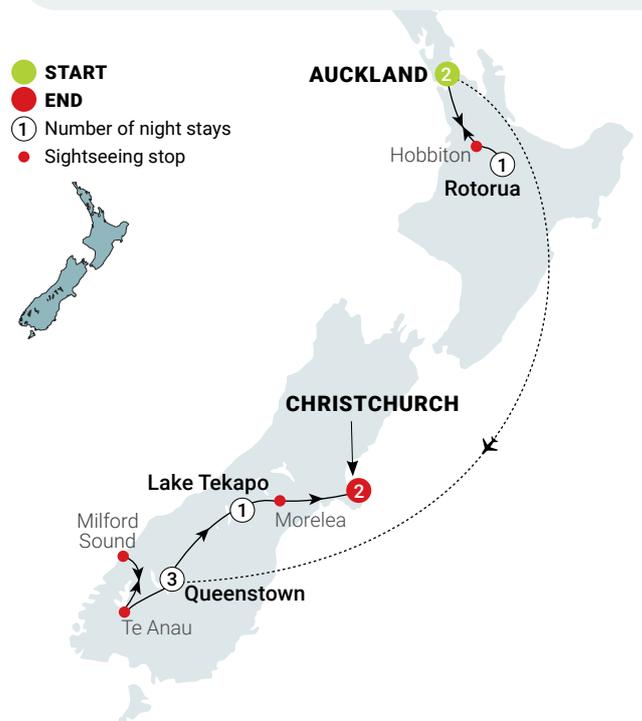
Flight Information

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 Day 10 – flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport

***Internal-holiday flight:** Please note that the price above includes land and internal-holiday airfare, which is required to be booked in order to fulfill the holiday itinerary:

Day 4 – Auckland to Queenstown

Return airfares from your home port are not included in the price above.



Iconic North



Be My Guest lunch, the Red Barn

Highlights

Local Connection

The dairy industry is big business in New Zealand, as you'll discover on the O'Sullivan's Waikato farm. The stories they'll tell you about life on the land.

Cultural Immersion

Discover just how strong Māori culture is at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, celebrating art, tradition and cuisine.

Sustainable Footprints

Your visit to Te Puia not only reveals Rotorua's steamy history, but also supports up-and-coming Māori creatives.

Wildlife & Nature

If you want to be blown away by nature, Huka Falls is the place to go. This mighty waterfall sees 220,000 litres of water per second thunder over an 11-metre ridge. Prepare to get wet.

From **\$3895**

per person twin share land only

7 Included Experiences

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Dining

6 Full buffet breakfasts B 1 Highlight Dinner HD
1 Be My Guest Lunch BG 2 Dinners with wine DW

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive by 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart after 2.00pm from Wellington Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

1 Welcome to Auckland

Meet your fellow travel companions for a few local tipples at a Welcome Reception and dinner, and share stories of your day-one wanderings. **Hotel: Cordis, 2 nights. DW**

2 Auckland

Those sails on the harbour? They come from a long and fascinating history of boat-building and sailing, as you'll discover on an America's Cup tour at the New Zealand Maritime Museum. The water is your backdrop as you skirt the harbour toward dreamy Mission Bay and Bastion Point. There's nothing like an epic view to set your soul soaring. If you want tips on how to spend your afternoon, we have a few ideas. **B**

3 Auckland – Tauranga

Lance and Bridgette O'Sullivan welcome you to their Waikato farm for lunch in the aptly-named Red Barn. Expect plenty of stories about horses – the couple are racing royalty, after all. Fuel up on this Be My Guest lunch, as there's an afternoon of activity ahead. Work up a sweat exploring the trails of Mount Mauao, or kick off your boots and wander barefoot along the sand. **Hotel: Trinity Wharf. B BG DW**

4 Tauranga – Rotorua

Te Puke is the kiwifruit capital of New Zealand. And these sweet treats don't get much tastier than when freshly picked straight from the orchard,

handed to you by a farmer. In Rotorua, Indigenous heritage is celebrated at Te Puia cultural centre, where you can witness Māori artisans at work, and Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, an important hub keeping tradition, art and music alive. Oh, and nurturing Māori cuisine. Sit down to a hangi meal, cooked underground. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B HD**

5 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today. Nature lover? Visit the Waitomo Caves, where a galaxy of glowworms twinkle. Add on a visit to Hobbiton if you're a Lord of the Rings fanatic. Or explore Rotorua and its three lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. **B**

6 Rotorua – Wellington

You'll hear Huka Falls well before you see it – 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-metre-high waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupo then the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

7 Farewell from Wellington

Take in Wellington's distinctive architecture and cultural icons, not in the least waterside Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand – don't miss a visit to the Māori whareniui (meeting house). It's an eye-opening ending to an equally eye-opening tour. **B**



Jewels of the Bay

Waitangi National Trust

From **\$1525**

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1 Included Experience

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Dining

2 Full buffet breakfasts **B** 1 Dinner **D**

Flight Information

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Day 3 – flights to depart after 7.00pm from Auckland Airport

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Highlights

Local Connection

The Bay of Islands naturally attracts creatives, inspired by the bucolic surrounds. Meet them – artists, makers and producers – on an optional experience.

Insider Knowledge

The Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840 to acknowledge New Zealand as a member of the Commonwealth. Any visit here is humbling, particularly in the company of a signatory descendent.

Cultural Immersion

Free day in the Bay of Islands? An optional mini tour of Russell takes you to iconic locations that make it so significant in New Zealand's early history.

Wildlife & Nature

From its 20-million-year-old volcanic dome to its spectacular waterfall, Whangarei feels more like an oasis than New Zealand's most northerly city.

As this holiday departs from the **Cordis Auckland** at 7.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Auckland – Bay of Islands

We hope you slept soundly, because today is jam-packed with adventures. Hit the road in the morning for a scenic sojourn to the Bay of Islands. This pocket of the country deserves its name – there are more than 140 subtropical islets off the coast here. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs. Your guide, likely an ancestor of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. You wanted an introduction to New Zealand heritage on day one – you got it. **Hotel: Copthorne Resort (Water View), 2 nights. D**

2 Bay of Islands Free Time

If there's a travel destination that inspires wanderlust, the Bay of Islands is it. Today, trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps out on to the water to ride the waves aboard a historic tall ship, glass of New Zealand wine in hand. Or maybe on a mini-tour around the romantic

town of Russell, the country's first permanent European settlement and seaport. Fun fact: the town's streets retain their original names and layout from 1843. Just ask your Travel Director for touring tips – and places to wine and dine come dusk. This part of the country was made for blazing sunsets. **B**

3 Bay of Islands – Auckland

If you've never heard of Whangarei, you're probably not alone. But today, New Zealand's most northerly city is well and truly on your radar. A place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums, Whangarei is the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **B**

● **START**

● **END**

① Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stop



Southern Spectacular

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Angie and Stan Taylor are the kind of people you will want as best friends. After visiting their lush estate in Tekapo – Angie's afternoon tea is a dream – they will be.

🗺️ Insider Knowledge

Cruising World Heritage listed Milford Sound/Piopiotahi is a 'pinch me' experience. The only way it gets better is with a guide pointing out dolphins and fur seals.

🏡 Cultural Immersion

Farming is a big deal in New Zealand, as you'll fast discover at Walter Peak Station. Learn about life on the land, then sit down to a barbecue dinner.

🌱 Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Pomona Island Charitable Trust works with passionate volunteers to rehabilitate the South Island's largest inland island. You get to be a part of the magic.

🦋 Wildlife & Nature

Snow-capped mountains, a mirror-like lake, white-water rivers and vine-laced fields. Queenstown is blessed with natural assets.

1 Welcome to Christchurch

At once forward-thinking and fun, Christchurch is the kind of city you could lose yourself in for a week – or more. You have this afternoon, so make the most of it. We recommend riding the rails on the vintage Christchurch Tram, a narrated hop-on, hop-off experience that loops around town, your host pointing out historic architecture and new developments that have popped up since the 2010/2011 earthquakes. Time to meet your fellow adventure-seekers over a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Distinction.**

2 Christchurch – Twizel

If you didn't get your Christchurch bearings yesterday, you certainly will on today's city tour, taking in the record-breaking Transitional Cathedral – who knew you could build a church from cardboard? The buildings of the city fade into a patchwork of farms as you ease across the Canterbury Plains toward Morelea. Here, Angie and Stan Taylor welcome you to their home with a slap-up Be My Guest afternoon tea and tales about life on the land. And this land is truly dramatic, backdropped by powdery mountains and cut with turquoise lakes, none quite as pretty as Lake Tekapo, on its banks the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. **Hotel: Mackenzie Country. B BG DW**

3 Twizel – Dunedin

More water awaits, your journey following the Waitaki River to mighty Benmore Dam; it powers 300,000 New Zealand homes. You're en route to Dunedin, replete with rolling green meadows and grand stone castles. It kind of feels like you've been transported to Scotland – small wonder it's known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Afternoon at your leisure, we recommend a cruise to spot penguins and fur seals along the Otago Peninsula, or perhaps a visit to Speight's Brewery – a New Zealand institution. There's always that castle to explore. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B DW**

4 Dunedin – Te Anau

Leave Dunedin's bucolic sheep-farming countryside behind as you venture into World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, a place of yawning gorges and gem-like glaciers, and azure lakes so large they have their own islands. Case in point Pomona Island, where a charitable trust of

passionate volunteers works to restore flora and fauna. With your help. Your cruise across Lake Manapouri is remote and ravishing during the day – it's even prettier at night, when glowworms fill caves. Can we tempt you?

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau. B DW

5 Te Anau – Queenstown

Nature rules today, from the moment you depart Te Anau and begin your journey deep into the heart of Fiordland National Park. Think native rainforests, beech forests, alluvial flats and meadows; Mirror Lakes perfectly reflecting mountain scenery; and precipitous lookouts holding guard over alpine rivers. And this is just the entrée. The main course is Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, where you cruise in the company of dolphins that frolic under the torrent of mighty Bowen and Stirling Falls, and gaze at misty escarpments so sheer they appear to cleave off the edge of the Earth. Life in perspective. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane Shotover Jet, perhaps. Prefer wine to get your heart started? See why Central Otago makes some of the world's most raved about cool-climate pinots on a cellar door tour. Wherever your daily wanderings take you, reunite with your companions come dusk to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw, your barbecue Highlight Dinner served on the grounds of Walter Peak High Country Farm. **B HD**

7 Queenstown – Franz Josef / Waiau

In the shadow of the Remarkables, Queenstown is pretty spectacular. But it has some stiff good-looks competition from neighbouring Arrowtown, with its movie-set tree-lined avenues and 19th-century buildings that once housed gold-rush fortune-seekers. Things grow well in this verdant countryside, from cherries to pinot grapes and all manner of stone fruit. Have you ever tasted a freshly-plucked peach handed to you by a farmer? Prepare for a flavour explosion. The next explosion is a visual one as you arrive at Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Get some perspective of this immense ice fall on an optional helicopter flight – you may even get to land on it. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing). B DW**



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Whether a UNESCO World Heritage listed site or a fabled landmark, New Zealand doesn't disappoint in its natural attractions. We help you get there, sharing some fascinating stories along the way.

📷 Time For You

Sometimes, the travel moments you remember the most are those that are unplanned and unscripted, when you slip away to explore at your own pace and discover a side to a destination you never imagined possible.

🌱 Sustainable Travel

We've been exploring New Zealand since 1999, and hope to do so for many more to come. Over that time we've worked with, supported and sustained environments and communities, far and wide, big and small. Their future ensures our future.

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Ground yourself in nature and explore some of New Zealand's postcard-worthy attractions, from gorges and glaciers to tranquil lakes and windswept coasts.

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Spirit of New Zealand

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

It doesn't matter how you choose to explore Abel Tasman National Park – on foot or by boat – you'll be wowed by its all-consuming natural beauty.

📍 Iconic Sites

There are few places in NZ quite as humbling as Milford Sound/Piopiotahi within World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. Waterfalls, ancient escarpments and dolphins await.

📷 Time For You

There are some holiday moments where it's great to have someone else take care of the details. And others where you want to wander at your own pace. We've got the perfect mix.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Thousands of kids across NZ go hungry every year. The 'Eat My Lunch' program that you support ensures this tide is turning.

🏔 Natural Wonders

Cruising across mirror-like Lake Wakatipu, your backdrop the staggering Remarkables range of mountains, you'll feel insignificant – in the best possible way.

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Community spirit is strong in Christchurch, as you'll discover exploring its streets at your leisure. We recommend jumping on the tram to discover how the city has rebuilt itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Omarama

More of Christchurch is revealed before the colours of the Canterbury Plains spread before you: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Opt to take in the drama on a scenic flight over the Southern Alps. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Omarama – Dunedin

Architectural drama awaits in Dunedin. While away the afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution). Or venture further afield to discover Larnach Castle, fur seals and penguins. **Hotel: Kingsgate. B**

4 Dunedin – Invercargill

Rolling green pastures dotted with wide-eyed sheep are your backdrop to Gore. Fun fact: this is the country music capital of NZ. Invercargill is obsessed with something else: motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends colour the city. **Hotel: Kelvin, 2 nights. B**

5 Stewart Island

Stewart Island's rugged coastline cuts a dramatic form in the Southern Ocean. It's largely untouched, which means endemic flora and fauna thrive. But don't take our word for it. Meet the locals on a tour through valleys and bays and out to avian heaven at Ulva Island. **B**

6 Invercargill – Queenstown

Take the afternoon at your own pace in Queenstown. Feel the wind in your hair on the Shotover Jet, perhaps. Or sip your way through surrounding vineyards. There's also an afternoon cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a barbecue dinner. The choice is yours. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

A spot of bungy jumping at the place it was born? Or an epic journey through Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, carved by

waterfalls and a playground for dolphins and seals? There's a reason why this part of the island has World Heritage status. You choose today's path. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

Alpine country of the Southern Lakes awaits, from Lake Dunstan to oh-so-blue Lake Hawea and lovely Lake Wanaka. Over the Haast Pass, Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere shimmers like a gem. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). B D**

9 Franz Josef/Waiau – Punakaiki

Wander Hokitika's windswept coast before discovering the town's other beauty: pounamu (native greenstone or jade). Prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep. **Hotel: Ocean View Retreat. B D**

10 Punakaiki – Nelson

Ease along the Heritage Highway toward Nelson. Press your nose against the glass as your coach weaves through Buller Gorge and Kahurangi National Park. **Hotel: Rutherford, 2 nights. B**

11 Nelson Free Time

Lace up your hiking shoes and head off on a bushwalk, or cruise through Abel Tasman National Park. This pocket in the north of the island inspires calm, its golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. **B**

12 Nelson – Wellington

All aboard the Interislander for a cruise through Queen Charlotte Sound to Wellington. Bring your appetite – the city is known for its oh-so-cool restaurants and bars. Ask us for tips. **Hotel: Travelodge, 2 nights. B**

13 Wellington Free Time

After a strong coffee, it's time to choose your own adventure. Stroll through Te Papa, or tour Parliament. Peter Jackson fans will have their sights set firmly on a Lord of the Rings movie tour or to visit the Weta Workshop, where special-effects wizards work their magic creating goblins. **B D**

14 Wellington – Napier

Napier is architectural Nirvana, a city home to the world's greatest concentration of Art Deco, Spanish Mission and Stripped Classical buildings. Get the lowdown from your guide. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania. B L**



Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown

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6 Included Experiences

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Flight Information

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15 Napier – Rotorua

Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture and traditions at Te Puia. Your journey starts with a guided tour including the Pohutu Geyser, followed by a hangi dinner overlooking the geothermal valley, and a Māori cultural performance in their meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. **Hotel: Sudima, 2 nights. B HD**

16 Rotorua Free Time

Today is one of decisions. Bliss out in the Polynesian Spa's thermal springs; go behind the scenes on a working kiwi nursery; visit the Hobbiton movie set; or board a scenic flight for a bird's-eye view. **B**

17 Rotorua – Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. Today your sights are firmly set on the city's main love: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores the sporting team's remarkable history. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

18 Auckland – Bay of Islands

The Bay of Islands is undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Your guide, likely an ancestor of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort (Garden View), 2 nights. B D**

19 Bay of Islands Free Time

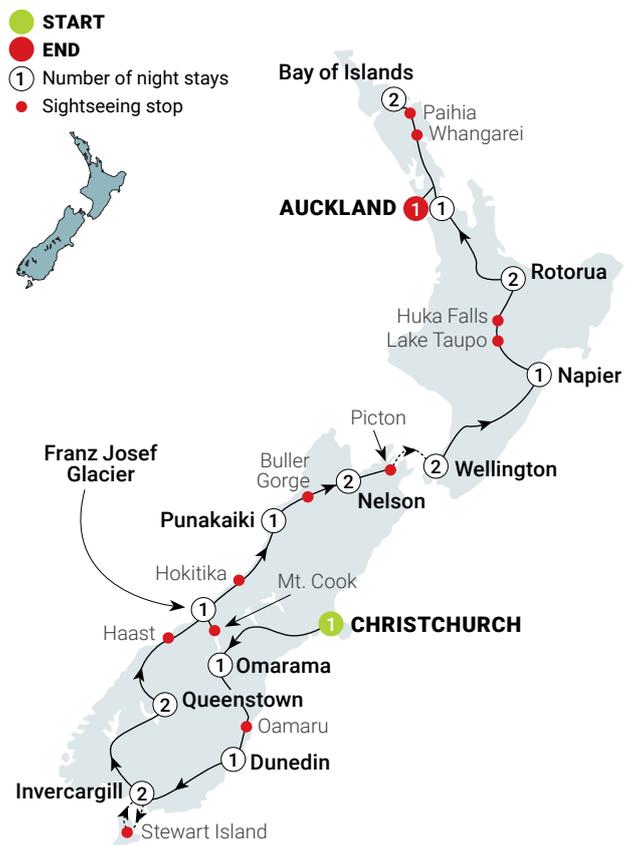
Trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, enjoy local drops on a wine tour of the region, or join a tour of Russell. **B**

20 Bay of Islands – Auckland

For a little more northern exposure, make your way to Whangarei, the island's most northerly outpost and a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. Explore at your leisure before the commute back to Auckland. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B FD**

21 Farewell from Auckland

Over three weeks, we hope you've packed your address book with the names of new friends and your camera with photos. But at the end of the day, it's the memories that will fuel your flight home. **B**



Essence of New Zealand

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

We've crafted an itinerary with plenty of two-night stays, which means you can sleep in and truly take the pulse of your destination.

📍 Iconic Sites

From the bubbling geysers of Rotorua to the gem-like surface of Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, nature and culture unite across the North and South islands.

📷 Time For You

Get under the skin of New Zealand's cities – Queenstown, Wellington, Nelson & Rotorua – exploring at your leisure.

🍱 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE The 'Eat My Lunch' program that your travels support ensure that kids across New Zealand go to school with a packed lunch and a full stomach.

🏞 Natural Wonders

More than 97% of Stewart Island is protected national parkland – unspoilt and largely unpeopled. It's a magnet for the kiwi bird, which thrives here.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

Arrive early to see just how Christchurch has transformed itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. The best way to do this? Aboard the city's tram. It loops past historic attractions as well as some new ones. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Oamaru

Step out with your guide for a deeper dive into 'The City of Gardens' before traversing the colourful Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and wildflower-strewn meadows. Opt to take in the drama from the air on a scenic flight over Aoraki/Mount Cook, the Southern Alps and Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Oamaru – Dunedin

Easing through the Waitaki Valley, you're en route toward New Zealand's oldest public gardens. They lie in the pretty town of Oamaru, known for its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings. Architectural drama of a different kind awaits in Dunedin. The afternoon is yours to while away. Perhaps sipping a lager or two at Speight's Brewery, or venturing further afield to discover Larnach Castle. **Hotel: Kingsgate. B**

4 Dunedin – Invercargill

If you've got an odd urge to hear Slim Dusty while traversing rolling green pastures en route to Gore, you're not alone. Fun fact: this is the country music capital of NZ. Invercargill is obsessed with something else: motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends colour the city, telling the story of everyone from Burt Munro to Bill Richardson – his shed full of classic vehicles is the largest private collection of its type in the world. **Hotel: Kelvin, 2 nights. B**

5 Stewart Island

The ferry ride to Stewart Island is wild and wonderful. When you arrive, you're welcomed by the country's southernmost community. It's largely untouched, which means endemic flora and fauna thrive here. But don't take our word for it. Meet the locals on a tour through valleys and bays and out to avian heaven at Ulva Island. Or, jump on an e-bike. **B**

6 Invercargill – Queenstown

Queenstown is known as NZ's adventure capital for good reason. If you'd like to discover why, we can point you in the direction of the world's first bungy

jump, the Shotover Jet, or 4WDs to explore Skippers Canyon. There are plenty of alternatives for sybarites. Like vineyards, onsen hot pools, and Lake Wakatipu walking trails. Speaking of which, there's also an afternoon cruise on TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a barbecue dinner. The choice is yours. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

Today, sign up to dive deep into Milford Sound/Piopiotahi within World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, best explored on an optional tour cruising the waterway. Don't be surprised if you see dolphins and seals. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

Around the next bend is the Alpine countryside of the Southern Lakes, from Lake Dunstan to oh-so-blue Lake Hawea and lovely Lake Wanaka. Over the Haast Pass, Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere shimmers like a gem. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). B D**

9 Franz Josef/Waiau – Punakaiki

Wandering Hokitika's windswept shore on the West Coast feels a bit like you've discovered the end of the Earth. The town's other natural beauty is pounamu (native greenstone or jade). Prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep. **Hotel: Ocean View Retreat. B D**

10 Punakaiki – Nelson

Ease along the Heritage Highway toward Nelson. Press your nose against the glass as your coach weaves through Buller Gorge and Kahurangi National Park, a place of wild rivers, high plateaus, alpine herb fields and coastal forests. **Hotel: Rutherford, 2 nights. B**

11 Nelson Free Time

Today is at your leisure. Lace up your hiking shoes, or sit back on a boat and soak up the silence of Abel Tasman National Park. This wilderness inspires calm, its golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs that all unite to create one of the country's most legendary coastal tracks. **B**

12 Nelson – Wellington

You'll want a window seat for the cruise from the South Island to the North aboard the Interislander. This spectacle unfolds as you glide through



Huka Falls

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1 Lunch L

1 Highlight Dinner HD
4 Dinners D

Flight Information

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Queen Charlotte Sound to NZ's cool little capital of Wellington. We'll gladly point you in the direction of one of the city's happening restaurants for dinner tonight. **Hotel: Travelodge, 2 nights. B**

13 Wellington Free Time

Grab a coffee to fuel your free day, whether that sees you catching up on Māori culture or perhaps taking a tour of Parliament. Peter Jackson fans will have their sights set firmly on a Lord of the Rings movie tour or visit to the Weta Workshop, where special-effects wizards work their magic. **B D**

14 Wellington – Napier

Flattened by an earthquake in 1931, Napier rebuilt itself in just two years. Today, the city is home to the world's greatest concentration of Art Deco, Spanish Mission and Stripped Classical buildings. Your local guide will give you the architectural lowdown. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania. B L**

15 Napier – Rotorua

Tonight, Māori culture and traditions are in the spotlight at Te Puia. Your journey starts with a guided tour including the Māori Arts & Crafts Institute and Pohutu Geyser, followed by a hangi dinner overlooking the geothermal valley, and a Māori cultural performance in the meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. **Hotel: Sudima, 2 nights. B HD**

16 Rotorua Free Time

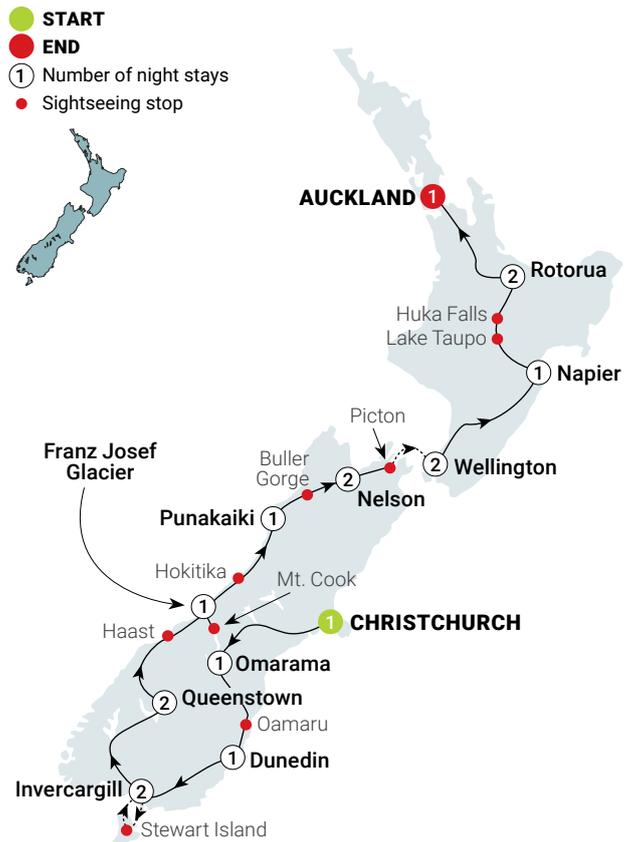
Today, it's your choice. Your Travel Director can point you in the direction of a kiwi nursery and hatchery. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. Want a bit of down time? Bliss out at the Polynesian Spa. **B**

17 Rotorua – Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. You'll understand how it got its moniker when you glimpse yachts gliding around its two harbours. But today your sights are firmly set on the city's other love: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience begins with a haka before journeying through the sporting team's history. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

18 Farewell from Auckland

It's amazing how much of two islands you can see in 18 days. Provided you have the right people at the helm, and like-minded company, that is. **B**



Kia Ora New Zealand

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Explore the extremes of the North Island, where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. Or just relax by the pool. It's your choice.

📍 Iconic Sites

You don't need a reason to visit World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. But if you're looking for one, make it shimmering Milford Sound/Piopiota. This place is nature amplified.

📷 Time For You

Queenstown is best explored at a leisurely pace. Follow your guide (or go as you will) to appreciate this town's many allures.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Thousands of kids across NZ go hungry every year. The 'Eat My Lunch' program that you support ensures this tide is turning.

🏔 Natural Wonders

End-of-the-Earth drama awaits in the Bay of Islands, where 140 droplets of land unite powdery beaches with dreamy pockets of forest.

1 Welcome to Auckland

Explore waterfront precincts filled with yachts, take a cruise out to the wineries of Waiheke Island, or just meet fellow travel companions over a few local tipples tonight. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express.**

2 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Say goodbye to the 'City of Sails' as you journey north to the Bay of Islands – 140 droplets of land ringed by turquoise sea. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Your guide, likely an ancestor of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial canoe and a carved meeting house.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort (Garden View), 2 nights. B D

3 Bay of Islands Free Time

Today, trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, enjoy local drops on a wine tour of the region, or join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. **B**

4 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Whangarei is a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. It's like the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

5 Auckland – Rotorua

After a morning of sightseeing, set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. Cruising cavernous waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture and traditions at Te Puia. Your dinner, a hangi cooked underground, is served while you overlook the spectacular geothermal valley. The highlight is a Māori cultural performance in the beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

6 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today. Want a bit of down time? Bliss out at the Polynesian Spa. Animal lover? Go behind the scenes at a working kiwi hatchery. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of today's opportunity to visit the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. **B**

7 Rotorua – Wellington

At Huka Falls, 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-metre-high waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of mint-blue Lake Taupo. Traverse the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington, where there are so many restaurants and bars to choose from, you'll need a guidebook. Wait, you have an in-the-know Travel Director to talk to. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**

8 Wellington – Picton

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, designed to fuel you through a session at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Onwards to the Interislander for a cruise across Cook Strait, from the North Island to the South, through a maze of arms and inlets. **Hotel: Beachcomber Inn. B L D**

9 Picton – Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the black sands of Kaikoura. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore. Your Travel Director has tips on where to dine tonight. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

10 Christchurch – Omarama

Christchurch is not only rebuilding itself after the 2010/11 earthquakes, but is changing the way architects think about design. From here, your outlook the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Take it all in on an optional scenic flight for added perspective of the Southern Alps. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

11 Omarama – Dunedin Free Time

Oamaru, with its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings, stands proud before you journey further south toward the 'Edinburgh of the South': Dunedin. While away the afternoon in the city's art-lined alleys, or venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives here – fur seals and penguins among them. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**



Te Puia

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16 Included Experiences

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12 Dunedin – Te Anau

Dunedin's Scottish ancestry is everywhere you look, from the manicured grounds of Otago University to Larnach Castle. Weave your way into Fiordland National Park and the South Island's biggest lake and the town of Te Anau. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

13 Te Anau – Queenstown

Your route through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror-like lakes. All roads lead to Milford Sound/Piopiota, where a string of waterfalls create a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. Look out for dolphins – they're a common sight here. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

14 Queenstown Free Time

Take Queenstown at your own pace today. Feel the wind in your hair on a high octane Shotover Jet, perhaps. Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner. **B HD**

15 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

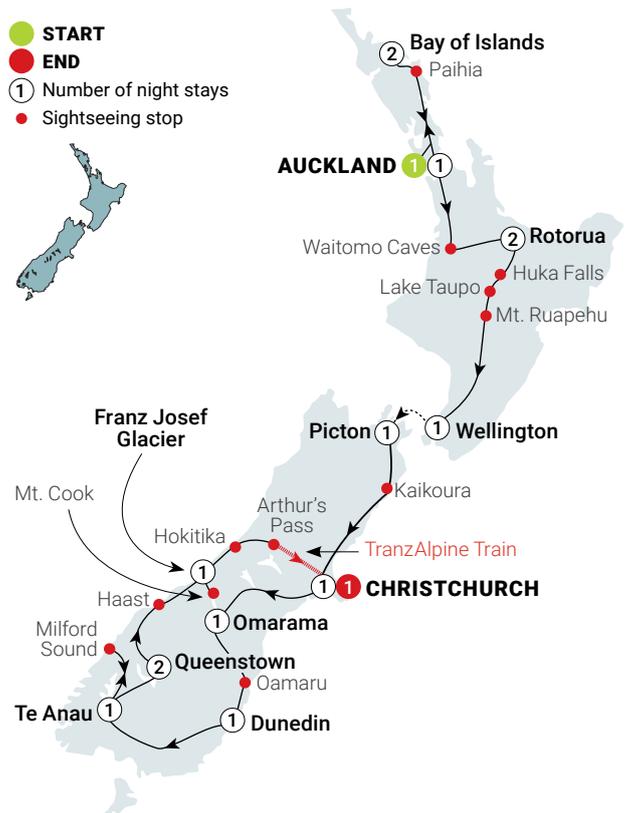
Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, Arrowtown and Lake Dunstan appear on the horizon. Then there's Lake Hawea followed by Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Over the Haast Pass, Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere sparkles like a gem. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). B D**

16 Franz Josef/Waiau – Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika. In Māori tradition, it's bad luck to buy this sacred stone for yourself; flutter your eyelids at your loved one. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views. **Hotel: Ibis. B FD**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

Two islands, glaciers, lakes, thermal springs and a parade of wildlife... We hope you find the words to describe this epic adventure. **B**



New Zealand Magic

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Have an adventure at the very top of the North Island, where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. Or just relax by the pool. The choice is yours.

📍 Iconic Sites

Visiting Milford Sound/Piopiotahi within World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park is a humbling experience. Waterfalls, ancient escarpments and dolphins await.

📷 Time For You

Explore Queenstown at your own pace, whether sipping your way around wineries or zipping across rivers. Your Travel Director has endless ideas.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

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🏔 Natural Wonders

Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere sparkles like a gem in the Southern Alps, cutting through the mountains for more than 12 kilometres.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

Explore the 'Garden City' at your leisure. We recommend jumping aboard the Christchurch Tram to discover how the city has rebuilt itself since the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Franz Josef/Waiau

All aboard the TranzAlpine train, whisking you through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks. Arriving in Hokitika, your outlook is all pounamu (native greenstone or jade). In Māori tradition, it's bad luck to buy this sacred stone for yourself; flutter your eyelids at your loved one. Things are about to get cool again as you arrive at Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, a white-out of snow and ice. Get some perspective on an optional flight over this natural wonder. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). B D**

3 Franz Josef/Waiau – Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, the alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you: Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows; Lake Hawea; and Lake Dunstan, where you'll pause to refuel on flavour-packed stone fruit. We know you'll want to linger in Arrowtown's movie-set-like streets, but Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables await in Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

4 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane Shotover Jet, perhaps; discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife centre; or sip your way through surrounding vineyards. Then glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner. **B HD**

5 Queenstown – Te Anau

Your route from the Mirror Lakes through the Cleddau Valley is the entrée to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, a string of waterfalls creating a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. The onward road through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and gin-clear rivers. And just when you thought things couldn't get any more magical, glowworm-filled caves make an appearance. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

6 Te Anau – Dunedin

While away your Dunedin afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution). Or venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin – Omarama

Sleep in or channel your inner royalty at Larnach Castle – Dunedin's Scottish ancestry is everywhere you look. If you've ever wanted to see New Zealand's oldest public gardens, today you're in luck with a visit to Oamaru. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Omarama – Christchurch

Your outlook this morning is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Take it in on an optional scenic flight for added perspective of the Southern Alps and on to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Back on the ground, you're becoming reacquainted with Christchurch. **Hotel: Ibis. B D**

9 Christchurch – Picton

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the black sands of Kaikoura. Your onward route skirts the pink tinged crystallisation ponds of the Lake Grassmere Salt Works, before arriving in the pretty seaside fishing village of Picton. **Hotel: Beachcomber Inn. B D**

10 Picton – Wellington

Swap wheels for water aboard the Interislander for a cruise from the South Island to the North into New Zealand's cool little capital of Wellington. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**

11 Wellington – Rotorua

Tonight, Māori culture and traditions are in the spotlight at Te Puia. Your dinner, a hangi cooked underground, is served while you overlook the spectacular geothermal valley. The highlight is a Māori cultural performance in the beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B L HD**



Fur Seals, Dunedin

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12 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace: Bliss out in the steamy thermal springs of the Polynesian Spa, or go behind the scenes at a working kiwi hatchery. And then there's Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. **B**

13 Rotorua – Auckland

Waitomo Caves is radiant – quite literally. While cruising waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. The next thing that glows on your horizon is Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B D**

14 Auckland – Bay of Islands

The Bay of Islands is undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort (Garden View), 2 nights. B D**

15 Bay of Islands Free Time

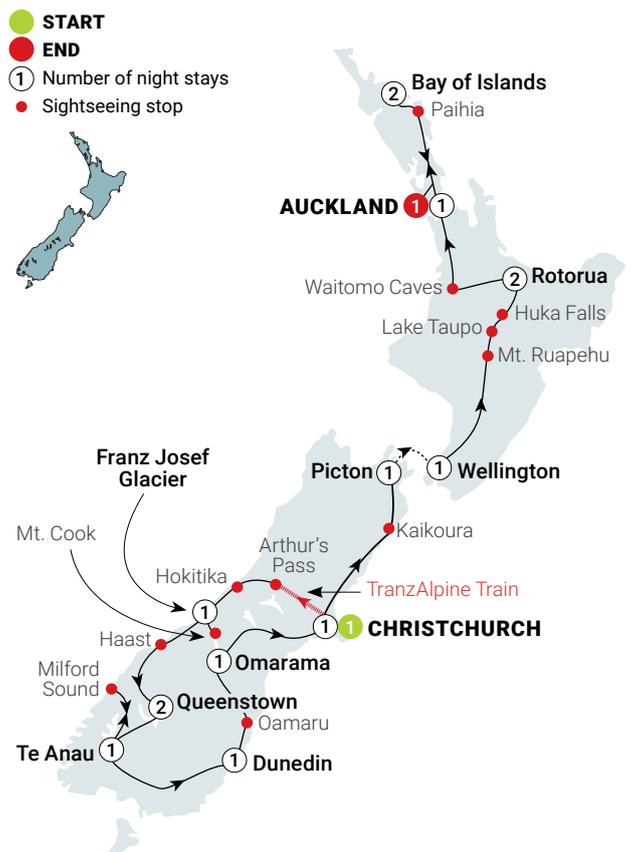
Trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, enjoy local drops on a wine tour, or visit Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. **B**

16 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Today, New Zealand's most northerly city is on your radar. Whangarei is a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

17 Farewell from Auckland

It's hard to say goodbye. But you have a camera full of photos to categorise before you get home. **B**



New Zealand Vista

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Whether you like sky-high adventures – think, landing on a glacier – or prefer to keep your feet on the ground, we have a little black book of adventures ready to inspire.

📍 Iconic Sites

Within World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, Milford Sound/Piopiotahi is the kind of place you expect to see on postcards. You're here in real life.

📷 Time For You

Free days in Queenstown and Rotorua means you can explore at leisure – thermal soaks and hiking slopes could be on the menu.

🌱 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Your presence on this tour contributes to AAT's 'Eat My Lunch' program, designed to ensure that no Kiwi kid goes to school hungry.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Get your glow on at the Waitomo Caves, a magical subterranean world lit by thousands of glow-worms. Drift along and prepare to be dazzled.



1 Welcome to Auckland

Auckland never fails to turn on the charm, as you'll discover while exploring the city before meeting your fellow adventure-seekers. Peruse waterfront precincts filled with yachts; take a cruise out to the wineries of Waiheke Island; or hit up the CBD to discover local designers. Turns out Kiwi creativity is surging. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express.**

2 Auckland – Rotorua

After a morning of sightseeing, set your GPS for the Waikato River to Waitomo Caves. Here, your cruise route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture and traditions at Te Puia. Your dinner, a hangi cooked underground, is served while you overlook the spectacular geothermal valley. The highlight is a Māori cultural performance in the beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

3 Rotorua Free Time

We're leaving you up to your own devices today. Bliss out in the steamy thermal springs in Rotorua's Polynesian Spa. Go behind the scenes on a working kiwi nursery and hatchery. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. The choice is yours. **B**

4 Rotorua – Wellington

A staggering 220,000 litres of water thunder over Huka Falls' 11-metre-high escarpment every second. It creates quite the calamity. From here, the road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupo, its waters so vivid and blue they resemble an Ice Mint. Traverse the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**

5 Wellington – Picton

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, designed to fuel you through a session at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Onwards to the Interislander for a cruise across Cook Strait, from the North Island to the South. **Hotel: Beachcomber. B L D**

6 Picton – Christchurch

Black is the new black, as you'll fast discover when walking along the dramatic ink-hued Kaikoura beach. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore. Talk to your Travel Director for tips on the essential restaurants to dine in tonight – Christchurch has reinvented itself in more ways than one. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

7 Christchurch – Omarama

From its devastating 2010/11 earthquakes, Christchurch has become one of the most forward-thinking cities in the world when it comes to design. Case in point the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard. From here, your outlook is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Choose to take it in from the air for added perspective, on an optional scenic flight around the Southern Alps and on to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Omarama – Dunedin

Oamaru may have supplied other NZ cities with limestone, but it kept some for itself – and the result is glorious leafy streets with grand 1800s buildings that stand proud before you journey further south toward Dunedin. It's easy to while away the afternoon in 'little Edinburgh's' atmospheric art-lined alleys. Or venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country – fur seals and penguins among them. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

9 Dunedin – Te Anau

There's no judgement that comes from a sleep-in. But if you have the energy, channel it into exploring Larnach Castle – the only one of its kind in the country. Dunedin's Scottish ancestry is everywhere you look, from the manicured grounds of Otago University to the city's main George Street. Rolling green hills dotted with doe-eyed sheep are replaced by soaring mountains as you weave your way into Fiordland National Park and the South Island's biggest lake and the town of Te Anau. Soak up the serenity – it doesn't get any better than this. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**



TSS Earnslaw, Queenstown

From **\$6370**

per person twin share land only

14 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

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Oct 11, 18	Jan 10, 17, 24, 31	Jan 09, 16, 23, 30
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Dining

13 Full buffet breakfasts B 4 Dinners D
 1 Lunch L 1 Farewell Dinner FD
 2 Highlight Dinners HD

Flight Information

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 Day 14 – flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport
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10 Te Anau – Queenstown

There are some travel days that blaze into your memory. Today is one. Your route through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror-like lakes. Gin-clear rivers carve the countryside, with all roads leading to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Cruising this World Heritage listed expanse will give you goosebumps, a string of waterfalls creating a misty curtain across sheer escarpments.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B

11 Queenstown Free Time

Queenstown is known as NZ's adventure capital for good reason. But don't take our word for it. Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane Shotover Jet. Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife centre. Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner. **B HD**

12 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

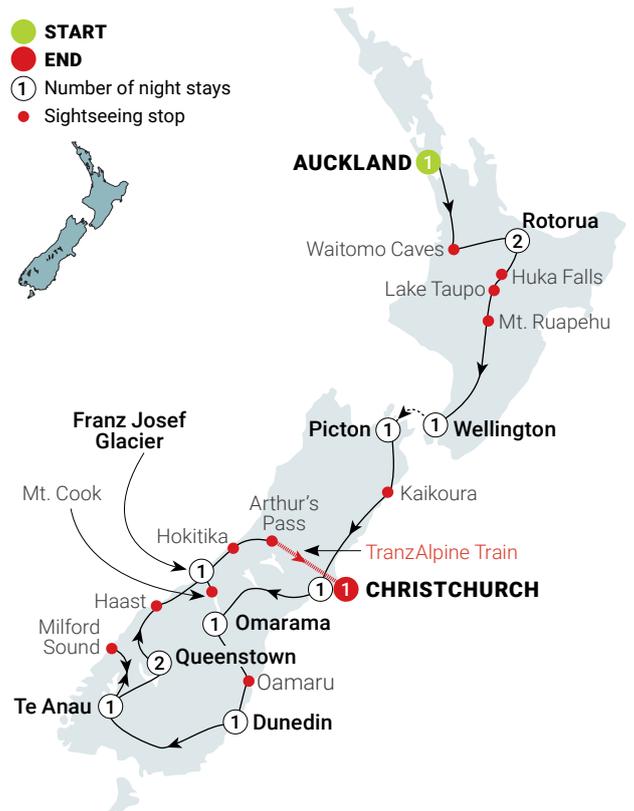
After departing the movie-set-perfect streets of Arrowtown, discover Lake Dunstan, surrounded by orchards where you'll pause to refuel on flavour-packed stone fruit. Then there's Lake Hawea followed by Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Over the Haast Pass, Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere sparkles like a gem. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). B D**

13 Franz Josef/Waiau – Christchurch

Swap white at Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere for green at Hokitika: the pounamu (native jade) found here is the stuff jewellery dreams are made of. In Māori tradition, it's bad luck to buy this sacred stone for yourself; flutter your eyelids at your loved one. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. **Hotel: Ibis. B FD**

14 Farewell from Christchurch

Two islands, two weeks. It's remarkable what you can see when you have the right people guiding you. **B**



New Zealand Marvel

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

From helicopter jaunts to thrilling jet-boat rides, winery expeditions to Hobbiton tours, your Travel Director is at your beck and call to organise travel optional experiences.

📍 Iconic Sites

Waterfalls, ancient escarpments and dolphins await in Fiordland National Park's Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. This World Heritage Site is as humbling as it is immense.

📷 Time For You

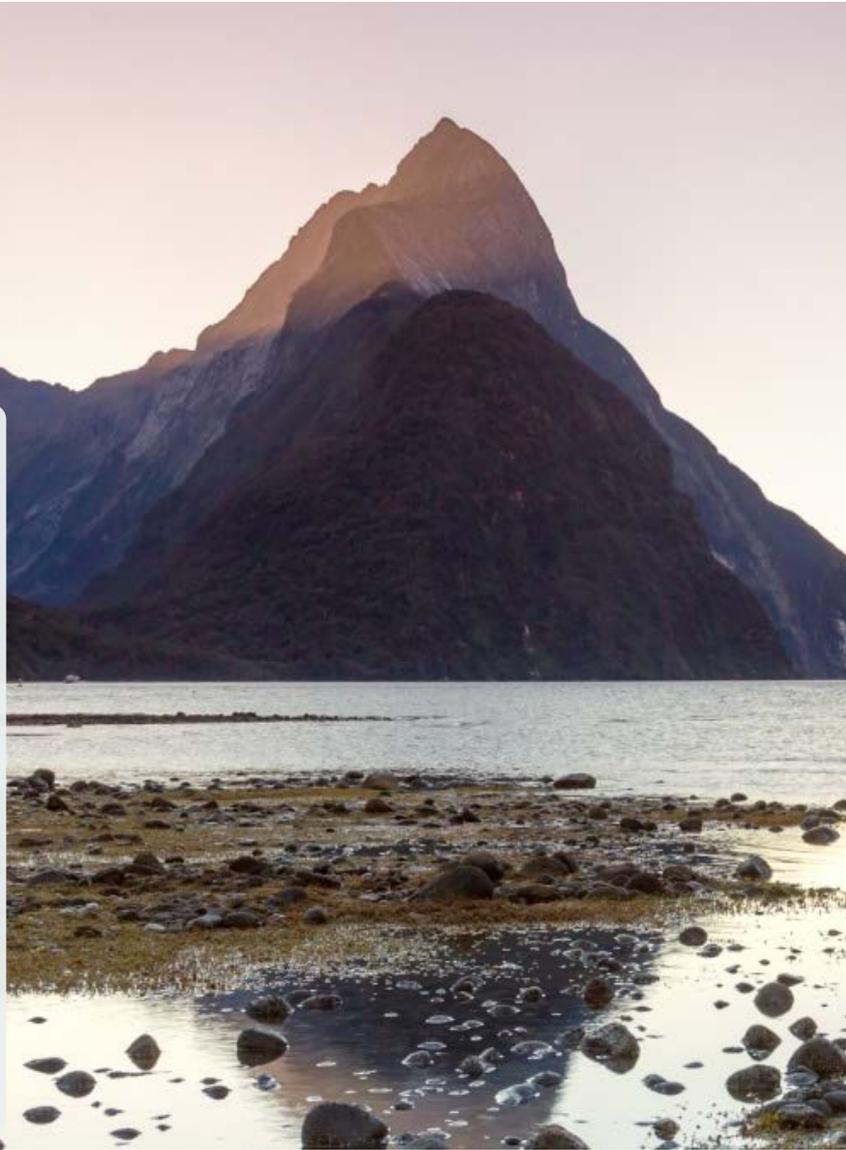
There's a reason why we give you downtime in Rotorua and Queenstown – there are enough attractions to fill every traveller's wish list.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE | 🌱 Thousands of kids across NZ go hungry every year. The 'Eat My Lunch' program that you support ensures this tide is turning.

