

16 Day New Zealand Ultimate Highlights & Flights

Christchurch - Auckland

From **\$9,299** pp twin share



Business Class on Wheels

4 Cruises & 1 Rail Journey included

Enjoy 15 Nights in 4.5 star Accommodation

Milford Sound Nature Cruise, TranzAlpine Rail Journey & much more

2023 and 2024 departure dates available

Description



Get ready for your amazing 16 Day Ultimate Highlights tour to explore New Zealand! Discover the natural highlights of New Zealand, including Milford Sound Nature Cruise & Lunch, Skyline Rotorua Gondola & much more! This 16 Day small group tour includes 15 nights in a 4.5 star accommodation, 1 rail journey, 4 cruises, business class 20 seat coach travel, sightseeing and a range of VIP extras.

You'll start your adventure in Christchurch where you will explore the southern Canterbury Plains, city sight tour & much more. The group will then make its way to Queenstown where you can explore the beauty of the town at your own pace. Concluding in Auckland for final night stays you may want to enjoy a city sight tour and visit the Kauri Museum. Book your 16 Day Ultimate Highlight tour to New Zealand now, before it sells out!

Note: Limited dates remaining for this trip - get in touch with us to check availability before booking!



Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH

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

Hotel: The George

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2

CHRISTCHURCH - MT COOK

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

Hotel: The Hermitage Hotel (Aoraki Wing)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3

MT COOK - DUNEDIN

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

Hotel: Distinction Dunedin Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4

DUNEDIN - TE ANAU

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

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

TE ANAU - MILFORD SOUND - QUEENSTOWN

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

Hotel: Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6

QUEENSTOWN (FREE DAY)

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Specialty Dinner

Day 7

QUEENSTOWN - FOX GLACIER

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

Hotel: Distinction Fox Glacier

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8

FOX GLACIER - ARTHUR'S PASS - CHRISTCHURCH

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

Hotel: The George

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9

CHRISTCHURCH - PICTON - WELLINGTON

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

Hotel: InterContinental Wellington (Premium Room) (2 nights)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10

WELLINGTON

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

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11

WELLINGTON - TAUPO - ROTORUA

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

Hotel: Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12

ROTORUA

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Specialty Dinner

Day 13

ROTORUA - AUCKLAND - BAY OF ISLANDS

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

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14

BAY OF ISLANDS

Today you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran. Cruise to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. On return to Paihia, enjoy a free afternoon where a range of optional activities are available, or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront. This evening is also at leisure, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15

BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND

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

Hotel: The Grand by SkyCity

Meals included: Breakfast, Specialty Dinner

Day 16

DEPART AUCKLAND

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

Meals included: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

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

- Professional Coach Captain
- Flights with Air New Zealand Economy Class from Melbourne (If you are departing from elsewhere please enquire for final pricing)
- 15 nights in 4.5 star accommodation (4 two night stays), Hotel portorage
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 1 x Rail journey
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Tours Programme
- Deluxe Documentation Pack

Meals:

- 15 cooked breakfasts, incl. specialty breakfast Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 12 dinners
- 1 picnic lunch: Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle

Pre-paid Tours:

- Larnach Castle*
- Milford Sound Nature Cruise and Lunch
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Kauri Museum
- City sights tour of Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington and Auckland

Exclusions

- Meals not mentioned
- Any additional requests
- Travel Insurance

- Tipping/Gratuities

Child Policy:

Children under 16 years are not permitted.

Add ons:

Pre/ Post Accommodation: (per night)

Auckland: \$160 pp twin share / \$320 Single Room

Christchurch: \$205 pp twin share / \$410 Single Room

Payment Terms:

Deposit on booking

Final payment 100 days prior

Room Types and max occupancy:

Twin or double, maximum occupancy of 2

Passport and Visa Requirements:

All visitors require a passport to enter New Zealand. Your passport must be valid for at least three months beyond the date that you intend to leave New Zealand. For Australian citizens travelling on an Australian passport, you do not need a visa or permit to visit New Zealand. Visitors from visa-waiver countries must request an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) prior to travelling to New Zealand. For visitors from non-visa waiver countries it is recommended you contact your Travel Agent or NZ Immigration for full entry requirements. If you are not an Australian Citizen or permanent resident, you may also have to pay for an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). Please check with your Travel Agent for up to date immigration requirements.

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).