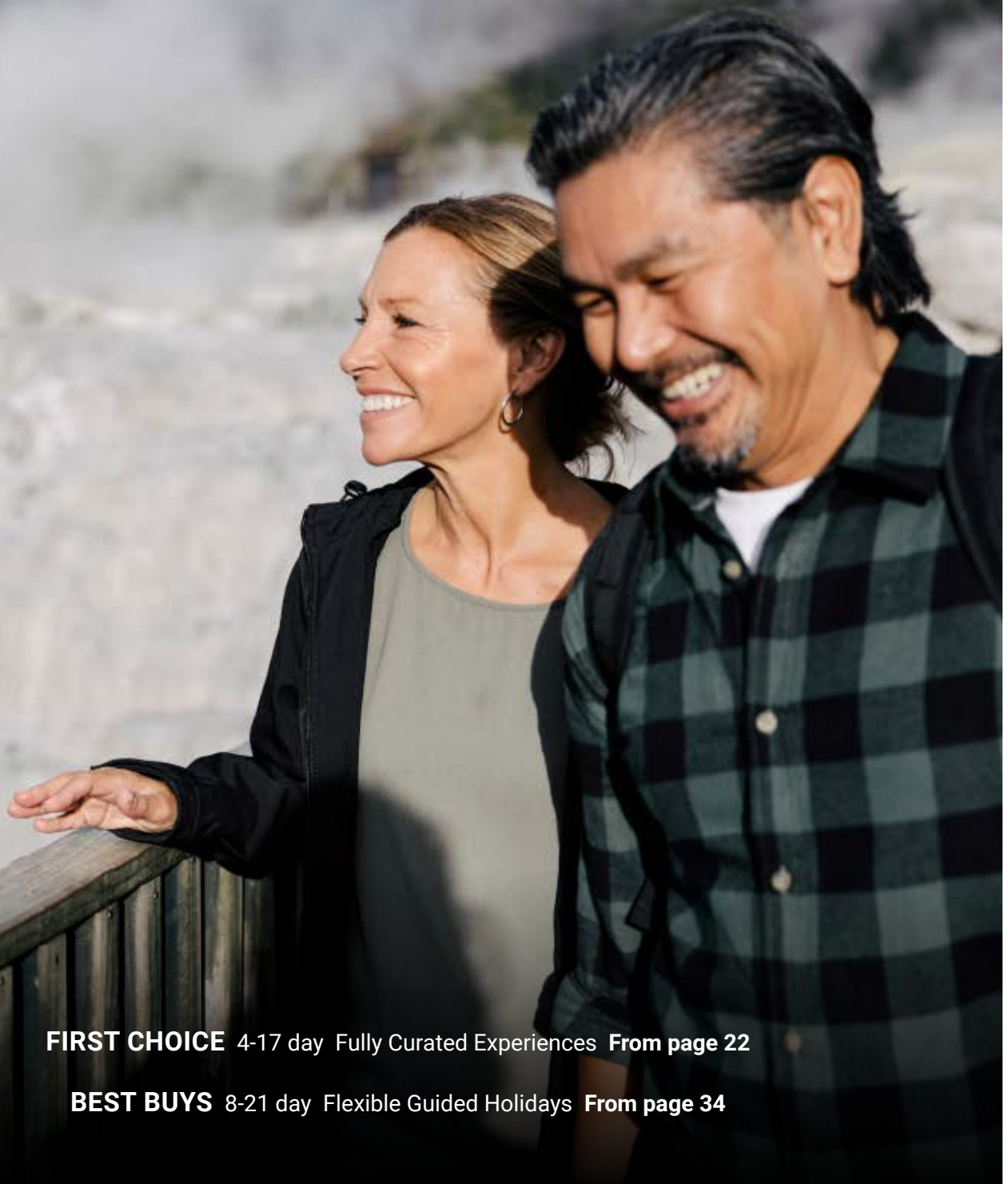




NEW ZEALAND

2025-2026 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Kia Ora





In the Māori language, 'Tiaki' signifies the profound responsibility to care for both people and the environment. We invite you to embrace the principles of the Tiaki Promise, recognising New Zealand's uniqueness and our shared duty to safeguard its welfare.

Join us by embracing the pledge to honour and preserve New Zealand for future generations, by becoming a guardian of this extraordinary land.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai Ki Aotearoa – Welcome to New Zealand.



Welcome Traveller,

It's always a privilege for me to head over to New Zealand. From connecting with partners and guests on the road to discovering this unique destination on my own holidays, it's truly a beautiful country. With a culture that is all-encompassing, a landscape that offers excitement and adventure, and of course food and wine. I now have a never-ending travel wish list, and once you've ticked off the must-dos – Milford Sound, Franz Josef, Rotorua, or lesser-known iconic sights like Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and Te Anau Fiordland, to name a few – it's so important that you delve deeper into this country to discover local life and meet the incredible people that call it home.

We'll introduce you to locals like the Bamford family, sixth-generation farmers on their farm, Hurunui Hills. You'll be surrounded by lush green countryside, where flocks of sheep roam and tales are told over tea as you fall in love with their loyal sheepdogs. From paddocks to lakes, you can cruise across Lake Manapouri knowing your travels support the conservation of Pomona and Rona Islands through Pomona Island Charitable Trust, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences. Loved by our guests, these experiences provide in-depth insights into local communities – those having a positive impact and people who have incredible stories to share. Explore our expertly crafted tours, full of these new experiences and much more. They're proof of how we push boundaries each year, curating the best travel moments for you.

As always, it is easy and convenient to travel with us. We have over 100 years of experience, premium coaches, and oh-so-knowledgeable, friendly Travel Directors and Driver Guides. Let us take you places, and together we will discover more!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Hall".

Ben Hall
AAT Kings Group | CEO



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Cover Image:

Te Puia Geyser

Whether it's the bubbling mud from below or the dramatic geysers shooting water and steam into the sky, this place is uniquely beautiful but also has embedded stories which you'll discover. You'll be welcomed at the meeting house 'Te Aronui a Rua', learning more about this culture.

TSS Earnslaw, South Island

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 one of the Southern Hemisphere's dark sky reserves, 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](#)



Lake Tekapo
[#laketekapo](#) [#southisland](#) [#newzealand](#)
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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

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



Arrowtown

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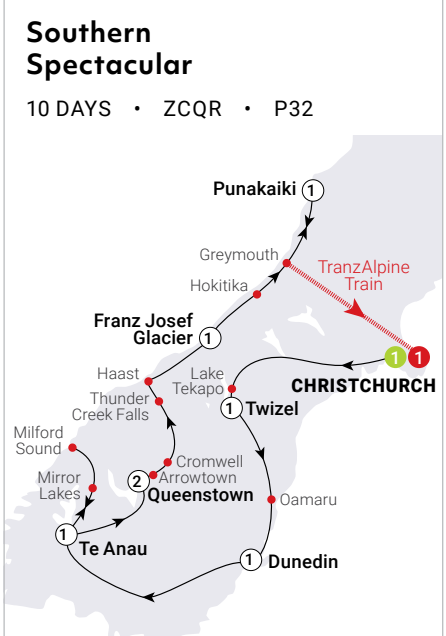
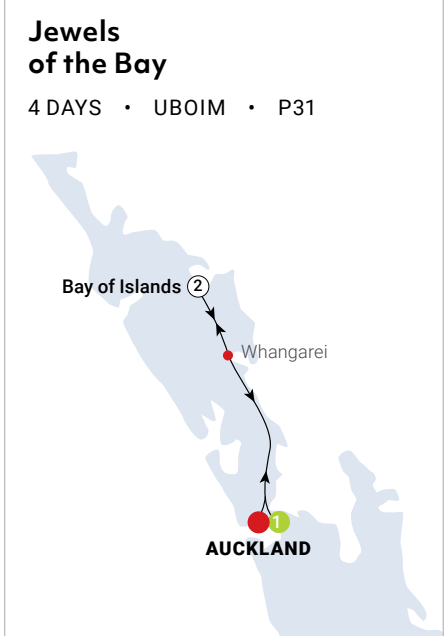
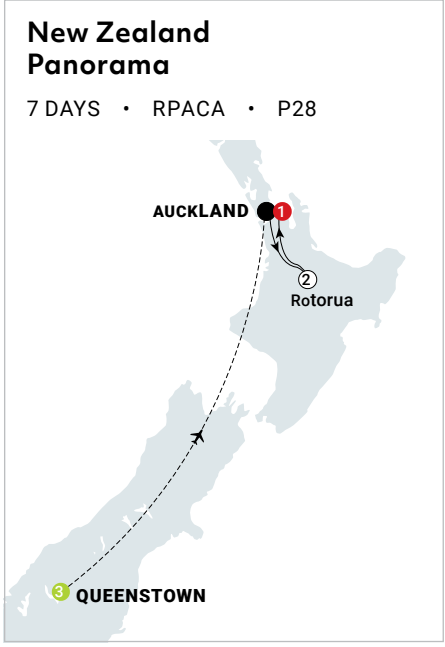
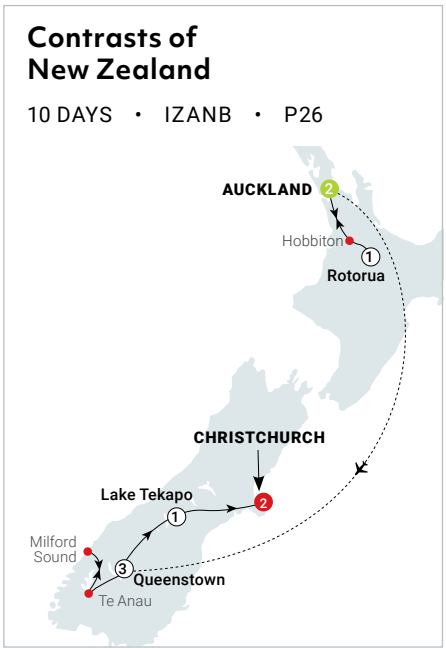
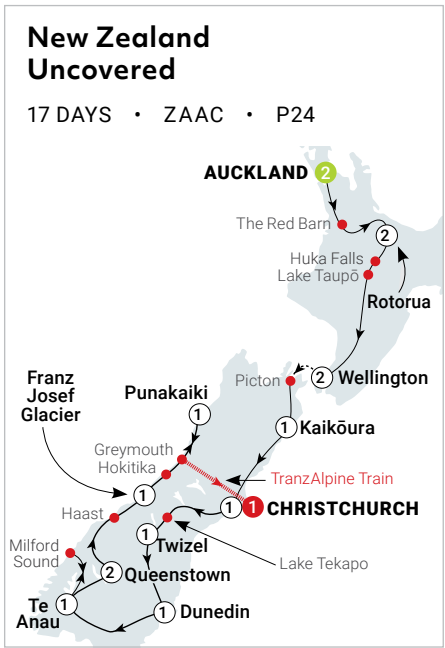
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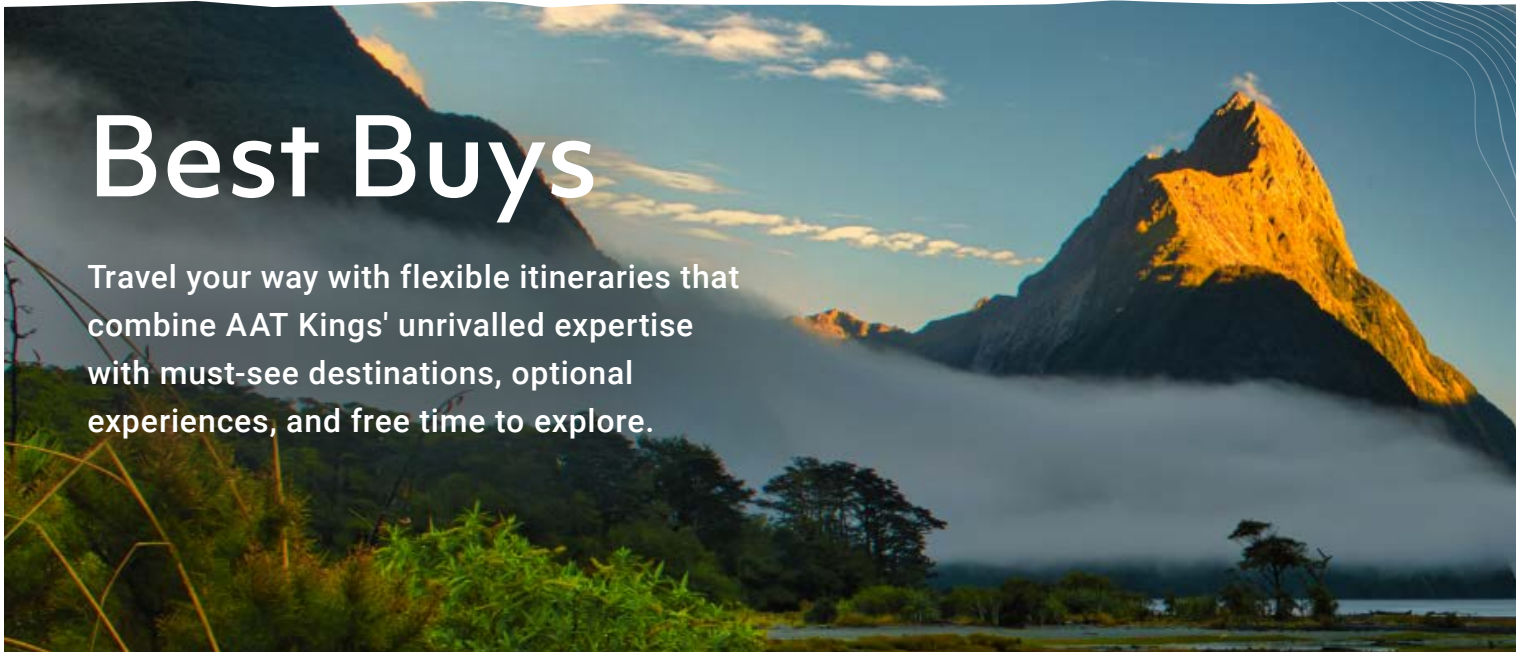


First Choice

This is your adventure. Choose a fully curated tour, where a variety of experiences are included - the best travel moments crafted into one extraordinary journey.

Arrowtown, South Island





Best Buys

Travel your way with flexible itineraries that combine AAT Kings' unrivalled expertise with must-see destinations, optional experiences, and free time to explore.

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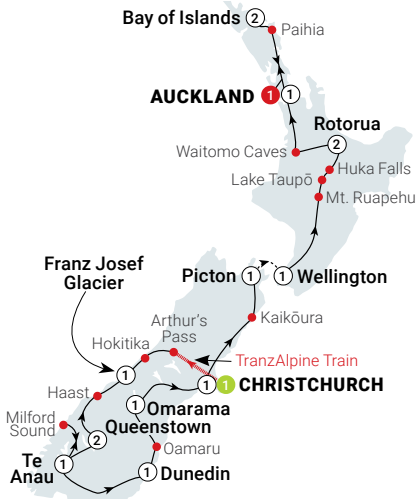
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Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, South Island

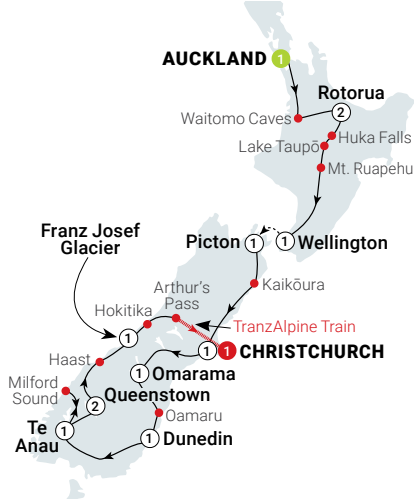
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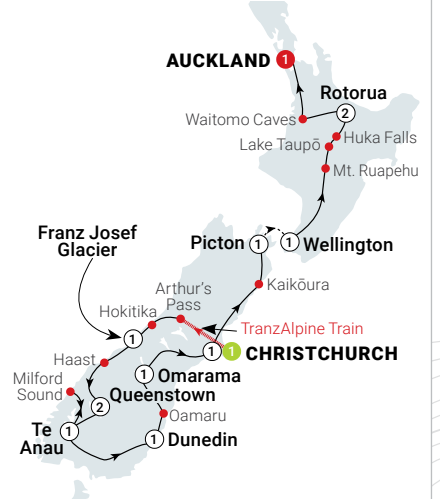
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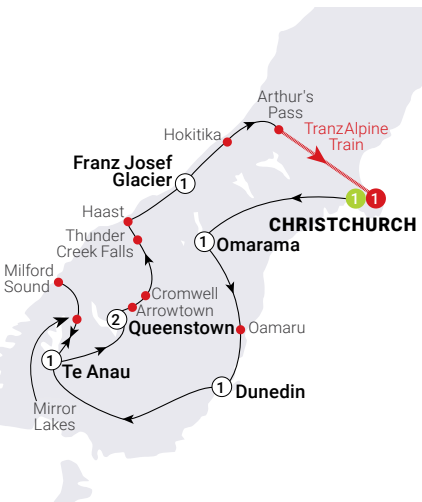
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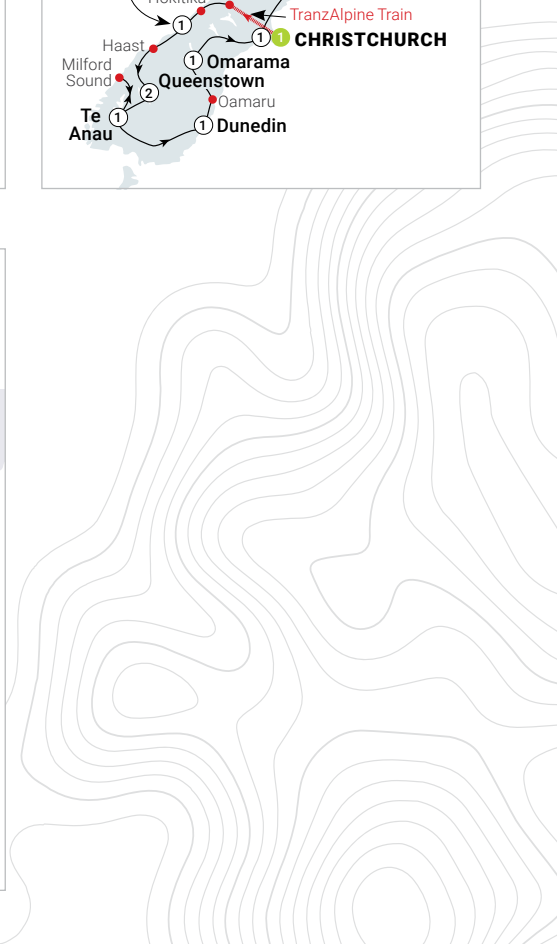
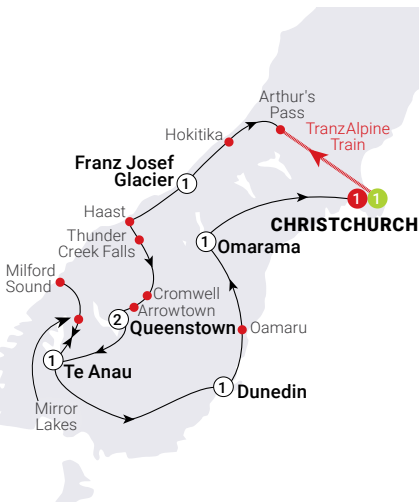
Southern Spotlight

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Southern Wonders

9 DAYS • LRQC • P56



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, how 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, together we travelled to 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.

We've come a long way since then and clocked a few kilometres in the process. But some things will never change. Like our spirit for adventure, our oh-so-knowledgeable and passionate Travel Directors and Driver Guides, and the life-changing experiences we offer – the kind that only 100 years of exploring affords.

Join us on a fully immersive off-the-beaten-track adventure!

"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.

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

AAT Kings 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.



AATKings Our People

People are so important on every tour, and you'll be guided by our best. Our experienced Travel Directors and Drivers go above and beyond at every step with the full support of a 24/7 team behind the scenes - ensuring your adventure is seamless. Our dedicated individuals truly love what they do; sharing these beautiful locations, telling the tales of icons, and ensuring you spot the hidden gems you may unknowingly walk right past. Our people are our heroes, and we know they'll become yours too.

Marty Travel Director

"Kia Ora! It has been such a pleasure showcasing New Zealand to our guests for over twenty years as a Travel Director. I enjoy sharing enriching travel experiences within our exceptionally varied landscapes, immersing our guests in our unique, vibrant Māori culture, and adding exciting adventures along the way. I love being a part of their journey of discovery and providing the very best New Zealand has to offer, with new friendships and amazing shared experiences."



“ Marty was fantastic, possibly the best guide we have ever had in our vast travels. Bus was comfortable and great driver. Travel group size was perfect. Accommodations, meals and experiences all excellent.

Christine B – Feefo ★★★★★ ”

Amazing Experiences

For a century, guests have entrusted us to help them explore almost every corner of this wild and wonderful country. And over the years, we've met a few characters along the way. These enduring friendships between our amazing people and the locals we visit, help us craft expert and authentic travel moments, ones that will make you feel fully immersed, with real people, in locations you likely never knew even existed.

Here are some of our favourites, but there is so much more to discover.





Starry nights done right in Lake Tekapo

Free from artificial light pollution, the UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve really knows how to put on a show. Visit this spectacular spot, over the Lindis Pass and backdropped by Aoraki/Mt. Cook, to gaze into the night sky and discover other worlds hidden along the Milky Way. Through an optical telescope, wonder at the many mysteries above with a specialist astronomy guide.



Churn things up on a dairy farm in 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 bread before sitting down to a paddock-to-plate, country-style lunch.



The third island, and 400-strong community

Where brown kiwi birds outnumber humans, and where the rare yellow-eyed penguin waddles, Stewart Island is a haven for humans and animals alike. This pristine island is made up of 85 per cent national parkland. You'll discover this on a tour around the petite village, before travelling to its secluded bays, including a visit to Observation Rock, offering unbroken views over Paterson Inlet.

Amazing Experiences

Protecting secluded islands as you cruise NZ's loveliest lake

Travel to the lakeside town of Te Anau, where a jet boat awaits on Lake Manapouri. Your exhilarating ride supports the restoration and conservation of Pomona and Rona Islands, plant and animal sanctuaries for many threatened species. This **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience contributes to the Pomona Island Charitable Trust, which monitors birdlife, actively enhances bird populations, and protects the islands through community-based conservation projects.



The real, rural New Zealand

Founded by 'Southern Girl' Laura Koot in 2016, Real Country, working with local youth trusts, offers women a chance to learn hands-on practical farming skills, aiming to build their confidence for a career in agriculture. You'll also get a chance to learn these skills, with an interactive farm show helping you discover what life is like for these locals.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Discover your destination through the kindness of the locals, learning directly from those who give back to their community.

Simply enjoy special and unique moments on your holiday, connecting with our partners, visiting those who run initiatives, and those supporting local and traditional cultures.

Have a positive impact while you travel. Look for the **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience seal on your tour.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
EXPERIENCE



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences are conscious travel experiences assessed against a robust set of criteria using a proprietary assessment tool endorsed by industry experts and developed exclusively for The Travel Corporation's (TTC) family of brands.

To find out more visit
aatkins.com/make-travel-matter



Kiwi hospitality at Hurunui Hills

Surrounded by rolling countryside up on the hills of North Canterbury, you'll meet the Bamford Family, who have been farming premium Merino sheep since 1884. With six generations of skills passed down, they've continuously cared for the land. Admire the farm animals and the sheepdogs who move with the flock.



Afternoon tea with the Taylors

On the shores of Lake Tekapo, you'll meet a cooking legend, a local who's known for her heavenly pavlova. You'll sample this sweet treat, watching it made with care by Angie herself, while Stan Taylor shares stories over a cuppa. You may even sport a pinny, getting stuck in to help bake this family recipe.



Time well spent in Central Otago

Arrowtown's tree-lined avenues, full of 19th-century buildings that once housed gold-rush fortune-seekers, will have you gleaming. This town is quaint but bold in character. Wander the lanes following the smell of coffee (or local wines), before you dine at Postmasters Café, a historic cottage replete with picket fence and gardens, with snow-capped mountains in view.



Stories shared at Pounamu Pathway

Māwhera Pā is the ancestral home of Poutini Ngāi Tahu. Listen as you discover their stories in this immersive experience - tales of giants, warriors, trade, and treasure. Learn about pounamu and the significance of greenstone, a stone with a long history and a sacred material that holds 'mana' (spiritual power).

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independent & transparent satisfaction rating

“ Could not ask for better, everything was done to perfection.

Robyn Y ★★★★★ ”

“ Our driver Peter & Travel Guide Lisa helped make the trip a lasting memory.

Peter B ★★★★★ ”



“ Well organised,

very informative, friendly tour guide & safe driving bus driver. Good Accommodation & buffets, nice organised dinners. We got to see both islands & their most popular attractions in the 2 weeks. The add-on experiences were terrific!

Angela H ★★★★★ ”



TREADRIGHT®

FOUNDATION

TreadRight.org

The TreadRight Foundation was established more than 15 years ago and since then has supported over 60 sustainable tourism projects worldwide. Their mission is clear; to have a positive impact on:

PEOPLE
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES & CULTURES

PLANET
SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION

WILDLIFE
PROTECTION & AWARENESS

Through our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation, of which AAT Kings is a founding member, and our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right, we're committed to reaching net zero Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions across our value chain by 2050 from a 2019 baseline year, with a primary focus to decarbonise. To do this, we have launched a four-point Carbon Action Plan as well as a Carbon Fund dedicated to financing initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions of our business. You can read more about our plans to Measure, Reduce, Restore and Evolve at [impact.ttc.com](https://www.impact.ttc.com).

Global Tour *Rewards*

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 of brands, The Travel Corporation (TTC), which enjoys a global reach and a portfolio that includes some of the world's most prestigious travel brands – from 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.

The loyalty of our past guests means everything to us. That's why everyone who travels with us is automatically enrolled in our **Global Tour Rewards** program, with access to exclusive past guest savings and offers on all AAT Kings tours and Inspiring Journeys itineraries, as well as tours from TTC family of brands (Trafalgar, Luxury Gold, Insight Vacations, Brendan Vacations, Cost saver, and Contiki). Use your benefits on more than 1,000 tours around the globe designed for every taste, place, and pace.

Whichever adventure awaits you, know that your expertly crafted holiday is curated to ensure you have the very best experiences and priceless travel moments.

5% off with Global Tour Rewards*

If you've travelled with AAT Kings before (or any of the TTC family of brands), let us know at the time of booking.

Second Holiday Discount

When booking two Guided Holidays 7 days or more, at the same time you'll automatically have access to a **2.5% discount*** on the tour with the lowest price.

*Visit aatkings.com/special-offers for full terms and conditions.



Discover all offers and ways you can save by contacting your travel agent, our experts, or by visiting our website.



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INSIGHT VACATIONS
The Art of Travelling in Style



DOWN UNDER TOURS.



Inspiring Journeys



Travel Your Way

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 days, 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
- More inclusions and meals
- 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 relax, make lasting connections and delve into the country's culture. This is about going to wild places, with creature comforts.



Mackenzie Sheep Dog Statue, South Island

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.

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 lots of inclusions and everything taken care of by your Travel Director so you can relax and enjoy the adventure.





Local Connection

Experience your destination authentically through stories, hearing from our expert Travel Directors and Be My Guest hosts. Led by local people, gain a deeper connection to these extraordinary places, hearing from those who call it home.

Cultural Immersion

Discover the ancient and spiritual sites of some of the world's oldest cultures, learn why these locations are so significant, their history, and their uniqueness in contrast to the rest of the world.

Make Travel Matter

We've been exploring New Zealand since 1999, and hope to do so for many more to come. Look for our immersive **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**[®] Experiences, which support communities and encourage environmental conservation.

World Class Nature

Wide and wonderful, these glorious natural wonders and wilderness areas are abundant with distinct native animals, exclusive to these delicate environments. Venture to places you never knew existed and be in awe of this diverse landscape.

What's included on a First Choice Holiday?

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

New Zealand Uncovered

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest lunch at the Red Barn, a Waikato dairy farm.

🎨 Cultural Immersion

Māori culture is celebrated across the country, no more so than at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Be immersed in art, tradition, culture... and innovative local cuisine.

🌿 Make Travel Matter

Hear from the founder about the work being done to address biodiversity needs in the Kaikōura region, by developing a wildlife hospital and conservation centre.

🌍 World Class Nature

A limestone landscape of pancake-shaped rock formations, blowholes and surge pools sure have carved out a name for themselves. Punakaiki or Pancake Rocks are West Coasters that are known the world over.