🏔 Natural Wonders

From snow-tipped mountains to a wild and dramatic coastline and turquoise alpine lakes, the Southern Lakes region is one of NZ's most diverse and distinctive wilderness areas.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

There are plenty of reasons to arrive in New Zealand's 'Garden City' early, among them the astonishing transformation that has reinvigorated streets since the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes. Explore at your leisure. We recommend jumping aboard the Christchurch Tram. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Franz Josef/Waiau

Jump aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, gorges and river valleys. Arriving in Hokitika, your outlook is all pounamu (native greenstone or jade). In Māori tradition, it's bad luck to buy this sacred stone for yourself; flutter your eyelids at the one you love. Around the corner is Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Get some perspective on an optional flight. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). B D**

3 Franz Josef/Waiau – Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you. First up there's lovely Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Then Lake Hawea – the colour of an Ice Mint – and Lake Dunstan, where you'll pause to refuel on flavour-packed stone fruits. As tempting as it is to linger in Arrowtown's movie-set-like streets, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables await in Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

4 Queenstown Free Time

Today, choose your own adventure – there are plenty to be had. Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane Shotover Jet, perhaps. Or discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife centre. Wine aficionado? Sip your way through surrounding vineyards. Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner and a little late-night dancing. **B HD**

5 Queenstown – Te Anau

Your route from the Mirror Lakes through the Cleddau Valley is the entrée to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, a cavernous wonderland where waterfalls thunder from ancient escarpments into inky water where dolphins play. It's all part of

World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and gin-clear rivers, carving up the countryside. This is your backdrop all the way to Te Anau. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

6 Te Anau – Dunedin

Swap the forested slopes of Fiordland for the rolling green hills of the Edinburgh of the South. Welcome to Dunedin, a beguiling union of both Māori and Scottish heritage. While away the afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution). Or venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country – fur seals and penguins, anyone? **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin – Oamaru

If you didn't get a taste for Dunedin's Scottish heritage yesterday, you surely will today. Explore grand Larnach Castle at your leisure – this is, after all, the only one of its kind in the country – then wander the manicured grounds of Otago University or the city's main George Street for an additional reminder of the city's ties to Europe. If you've ever wanted to see New Zealand's oldest public gardens, today you're in luck with a visit to Oamaru, known for its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Oamaru – Christchurch

Your outlook this morning is the Canterbury Plains. Take it in on an optional scenic flight for added perspective of the Southern Alps and on to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Back on the ground, it's time to become reacquainted with Christchurch, your in-the-know guide pointing out the city's miraculous transformation. **Hotel: Ibis. B D**

9 Christchurch – Picton

Forget powdery white sand – once you've seen the dramatic black Kaikoura cove, you'll be spoilt for all future beach-bashing. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore; a sighting is practically guaranteed if you opt for an aerial tour over the coastline. Your onward route skirts the pink-tinged crystallisation ponds of the Lake Grassmere Salt Works, before arriving in the pretty seaside fishing village of Picton. **Hotel: Beachcomber. B D**



Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

From **\$6370**

per person twin share land only

14 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

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Dining

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 1 Lunch L 1 Farewell Dinner FD
 2 Highlight Dinners HD

Flight Information

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10 Picton – Wellington

Cruising through Queen Charlotte Sound, up the Tory Channel and across Cook Strait is a journey as scenic as it is serene. Today’s chariot, the Interislander, transports you from the South Island to the North, navigating a maze of arms and inlets into Wellington. Bring your stamina to explore Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Ask your Travel Director for tips on where to sip wine and coffee tonight – this city is known for its uber-cool cafés, restaurants and bars. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**

11 Wellington – Rotorua

The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupo, the largest of its kind in the country. It’s a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. Tonight, Māori culture and traditions are in the spotlight at Te Puia. Your dinner, a hangi cooked underground, is served while you overlook the spectacular geothermal valley. The highlight is a Māori cultural performance in the beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B L HD**

12 Rotorua Free Time

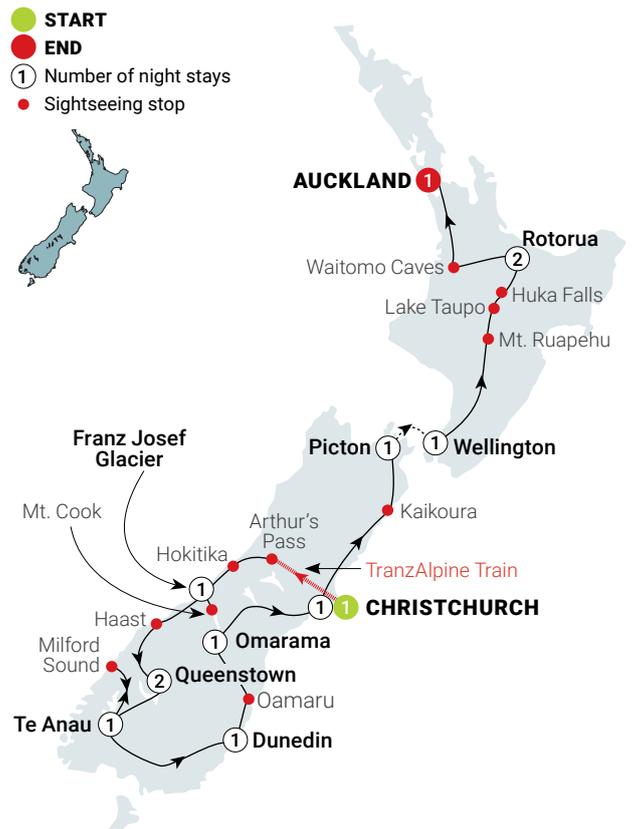
Sometimes, the best adventures are those that you have when you least expect them. Like wandering into Rotorua’s Polynesian Spa and falling into a few hours of bliss while soaking in steamy thermal springs. Or discovering endangered birds on a working kiwi nursery and hatchery. And then there’s Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. **B**

13 Rotorua – Auckland

Before you reach your final destination, get set to glow through the Waitomo Caves. While cruising cavernous limestone waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. Auckland, New Zealand’s largest city, appears on the horizon, dazzling with not one, but two harbours. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B FD**

14 Farewell from Auckland

The ‘City of Sails’ flutters a wave goodbye as you make your way home. **B**



Northern Wonders

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Auckland and Wellington are a bit like foodie paradise for gourmands. Ask your Travel Director to point you in the direction of top bars and restaurants.

📍 Iconic Sites

The Waitomo Caves are the stuff fairytales are made of. Illuminate your day cruising this limestone network, cast in the magical light of glowworms.

📷 Time For You

Ziplining through the forest, soaking in thermal springs, meeting endangered wildlife – how you spend your free time in Rotorua is up to you.

🏠 Sustainable Travel



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE | The 'Eat My Lunch' program that you support helps ensure that kids across New Zealand go to school with a packed lunch. Because no child deserves to be hungry.

🌋 Natural Wonders

Rotorua is hot, in more ways than one. Steaming geysers, bubbling mud pools and mineral-rich springs are the beating heart of this geothermal valley.



1 Welcome to Wellington

New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington is the kind of place you could easily lose yourself in for a day. Good thing you arrived early. Check out one of the city's oh-so-hip cafés before exploring Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, home to an extraordinary collection of artefacts, including an eye-opening exhibit dedicated to Māori history. Time to meet your fellow adventure-seekers. **Hotel: Travelodge.**

2 Wellington – Rotorua

The Kapiti Coast is the summer playground of Wellingtonians – for good reason. You'll follow in local footsteps as you make your way along a road that unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupo, the largest (and perhaps bluest) of its kind in the country. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture and traditions at Te Puia. Your dinner, a hangi cooked underground, is served while you overlook the spectacular geothermal valley. Witness a pohiri (traditional welcome) and waiata (song) and a Māori cultural performance in the beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B L HD**

3 Rotorua Free Time

If there's a New Zealand city where you want free time, Rotorua is it. Go your own way today, perhaps blissing out in the Polynesian Spa's thermal springs (we recommend a mud wrap). Who knew nature was this relaxing? Or discovering endangered birds on a working kiwi nursery and hatchery. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of today's opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. **B**

4 Rotorua – Auckland

The Waitomo Caves are radiant – quite literally. While cruising cavernous underground waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. It's a fairytale start to your day. One that only gets better as you descend on Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. You'll discover how it got its moniker while gazing over its two yacht-studded harbours from the lookout at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B D**

5 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Your journey north to New Zealand's Bay of Islands is not short of drama – discover 140 droplets of land ringed by turquoise sea at the top of the country. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs. Your guide, likely an ancestor of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort (Garden View), 2 nights. B D**

6 Bay of Islands Free Time

Go as fast or as slow as you like today – there's no rush, and no agenda. Talk to your Travel Director to organise leisurely jaunts up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, enjoy local drops on a wine tour of the region. If you're a history buff, you may want to join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. The choice is yours. **B**

7 Bay of Islands – Auckland

You're about to reach the very tip of New Zealand, as your travels take you to Whangarei – the country's northernmost city. This is a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. It's like the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your coach seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. Ask your Travel Director for tips on where to dine; Auckland is a bit of a culinary hotspot. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**



Hobbiton (Optional Experience)

From **\$3675**

per person twin share land only

7 Included Experiences

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Nov 02, 09, 30	Jan 11, 18, 25	Jan 03, 10, 17, 24, 31
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Dining

7 Full buffet breakfasts B 1 Highlight Dinner HD
 1 Lunch L 2 Dinners D

Flight Information

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8 Farewell from Auckland

The only bad day in Auckland is the one where you have to bid farewell. On your journey home, just remember how much pleasure you have packed into this last week. **B**



Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua Lighthouse

- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stop



Northern Spotlight

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Sometimes, the best meals are those you stumble upon. We can point you in the right direction in Auckland and Wellington – then go for it!

📍 Iconic Sites

Life becomes all the more radiant at Waitomo Glowworm Caves, a subterranean wonderland that replicates the night sky.

📷 Time For You

Explore at your own pace in Rotorua. Slow? Opt for a thermal soak at the Polynesian Spa. Fast? Zipline through the rainforest.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Thousands of kids across NZ go hungry every year. The 'Eat My Lunch' programme that you support ensures this tide is turning.

🌿 Natural Wonders

Ancient volcanoes, thundering waterfalls and a yacht-studded harbour are your backdrop in Whangarei, New Zealand's northernmost city. What a wildlife wonderland.



1 Welcome to Auckland

Auckland is known as the 'City of Sails'. And you'll discover why when exploring its two harbours at your leisure. Pick a waterfront precinct and find a perch to while away the afternoon over a Marlborough savignon blanc tonight. Should you need a closer look, take a cruise out to the wineries of Waiheke Island. Meet fellow travel companions over a few local tipples tonight. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express.**

2 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Your journey north to New Zealand's Bay of Islands is not short of drama – discover 140 droplets of land ringed by turquoise sea at the top of the country. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs. Your guide, likely an ancestor of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort (Garden View), 2 nights. B D**

3 Bay of Islands Free Time

If there's a travel destination that inspires wanderlust, the Bay of Islands is it. And today, you can do just that. At your leisure, venture up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, enjoy local drops on a wine tour of the region, or join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. The choice is yours. **B**

4 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Northern exposure is a thing today, when you journey toward the top of the country to visit Whangarei – NZ's northernmost city, and a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. It's like the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

5 Auckland – Rotorua

There's no bad day in Auckland – today, yours is filled with expeditions to the War Memorial Museum and Waitemata Harbour, before you set your GPS for the Waikato River and Waitomo Caves. This place is radiant – quite literally. While cruising cavernous waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. Tonight, Māori culture and traditions are in the spotlight at Te Puia. Your dinner, a hangi cooked underground, is served while you overlook the spectacular geothermal valley. Witness a pohiri (traditional welcome) and waiata (song) and a Māori cultural performance in the beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Your evening culminates with hot chocolate and steamed pudding while the geyser terrace is bathed in coloured light. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

6 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today, but with plenty of tips from your Travel Director. Want a bit of down time? We wouldn't blame you for simply blissing out at in the steamy thermal springs at Rotorua's Polynesian Spa. Animal lover? Go behind the scenes on a working kiwi nursery and hatchery. Culture vulture? Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. **B**

7 Rotorua – Wellington

You'll hear Huka Falls well before you see it – at this natural wonder, a staggering 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-metre-high waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupo, its waters so vivid and blue you'll think someone has taken the glasses off your nose and cleaned them for the first time. Traverse the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington, where there are so many restaurants and bars to choose from. Ask your Travel Director for tips on where to eat. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**



Waitomo Glowworm Grotto

From **\$3675**

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8 Farewell from Wellington

The best way to begin a Wellington day? With a coffee. The city is known for its uber-cool cafés, designed to fuel you through a session at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. After lunch – read: a lunch that changes lives – it’s time to bid farewell to your NZ crew. What a week. **B L**



Waitangi Treaty Grounds



Southern Spirit

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

New Zealand's chefs make the most of the South Island's epic produce bounty. Dig in at restaurants across Queenstown, Christchurch and Wellington.

📍 Iconic Sites

New Zealand's cool little Capital, Wellington's diversions range from cultural Nirvana at Te Papa to the beehive-like Parliament building.

📷 Time For You

The gateway to Abel Tasman National Park, Nelson inspires calm. Find your own path in this wilderness paradise.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE The 'Eat My Lunch' program that you support ensures kids across New Zealand go to school with a packed lunch – and a full stomach.

🏔 Natural Wonders

An island off an island, Stewart Island is wild, wide and wonderful. Some 97% is national parkland – prepare for epic animal encounters.

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Arrive early in Christchurch to get your bearings in this forward-thinking city. The best way to do that? Aboard the Christchurch Tram. Your journey not only takes you past jaw-dropping attractions, but also tells an inspiring story of community spirit in the rebuilding and reinvigoration of the city since the 2010/11 earthquakes. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Oamaru

We peel off a couple more Christchurch layers on a city tour before setting the GPS for Lake Tekapo, a blinding shade of turquoise accented by the soaring snow-capped peaks and wildflower-strewn fields that surround. It's quite the backdrop for the stone-hewn Church of Good Shepherd. Opt for a bird's-eye view on a scenic flight, taking you over Aoraki/Mount Cook, the Southern Alps and Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Oamaru – Dunedin

Limestone put the pretty town of Oamaru on the map – its stately tree-lined streets are a parade of grand buildings. But it's just as popular today for nurturing New Zealand's oldest public gardens. Architectural drama of a different kind awaits in Dunedin in the form of Larnach Castle, the only one of its kind in the country. This afternoon is at your leisure. We can point you in the direction of atmospheric art-lined alleys or toward Speight's Brewery, a national institution. Or venture further afield to discover the fur seals and penguins that pad around the Otago Peninsula. **Hotel: Kingsgate. B**

4 Dunedin – Invercargill

If you find yourself humming a Garth Brooks tune en route to Gore, you're probably not alone. Fun fact: this is the country music capital of NZ. Invercargill is obsessed with something else: motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends colour the city, telling the story of everyone from Burt Munro to Bill Richardson – his shed full of classic vehicles is the largest private collection of its type in the world. **Hotel: Kelvin, 2 nights. B**

5 Stewart Island

Invercargill is the gateway to the southernmost community in the country. Welcome to Stewart Island, a wild and wonderful drop of land that is 97%

national parkland. Naturally, it's a magnet for endemic flora and fauna, as you'll discover touring valleys and bays with a local. Forest-clad Ulva Island is avian heaven, completely pest free and an important breeding and nesting ground for all manner of birds. **B**

6 Invercargill – Queenstown

Adventure, nature, food and wine, relaxation – Queenstown is like New Zealand's chocolate box; there's something for everyone. Talk to your Travel Director then head off in your own direction, perhaps to feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane Shotover Jet or bungy jumping off a bridge. Or to sip your way through surrounding vineyards. You might like to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet barbecue dinner awaits. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

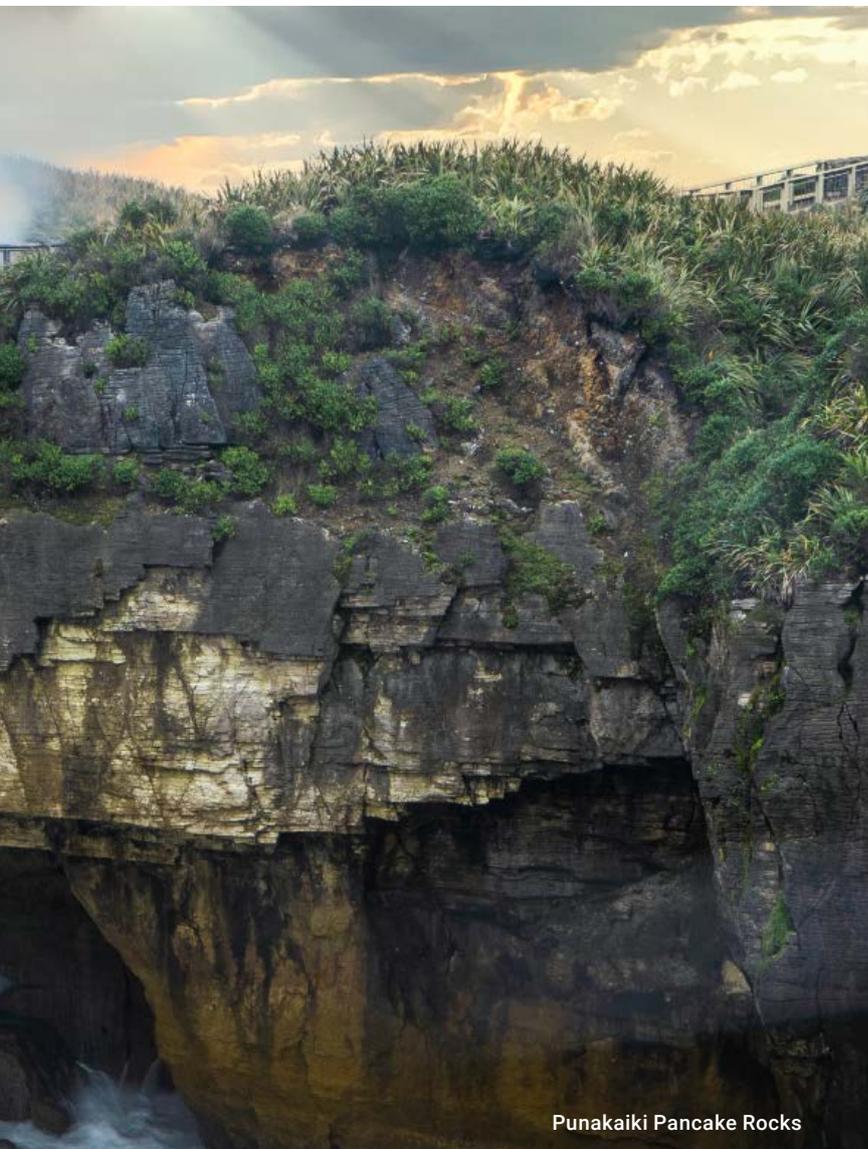
We wouldn't blame you for using today to linger by the banks of Lake Wakatipu, marvelling at sky-scraping Remarkables. But if you want to venture further afield, we have a few ideas. Top of our list today is an epic journey through Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, carved by waterfalls and a playground for dolphins and seals. There's a reason why this part of the island has World Heritage status. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiu

Atmospheric Arrowtown was born from gold, and its movie-set-like streets still shimmer today. It's hard to tear yourself away, but the Alpine country of the Southern Lakes is calling, from Lake Dunstan – pause for juicy stone fruit picked fresh from the tree – to oh-so-blue Lake Hawea and lovely Lake Wanaka. Over the Haast Pass, Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere glistens like nature's gem. Get some perspective on an optional flight over this natural wonder – if the weather behaves, you may even get to land on it. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). B D**

9 Franz Josef/Waiu – Punakaiki

On the wild West Coast, Hokitika may be small in size, but boy is it big in personality, not to mention natural attractions. Wander the windswept coast before discovering the town's other beauty: pounamu (native greenstone or jade). In Māori tradition, it's bad luck to buy this sacred stone for yourself.



Punakaiki Pancake Rocks

From **\$6275**

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6 Included Experiences

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Dining

13 Full buffet breakfasts B 3 Dinners D
1 Lunch L 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

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That's what your loved one is for, right? Steel yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep. **Hotel: Ocean View Retreat. B D**

10 Punakaiki – Nelson

After action-packed days, all you need to do today is sit back and enjoy the drama of the Heritage Highway en route to Nelson. Gaze over Buller Gorge – a deep canyon home to New Zealand's longest swingbridge – and Kahurangi National Park, a place of wild rivers, high plateaus, alpine herbfields and coastal forests. **Hotel: Rutherford, 2 nights. B**

11 Nelson Free Time

The South Island's oldest city, Nelson is the ideal starting point for outings through Abel Tasman National Park. This pocket in the north of the island is a beguiling union of golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. It's home to one of the country's most legendary coastal tracks, if you fancy stretching your legs on a hike. Otherwise, drift away on a cruise around the coast, revealing unpeopled bays and dreamy inlets. The choice is yours. **B**

12 Nelson – Wellington

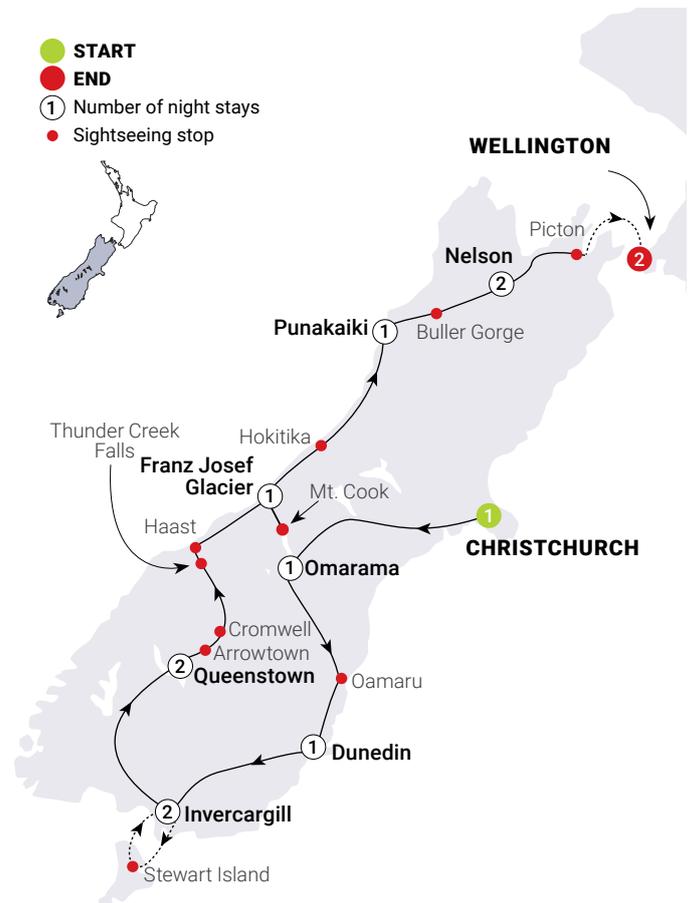
All aboard the Interislander for a cruise through Queen Charlotte Sound, up the Tory Channel and across Cook Strait, from the South Island to the North, navigating a maze of arms and inlets into New Zealand's cool little capital of Wellington. Your local guide will help you get your bearings, then point you in the direction of some of the city's most innovative restaurants and bars. **Hotel: Travelodge, 2 nights. B**

13 Wellington Free Time

Wellington also knows a thing or two about good coffee, and you'll need a strong one to get you through today's sightseeing. You may wish to linger in town, discovering Māori culture at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Or head further afield on a Lord of the Rings movie tour or to visit the Weta Workshop, where special-effects wizards work their magic creating goblins and dinosaurs for blockbuster films. Decisions, decisions. **B FD**

14 Farewell from Wellington

It's hard to say goodbye to the south of New Zealand. If you can't bear to leave, we have a few ideas up our sleeve to extend your holiday... **B L**



Southern Spotlight

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Queenstown is home to more than 150 bars and restaurants. If you don't know where to look, ask your Travel Director for recommendations.

📍 Iconic Sites

The TranzAlpine train ride has been described as one of the most scenic cross-country jaunts in the world. But don't take our word for it...

📷 Time For You

Sometimes, the best travel experiences are those you have on a whim. Enjoy downtime to go at your own pace.

🌿 Sustainable Travel

Your journey deep into Fiordland National Park is helping sustain this wild and wonderful part of New Zealand for future generations.

🏔 Natural Wonders

Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere is quite possibly the South Island's coolest attraction. Literally. This gem sparkles from its perch in Westland Tai Poutini National Park.



1 Christchurch

Since its 2010/11 earthquakes, Christchurch has reinvented itself in more ways than one. Discover how when you step back in time aboard the Christchurch Tram, linking some of the city's most legendary attractions. Expect quite the commentary – your conductors are a hoot. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Oamaru

Christchurch is not only rebuilding itself after the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes, but is changing the way architects think about design. Case in point the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Tūranga, the gold-clad central library. From here, your outlook is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, the quaint Church of the Good Shepherd, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. If you wish (and you should wish) take it in on a scenic flight for added perspective of the Southern Alps and on to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Oamaru – Dunedin

If you've ever wanted to see New Zealand's oldest public gardens, today you're in luck. Oamaru, with its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings, stands proud before you journey further south toward the Edinburgh of the South: Dunedin. It's easy to while away the afternoon in the city's atmospheric art-lined alleys. Or venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country – fur seals and penguins among them. Thirsty? Visit Speight's Brewery, a New Zealand institution. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

4 Dunedin – Te Anau

There are some days when you're travelling, that all you want to do is sleep in. Go for it. Or channel your inner royalty on a visit to Dunedin's grand Larnach Castle – the only one of its kind in the country. Dunedin's Scottish ancestry is everywhere you look, from the manicured grounds of Otago University to the city's main George Street. Rolling green hills dotted with doe-eyed sheep are replaced by soaring mountains as you weave your way into Fiordland National Park and the South Island's biggest lake and the town of Te Anau. Soak up the serenity – it doesn't get any better than this. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

5 Te Anau – Queenstown

From the moment you step outside today, nature rules. Your route through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror-like lakes. Gin-clear rivers carve the countryside, with all roads leading to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Cruising this World Heritage listed expanse will give you goosebumps, a string of waterfalls creating a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. Look out for dolphins – they're a common sight here. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane Shotover Jet, perhaps. There's a reason why Queenstown is known as the adventure capital of the country. Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife centre. Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner. **B HD**

7 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

Try and keep count of today's lakes. Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, Arrowtown appears on the horizon. We know you'll want to linger in the movie-set-like streets, lined with trees and character-filled boutiques. But Lake Dunstan awaits, as do its orchards. Pause to refuel on flavour-packed stone fruit. Then there's Lake Hawea followed by Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Over the Haast Pass, Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere sparkles like a gem. You don't get many opportunities in life to land and walk on a glacier. This afternoon is one. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). B D**

8 Franz Josef/Waiau – Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika. In Māori tradition, it's bad luck to buy this sacred stone for yourself; flutter your eyelids at your loved one. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. **Hotel: Ibis. B FD**



Church of the Good Shepherd

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7 Included Experiences

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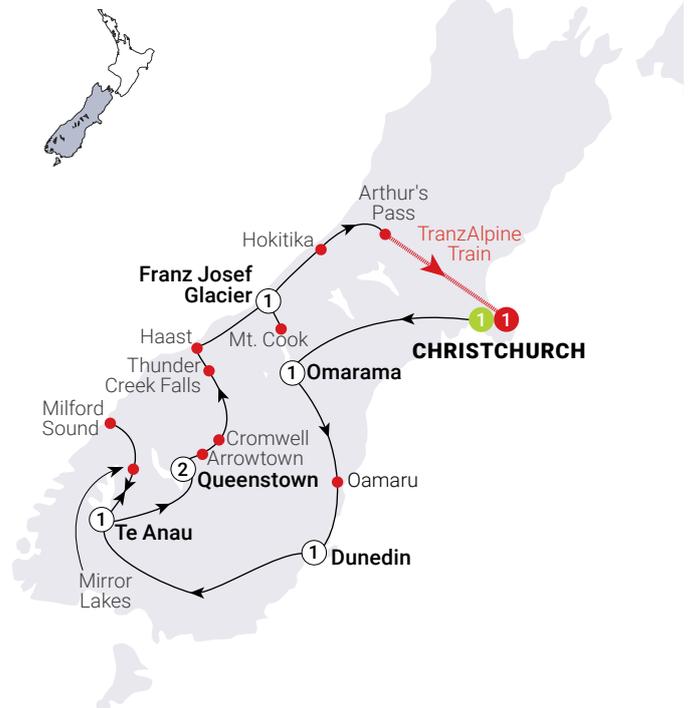
9 Farewell from Christchurch

New Zealand's South Island never fails to wow. We hope you find the words to describe this epic adventure to your family back home. **B**



Pounamu, Hokitika

- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stop



Southern Wonders

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

If you came to Queenstown expecting to lose weight – think again. This southern city has some of NZ's best restaurants and bars. Dig in.

📍 Iconic Sites

The TransAlpine train ride has been described as one of the most scenic cross-country jaunts in the world. But don't take our word for it.

📷 Time For You

We love leading you to NZ's top attractions. But we also enjoy giving you the freedom to discover at your leisure. Some adventures are those unplanned.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

Your journey deep into Fiordland National Park is helping sustain this wild and wonderful part of New Zealand for future generations.

🏔 Natural Wonders

The Dunedin coast dials up the natural drama, its wind-carved cliffs and beaches attracting wild seabirds, sea lions and penguins.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

You don't have to arrive in Christchurch early, but we recommend you do – this South Island city has some of New Zealand's most innovative architecture, not to mention forward-thinking restaurants and bars. Spot them aboard the Christchurch Tram, linking some of the city's most legendary attractions. Your conductors are quite the entertainers.

Hotel: Ibis.

