

Explore New Zealand Highlights

10 days

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Highlights

- Auckland Sky Tower
- Auckland city tour
- Guided tour Auckland to Rotorua
- Waitomo glow worm caves
- Guided tour of Rotorua
- Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- Rainbow Springs
- Skyline gondola ride with lunch
- City tour of Christchurch
- Guided tour Christchurch to Queenstown via Mt Cook
- Queenstown highlights tour, Walter Peak evening dinner with cruise
- Milford Sound guided tour & cruise

Inclusions

- 9 nights of accommodation
- Airport transfers throughout
- Sightseeing and attractions as listed

Exclusions

- Rotorua to Christchurch Flight
- Airfare unless specified as included within the itinerary
- Taxes as applicable
- Gratuities for Local Guides, Tour Managers, and/or Bus Drivers
- Meals not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance and Cancellation Protection (strongly recommended, ask us for a quote!)
- Items (attractions and sightseeing & entrance fees) not listed as included in the itinerary

All prices are per person based on double occupancy and subject to local taxes - GST, PST or HST.

* This itinerary is an independent package, it can be adjusted to suit your travel interests, time frame and budget. Please do not hesitate to call one of our travel specialists for a customized package.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Auckland

Upon arrival in Auckland you will be transferred to your downtown accommodation. New Zealand's largest city, blending harbour islands, Polynesian culture and a vibrant city centre, Auckland has been ranked amongst top in the world as a lifestyle city.

Overnight: Auckland

Day 2: Auckland Sightseeing

Experience the best of Auckland today visiting the highlights the inner city offers before heading out to the untamed coastline of the rugged West Coast with deep black beaches and subtropical rainforests. Travel to the Arataki Centre perched high on the ridge of the Waitakere Ranges and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight: Auckland

Day 3: Auckland - Waitomo Caves - Rotorua

Travel south through the rich farmland of the Waikato on to Waitomo. After lunch (included) begin your guided tour through the long galleries and lofty chambers of the caves. Your tour continues with a boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto, illuminated by thousands of tiny lights from the glowworms suspended from the cave ceiling. Continue onto Rotorua.

Overnight: Rotorua

Day 4: Rotorua Sightseeing

Enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Rotorua's top attractions including a visit to Te Puia and the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute where you can view mighty geysers and boiling mud pools. Visit Rainbow Springs, a unique showcase of New Zealand's flora and fauna. Experience the Agrodome Sheep Show. Ride the Skyline Gondola ride to the top of Mt Ngongotaha, buffet lunch is included. This evening see warriors in traditional dress paddle an ancient warrior canoe (waka) down the Wai-o-whiro stream as you experience a traditional Maori Hangi (feast).

Overnight: Rotorua

Included Meal(s): Lunch

Day 5: Rotorua - Christchurch(flight not included)

With a transfer to the airport you will leave the North Island today and fly south to Christchurch.

This afternoon enjoy a tour that covers the central city highlights. The tour includes several parks and gardens including Mona Vale Gardens and Hagley Park. Your tour then moves on to Riccarton House, Riccarton Bush, and the University of Canterbury. Continue to the Sign of the Takahe, an historic building providing spectacular views over the city, Canterbury Plains and to the Southern Alps. Your tour concludes with a drop off in the central city or a return to the original pickup points.

Overnight: Christchurch

Day 6: Christchurch - Mt Cook - Queenstown

Your tour today takes you from Christchurch, through diverse farmland to Lake Tekapo, where you can view the solitary Church of the Good Shepherd. Your tour continues along the Tasman River before arriving at the location of New Zealand's tallest mountain Aoraki / Mount Cook. There is time to experience an optional scenic helicopter or ski plane flight (weather permitting) before departing for New Zealand's Adventure Capital, Queenstown.

Overnight: Queenstown

Day 7: Queenstown Sightseeing

Today you will be collected from your hotel by Limousine South for your Queenstown Highlights tour. Enjoy Queenstown's diverse attractions with your friendly, knowledgeable local guide. You will be captivated by the amazing views over Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables mountain range. Watch the fearless jumpers hurl themselves off AJ Hackett's original Bungy Bridge while learning about the history and excitement of bungy jumping. Enjoy a wine tasting tour at Gibbston Valley Winery savouring the flavours of fine local wines. You will also see where key scenes from Lord of the Rings were shot and re-live the 1860s gold rush at beautiful Arrowtown, where remnants of that fascinating era merge with modern, speciality shopping, before being dropped back off to your accommodation.

Overnight: Queenstown

Day 8: Milford Sound Tour & Cruise

Today you will travel on an unforgettable journey from Queenstown into Milford Sound. Located within the World Heritage Fiordland National Park, this region is rich with dense rainforest, lakes and waterfalls cascading from rugged mountain peaks. Board your vessel for a spectacular cruise on New Zealand's most famous waterway, return by coach to Queenstown.

Overnight: Queenstown

Included Meal(s): Dinner

Day 9: Queenstown at leisure

Explore Queenstown at your pace.

Overnight: Queenstown

Day 10: Package ends

Your departure transfer will take you back to the airport where you will say, "Goodbye" to New Zealand.

Overnight: