

19 Day Ultimate Showcase

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Highlights

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

Inclusions

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- 18 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- 4 two night stays
- Hotel porterage
- 1 rail journey
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities

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- Ultimate Documentation Pack

Exclusions

- Relaxing dinner cruise (optional)
- Guided walk at your leisure of Napier (optional).
- Scenic flight over Fox Glacier (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.
- Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional)
- Tour of the Speight's Brewery (optional)
- Airfare unless specified as included within the itinerary
- Taxes as applicable
- Travel Insurance and Cancellation Protection (strongly recommended, ask us for a quote!)
- Gratuities for Local Guides, Tour Managers, and/or Bus Drivers
- Meals not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary
- Items (attractions and sightseeing & entrance fees) not listed as included in the itinerary
- 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard coach Wi-Fi allowance

* (does not include applicable taxes)

Note: Arrival and departure flights can be booked for any time on arrival and departure day. All departure dates are guaranteed.

Contact us for Seasonal Offers

Itinerary

Ultimate Tour Style Coach

20 Business Class reclining leather seats with adjustable headrests and calf support. Panoramic viewing, air conditioning, seat belts and onboard restroom. Wood grain timber tray table with built-in cup holder. Seat-side personal storage providing easy access to your travel bag. Personal audio control unit with multiple music channels and a complimentary set of headphones. Stylish centre galley area equipped with refrigerated drinking fountain and fridge units. Complimentary daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance and USB charging port. Access to daily newspapers and range of glossy magazines.

Overnight:

Day 1: Arrive Auckland

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

Overnight: Auckland

Included Meal(s): Dinner

Day 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands

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

Overnight: Paihia, Bay of Islands

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

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Day 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day)

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

Overnight: Paihia, Bay of Islands

Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland

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

Overnight: Auckland

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 5: Auckland - Rotorua

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

Overnight: Rotorua

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6: Rotorua

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

Overnight: Rotorua

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 7: Rotorua - Napier

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

Overnight: Napier

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8: Napier - Wellington

Travel south this morning into Wellington for a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here. At Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, there is time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition. Cutting edge technology

brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances.

Overnight: Wellington

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 9: Wellington - Picton - Kaikōura

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

Overnight: Kaikoura

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10: Kaikoura - Christchurch

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

Overnight: Christchurch

Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 11: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Fox Glacier

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

Overnight: Fox Glacier

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 12: Fox Glaicer - Queenstown

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

Overnight: Queenstown

Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 13: 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 or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

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Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 14: Queenstown - Te Anau

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

Overnight: Te Anau

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 15: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau

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

Overnight: Te Anau

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 16: Te Anau - Dunedin

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

Overnight: Dunedin

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 17: Dunedin - Mt Cook

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

Overnight: Aoraki Mount Cook Village

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 18: Mt Cook - Christchurch

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

Overnight: Christchurch

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 19: Depart Christchurch

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

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Overnight:

Included Meal(s): Breakfast