2 Christchurch – Franz Josef/Waiau

Your South Island sojourn starts on a literal high as you jump aboard the TransAlpine train, crossing the Canterbury Plains towards the Southern Alps and Arthur's Pass. This is one of the world's most scenic rail experiences, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. At the other end of the line is Hokitika, the home of pounamu (also known as native greenstone or jade). In Māori tradition, it's bad luck to buy this sacred stone for yourself; flutter your eyelids at your loved one. Just when you thought your day couldn't get any better, Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere twinkles on the horizon. You don't get many chances in life to land and walk on a glacier. This afternoon is one. **Hotel:** Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Graham Wing). **B D**

3 Franz Josef/Waiau – Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, alpine drama awaits. The Southern Lakes deserve their name: there are almost more waterways here than you can count. First up there's lovely Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Followed by oh-so-blue Lake Hawea and Lake Dunstan, where you'll pause to refuel on flavour-packed stone fruit. As tempting as it is to linger in Arrowtown's movie-set-like streets, lined with trees and character-filled boutiques, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables await in Queenstown. **Hotel:** Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. **B**

4 Queenstown Free Time

The adventure capital of New Zealand doesn't disappoint when it comes to activities that are fast and furious. Take your pick of zipping about on the high-octane Shotover Jet or exploring the natural drama of Skippers

Canyon. Prefer life at a more leisurely pace? Opt to step onto a Lord of the Rings movie set or sip your way through surrounding vineyards. Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner. **B HD**

5 Queenstown – Te Anau

Nature rules today as you motor from the Mirror Lakes through the Cleddau Valley. But this is just a teaser of what's to come: World Heritage listed Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Cruising this dreamy expanse will give you goosebumps, its string of waterfalls creating a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. Look out for dolphins and sea lions – they're a common sight here. The onward road through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and gin-clear rivers, carving up the countryside en route to Te Anau. And just when you thought things couldn't get any more magical, glowworm-filled caves make an appearance. We highly recommend a visit. **Hotel:** Luxmore. **B D**

6 Te Anau – Dunedin

The South Island's biggest lake is a blissful place for an invigorating morning walk. If it doesn't set your pulse racing, then your outlook of rolling green hills dotted with doe-eyed sheep surely will. This bucolic countryside surrounds the city of Dunedin. While away the afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution). Or venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country – fur seals and penguins among them. **Hotel:** Scenic Dunedin City. **B**

7 Dunedin – Omarama

Did you know that 'Dunedin' takes its name from the Scottish word for Edinburgh? The city nods to its European heritage at Larnach Castle – the only one of its kind in the country – as well as through the grounds of Otago University and along the city's main George Street. Explore at your leisure, before venturing on to New Zealand's oldest public gardens and grand limestone buildings at Oamaru. **Hotel:** Heritage Gateway. **B D**



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8 Omarama – Christchurch

If there's a lake with a more vivid turquoise colour than Tekapo, we're yet to see it. It's made even more dramatic by snow-capped mountains, the quaint Church of the Good Shepherd and atmospheric towns that surround. Take it in from the air on an optional flight for added perspective of the Southern Alps and on to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Back on the ground, you're becoming reacquainted with Christchurch, your in-the-know Travel Director pointing out the city's miraculous transformation over the last decade. Local spirit is strong here.

Hotel: Ibis. B FD

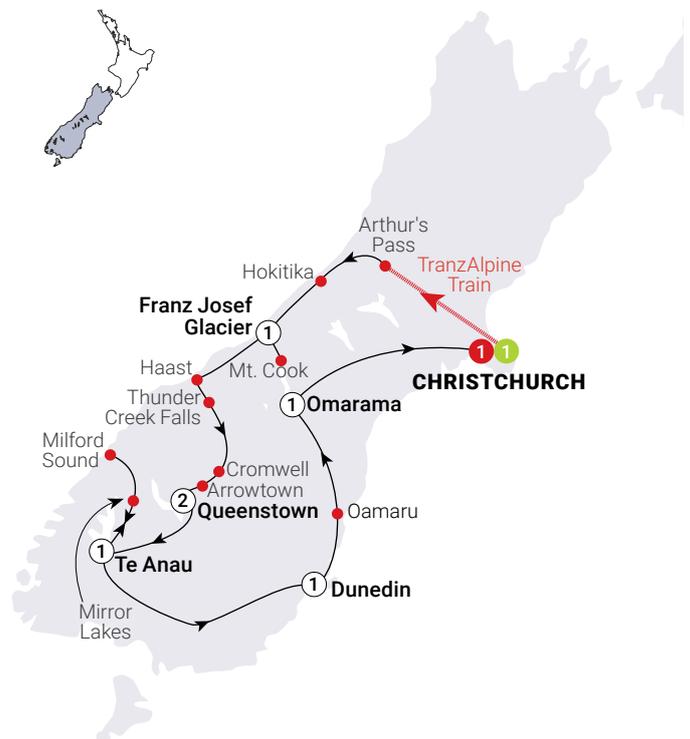
9 Christchurch

If you feel like you've only seen the tip of the South Island's iceberg, you'd be correct. This beguiling part of the country could keep travel enthusiasts entertained for eons. Thankfully, we have more itineraries – ask your Travel Director and start planning your next tour. **B**



TranzAlpine Train

- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stop



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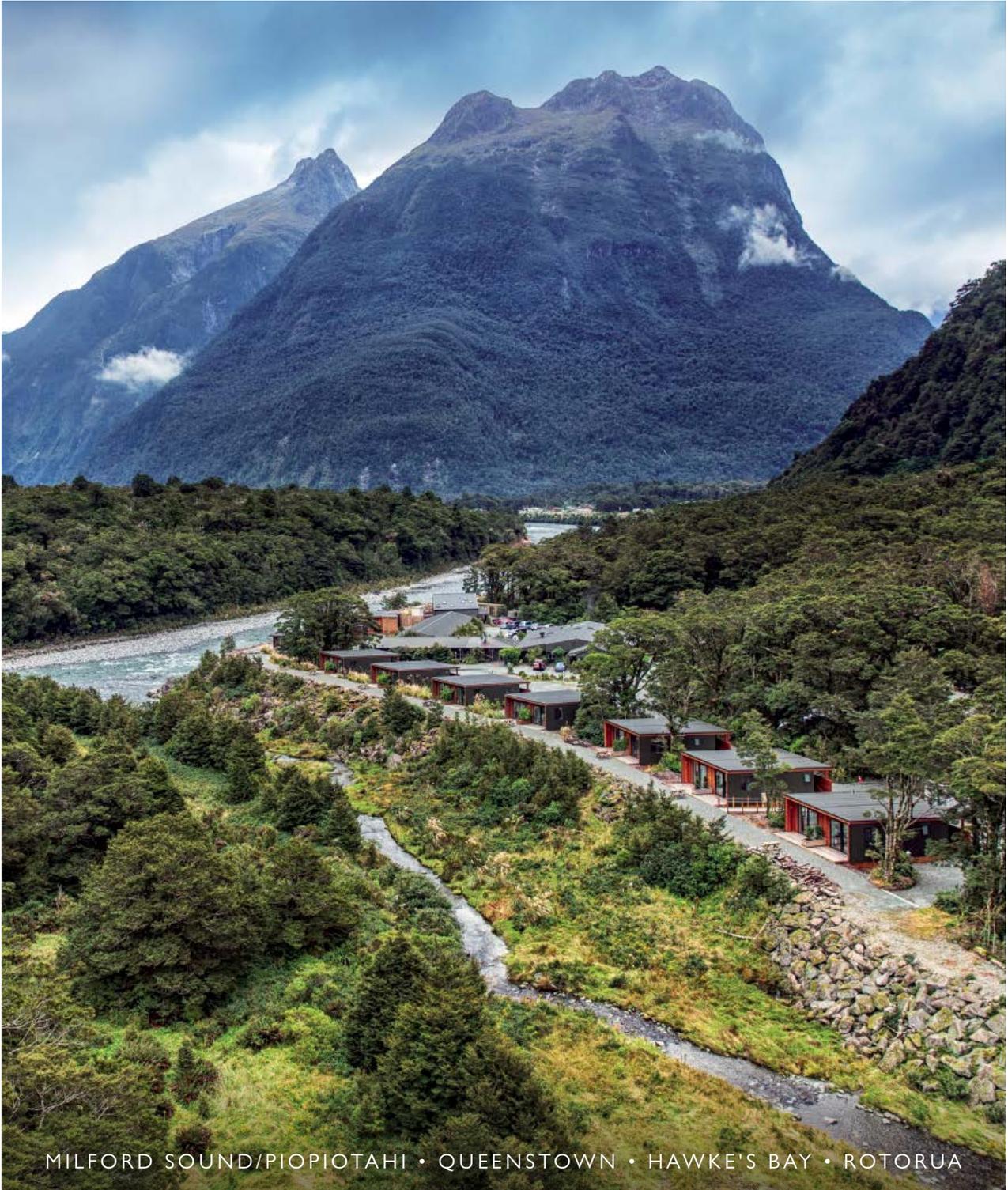




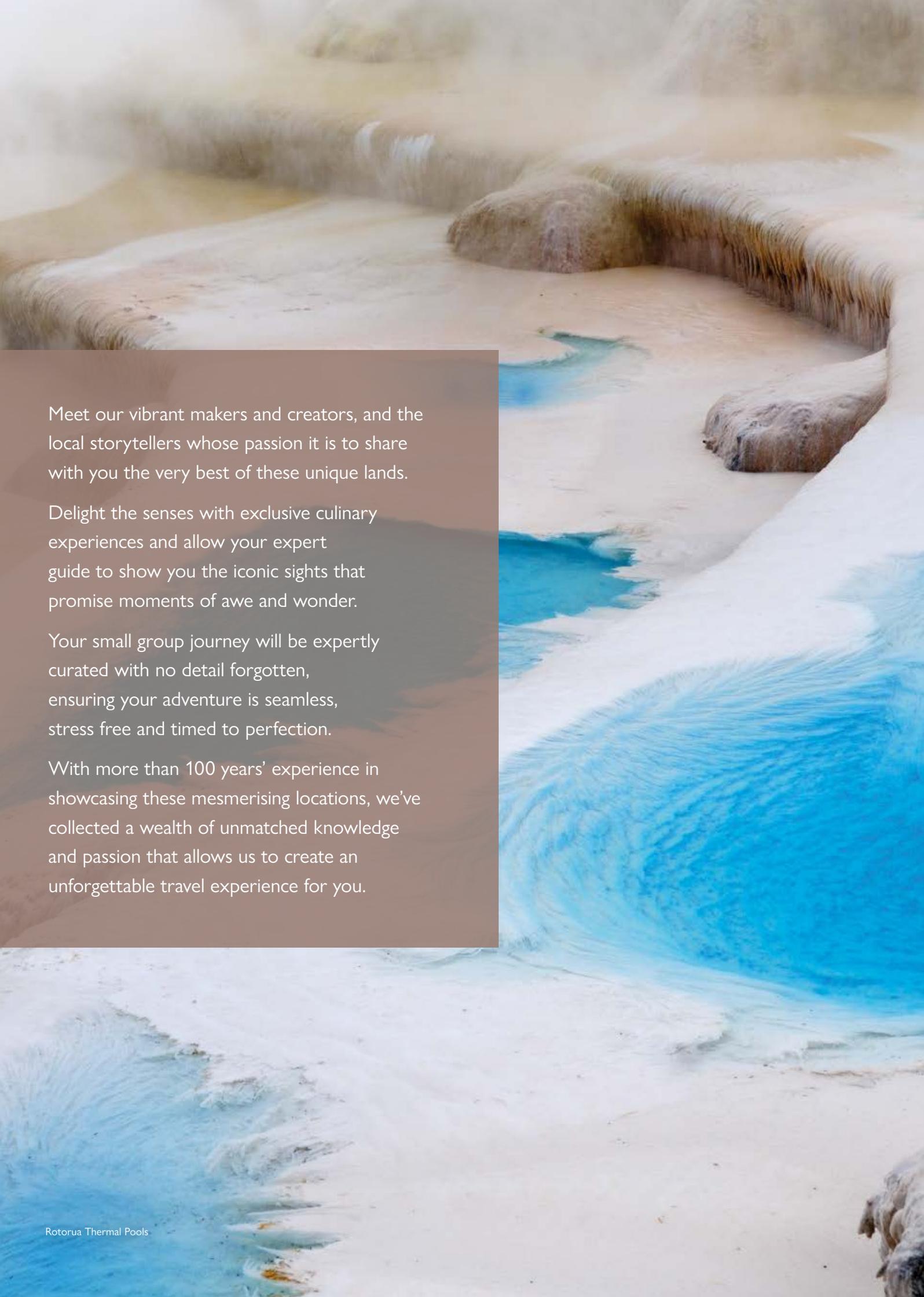
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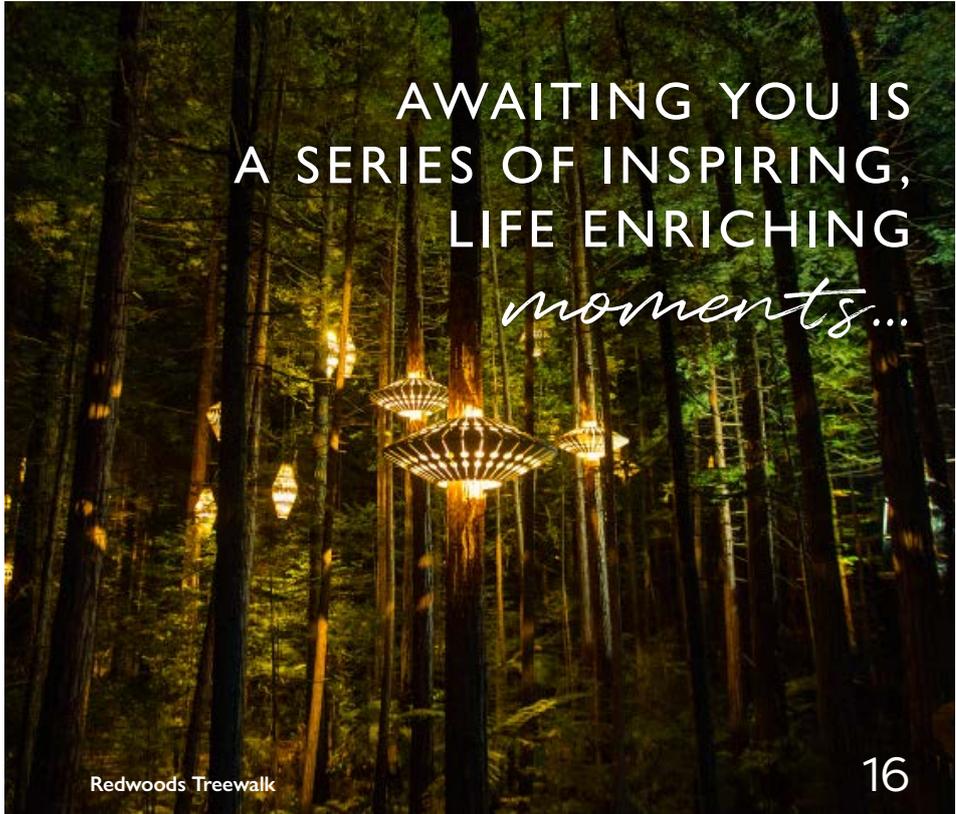
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-  **INDULGE**
your senses
-  **EXPLORE**
boundless landscapes
-  **RELAX**
and recharge

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Independent reviews from our guests

"Excellent Tour Guide and Bus Driver. Great accommodation each night. Very detailed information given at all stops during our Tour."

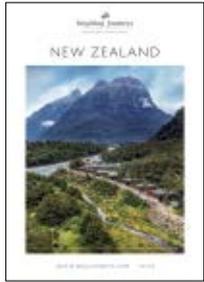
★★★★★ 5.0/5
Michael F

"It was a well planned out trip. Tour guides n drivers were knowledgeable. Choice of locations great. Trip was well planned n pace was good."

★★★★★ 5.0/5
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"An unforgettable trip! This was a most amazing journey from the minute we were picked up at the airport to the last bitter-sweet moment of saying goodbye to our travel companions. Our tour guide was delightful, knowledgeable, humorous, caring – perfect!, She took excellent care of us. Our driver was extremely competent and a pleasure to travel with. Loved the unique destinations and little side trips. Accommodations were great and the travel days nicely planned. I would go again tomorrow if I could!"

★★★★★ 5.0/5
Linda L



Cover story:
Milford Sound Lodge, South Island

This is an idyllic retreat after a day out exploring Fiordland. It exists to connect people with an incredible wilderness environment and guarantees the most breathtaking walks and waterfalls just outside your door.

Stay at Milford Sound Lodge on *The Long White Cloud* and *The Southern Drift*.

LIFE ENRICHING MOMENTS



See and feel Māori culture on Inspiring New Zealand pg. 14

Immerse

YOURSELF IN NEW EXPERIENCES

A multi award-winning cultural attraction in Rotorua, the Te Pā Tū Māori Experience will ignite your spirit and immerse you in the fascinating traditions of Māori culture. Wander through the ancient forest village, learn about Māori art forms and indulge in the delicious flavours of the traditional hangi, cooked in the earth with geothermal steam.