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, or just ready yourself to meet fellow travellers at dinner. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D**

2 Auckland

Peek behind the scenes of maritime 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 – Rotorua

Leave Auckland behind and journey into the countryside for an exclusive family-style Be My Guest lunch in the Red Barn on a dairy farm. The next hot spot – in every sense of the word – on your NZ holiday is Rotorua. Visit Te Puia to see and support Māori artisans at work, then be guided through the steamy Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, a staggering valley where geysers pop and thermal springs jettison skywards. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B L**

4 Rotorua

Today, choose your own adventure. We have plenty of ideas for the paths you might follow. Tonight, dive deep into Māori culture at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, an important hub keeping tradition, art and music alive. Oh, and exciting Māori cuisine. Enjoy forest kai horotai (seasonal canapés) and chef choice aperitif, followed by a seasonal three-course dinner. **B D**

5 Rotorua – Wellington

Say goodbye to Rotorua and hello to the raging rapids of Huka Falls, where 220,000 litres of water barrel over this massive waterfall every second. Your outlook then unfolds into the aquamarine waters of Lake Taupo. Traverse the volcanic Central Plateau to NZ's cool little capital of Wellington. **Hotel: Rydges, 2 nights. B D**

6 Wellington

Your day in Wellington should – must – begin with a coffee. The city is known for its uber-cool cafés you will head out on city sights tour to take in highlights such as its iconic cable car, parliament, and Mt. Victoria. Your tour ends at Te Papa, the national Museum of New Zealand. **B**

7 Wellington – Kaikōura

This morning cruise the Cook Strait into tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound and continue to Kaikōura, a marine life haven. On arrival be treated to a biodiversity talk from Sabrina Leucht, founder of Kaikōura Wildlife Centre Trust, and learn about the work the trust is doing towards Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, at this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Tonight, dine at Hiku, which celebrates what Kaikōura is all about - kai moana and dramatic sea and mountain scapes. **Hotel: Sudima. B D**

8 Kaikōura – Christchurch

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or sign up for one of several local wildlife experiences available. Follow the coast to Christchurch, home to innovative architecture, art institutions and restaurants. **Hotel: Distinction. B**

9 Christchurch – Twizel

From its cardboard-crafted 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 at their home on the edge of Lake Tekapo. **Hotel: Distinction Mackenzie Country. B AT D**

10 Twizel – Dunedin

Oamaru has a rich history and proud heritage, enriched by passionate and perhaps quirky locals. Explore the shops, galleries and traditional crafts before landing in Dunedin. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B D**

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 lakeside town of Te Anau. You'll experience the thrill of jet boating on scenic Lake Manapouri, home to Pomona Island, where native birds are under threat - and this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience is helping to protect them through a community-based conservation project. **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau. B D**

12 Te Anau – Queenstown

Your journey towards Milford Sound/Piopiotahi traverses native rainforest, alluvial flats and meadows, with mirrored lakes, thundering waterfalls, dramatic rocky ranges and millennia-old valleys. Your Milford Sound/



The Red Barn



For the latest deals, departure dates, prices, and full itinerary information, visit aatkings.com/zaac or contact your local travel agent.

This itinerary is valid for travel from 01 Apr 2025 – 31 Mar 2026 and may change after publication.

17 DAYS

Departure Dates

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Nov 05, 19	Jun 03, 24	Feb 03, 10, 17, 24	
2025	Sep 02, 09, 16, 30	Mar 03, 10, 17, 24	
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Feb 04, 11, 18, 25	Nov 04, 11, 18, 25		
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Dining

16 Breakfasts B
2 Lunches L

1 Afternoon Tea AT
11 Dinners D

Flight Information

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Piopiota boat tour, cruising through this wild expanse, provides 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

Spend time at leisure in the adventure capital. Your day ends with a cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the historic TSS Earnslaw. On arrival at Walter Peak High Country Farm enjoy a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner and farmshow. **B D**

14 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiiau

From Arrowtown’s tree-lined avenues to Central Otago’s gleaming lakes, nature rules. Alpine scenery tiers into rainforest along the West Coast. Welcome to the town of Franz Josef, home to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, which is ideally explored on a scenic helicopter flight (own expense) – you may be able to land and walk across the ice-fall. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

15 Franz Josef/Waiiau – Punakaiki

Explore the small but lively Franz Josef/Waiiau village before venturing to Hokitika, home of New Zealand’s native jade greenstone. 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. After a spectacular day, spend the night at an eco-friendly, waterfront resort. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B D**

16 Punakaiki – Christchurch

Venture into the Pounamu Pathway. Embark on a unique self-guided journey, as you make your way through this extraordinary storytelling experience. We’ve got you sorted for lunch at legendary Monteith’s Brewery. Then 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 D**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

How many travel highs can you pack into a holiday? This itinerary has certainly pushed the boundaries. Now all you have to do is go home and sort through all those photos. **B**



Contrasts of New Zealand

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Meet a local farming family on a Sheep and Cattle Farm in the Hurunui Hills.

🏠 Cultural Immersion

Discover just how strong Māori culture is at the Te Pō Māori Experience at Te Puia, celebrating art, tradition and cuisine. Bring your appetite for exciting Māori cuisine.

🐔 Make Travel Matter

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.

🌿 World Class Nature

South Island countryside never fails to impress, as you'll discover on your Milford Sound/Piopiotahti Cruise.

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 Welcome Reception and dinner at The Grill. Start your Auckland tour on a high, we say. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D**

2 Auckland

After a relaxed start, set your sights firmly on Auckland's main love: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. Afterwards get the lay of the land on a city sightseeing tour including Mission Bay, Bastion Point and the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial to New Zealand's first Labour Prime Minister. Admire the sunken pool and landscaped gardens as you're treated to sweeping views of Waitemata Harbour and the North Shore. **B**

3 Auckland – Rotorua

Get ready for a much-anticipated trip to Hobbiton Movie Set. Upon arrival, set off on a guided tour through the 12-acre set. You'll have plenty of time for photo opportunities in the interactive hobbit hole and complimentary drink at The Green Dragon, and the Mill. After a stop for lunch (own expense) continue to Rotorua. This evening, embark on the Te Pō experience at Te Puia. Learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate, you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Millennium. B D**

4 Rotorua – Auckland – Queenstown

Your visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery is guided by passionate conservationists and will give you fascinating insights into New Zealand's national bird on this rewarding **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. The feel-good vibes will follow you all the way to Queenstown, the self-proclaimed adventure capital of New Zealand. It makes perfect sense – there are ski fields, white-water river and bridges strapped with bungy cords wherever you turn. And then there's the dining scene; Queenstown is

home to some of the country's most awarded restaurants. Whether you're in the mood for bulging burgers or lakeside tapas, ask us for recommendations on this leg of your New Zealand tour. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B**

5 Milford Sound/Piopiotahti Cruise

Bring your stamina and sense of adventure – things get a little wild today. Nature rules as you skirt Queenstown's gleaming Lake Wakatipu, and traverse the Devil's Staircase to Te Anau, the alpine gateway to UNESCO World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. Once you've paused to admire the drama at Mirror Lakes, Knobs Flat, Hollyford Valley lookout and Cleddau Valley, 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/Piopiotahti yet... Onboard your nature cruise, enjoy commentary from your eagle-eyed Naturalist guide, who not only narrates on the immense geological history of the Fjord, but will point out fur seals and dolphins should they choose to come out to play. The cruise includes a delicious picnic lunch. **B L**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. Prefer to be able to talk (and drink wine) while you cruise? Glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a guided farm tour, including morning or afternoon tea, in a stunning alpine setting (both own expense). 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 D**

7 Queenstown – Lake Tekapo

Whether pinot noir grapes or cherries, things grow well in the fertile Central Otago region of the South Island. Get a taste for the area's plump stone fruit at the stall of a local orchard. Is it Michael Schumacher's Benetton F1 car or the \$4.2-million Aston Martin Vulcan that draws crowds to the Highlands Motorsport Museum? Discover some of the rarest cars in NZ motorsports history during your visit. Mountain drama is your backdrop en route to Lake Tekapo, with water so turquoise it looks



Hobbiton Movie Set



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2 Lunches L

5 Dinners D

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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 World Heritage listed Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. It may be a late night, but tonight's star gazing experience at a purpose-built observation crater with expert astronomy guides is bound to be a highlight. If there was ever a NZ experience that put life in perspective, this is it. **Hotel: Pepper's Bluewater Resort. B D**

8 Lake Tekapo – Christchurch

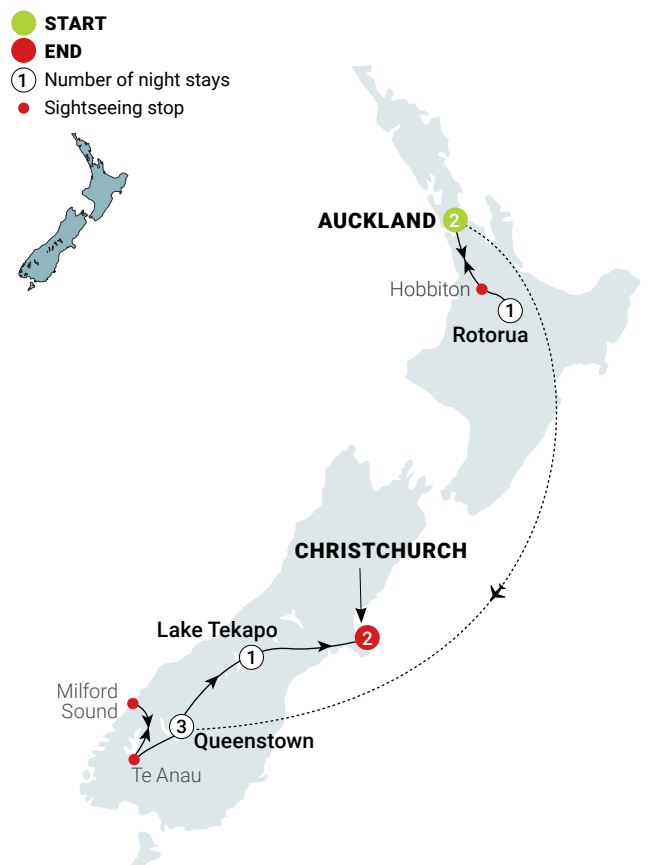
The Canterbury region of the east coast is a rustic union of grassy plains, mirror-like lakes and snow-capped mountains, the kind of landscape that you might see on postcards. Arrive in the beautiful English city of Christchurch to view the sights. The city is not only rebuilding itself after the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes but is changing the way architects think about design. Case in point the mind-bending Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B**

9 Christchurch

Travel north through rolling countryside to Hurunui Hills, a high country farm in North Canterbury. Enjoy warm Kiwi hospitality with the Bamford Family, who have been farming at Hurunui since 1884 with six generations focused on producing premium Merino sheep wool and Angus cattle. Soak up stunning scenery, meet the farm animals & discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique Be My Guest experience. Continue to a local vineyard, Waipara Springs Winery, where it's time to relax and enjoy a platter-style lunch among the vines. 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 L D**

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 trip to New Zealand. **B**



New Zealand Panorama

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Real Country South Island farmer shares what life on the land is like, while your local guide at Waitomo Caves reveals the sparkly creatures living within the land.

🏡 Cultural Immersion

New Zealand people celebrate their heritage at every chance possible, as you'll discover at Te Puia, with locally sourced cuisine and an authentic Māori twist in each dish, and an exhilarating cultural performance.

🐙 Make Travel Matter

The national symbol of New Zealand, kiwi birds are as adorable as they are endangered. Your visit to a hatchery supports breeding programs to ensure their future.

🌄 World Class Nature

Blessed with snow-capped peaks and vast mirror-like lakes, Queenstown is the kind of place that makes you want to instantly become a New Zealand resident.



1 Welcome to Queenstown

Queenstown deserves its destination crown. After your transfer on arrival, you'll have plenty of time to explore before time at your leisure. Hit us up for dining recommendations. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights.**

2 Queenstown & Surrounds

Get a taste of country life combined with good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a 'Southern Girl' local farmer at Real Country. Have demonstrations of Horse communication and Working sheep dog mustering. Try your hand at a Stock whip cracking lesson, and feed and interact with the friendly farm animals, as part of this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Then you'll think you've stepped back in time when you arrive in the former gold-mining village of Arrowtown. Come dusk, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw; the only thing more inspiring than the peaks of the Remarkables that surround is the festive atmosphere welcoming you to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner at the Colonel's Homestead awaits. **B D**

3 Queenstown Free Time

You clearly need more than one day to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. And when we say surrounds, we mean Milford Sound. Today sign up for a tour to Milford Sound. Travel through World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park for exceptional views as you pass through dense rainforest and pass by towering mountains. On arrival to Milford Sound embark on a cruise to experience the eighth wonder of the World. Don't be surprised if you see dolphins and seals playing in the wake of waterfalls. If you like things fast-paced, opt for wine tour or jet-boating (all own expense). You are in the adventure capital of New Zealand, after all. **B**

4 Queenstown – Auckland – Rotorua

Touching down in Auckland, you'll board your coach for the drive to Rotorua, the cultural capital, where you can immerse yourself in Māori history and culture. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

5 Rotorua

Your visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery is guided by passionate conservationists and will give you fascinating insights into New Zealand's national bird on this rewarding **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Rotorua's landscapes are reminiscent of a sci-fi movie set where mud pops from bubbling geysers and steam rushes skywards. See it firsthand on your visit to Whakarewarewa, the world's only living Māori village where people live on a daily basis, using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have for centuries. This evening, embark on the Te Pō experience at Te Puia. Learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Witness a pōwhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate, you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **B D**

6 Rotorua – Auckland

Set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. While cruising cavernous waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. The next thing that glows on your horizon is Auckland. This evening, share the stories of your New Zealand Panorama tour at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and companions at The Grill, celebrating Aotearoa's culinary treasures. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity. B D**

7 Farewell from Auckland

Short, sweet, and packed with highlights – how else to describe this wonderful week? **B**



Real Country



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7 DAYS

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Jan	03, 24	Sep	05
Feb	07, 21	Oct	03, 17
Mar	07, 14, 28	Nov	14
		Dec	05
		Jan	23
		Feb	06, 20
		Mar	13, 27

Dining

6 Breakfasts B

3 Dinners D

Flight Information

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National Kiwi Hatchery

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



Iconic North

Te Pā Tū Māori Experience

Highlights

Local Connection

The dairy industry is big business in New Zealand, as you'll fast find on a Waikato farm. The stories you'll hear 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.

Make Travel Matter

A guided tour of the Māori Arts & Crafts Institute at Te Puia contributes to its success, committed to preserving and promoting teaching traditional Māori arts and crafts.

World Class 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.



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2024		2025	
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		Feb	03, 10, 17, 24
		Mar	03, 10, 17, 24

Dining

6 Breakfasts B 3 Dinners D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

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1 Welcome to Auckland

Meet your fellow travel companions at a Welcome Reception and dinner at The Grill, and share stories of your day-one wanderings. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D**

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. **B**

3 Auckland – Rotorua

Leave Auckland behind and journey into the countryside for an exclusive family-style Be My Guest lunch in the Red Barn on a dairy farm. Over your farm to table lunch prepared by the onsite chef, get a feel for country life as you're invited to roll up your sleeves and make your own butter - butter churners, tiny mason jars and all! The next hot spot, in every sense of the word, is Rotorua. Visit Te Puia for a guided tour of the New Zealand Māori Arts & Crafts Institute and the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, a staggering valley where geysers pop and thermal springs jettison skywards. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B L**

4 Rotorua

Today, choose your own adventure. Tonight, dive deep into Indigenous culture at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Hear about Māori history, traditions, and future aspirations across an evening of celebration and feasting. Enjoy a forest kai horotai (seasonal canapés) and chef choice aperitif, followed by a three-course dinner. **B D**

5 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: Rydges, 2 nights. B D**

6 Wellington

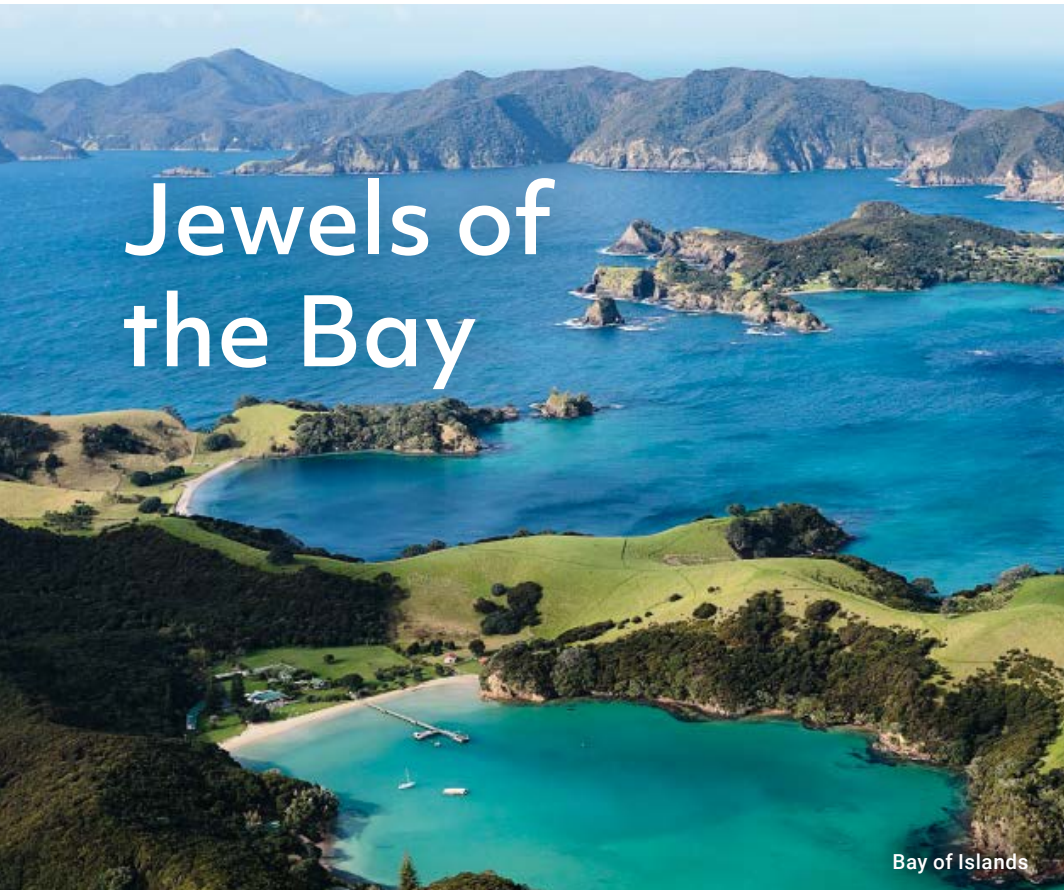
Your day in Wellington should – must – begin with a coffee. The city is known for its uber-cool cafés and you will head out on a city sights tour to take in highlights such as its iconic cable car, parliament and Mt. Victoria. This afternoon is yours to discover Wellington. **B**

7 Farewell from Wellington

It's been a week of epic sights and adventures in the North Island. All good things must come to an end, but there's time to enjoy one last breakfast with your travel companions. **B**



Jewels of the Bay



Bay of Islands

Highlights

Local Connection

Meet the artists, makers and producers that call the Bay of Islands home, possible descendants of Traditional Landowners who signed the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840.

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.

Make Travel Matter

Journey through Waitangi Treaty Grounds, New Zealand's most important historic site. Discover the stories, people and events that have shaped the past, present and future.

World Class Nature

Waterfront resort nestled in 60 acres of subtropical gardens within the Waitangi National Trust Reserve, where the golden sands curve to greet the South Pacific Ocean.



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4 DAYS

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2024	2025
Oct 13	Oct 21
Dec 01, 22	Nov 04, 18
2025	Dec 16
Jan 12	2026
Feb 09	Jan 06, 20
Mar 09, 23	Feb 10, 17, 24
	Mar 10, 24
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Dining

3 Breakfasts B 1 Dinner D

Flight Information

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 Day 4: Flights to depart after 7.00pm from Auckland Airport

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1 Welcome to Auckland

Auckland never fails to turn on the charm, as you'll discover while exploring the city at your leisure before meeting your Travel Director and fellow adventure seekers for a welcome drink tonight. **Hotel: Adina Apartment Britomart.**

2 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Hit the road this 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, lined with blissful undeveloped and unpeopled beaches. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs, officially denoting New Zealand as member of the Commonwealth. Your guide, quiTe Pōssibly a descendant of one of the original signatories, will explain the importance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. These are just some of the Māori artefacts that characterise this part of the north coast. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort Queenstown Lakefront, 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. Today, trip

the light fantastic and head off on an optional experience in whatever direction you please. Perhaps out onto the water to ride the waves on a Bay of Islands tour aboard a historic tall ship, glass of New Zealand wine in hand. Or maybe on a mini jaunt around the romantic town of Russell, the country's first permanent European settlement and seaport (both own expense). 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 in between. Wherever your NZ holiday takes you today, we recommend finding somewhere special to salute the end of the day – this part of the country was made for blazing sunsets. **B**

4 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 tantalizing snapshot – explore the picturesque town basin – before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **B**



Southern Spectacular

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Visit retired sheep farmers, Angie and Stan Taylor, who serve up a mean afternoon tea at their home on the edge of Lake Tekapo and tell you about life on the land.

🏞️ Cultural Immersion

Follow in the footsteps of explorers, traders, guardians, and pioneers and journey through the four connected hubs bound together by the Pounamu Pathway.

🌿 Make Travel Matter

Through your scenic jet boat ride in Lake Manapouri, you'll contribute to Pomona Island Charitable Trust's conservation efforts to restore the largest inland island in New Zealand to its natural state.

🌍 World Class 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. Time to meet your fellow adventure-seekers over a couple of wines and local canapés at 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 Cardboard 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 towards Lake Tekapo. Here, retired farmers 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: Distinction Mackenzie Country. B AT D**

3 Twizel – Dunedin

Oamaru has a rich history and proud heritage, enriched by passionate and perhaps quirky locals. Explore the shops, galleries and traditional crafts within some of the Southern Hemisphere's most complete Victorian streetscapes. You're en route to Dunedin, replete with rolling green meadows and a grand stone castle. 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 visit to Speight's Brewery – a New Zealand institution. There's always that castle to explore... Larnach may not have the history of Scotland's grand estates, but it's just as pretty in our humble opinion (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B D**

4 Dunedin – Te Anau

Leave Dunedin and pass through sheep-farming countryside 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 on this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Take a thrilling jet boat ride down the Waiau River to Lake Manapouri and if that's not enough water for one day, you may choose to cruise to the iconic Glowworm Caves (own expense). Can we tempt you? **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau. B D**

5 Te Anau – Queenstown

Nature rules again 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 your Milford Sound/Piopirotahi tour, where you cruise in the company of fur seals that bask on the rocks, and gaze at misty escarpments so sheer they appear to cleave off the edge of the Earth. You're in the company of a naturalist who knows every nook and cranny of this mighty cavern and will point out flora and fauna you would have never spotted on your own. **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 a high-octane jet boat ride, 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 (both own expense). 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 D**



Church of the Good Shepherd



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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. Prepare for a flavour explosion at a roadside stall run by the interminable Mrs Jones, a local institution. The next explosion is a visual one as you arrive in the town of Franz Josef/Waiau, home to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Get some perspective of this immense ice fall on a scenic helicopter flight – you may even get to land on it (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

8 Franz Josef/Waiau – Punakaiki

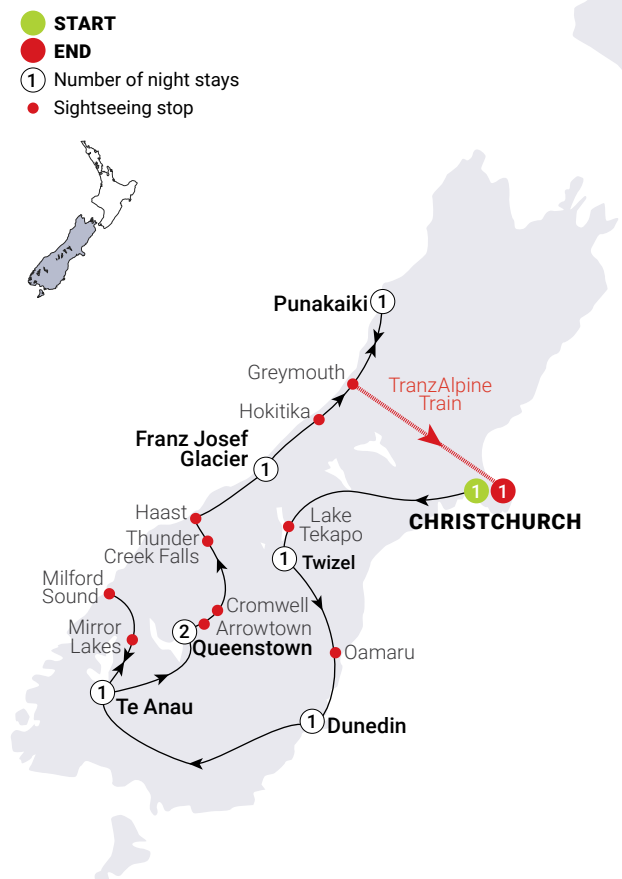
Explore the small but lively Franz Josef/Waiau village before venturing to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's native jade greenstone. Then soak in the natural surroundings as you head to Punakaiki to view the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes, where waves thunder through cracks in the Earth. This is the soundtrack that lulls you to sleep at tonight's eco-resort. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B D**

9 Punakaiki – Christchurch

Join us at Pounamu Pathway. Embark on a unique self-guided journey, as you make your way through this extraordinary storytelling experience born from a collaboration with the Weta Workshop. We've got you sorted for lunch at legendary Monteith's Brewery. 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 D**

10 Farewell from Christchurch

Wait, the last 10 days flew by. Return home with new friends, a full SD card on your camera – and even more memories. Celebrate at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director. **B**



Best Buys

Awe-inspiring Attractions, Built-in Flexibility

For explorers who want the essentials taken care of and the unrivalled knowledge of a Travel Director, but also the option of exploring independently, Best Buys Guided Holidays offer flexibility with optional extras.



✂ Flexible Holidays

The perfect balance between a guided holiday and an independent tour, with expert Travel Directors curating special travel moments for you. With more free time, you'll be able to explore at your own pace.

📍 Iconic Sites

Whether a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site or a fabled landmark, New Zealand does not disappoint. We help you get there, sharing fascinating stories of these iconic wonders along the way.

Make Travel Matter

We've been exploring New Zealand since 1999, and hope to do so for many more to come. Look for our immersive **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences, which support communities and encourage environmental conservation.

🏔 Natural Wonders

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

What's included on a Best Buys Holiday?

- The services of a highly experienced Travel Director
- Comfortable accommodation with easy access to city centres
- Flexible free time on your holiday
- Earlier starts to maximise your days
- Many meals including daily breakfast
- Iconic destinations visited and timed to perfection
- Optional experiences, for you to add on to your holiday
- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats, and WiFi where available

Spirit of New Zealand

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

We've crafted an itinerary with plenty of two-night stays, so you can sleep in and take the pulse of your destination, whether Queenstown, Wellington, Nelson or Rotorua.

📍 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.

Make Travel Matter

The Real Country Farm Show offers an authentic taste of what rural New Zealand is like. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture.

🏞 Natural Wonders

An island off an island, Stewart Island is wild, wide and wonderful. Some 85% is national park - prepare for epic animal encounters.

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Community spirit is strong in Christchurch, as you'll discover exploring its streets at your leisure. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

2 Christchurch – Omarama

More of Christchurch is revealed before the colours of the Canterbury Plains spread before you: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snowcapped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Distinction 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). **Hotel: Leisure Lodge. B**

4 Dunedin – Invercargill

Invercargill is obsessed with motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends colour the city. So it's only fitting that you visit Transport World, exploring classic vehicles as you are transported on a nostalgic walk back in time. Your guided tour will be followed by a Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Kelvin, 2 nights. B D**

5 Stewart Island

Wild, wide and wonderful, Stewart Island's rugged coastline cuts a dramatic form in the Southern Ocean. It's largely untouched, which means that endemic flora and fauna thrive. But don't take our word for it. Meet the locals on a tour through the Village and Bays. **B**

6 Invercargill – Queenstown

The Real Country Farm Show, offers an authentic taste of what rural New Zealand is like. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. Continue to Queenstown and take the afternoon at your own pace. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

A free day to explore New Zealand's adventure capital. Perhaps consider a day trip to the stunning fiord of Milford Sound. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

We know you'll want to linger in Arrowtown's movie-set-like streets, lined with trees and character-filled boutiques and restaurants. But the Alpine countryside of the Southern Lakes is calling. Over the Haast Pass, the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiau, at the edge of Westland World Heritage Park, awaits. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

9 Franz Josef/Waiau – Punakaiki

Wander Hokitika's windswept coast then prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. 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 (own expense). 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. **Hotel: Travelodge. B D**

13 Wellington – Napier

Travel to Napier. Beautifully preserved 1930s architecture is Napier's special point of difference. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania, 2 nights. B**

14 Napier

Discover Napier's Art Deco heritage on our **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** walking tour. Explore how this resilient city rose from the ashes of the 1931 Hawke's Bay Earthquake to become a global Art Deco icon, featuring stunning architecture and inspiring stories of renewal. **B**



Punakaiki Pancake Rocks



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21 DAYS

Departure Dates

2024-25 Season		2025-26 Season	
2024		2025	2026
Oct	03	Oct	02, 16, 30
2025		Nov	27
Jan	02, 23, 30	Dec	18
Feb	20		
Mar	20		
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		Feb	05, 19
		Mar	05, 19

Dining

20 Breakfasts B

8 Dinners D

Flight Information

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15 Napier – Rotorua

This afternoon visit the Māori Arts & Crafts Institute to see and support Māori artisans at work, then enjoy an evening of history, culture and food at Te Puia on this guided experience which includes hangi inspired cuisine, a cultural performance and a grand geothermal finish at the Pohutu Geyser. **Hotel: Sudima, 2 nights. B D**

16 Rotorua Free Time

Today is one of decisions. Bliss out at Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa; take the Hobbiton Movie Set Tour or board a scenic flight for a bird's-eye view (all own expense). **B**

17 Rotorua – Auckland

Today your sights are firmly set on New Zealand's national game: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. **Hotel: Adina Apartment Britomart. B**

18 Auckland – Bay of Islands

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

19 Bay of Islands Free Time

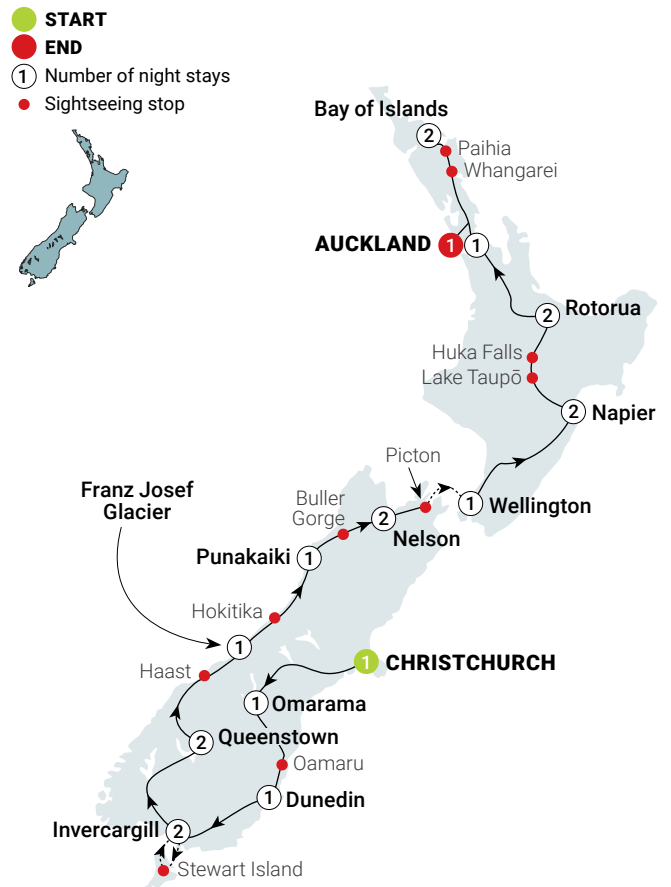
Trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, cruise to the Hole in the Rock or join a tour of Russell (all own expense). **B**

20 Bay of Islands – Auckland

For a little more northern exposure, make your way to Whangarei, the island's most northerly outpost. Explore the reimagined town basin before the commute back to Auckland for your Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Adina Apartment. B D**

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

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📍 Iconic Sites

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🌿 Natural Wonders

More than 85% of Stewart Island is protected national park – 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. Meet your fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

2 Christchurch – Omarama

Step out with your guide for a deeper dive into The Garden City before traversing the colourful Canterbury Plains, the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo and snow-capped mountains. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Distinction 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). **Hotel: Leisure Lodge. B**

4 Dunedin – Invercargill

Invercargill is obsessed with motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends colour the city. So it's only fitting that you visit Transport World, exploring classic vehicles as you are transported on a nostalgic walk back in time. Your guided tour will be followed by a Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Kelvin, 2 nights. B D**

5 Stewart Island

The ferry ride to subantarctic 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 Village & Bays tour. **B**

6 Invercargill – Queenstown

Today on your New Zealand tour, get a taste of country life combined with good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a 'Southern Girl' local farmer at Real Country. Get a feel for life on the farm as you have demonstrations of Horse communication and sheep dog mustering. Try your hand at a Stock whip cracking lesson, and feed and interact with the

friendly farm animals. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Continue to Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

Today, sign up to dive deep into Milford Sound/Piopiota within World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, best explored on a tour cruising the waterway (own expense). **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

Visit Arrowtown, which found its riches in gold, its streets now filled with heritage buildings that house Boutiques and restaurants – that still line the street to this day. Around the next bend are the Southern Lakes, from Lake Dunstan to oh-so-blue Lake Hawea. Over the Haast Pass, the town of Franz Josef/Waiau at the edge of the Westland World Heritage Park, awaits. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. 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. Prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. 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 (own expense). **B**

12 Nelson – Wellington

You'll want a window seat for the cruise from the South Island to the North aboard the Interislander. Breathtaking views unfold as you glide through



All Blacks Experience, Auckland



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Jan 02, 23, 30		Dec 18	Mar 05, 19
Feb 20			
Mar 20			

Dining

17 Breakfasts B

6 Dinners D

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Queen Charlotte Sound to NZ's cool little capital of Wellington. **Hotel: Travelodge. B D**

13 Wellington – Napier

Your city sights tour will end at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. After the opportunity to visit, travel to the Art Deco capital, Napier. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania, 2 nights. B**

14 Napier

Join us on a walking tour, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, for an insight into how Napier City became the Art Deco capital of the world. After a devastating earthquake in 1931, Napier completely rebuilt itself in just two years. The end result is architectural Nirvana, a city home to the world's greatest concentration of Art Deco, Spanish Mission and Striped Classical buildings. **B**

15 Napier – Rotorua

This afternoon, visit the Māori Arts & Crafts Institute to see and support Māori artisans at work, then enjoy an evening of history, culture and food at Te Puia on this guided experience which includes hangi inspired cuisine, a cultural performance and a grand geothermal finish at the Pohutu Geyser. **Hotel: Sudima, 2 nights. B D**

16 Rotorua Free Time

Today, it's your choice. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour Hobbiton movie Set featured in The Lord of the Rings & Hobbit movies. Want a bit of down time? Bliss out at Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa (both own expense). **B**

17 Rotorua – Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. Today your sights are firmly set on New Zealand's national game: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. **Hotel: Adina Apartment. 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

Want to get your heart racing? Explore the extremes of the North Island then feel the natural rush of Queenstown. Or just laze by the pool. 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/Piopiotahi. This place is nature amplified.

🏞 Make Travel Matter

Journey through New Zealand's most important historic site, Waitangi Treaty Grounds, with a passionate local guide. Discover the stories, people and events that have shaped the past, present and future.

🌋 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 or just meet fellow travel companions for a Welcome Reception 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 islands ringed by turquoise sea. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Your guide, perhaps a descendent 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, 2 nights. B D**

3 Bay of Islands Free Time

Today, 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 a cruise to the iconic Hole in the Rock or join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands (all own expense). **B**

4 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Whangarei is like the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Look around before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

5 Auckland – Rotorua

After viewing Auckland City highlights set your sights on 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. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

6 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today. Want a bit of down time? Why not bliss out at the Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa (own expense). **B**

7 Rotorua – Wellington

View Huka Falls, to see 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 your city sights tour. 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 D**

9 Picton – Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikoura. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikoura is the marine wildlife centre of New Zealand. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

10 Christchurch – Omarama

On your city tour view the mind-bending Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. From here, your outlook is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience in Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Distinction 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's Scottish ancestry is everywhere you look, from the manicured grounds of Otago University to Larnach Castle. While away the



Milford Sound Cruise



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17 DAYS

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Dec	21	Jun	21
2025		Sep	06, 20, 27
Jan	04, 11, 18, 25	Oct	04, 11, 18, 25
Feb	01, 08, 15, 22	Nov	01, 08, 22, 29
Mar	01, 08, 15, 22	Dec	06, 13, 20
		Jan	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
		Feb	07, 14, 21, 28
		Mar	07, 14, 21

Dining

16 Breakfasts B

8 Dinners D

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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**

12 Dunedin – Te Anau

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. Venture out into the Fjord on a sightseeing cruise, where dolphins and seals are a common sight. **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 jet boat ride, perhaps (own expense). 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 D**

15 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, Arrowtown and Lake Dunstan appear on the horizon, then there's Lake Hawea. Over the Haast Pass, the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiau awaits. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

16 Franz Josef/Waiau – Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika: the pounamu found here is the stuff jewellery dreams are made of. 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: Wyndham Garden. B D**

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

Freedom in travel? Explore remote reaches of the North Island one minute, then sip wine or zip across Queenstown lakes the next. Ask us for tips.

Iconic Sites

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

Make Travel Matter

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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

On arrival in the 'Garden City' you'll have time at leisure to explore or relax. Tonight, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception. **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. From Arthur's Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, the heritage and cultural centre of the West Coast well-known for its jade. Things are about to get cool again as you arrive in the town of Franz Josef/Waiau, gateway to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, a white-out of snow and ice. Get some perspective on a scenic flight over this natural wonder (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

3 Franz Josef/Waiau – Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, the alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you: 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 a high-octane jet boat ride, 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 D**

5 Queenstown – Te Anau

Your route from the Mirror Lakes through the Cleddau Valley is the entrée to your Milford Sound/Piopiotahi tour. 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. 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. **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 visit grand Larnach Castle. You could venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin – Omarama

Time is on your side this morning. Sleep in or take a stroll. Visit Oamaru, known for its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings. **Hotel: Distinction 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. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. Back on earth, it's time to become reacquainted with Christchurch, your in-the-know guide pointing out the city's miraculous transformation over the last decade. You'll view the mind-bending Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. **Hotel: Ibis. B D**

9 Christchurch – Picton

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikoura. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikoura is the marine wildlife centre of New Zealand. **Hotel: Picton Yacht Club. B D**

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. 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**



Waitomo Glowworm Grotto



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Mar	03, 10, 17, 24		

Dining

16 Breakfasts B

9 Dinners D

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11 Wellington – Rotorua

This evening, explore Te Puia’s geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you’ll view one of New Zealand’s geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

12 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace: Bliss out at Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa. 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 significance: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B D**

15 Bay of Islands Free Time

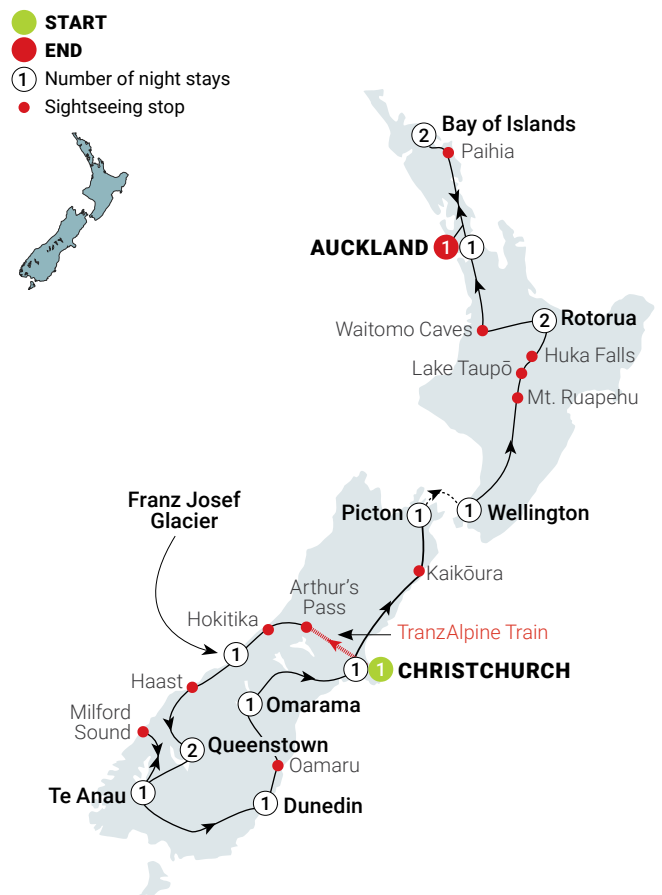
Trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, or visit Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. **B**

16 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Today, New Zealand’s most northerly city is on your radar. Explore Whangarei 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

Freedom in travel? Explore remote reaches of the North Island one minute, then sip wine or zip across Queenstown lakes the next. Ask us for tips.

📍 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.

🌌 Make Travel Matter

Dark Sky Project is committed to preserving our night skies by connecting manuhiri (visitors) to the relevance of the night sky via scientific and cultural experiences.

🦋 Natural Wonders

Get your glow on at the Waitomo Caves, a magical subterranean world lit by thousands of glowworms. 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 Travel Director and fellow adventure-seekers for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express.**

2 Auckland – Rotorua

After viewing Auckland highlights, 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. The Te Pō Experience begins with a delicious buffet dinner of locally sourced cuisine and an authentic Māori twist in each dish. Following dinner, view an exhilarating cultural performance and ends on a geothermal high at Pohutu Geysers. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

3 Rotorua Free Time

We're leaving you up to your own devices today. Bliss out at Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton Movie Set (both own expense). 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, view Wellington sights before boarding the interislander for a cruise across Cook Strait, from the North Island to the South. **Hotel: Beachcomber Inn. B D**

6 Picton – Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikoura. Bonus points if you spot a seal or sperm whale frolicking offshore. Continue along the dramatic coastline to Christchurch, The Garden City. 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

View the sights of the city including the mind-bending Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. From here, your outlook is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Distinction 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 (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

9 Dunedin – Te Anau

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**



Arrowtown



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Dining

13 Breakfasts B

7 Dinners D

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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. Your cruise on 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 jet boat ride. Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife centre (both own expense). Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner. **B D**

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. Over the Haast Pass, Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere sparkles like a gem. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. 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. 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 D**

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 jet-boat rides, winery expeditions and Hobbiton Movie Set tours, your Travel Director is ready to organise optional experiences across Rotorua and Queenstown.