📍 Look for this icon to find Immerse highlights



Dine at Craggy Range winery on The Endless Shores pg. 16

Indulge

YOUR SENSES

Family-owned Craggy Range, in the beautiful Hawke's Bay region, is situated in the shadow of Te Mata Peak. Dine at the exceptional two-hatted restaurant, enjoying some of New Zealand's finest produce with homegrown herbs, fruits and vegetables straight from the kitchen garden, paired with wines famous for their incredible aromatics, purity and complexity.

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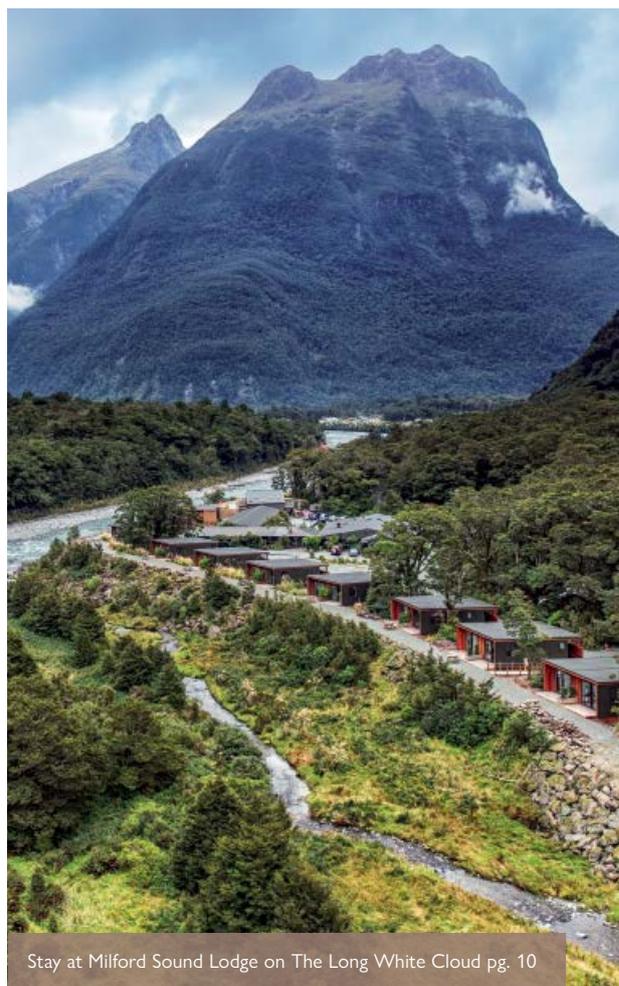
Experience Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere on The Southern Drift pg. 12

Explore

BOUNDLESS LANDSCAPES

Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (the frozen tears of Hine Hukatere) is where ice caves and tunnels are forever changing, this beautiful formation and 'rock star' will supply you a spectacular view, unique for your eyes only. After a relaxed start from your eco-lodge, explore this area with a local guide who will share stories of this mighty glacier.

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Stay at Milford Sound Lodge on The Long White Cloud pg. 10

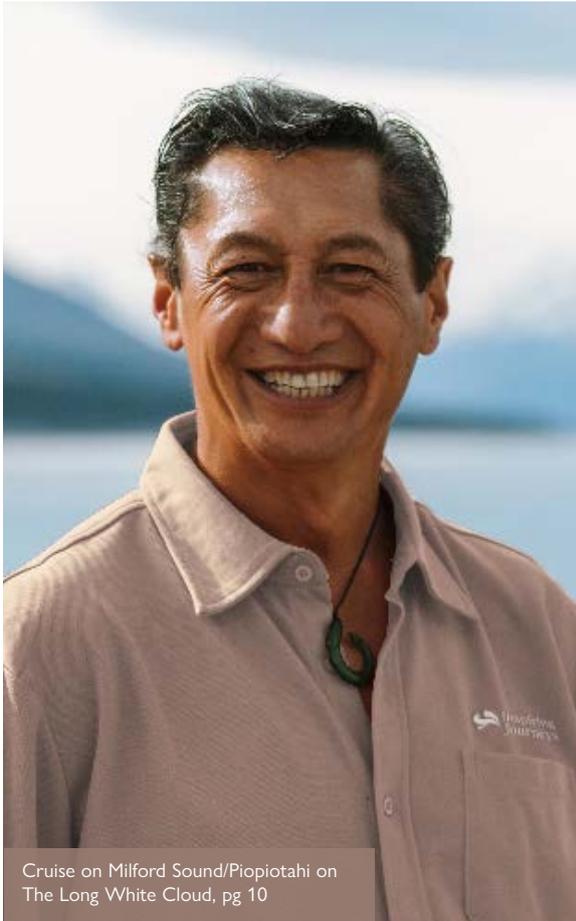
Relax

AND RECHARGE

Renowned for its rainforests, waterfalls and towering peaks, the beauty of Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi will be embedded in your mind for years to come. Take time to unwind in your eco-friendly mountain view chalet, nestled in Fiordland, an exclusive lodging out of reach for larger groups.

 Look for this icon to find Relax highlights

THE INSPIRING JOURNEYS EXPERIENCE



Cruise on Milford Sound/Piopiotahi on The Long White Cloud, pg 10

MEET
JOURNEY DIRECTOR,

Marty

From the moment your small group journey begins, to the wave goodbye, you can relax knowing you're in safe hands. Our crew of experts are highly experienced, regularly trained, and passionate about making sure your once-in-a-lifetime journey through New Zealand is outstanding.

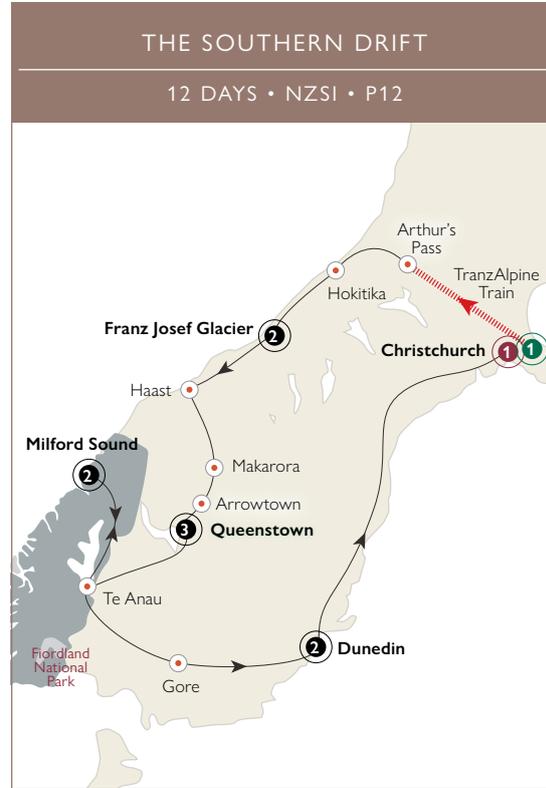


Experience Te Pā Tū Māori Experience in Rotorua on Inspiring New Zealand, pg 14

MEET
MANA WAHINE,

Rosie

In the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua, cultural performer Rosie, a woman of spiritual power and strength invites you to discover the true heart and soul of Māori culture. At Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, the descendants of Māori warriors welcome you to sacred grounds, introducing you to the wisdom of their ancestors. Listen to the master storytellers, understand the language of the Moko tattoo, taste the earthy flavours of a traditional hangi feast and hear the echo of the Taonga Pūoro.



MAP KEY:

- Start
- Finish
- Overnight
- Sightseeing
- Coach
- - - Flight
- Cruise



THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

CHRISTCHURCH | QUEENSTOWN | FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER/KĀ ROIMATA O HINE
HUKATERE | MILFORD SOUND/PIOPIOTAHĪ | WELLINGTON | ROTORUA | AUCKLAND

19
DAYS



Milford Track Walk

IMMERSE

Embrace the traditional Māori greeting at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Waimangu.

INDULGE

Enjoy an unforgettable dining experience at Craggy Range Winery in Hawke's Bay, a region blessed with fertile soils.

EXPLORE

Join a nature guide on the breathtaking Milford Track, and discover the luminous shimmer of the Footwhistle Cave.

RELAX

Wake up to the wonder of fiordland at Milford Sound Lodge, and take a deep breath and unwind at Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Be awed as you traverse New Zealand's North and South Islands, from the hot pools of Franz Josef/Waiau, an exclusive TreadRight experience in Rotorua, to the brave depths of Queenstown, the adventure capital. Explore extraordinary landscapes and ancient heritage, as you encounter exhilarating New Zealand as few have seen it before.

Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch

On arrival in Christchurch, board a private transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal

Day 2: Christchurch – TranzAlpine – Franz Josef/Waiau

Travel through the Southern Alps aboard TranzAlpine train. From Arthur's Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, and meet a local greenstone (jade) carver. Continue to Franz Josef/Waiau, where you'll spend two nights in an eco-friendly retreat nestled in the wilderness.

HOTEL Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukaterere (Relaxed Start)

This morning, explore Franz Josef/Waiau, where a local guide explains the history behind the imposing Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukaterere.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 4: Franz Josef/Waiau – Arrowtown – Queenstown

Discover the Haast River this morning as you journey its length in a fully enclosed river jet boat. Stop at Makarora, then explore the heritage gold-settlement of Arrowtown, before an orientation of breathtaking Queenstown.

HOTEL Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 5 & 6: Queenstown at Leisure

Enjoy two full days to discover Queenstown. Perhaps consider a wine tour, or even an adrenaline-filled activity. On your second night, your Local Dining Experience is in one of Queenstown's exclusive restaurants.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 7: Queenstown – Te Anau – Milford Sound/Piopiotaĥi

Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau and then through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park. Tonight, stay at Milford Sound Lodge, with views of the magical Cleddau Valley.

HOTEL Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 8: Milford Track Walk & Milford Sound/Piopiotaĥi Cruise

Get a taste of the world-famous Milford Track with a half-day walk. Walking in a small group, your nature guide will point out the native fauna and flora and share the fascinating human heritage of the track. This afternoon, enjoy Milford Sound's/Piopiotaĥi awe-inspiring scenery from the comfort of a small boat.

Cruise the length of the Fiord, view iconic Mitre Peak and get up close to Stirling Falls. With limited numbers, you'll be rewarded with an intimate experience and unobstructed photo opportunities from the outdoor viewing decks. Keep an eye out for seals and maybe a pod of dolphins. The perfect way to round off your day.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 9: Milford Sound/Piopiotaĥi – Gore – Dunedin

Depart majestic Fiordland National Park for the fertile sheep-dotted pastures of South Otago. Travel through the country music town of Gore, before arriving in Dunedin.

HOTEL Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Dunedin (Relaxed Start)

🍷 Join a behind the scenes tour at a state-of-the-art 5000L craft brewery, Emerson's, before joining your hosts for an exclusive tasting. This afternoon is at leisure, so perhaps consider an optional experience.
MEALS Breakfast

Day 11: Dunedin – Omarau – Timaru – Christchurch

🚗 Travel up the east coast through Omarau and Timaru. On arrival in Christchurch, embark on a sightseeing tour of the city.
HOTEL Hotel Montreal
MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 12: Christchurch – Kaikoura – Wellington

Travel along the Pacific coast to Kaikoura. Continue to the seaside village of Picton and later, cross the Cook Strait to Wellington.
HOTEL QT Wellington, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 13: Wellington at Leisure

Today see Wellington your way. Why not visit the Weta Workshop, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies or visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.
MEALS Breakfast

Day 14: Wellington – Hawke's Bay

🍷 Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier. This evening, enjoy wine-tasting and a Local Dining Experience at Craggy Range winery, in the shadow of spectacular Te Mata Peak.
HOTEL Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 15: Napier (Relaxed Start)

🗣 Join a local guide for a vintage car tour through Napier and surrounds areas. You'll learn about the earthquake that destroyed the city in 1931 and hear stories of the people that led the rebuild in the Art Deco style.
MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 16: Hawke's Bay – Rotorua

🚗 Continue your journey, arriving in Rotorua. Visit Waimangu Volcanic Valley, the world's youngest geothermal valley. Cruise around the tranquil waters of Lake Rotomahana to see stunning geothermal activity as well as rare native birdlife.
HOTEL Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast

Day 17: Rotorua

🚗 Ascend the breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk for an elevated bird's eye view of the 120-year old redwood giants. At the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, passionate conservationists reveal how they are saving the kiwi population, one incubated egg at a time. Your Local Dining Experience is a Māori hangi and cultural performance at the Te Pā Tū Māori Experience.
MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 18: Rotorua – Auckland

🚗 Make your way to the famous Caveworld Waitomo for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience in Footwhistle Cave. Later, travel to Auckland. This evening, toast your tour at a Celebration Dinner.
HOTEL QT Auckland
MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 19: Farewell from Auckland

Your epic New Zealand journey comes to an end today and you are transferred to Auckland Airport for your onward flight.
MEALS Breakfast

FROM **\$14,860** P.P.
 TWIN SHARE LAND ONLY

DEPARTURES

2022		2023		2024	
Oct	10	Jan	02, 09, 30	Jan	01, 08, 29
Nov	07	Feb	06	Feb	05
		Mar	06	Mar	04
		Oct	09		
		Nov	06		

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INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 13+ Unforgettable experiences
- 30 included meals
- 18 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

NZIJ: CHRISTCHURCH TO AUCKLAND

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THE SOUTHERN DRIFT

CHRISTCHURCH | ARTHUR'S PASS | FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER/KĀ ROIMATA O HINE HUKATERE | QUEENSTOWN | MILFORD SOUND/PIOPIOTAHĪ | TE ANAU | DUNEDIN

12
DAYS



TranzAlpine Train

Discover New Zealand on this Inspiring Journey through the natural treasures of the South Island. From the still waters of Milford Sound/PiopiotaĪ and snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps to the rolling hills of Central Otago, delve into the beauty of landscapes that have remained unchanged for millennia.

IMMERSE

Delve deep into the natural wonders of Milford Sound/PiopiotaĪ, with specialist nature guides sharing their knowledge of this mystical landscape.

INDULGE

Join a behind-the-scenes tour and tasting at Emerson's, a state of the art craft brewery, and embark on a culinary discovery of Queenstown.

EXPLORE

Journey down the Haast River in a fully enclosed jet boat, and discover the remarkable glacial valley where temperate rainforest thrives.

RELAX

Take a dip in Franz Josef's/Waiau local geothermal hot pools and relax and rejuvenate after a day of discovering the South's natural wonders.

Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch

On arrival in Christchurch you will be transferred by private car to your hotel. Spend some time at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Perhaps visit the International Antarctic Centre, the Christchurch Botanic Gardens or take a ride on the Christchurch Tram. This evening, join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal

Day 2: Christchurch – TranzAlpine – Franz Josef/Waiau

- 🌄 It's all aboard the TranzAlpine train. Rated as one of the world's great scenic railway journeys, you'll travel in comfort across the Canterbury Plains through the Southern Alps. From Arthur's Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, the heritage and cultural centre of the West Coast, and meet a local greenstone (jade) carver for a jewellery demonstration. Later we continue to Franz Josef/Waiau. Your eco-friendly accommodation is set amid native bush, with an emphasis on relaxation and rejuvenation. This evening, why not enjoy Franz Josef's/Waiau local geothermal hot pools?

HOTEL Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Franz Josef/Waiau (Relaxed Start)

- 🌄 We explore this area on a walk with a local guide, who will take you up alongside the Waiho River bed following the glacier's path of retreat, and will explain the history behind mighty Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukaterē. Later, you may want to get up close to the glaciers on an optional helicopter flight. Your flight will hover over the snow face and may land high up in the valley so that you can walk across the ice fall – subject to weather conditions.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 4: Franz Josef/Waiau – Arrowtown – Queenstown

- 🌄 This morning it's time for an adventure as we travel in a purpose-built fully enclosed river jet boat and journey down the Haast River. After a lunch stop at Makarora we head to Queenstown, taking time to stop to explore the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown. The adventure-capital awaits you for your extended 3 night stay, and you'll have the opportunity to explore it during an orientation tour when you arrive.

HOTEL Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 5: Queenstown at Leisure

Today is at leisure to discover Queenstown – your way. You could join a wine tour, view The Lord of the Rings film locations and scenery of Queenstown and Glenorchy on a scenic tour or spend time having a relaxing massage in the spa.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 6: Queenstown at Leisure

Make the most of your extended stay in Queenstown. Why not sit back and enjoy a peaceful cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard New Zealand's oldest steamship, the TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak Station. Otherwise, you could simply relax, shop or enjoy time at one of the many cafés and restaurants while soaking up the alpine views. Tonight, enjoy a Local Dining Experience at one of Queenstown's exclusive restaurants.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 7: Queenstown – Te Anau – Milford Sound/Piopirotahi

Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau on the shores of the South Island's largest lake. Later you'll travel through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park, sighting glaciers and mountain ranges before driving through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel to the amazing views. Afterwards, walk to see the Chasm on your way into Milford Sound/Piopirotahi. Tonight, stay at the magical Milford Sound Lodge, with views of the Cleddau Valley.

HOTEL Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 8: Milford Track Walk & Milford Sound/Piopirotahi Cruise

Wake up to the breathtaking beauty of Milford Sound/Piopirotahi. Get a taste of the world-famous Milford Track with a half-day walk. Walking in a small group, your nature guide will point out the native fauna and flora and share the fascinating human heritage of the track. This afternoon, enjoy Milford Sound's/Piopirotahi awe-inspiring scenery from the comfort of a small boat. Cruise the length of the Fiord, view iconic Mitre Peak and get up close to Stirling Falls. With limited numbers, you'll be rewarded with an intimate experience and unobstructed photo opportunities from the outdoor viewing decks. Keep an eye out for seals and maybe a pod of dolphins. The perfect way to round off your day.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 9: Milford Sound/Piopirotahi – Gore – Dunedin

We leave the majestic Fiordland National Park for the fertile sheep-dotted pastures of South Otago. Travel through Te Anau known for its beautiful lake and on to the country music town of Gore before arriving in Dunedin.

HOTEL Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Dunedin (Relaxed Start)

Join a behind the scenes tour at a state-of-the-art 5000L craft brewery, Emerson's, before joining your hosts for an exclusive tasting. This afternoon is at leisure, so perhaps tour imposing Larnach Castle or take a wildlife cruise out to the Otago Peninsula to spot penguins and the Royal Albatross.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 11: Dunedin – Christchurch

Travel up the east coast of the South Island via Omarau and Timaru. Once back in Christchurch embark on a sightseeing tour of the city to learn about its rebirth after the devastating 2011 earthquake. This evening, toast your tour at a Celebration Dinner with your new-found friends and Journey Director.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal

MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 12: Farewell from Christchurch

Say farewell to your fellow travellers as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and we transfer you by private car to Christchurch Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

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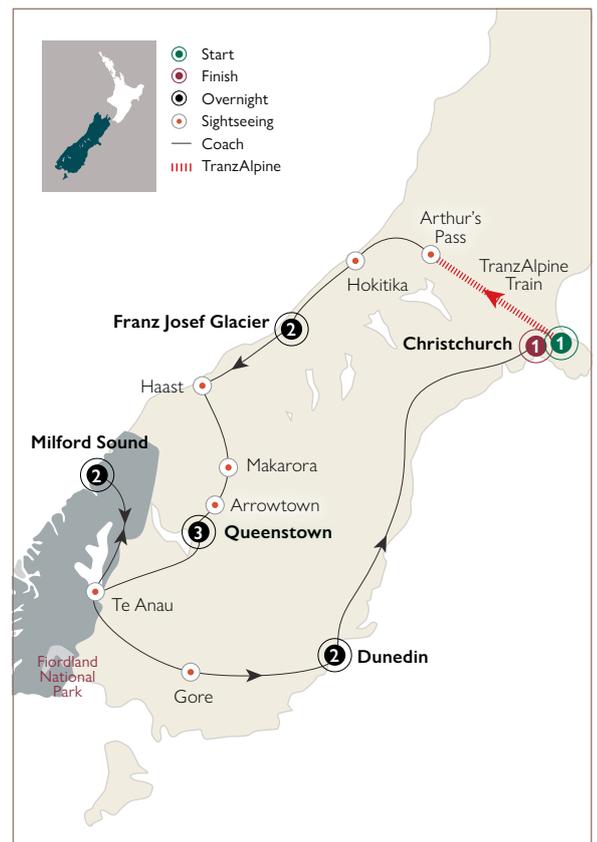
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NOTES

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INSPIRING NEW ZEALAND

AUCKLAND | WAIHEKE ISLAND | ROTORUA | WELLINGTON |
QUEENSTOWN | DOUBTFUL SOUND/PATEA

10
DAYS



Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, Rotorua

IMMERSE

Soak up the grandeur of the breathtaking Doubtful Sound/Patea, encountering wildlife such as dolphins, fur seals and penguins in the depths of the wilderness.

INDULGE

Embark on a culinary discovery of Waiheke Island, famous for its pristine beaches, world-class wines and farm-to-fork dining.

EXPLORE

Discover the labyrinth of magnificent undisturbed glowworm displays at Footwhistle Cave, an intimate experience reserved for nature lovers.

RELAX

Take a deep breath and unwind in the healing waters of the Polynesian Spa, the world-class geothermal relaxation experience.

A tale of two great islands, of epic natural beauty and ancient rituals and traditions – yours to explore on this Inspiring Journey across the length and breadth of New Zealand. Embrace the sophistication of its cities and the soulful expanse of its stunning untamed landscapes.

Day 1: Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand's vibrant North Island hub. Spend your day at leisure before joining your Journey Director and fellow travel companions for a Welcome Reception and dinner.

HOTEL Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour, 2 nights

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Auckland Sights – Waiheke Island



A city sights tour will start your morning in Auckland. Travel around the waterfront from central city out to Mission Bay. Next up we take a ferry over to Waiheke Island. With pristine beaches, world-class wines, and fantastic cuisine it's easy to see why Waiheke Island is considered the jewel in the Hauraki Gulf's crown. Only a short distance from Auckland, you'll feel like you're a world away as you embrace the essence of Waiheke with your local guide. Enjoy wine tasting at some of Waiheke's award-winning wines, including beautiful Mudbrick Vineyard with spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf, followed by a light lunch, before you cruise back to the city.



MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 3: Auckland – Rotorua



Your leisurely discovery of New Zealand's North Island continues as you follow the meandering trail of the Waikato River to the famous Caveworld Waitomo for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience. Your guide sets the scene for a cave experience where you will see glowworms, cave formations and appreciate the beauty of Footwhistle Cave. Journey to the volatile landscapes of Rotorua, where Māori culture takes centre stage.



Visit the Te Pā Tū Māori Experience for insights into the local rituals and traditions of this fascinating culture. Embrace their gracious traditional greeting, experience the heart-pounding wero challenge and enjoy a Local

Dining Experience, the delicious flavours of the hangi cooked in the earth with geothermal steam.

HOTEL Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 4: Rotorua



First up, visit Whakarewarewa Living Village where you'll be accompanied by a Local Guide to view New Zealand's biggest geyser, bubbling mud pools and thermal springs. Later, the day is all yours to explore the sacred lands, thermal marvels and Māori traditions of Rotorua. You could indulge in a spa treatment at the Polynesian Thermal Spa, or if you're up for a challenge, take the native forest zipline adventure tour with Canopy Tours.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 5: Rotorua – Wellington



Visit the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, the national leader in kiwi husbandry, for a guided tour. Learn about the work being done to save New Zealand's national bird, see kiwi eggs being incubated, the hatching process and newly hatched kiwi chicks. Later, fly to Wellington. Spend the evening at your leisure, enjoying dinner at one of the quirky cafés at Courtney Place or Cuba Street.

HOTEL Sofitel Wellington, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast

Day 6: Wellington & Zealandia



This is your chance to get to know Welly like a local, on a guided walking tour. Discover the stunning waterfront and the hidden laneways in the bohemian area – the heritage Cuba Street precinct. Once dimly-lit back alleys, these newly rejuvenated laneways are now home to some of the country's funkier bars, boutiques and breweries. You'll see for yourself why Wellington is the coffee and craft beer capital of New Zealand. This afternoon, we continue to the urban eco-sanctuary of Zealandia, admiring the extraordinary efforts of conservationists who have reintroduced 18 species of native wildlife that were absent from mainland New Zealand for over a century.



MEALS Breakfast

Day 7: Wellington – Queenstown

Explore New Zealand's fascinating culture, nature, heritage and art at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. It's time to prime yourselves for a few days of adventure, flying to Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure-capital. On arrival, journey to the goldrush village of Arrowtown. Enjoy a tour of Queenstown, and gaze at the natural splendour in its midst – from the peaks of the Remarkables to beautiful Lake Wakatipu.



HOTEL Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights

MEALS Breakfast

Day 8: Queenstown – Lake Manapouri



Your day begins in Manapouri, where you'll embark on a cruise across Lake Manapouri. Then travel to the heart of Fiordland National Park and take in the beauty and vastness of remote Doubtful Sound/Patea on a Wilderness Cruise. It will take your breath away as you experience its deep wilderness. Keep a look out for wildlife including dolphins, fur seals and even occasionally penguins.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 9: Queenstown at Leisure



Explore exciting Queenstown, your way. You could embark on a minibus tour through the scenic gorge of Skippers Canyon or immerse yourself in award-winning wines and spectacular scenery of Central Otago on a Boutique Wine tour. As your final day ends enjoy a Celebration Dinner at one of the local restaurants with your Journey Director and new-found friends.

MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 10: Farewell from Queenstown

For now, all that's left to say is a fond farewell as your inspiring journey comes to an end after breakfast. Throughout today you will be transferred to Queenstown Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

FROM **\$9,139*** P.P.

TWIN SHARE LAND AND INTERNAL-HOLIDAY AIRFARES

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2022	2023	2024
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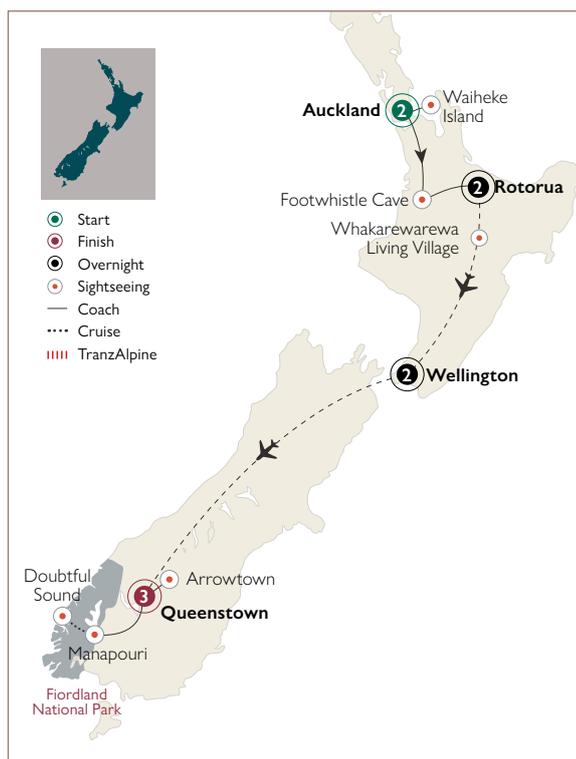
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- 9 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

NZFLY: AUCKLAND TO QUEENSTOWN

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 - Day 10 – flights to depart anytime from Queenstown Airport
- *Internal-holiday flights: Please note that the price above includes land and internal-holiday airfares, which are required to be booked in order to fulfil the holiday itinerary:
 - Day 5 – Rotorua to Wellington
 - Day 7 – Wellington to Queenstown
- Return airfares from your home port are not included in the price above.



THE ENDLESS SHORES

WELLINGTON | HAWKE'S BAY | HUKA FALLS | ROTORUA | WAITOMO | AUCKLAND

8
DAYS

IMMERSE

Connect with the beating heart of the world's youngest geothermal valley, and embrace the traditional greeting of your hosts at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience.

INDULGE

In the shadow of the spectacular Te Mata Peak, enjoy an unforgettable dining experience at Craggy Range winery in Hawke's Bay, a region blessed with fertile soils.

EXPLORE

Walk high among giant 120 year old Redwood trees, and discover the luminous shimmer of the breathtaking Waitomo Glowworm Grotto.

RELAX

Cruise the streets of New Zealand's Art Deco capital in style in the comfort of a luxurious vintage car driven by your expert guide.

Craggy Range winery

Embrace the traditional greeting of your Māori hosts, whose relationship with this unspoilt land is revealed on this journey. Experience natural wonders, from the luminous glowworms of the Footwhistle Cave and the native forests' redwood giants, to the fantasy-land of The Lord of the Rings' 'Shire'.

Day 1: Welcome to Wellington

Upon arrival at Wellington Airport you'll be transferred to your hotel. Spend some time at leisure to relax or explore on your own. This evening, join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception, followed by dinner.

HOTEL QT Wellington, 2 nights

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Wellington at Leisure

Discover Wellington your way. You could experience the Weta Workshop, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Go on a guided city walking tour around Wellington or explore the country's fascinating culture, nature, heritage and art at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 3: Wellington – Hawke's Bay

Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier in Hawke's Bay. This evening, enjoy wine tasting and dinner at Craggy Range winery, in the shadow of the spectacular Te Mata Peak. Spend the evening in your accommodation surrounded by the area's majestic hills

HOTEL Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 4: Napier (Relaxed Start)

Relive the glamour and style of the jazz era with a luxurious vintage car tour. Your driver will provide fascinating commentary as you are driven in style through Napier and surrounding areas. You'll learn about the earthquake that destroyed the city in 1931 and hear stories of the people that led the rebuild of Napier in the Art Deco style.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 5: Hawke's Bay – Rotorua

Continue your journey to Rotorua. Visit Waimangu Volcanic Valley, the world's youngest geothermal valley. On a guided walk you'll experience geothermal activity, hot springs, volcanic craters, nature and wildlife. Cruise around the tranquil waters of Lake Rotomahana to see stunning geothermal activity as well as rare native birdlife. Hear stories of the Mount Tarawera volcanic eruption and the resulting dramatic landscape changes that created this amazing part of the world.

HOTEL Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast

Day 6: Rotorua – Redwoods Treewalk

Ascending to the breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk, enjoy an elevated bird's eye view of the 120-year-old redwood giants and view the beautiful surrounds of the forest from a unique perspective. Next stop is the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, the national leader in kiwi husbandry, and learn about their kiwi hatchery programme that is proudly supported by TreadRight. An evening of culture, history and scrumptious food awaits you at the Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Wander through the ancient forest village and learn about Māori art forms and traditions, followed by a cultural performance. Experience an authentic Māori hangi meal, steamed underground in the traditional way.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience



Redwoods Treewalk

Day 7: Rotorua – Caveworld Waitomo – Auckland

Make your way to the famous Caveworld Waitomo for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience. Your guide sets the scene for a cave experience where you will see glowworms, cave formations and appreciate the beauty of Footwhistle Cave. Later, travel through the dairy farming district of Waikato, and on to Auckland. This evening, toast your tour together at a Celebration Dinner.

HOTEL QT Auckland

MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 8: Farewell from Auckland

Say farewell to your fellow travellers as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and we transfer you by private car to Auckland Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

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INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 7+ Unforgettable experiences
- 12 included meals
- 7 Nights premium accommodation

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- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Flight Information:
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Wellington Airport
Day 8 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