📍 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.

🌌 Make Travel Matter

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🏔 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. Meet your Travel Director and travelling companions at a Welcome Reception tonight. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Franz Josef/Waiiau

Jump aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, gorges and river valleys. Visit the small town of Hokitika, the heritage and cultural centre of the West Coast well-known for its jade. Around the corner is the town of Franz Josef, gateway to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Get some perspective on a scenic flight (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

3 Franz Josef/Waiiau – Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you. 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 jet boat ride, perhaps. Or discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife centre. Wine aficionado? Sip your way through surrounding vineyards (all own expense). 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 D**

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. You'll likely spot them on your Milford Sound/Piopiotahi cruise. 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 visit grand Larnach Castle, the only one of its kind in the country. You could venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country – fur seals, anyone? (all own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin – Oamaru

Time is on your side this morning. Sleep in or take a stroll. Visit Oamaru, known for its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Oamaru – Christchurch

Your outlook this morning is the Canterbury Plains. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. Back on earth, 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

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikoura. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikoura is the marine wildlife centre of New Zealand. **Hotel: Picton Yacht Club. B D**

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



Te Puia Geothermal Reserve



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a maze of arms and inlets into Wellington. 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. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

12 Rotorua Free Time

Sometimes, the best adventures are those that you have when you least expect them. Like wandering into Rotorua's Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa and falling into a few hours of bliss while soaking in steamy thermal springs. And then there's Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway (both own expense). **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 D**

14 Farewell from Auckland

The 'City of Sails' flutters as if waving goodbye as you make your way home. **B**



Northern Wonders

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

We're here to point you in the right direction when it comes to wining, dining and relaxing across Auckland, Wellington and Rotorua. Ask your Travel Director for tips.

📍 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.

🇳🇿 Make Travel Matter

The Te Pō Experience at Te Puia contributes to the success of the Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, committed to preserving, encouraging, fostering and promoting Māori arts and crafts.

🌋 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. Check out one of the city's oh-so-hip cafés or you may wish to discover Māori culture at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. It's time to meet your fellow adventure-seekers for a Welcome Reception. **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. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

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 at Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa. 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 (both own expense). **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 historical significance: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs. Your guide, perhaps a descendant 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, 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, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, or a trip to the iconic Hole in the Rock. 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 (all own expense). **B**

7 Bay of Islands – Auckland

You're about to reach the very tip of New Zealand, as your tour takes you to Whangarei – the county's northern-most city. This is 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 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**

8 Farewell from Auckland

The only bad day in your Auckland tour 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**



Huka Falls



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Bay of Islands



Waitomo Caves

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



Northern Spotlight

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Sometimes, the best experiences in life (meals, spas, hikes) are those you stumble upon. We can point you in the right direction in Auckland, Rotorua 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.

🏠 Make Travel Matter

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🌋 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 sauvignon blanc. Meet your fellow travel companions at a Welcome Reception 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 historical significance: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs. Your guide, perhaps a descendant 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, 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, cruise to the famous Hole in the Rock or join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands (all own expense). **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. Look around 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 starts with a city sights tour 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

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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 Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa. Culture culture? Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton Movie Set. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway (both own expense). **B**

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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**

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 your city sights tour. You may wish to linger in town, discovering Māori culture at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Afterwards, it's time to bid farewell to your NZ crew. What a week. **B**



Auckland



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Te Puia cultural performance



Wellington

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



Southern Spirit

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

New Zealand's natural bounty is epic, as you'll see in Nelson, the gateway to Abel Tasman National Park. The bounty also inspires talented chefs 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.

🏡 Make Travel Matter

The Real Country Farm Show offers an authentic taste of what real, rural New Zealand is like. For every guest we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture.

🏔 Natural Wonders

An island off an island, Stewart Island is wild, wide and wonderful. Some 85% is national parkland – prepare for epic animal encounters.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

On arrival in the 'Garden City' you'll have time at leisure to explore or relax. Tonight, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception.. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Omarama

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 and snow-capped mountains. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Distinction 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, which nods to Dunedin's Scottish link – it's known as 'Little Edinburgh' for a reason (own expense). **Hotel: Leisure Lodge. B**

4 Dunedin – Invercargill

If you find yourself humming a Garth Brooks tune en route to Gore, you're not alone; it's the country music capital of NZ. Invercargill is obsessed with something else: motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends colour the city. So, it's only fitting that you visit Transport World for a guided tour and Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Kelvin, 2 nights. B D**

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 85% national parkland. Naturally, it's a magnet for endemic flora and fauna, as you'll discover on a guided Village and Bays tour. **B**

6 Invercargill – Queenstown

At Real Country get a feel for life on the farm. There are demonstrations of Horse communication and Working sheep dog mustering. Try your hand at a Stock whip cracking lesson, and feed and interact with the friendly farm animals. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **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 seals (own expense). There's a reason why this part of the island has World Heritage status. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

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 to oh-so-blue Lake Hawea. Over the Haast Pass, the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiau, awaits. Get some perspective on a scenic Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere flight tour – if the weather behaves, you may even get to land on it. New Zealand tours don't get much cooler than this (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

9 Franz Josef/Waiau – 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). Steel yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B D**



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Jan 02, 23, 30	Dec 18	Mar 05, 19	
Feb 20			
Mar 20			

Dining

12 Breakfasts B

5 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive by 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport

Day 13: Flights to depart after 2.00pm from Wellington Airport

Return Airport to Hotel transfers are not included in the tour price.

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

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

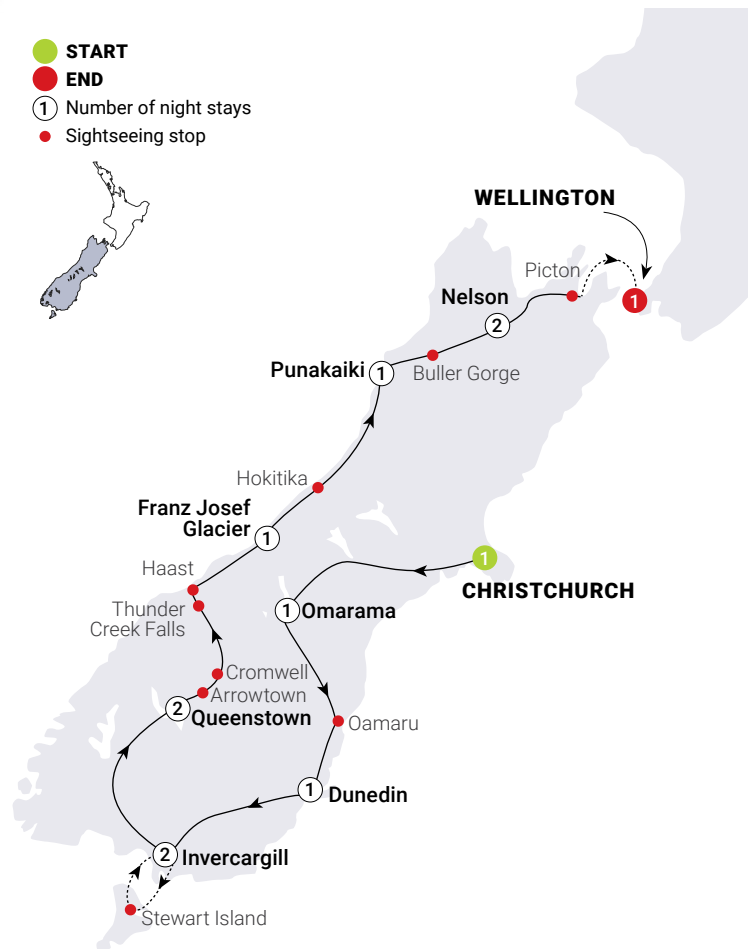
The South Island’s oldest city, Nelson is the ideal starting point for outings through Abel Tasman National Park. This pocket in the north of the island is a beguiling union of golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. It’s home to one of the country’s most legendary coastal tracks, if you fancy stretching your legs on a hike. Otherwise, drift away on a cruise around the coast, revealing unpeopled bays and dreamy inlets (own expense). 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. End your tour on a high note at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and travel companions. **Hotel: Travelodge. B D**

13 Farewell from Wellington

Wellington also knows a thing or two about good coffee, and you’ll need a strong one to get you through this morning’s sightseeing. You may wish to linger in town, discovering Māori culture at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. It’s hard to say goodbye to your tour of the South Island of New Zealand. If you can’t bear to leave, we have a few ideas up our sleeves to extend your holiday. **B**



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. Enjoy downtime at your own pace.

📍 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...

🌌 Make Travel Matter

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🏔 Natural Wonders

The West Coast, or 'the Coast' as locals call it, is an untamed natural wilderness of rivers and rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

Since its 2010/11 earthquakes, Christchurch has reinvented itself in more ways than one. It's time tonight to meet your travelling companions for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Omarama

On your city tour view the mind-bending Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, 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. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Omarama – Dunedin

Oamaru, with its Victorian heritage 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 among them. Thirsty? Visit Speight's Brewery, a New Zealand institution (both own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

4 Dunedin – Te Anau

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. Your cruise on 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**

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 Skippers 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 (all own expense). Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner. **B D**

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. Over the Haast Pass to the town of Franz Josef, where, this afternoon you may choose to fly over Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

8 Franz Josef/Waiau – Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll board 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 D**



Milford Sound Cruise



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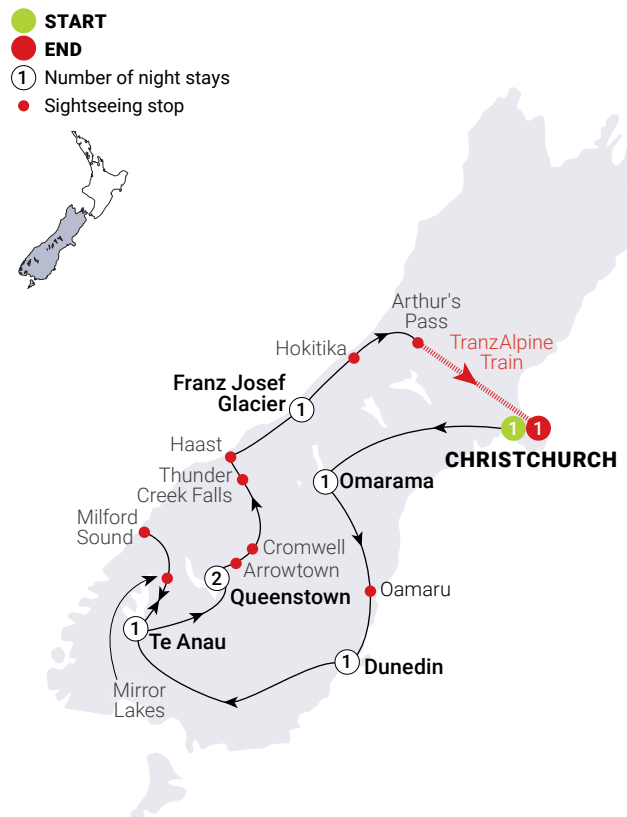
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9 Farewell from Christchurch

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



Franz Josef Glacier



Southern Wonders

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

We love leading you to NZ's top attractions. But we also give you the freedom to discover at leisure. Ask us about Queenstown's best restaurants, or enjoy an unplanned adventure.

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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. Tonight, it's time to meet your Travel Director and travelling companions for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Franz Josef/Waiau

Your South Island New Zealand Tour starts on a literal high as you jump aboard the TranzAlpine 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 (native greenstone or jade). Just when you thought your day couldn't get any better, Franz Josef town twinkles on the horizon. This afternoon, you may choose to fly over Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. 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 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 doesn't disappoint when it comes to activities that are fast and furious. Take your pick, you could explore 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 (all own expense). Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner. **B D**

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. A Milford Sound cruise across this dreamy expanse will give you goosebumps, its string of waterfalls creating a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. Look out for fur seals – they're a common sight here. The road back 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, nestled on the edge of the South Island's largest lake, Te Anau is the perfect place to savour some peace and relaxation after the spectacle of the day. **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 pastoral countryside surrounds Dunedin. While away the afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution), or visit grand Larnach Castle (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin – Oamaru

Time is on your side this morning. Sleep in or take a stroll. Visit Oamaru, known for its Victorian heritage buildings. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Oamaru – 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. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. Back on earth, 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 D**



Dunedin wildlife



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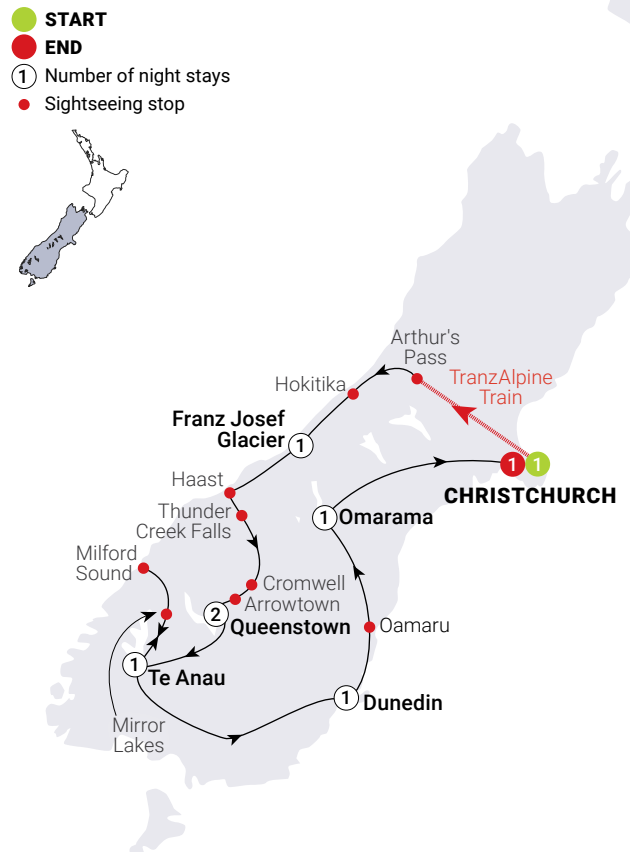
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9 Farewell from Christchurch

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 trip to New Zealand. **B**



Jet boat ride, Queenstown (Optional Experience)



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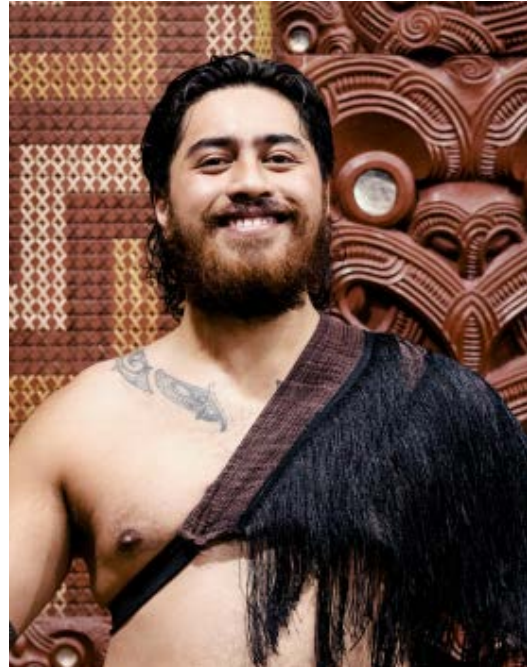
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Cover story:
Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown

Nestled in stunning alpine scenery, Queenstown offers diverse experiences around the majestic Lake Wakatipu. From thrilling adventures to serene nature encounters, the area caters to all tastes. A visit to Walter Peak Station showcases picturesque shores, local farming and produce, exemplifying Queenstown's charm and variety.

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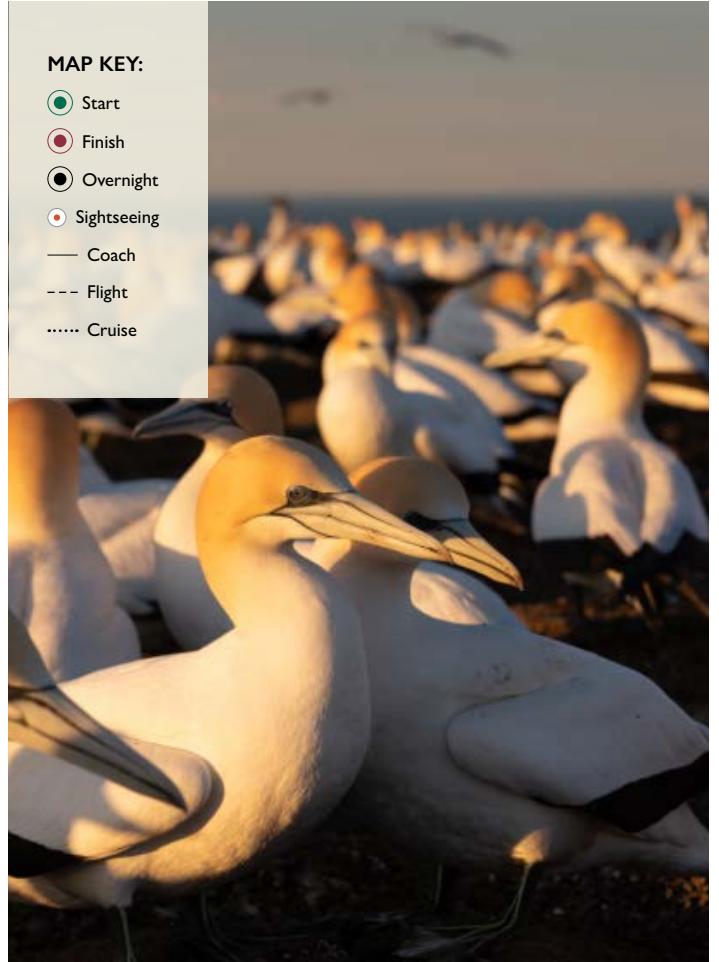
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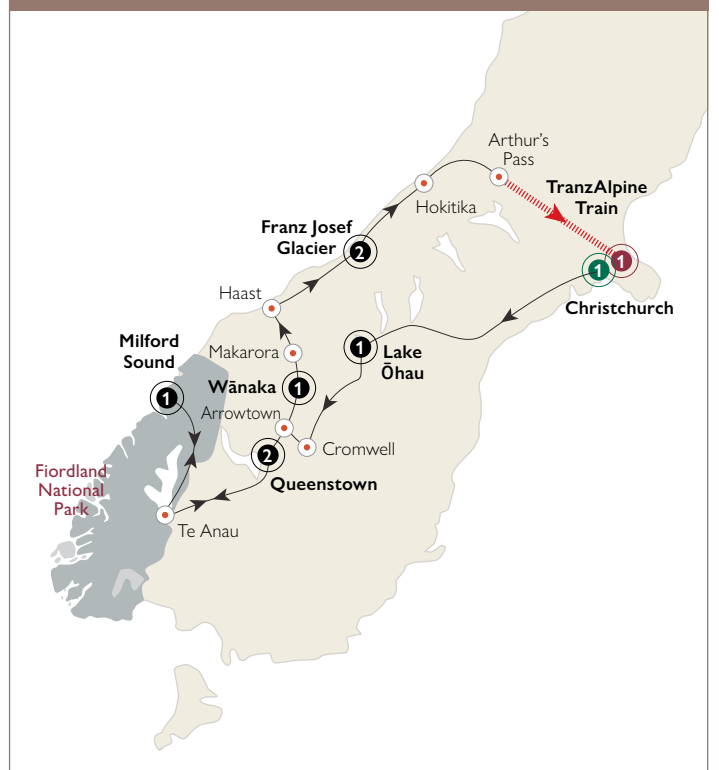
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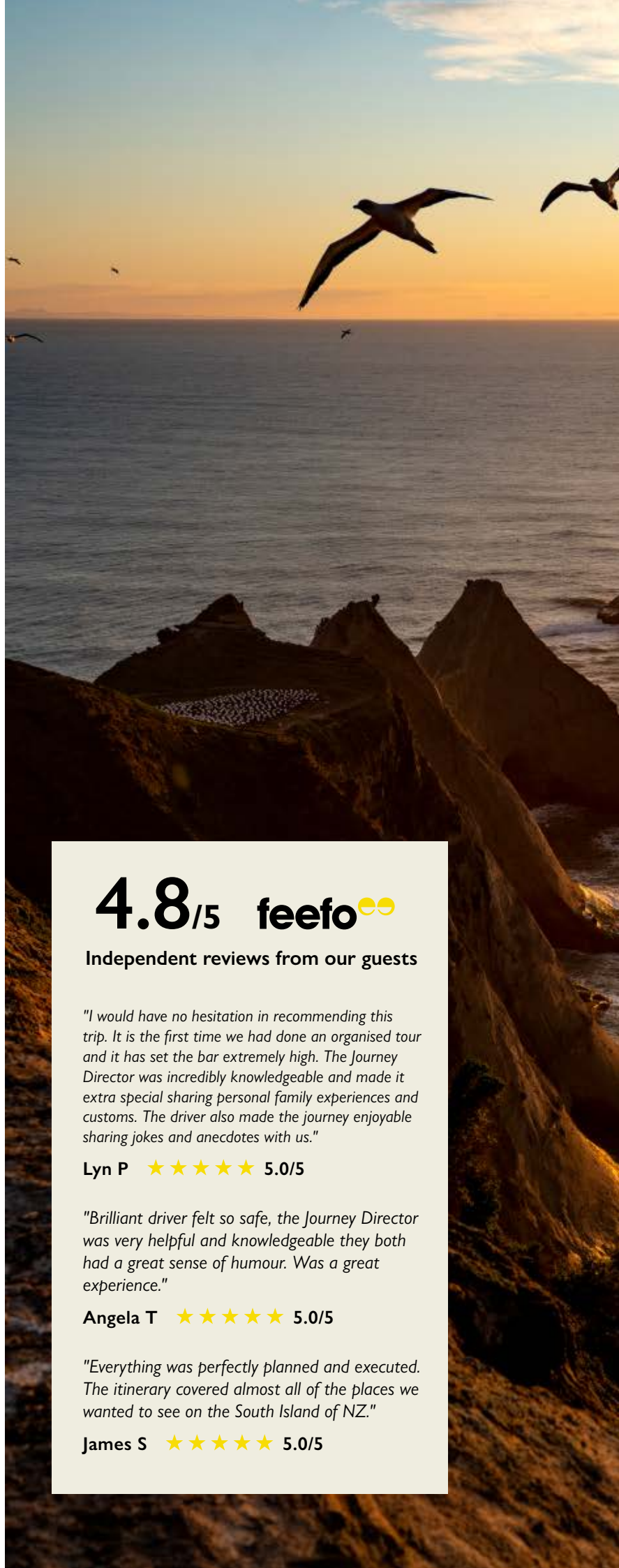
Lyn P ★★★★★ 5.0/5

"Brilliant driver felt so safe, the Journey Director was very helpful and knowledgeable they both had a great sense of humour. Was a great experience."

Angela T ★★★★★ 5.0/5

"Everything was perfectly planned and executed. The itinerary covered almost all of the places we wanted to see on the South Island of NZ."

James S ★★★★★ 5.0/5





HANDCRAFTED BY OUR EXPERTS TO CREATE YOUR JOURNEY *of a lifetime.*

Inspiring Journeys is a series of expertly curated moments, it's the perfect blend of iconic sites and landscapes while revealing a destination's best-kept secrets. Expect a specialised and in-depth journey within a small group.

Small Groups

With an average group size of 16 guests, this grants you access to paths less travelled and lodgings out of reach for larger groups.

Only Outstanding Experiences

Each special travel highlight has been carefully selected and seamlessly planned to create an immersive experience for you.

Journey Director

Brimming with knowledge, stories and expertise, Journey Directors will provide captivating insights allowing you to understand your chosen destination in depth.

Special Stays

Expect authentic and memorable stays ones that deliver charm, whether it is a forest eco-retreat or a cosy cabin with spectacular views.

Unique Dining

From native bushfoods to rustic outback dining, and award-winning restaurants to world-class wine tasting, these included experiences will inspire the senses.

THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

AUCKLAND | TAURANGA | ROTORUA | MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS | WELLINGTON | LAKE ŌHAU | MILFORD SOUND/PIOPIOTAHU | WĀNAKA | CHRISTCHURCH

19
DAYS



Lake Wakatipu

IMMERSE

Discover a fantasy land at Hobbiton Movie Set and learn about Māori culture at Te Pā Tū. Experience Napier's Art Deco charm and take a guided walk through the prehistoric Whirinaki Forest.

INDULGE

Enjoy culinary delights, from native flavours to outstanding local wine. Experience an elegant High Tea, and dine Craggy Range Winery, New Zealand's 2024 top restaurant.

EXPLORE

New Zealand's breathtaking landscapes: beauty of mystical Milford Sound, Franz Josef's dramatic glaciers, Marlborough Sounds' peaceful waters.

RELAX

Wake up amidst nature at these unique stays: Milford Mariner on the stunning fiord, scenic elegance at Furneaux Lodge and tranquillity at Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Traverse New Zealand's North and South Islands, exploring hidden wonders and iconic landscapes. Witness majestic glaciers, shimmering lakes and ancient rainforests brimming with wildlife. Immerse yourself in rich cultural experiences, fresh seasonal fare, world class wines and scenic stays. Experience a journey like no other.

Day 1: Welcome to Auckland

Upon your arrival in Auckland, you'll be greeted with a private transfer to QT Auckland hotel for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés.

HOTEL QT Auckland

Day 2: Auckland – Tauranga

Experience the seaside atmosphere at Mission Bay and Bastion Point before heading to the iconic **Hobbiton Movie Set** for a guided tour.

HOTEL Trinity Wharf Tauranga

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 3: Tauranga – Rotorua

Visit the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, where passionate conservationists are working to save the kiwi population. End your day **learning about Māori culture at Te Pā Tū** and enjoy a seasonal three-course dinner.

HOTEL Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 4: Rotorua

Enjoy a leisurely day in Rotorua. Perhaps relax in natural hot springs.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 5: Rotorua – Napier

Take a tour of Whirinaki Forest, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. Discover this ancient rainforest with a local expert. **Indulge in dinner with wine at Craggy Range Winery, New Zealand's 2024 top restaurant.**

HOTEL Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 6: Napier

Embark on an adventure with **Gannet Safaris Overland at Cape Kidnappers**, where you'll explore a private nature reserve and witness thousands of gannets in their natural habitat on this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. Later, experience Napier's Art Deco heritage on a vintage car tour.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 7: Napier – Wellington

Upon your arrival in Wellington see the city sights. You may wish to visit Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand and discover a treasure trove of artefacts.

HOTEL Naumi Hotel Wellington

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 8: Marlborough Sounds

Depart Wellington and cross the Cook Strait aboard the Interislander ferry to Picton. From there, a **private sea transfer will take you to Furneaux Lodge in the serene Queen Charlotte Sound.**

HOTEL Furneaux Lodge, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 9: Marlborough Sounds

Today is yours to **explore the Marlborough Sounds**, a picturesque labyrinth of bays, inlets, and islands. You can hike along the Queen Charlotte Track, or relax at Furneaux Lodge.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 10: Marlborough Sounds – Christchurch

Leave the tranquillity of Marlborough Sounds and travel southwards to Christchurch, passing through the coastal town of Kaikōura, known for its incredible coastal vistas.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal
MEALS Breakfast

Day 11: Christchurch – Lake Ōhau



Explore Christchurch's vibrant city sights and then visit the historical Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Tekapo. **Continue to Mt. Cook Lakeside Retreat for a High Tea experience with local sparkling wine.** Conclude your day at Lake Ōhau Lodge, surrounded by the majestic Southern Alps.

HOTEL Lake Ōhau Lodge
MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 12: Lake Ōhau – Queenstown



Travel through Lindis Pass to Cromwell, stopping at Mrs. Jones Orchard and Highlands Museum. Enjoy a special wine tasting and delicious lunch at Kinross cellar door in Gibbston Valley before arriving in Arrowtown, a charming village with a gold rush heritage. Finish the day in Queenstown.

HOTEL The Rees, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 13: Queenstown

Today, explore Queenstown your way. In the evening, dine at the Bathhouse, which offers spectacular lakeside views and local cuisine.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 14: Queenstown – Milford Sound



Take a scenic journey through Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Cruise aboard the Milford Mariner for an exclusive overnight experience, enjoying stunning waterfalls, rainforests, and wildlife sightings.

HOTEL Milford Mariner
MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 15: Milford Sound – Wānaka

Depart Milford Sound for Wānaka. This afternoon, explore your hotel's scenic surroundings. Enjoy dinner with wine overlooking the lake's serene beauty.

HOTEL Edgewater Lake Wānaka Hotel
MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 16: Wānaka – Franz Josef



Travel through Lake Hawea and Makarora to the West Coast town of Haast. Experience an exhilarating jet boat adventure on the Haast River before arriving at Te Waonui Forest Retreat in Franz Josef.

HOTEL Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 17: Franz Josef



Discover Franz Josef's natural wonders with a local guide, exploring its glaciers and lush rainforests.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 18: Franz Josef – Christchurch



Depart Franz Josef and stop in Hokitika for a walking tour highlighting the region's rich heritage. Board the TranzAlpine train for a scenic journey through Arthur's Pass to Christchurch. Celebrate your journey with a special Celebration Dinner, reminiscing about your New Zealand adventures.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal
MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 19: Farewell from Christchurch

Transfer to Christchurch Airport for your departure. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences from your journey.

MEALS Breakfast



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DEPARTURES (2025-26 Season)

2025		2026	
Oct	13	Jan	26
Nov	03	Feb	09
Dec	22	Mar	09, 30

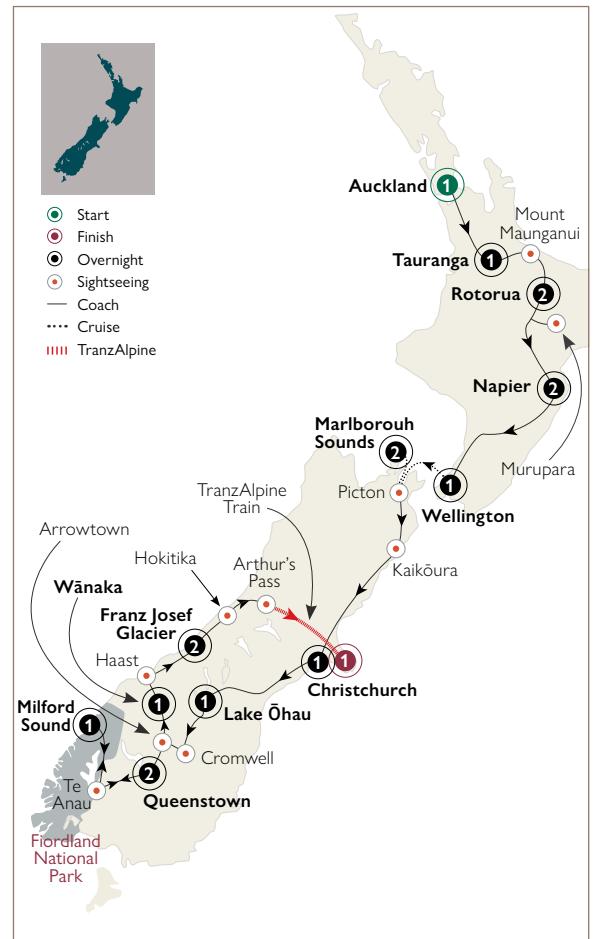
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 32 included meals
- 18 nights premium and authentic accommodation

NOTES

NZIJ: AUCKLAND TO CHRISTCHURCH

- Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport.
- Day 19 – flights to depart anytime from Christchurch Airport.
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- Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.



INSPIRING NEW ZEALAND

WELLINGTON | MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS | LAKE ŌHAU | QUEENSTOWN |
MILFORD SOUND/PIOPIOTAHU | WĀNAKA | ARTHUR'S PASS | CHRISTCHURCH

13
DAYS

Furieux Lodge

Experience the best of New Zealand on this captivating journey. Discover Franz Josef Glacier with an expert guide and cruise Milford Sound aboard the iconic Milford Mariner. Delight in gastronomic gems and savour delectable wines, all while relaxing, restoring and recharging in some of the most picturesque special stays.

IMMERSE

Delve into the rich history and vibrant culture of New Zealand. Learn about Māori traditions and explore unique regions with local experts where you'll gain insider knowledge.

INDULGE

Savour exceptional flavours, from a sumptuous three-course meal to a royal high tea accompanied by sparkling wine. Enjoy a special wine tasting and lunch at a boutique cellar door.

EXPLORE

Discover Marlborough Sounds' pristine waters and cruise through Milford Sound surrounded by majestic fjords. Explore historic towns, lush forests, and iconic landmarks along the way.

RELAX

Experience serene accommodation nestled amidst stunning landscapes, from remote lodges in Marlborough Sounds to the tranquil Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Day 1: Welcome to Wellington

Upon arrival in Wellington, you'll be greeted with a welcome drink, setting the tone for your adventure ahead. Later, indulge in a delightful dinner complemented by a local wine.

HOTEL Naomi Hotel Wellington

MEALS Dinner

Day 2: Wellington – Marlborough Sounds



Today, set off on a scenic journey as you cross the Cook Strait aboard the Interislander ferry, bound for Picton. From there, a **private sea transfer awaits to whisk you into the serene beauty of Queen Charlotte Sound.** Your destination - the remote and tranquil Furieux Lodge.

HOTEL Furieux Lodge, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 3: Marlborough Sounds



Enjoy a **leisurely day exploring Marlborough Sounds** at your own pace today. You have the option to hike Queen Charlotte Track's most scenic stretch, stay at Furieux Lodge for some fishing, or take shorter walks from the lodge.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 4: Marlborough Sounds – Christchurch

Depart from the tranquil Marlborough Sounds and travel to Picton, where you'll begin your journey southward towards Christchurch. En route, pass through the coastal town of Kaikōura.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal

MEALS Breakfast

Day 5: Christchurch – Lake Ōhau



Begin your day by exploring Christchurch's city sights before journeying to the brilliant blue waters of Lake Tekapo. You'll **visit the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd** before continuing your adventure to the exquisite Mt. Cook Lakeside Retreat. Here, you'll **indulge in a sophisticated High Tea complemented by local sparkling wine and the majestic views** of Lake Pukaki. Conclude your day at the charming Lake Ōhau Lodge, nestled in the Mackenzie High Country and surrounded by breathtaking wilderness.

HOTEL Lake Ōhau Lodge

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 6: Lake Ōhau – Queenstown



Travel through Lindis Pass to Cromwell. Visit Mrs. Jones Orchard for fresh produce, then explore the Highlands Museum, a paradise for car enthusiasts and novices alike. Next, **enjoy a special wine tasting experience and delicious lunch at Gibbston Valley's Kinross cellar door.** Discover Arrowtown, a charming village with a rich gold rush heritage, before reaching scenic Queenstown for the night.

HOTEL The Rees, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 7: Queenstown

Today, explore Queenstown at your own pace. As the day winds down, prepare for an unforgettable evening at the Bathhouse, an elegant dining establishment spectacularly situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 8: Queenstown – Milford Sound



Travel the Devil's Staircase to Te Anau for lunch at a local farm, immersing yourself in the authentic flavours of the region. Journey through Fiordland National Park, marveling at glaciers and Mirror Lake, then traverse Homer Tunnel. Spend the night on the iconic Milford Mariner. The cruise style is relaxed, allowing plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains, and diverse wildlife.

HOTEL Milford Mariner
MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 9: Milford Sound – Wānaka



Depart the serene beauty of Fiordland National Park and **journey to the picturesque town of Wānaka.** This idyllic town offers a perfect blend of natural splendour and leisurely pursuits. As the day concludes, savour a delightful dinner accompanied by fine wine, set against the tranquil backdrop of Lake Wānaka.

HOTEL Edgewater Lake Wānaka Hotel
MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 10: Wānaka – Franz Josef



Begin your journey with a scenic drive from Wānaka, passing the quiet waters of Lake Hawea and the picturesque settlement of Makarora. Continue to the West Coast town of Haast, where you'll **experience a Haast River jet boat adventure,** gliding through pristine waterways surrounded by breathtaking wilderness. **Arrive in Franz Josef and settle into the splendid Te Waonui Forest Retreat.** In the evening, indulge in a sumptuous dinner accompanied by wine, enveloped by the serene ambiance of this forest sanctuary.

HOTEL Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, dinner



Day 11: Franz Josef



Begin your day at a leisurely pace, **soaking in the spectacular surroundings of Franz Josef.** Then, **explore this captivating region with a local guide.** Return to the calm respite of Te Waonui Forest Retreat, where you can unwind and enjoy the peaceful ambiance.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 12: Franz Josef to Christchurch



Depart Franz Josef for Hokitika, where you will **go on an informative walking tour led by a local history expert.** Learn about the West Coast's rich heritage, including shipwrecks, gold miners, and pounamu hunters. Then, **enjoy a scenic TranzAlpine ride from Arthur's Pass to Christchurch,** marveling at the Southern Alps' breathtaking scenery. Conclude with a Celebration Dinner in Christchurch, toasting to your unforgettable journey.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal
MEALS Breakfast, dinner



Day 13: Farewell from Christchurch

As your extraordinary journey draws to a close, enjoy a seamless transfer to Christchurch Airport. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences and cherished memories made during your exploration of New Zealand.

MEALS Breakfast



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Oct	19	Feb	01, 15
Nov	09	Mar	15
Dec	28	Apr	05

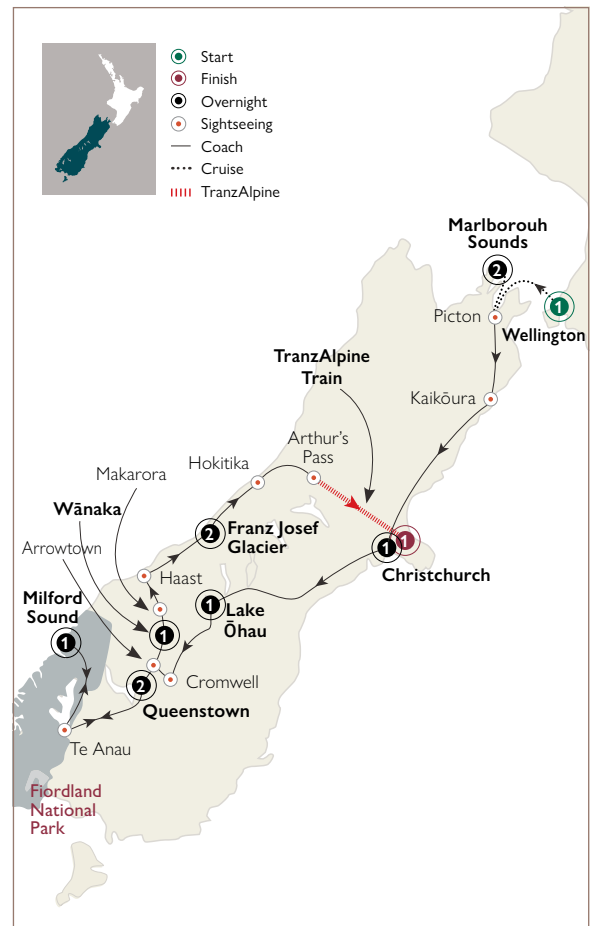
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 22 included meals
- 12 nights premium and authentic accommodation

NOTES

NZWC: WELLINGTON TO CHRISTCHURCH

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THE SOUTHERN DRIFT

CHRISTCHURCH | LAKE ŌHAU | QUEENSTOWN | WĀNAKA | MILFORD SOUND/
PIOPIOTAHU | FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER/KĀ ROIMATA O HINE HUKATERE | ARTHUR'S PASS

10
DAYS



Mt. Cook Lakeside Retreat

IMMERSE

Learn about Franz Josef's majestic glaciers and the history and geology of Milford Sound from specialist local guides. Discover historical landmarks like the Church of the Good Shepherd and Arrowtown's gold rush heritage.

INDULGE

Memorable culinary experiences await. Highlights include a wine tasting at a boutique cellar door, a decadent High Tea at Mt. Cook Lakeside Retreat and plenty of dining amidst breathtaking views.

EXPLORE

See lush rainforests, thundering waterfalls and interesting wildlife while aboard the Milford Mariner. Explore Haast River by jetboat and view snowcapped peaks from your TranzAlpine train journey.

RELAX

Spend a night on the Milford Mariner, cruising on 'the eighth wonder of the World', rejuvenate at Te Waonui Forest Retreat and slow down at the idyllic Edgewater Lake Wānaka Hotel.

Discover New Zealand's breathtaking landscapes and cultural treasures. From the vibrant city of Christchurch to the serene shores of Lake Ohau. Wander through charming historic towns from Cromwell to Arrowtown. Sample world class wines and delight in gourmet cuisine amidst the beauty of native flora and fauna.

Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch

Upon your arrival in Christchurch, travel to your hotel by private car transfer. Join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with local wine and canapés.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal

Day 2: Christchurch – Lake Ōhau



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HOTEL Lake Ōhau Lodge

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 3: Lake Ōhau – Queenstown



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HOTEL The Rees Hotel, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 4: Queenstown



Today, explore Queenstown at your own pace. 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. As the day winds

down, prepare for an unforgettable evening at the Bathhouse, an elegant dining establishment spectacularly situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Savour a sumptuous meal while taking in vast, serene lakeside view's, creating a perfect finale to your day.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 5: Queenstown – Milford Sound

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- 🍷 **The cruise style is relaxed, allowing plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains, and diverse wildlife.**

HOTEL Milford Mariner

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 6: Milford Sound – Wānaka

- 🕒 **Depart the serene beauty of Fiordland National Park and journey to the picturesque town of Wānaka,** nestled amidst the majestic Southern Alps and gracing the shores of Lake Wānaka. As the day concludes, savour a delightful dinner accompanied by wine, set against the tranquil backdrop of Lake Wānaka.

HOTEL Edgewater Lake Wānaka Hotel

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 7: Wānaka – Franz Josef

- 🕒 **Continue to the West Coast town of Haast, full of diverse landscapes that will captivate your senses. Experience a Haast River jet boat adventure,** gliding through pristine waterways surrounded by breathtaking wilderness. This exhilarating ride offers a unique perspective of the region's natural beauty.
- 🍷 **Arrive in Franz Josef and settle into the splendid Te Waonui Forest Retreat.** In the evening, indulge in a sumptuous dinner accompanied by wine.

HOTEL Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner



Haast River Safari

Day 8: Franz Josef

- 🕒 **Begin your day at a leisurely pace, soaking in the spectacular surroundings of Franz Josef. Explore this captivating region with a local guide,** who will illuminate the wonders of its majestic glaciers, verdant rainforests, and uniquely varied landscapes. After a day of immersive discovery, return to the calm respite of Te Waonui Forest Retreat, where you can unwind and enjoy the peaceful ambiance.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 9: Franz Josef – Christchurch

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HOTEL Hotel Montreal

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

Day 10: Farewell from Christchurch

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MEALS Breakfast



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Nov	05, 12	Feb	04, 18, 25
Dec	03, 31	Mar	18
		Apr	08

INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 17 included meals
- 9 nights premium and authentic accommodation

NOTES

NZSI: CHRISTCHURCH RETURN

- Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport.
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