



MAGNIFICENT NEW ZEALAND

23 DAYS - AUCKLAND TO CHRISTCHURCH

9 Nights North Island | 13 Nights South Island



YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- 🌀 Enjoy a dolphin-watching cruise from the Bay of Islands to Cape Brett
- 🌀 Immerse yourself in Māori culture at a Hāngī Feast in Rotorua
- 🌀 Enjoy sweet and savoury treats at an Art Deco High Tea
- 🌀 Cruise across Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry
- 🌀 Delight in regional flavours during a special Taste of Marlborough Dinner
- 🌀 Embark on an impressive rail adventure aboard the TranzAlpine train
- 🌀 Take in idyllic surrounds at Franz Josef
- 🌀 Cruise pristine Milford Sound
- 🌀 Discover Aoraki Mt Cook National Park

KEY

- 🌀 SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
- 📍 FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing
- 🍴 FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Dining
- (B) Breakfast (D) Dinner

ARRIVE & EXPLORE AUCKLAND

Day 1. Arrive Auckland.

This morning arrive in Auckland, the City of Sails. You'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel before a day of leisure. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner. **Two Night Stay:** Auckland, Crowne Plaza. D

Day 2. Auckland.

📍 Enjoy the freedom to choose from a range of included sightseeing activities. Hop aboard one of the yachts in the Pride of Auckland fleet and enjoy a cruise on Waitemata Harbour. Or perhaps you may choose to discover the diverse art and culture of New Zealand at the Auckland Museum. B

THE BEAUTIFUL BAY OF ISLANDS & NORTH ISLAND

Day 3. Auckland, Bay of Islands.

🌀 Enjoy a scenic drive to Paihia. Upon arrival, step aboard a catamaran and cruise to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for local marine life including common bottlenose dolphins. **Two Night Stay:** Bay of Islands, Scenic Hotel. BD

Day 4. Bay of Islands.

📍 The Bay of Islands is home to an incredible 144 islands and is a wonderland for all things aquatic. As the Birthplace of New Zealand, the area teems with an exciting and rich history. Enjoy your selected sightseeing activity, such as embarking on a tall ship sailing adventure aboard the R. Tucker Thomson, or take a dolphin watching eco-cruise. Perhaps you might even cruise to Russell, or visit Cape Reinga where you'll drive along the sands of Ninety Mile Beach. B

Day 5. Bay of Islands, Rotorua.

🌀 Follow the east coast Pacific Ocean Drive from Paihia through Whangarei and head south through Warkworth. Admire the breathtaking view over Waitemata Harbour as you cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Travel through the lush Waikato farmland to Rotorua where the Tamaki Māori Village welcomes you. **Here you'll experience the unique dance, music and culture of the Māori people at a fascinating traditional Hāngī Feast and village experience.** **Two Night Stay:** Rotorua, Millennium Hotel. BD

Day 6. Rotorua.

📍 Choose which exciting activity will enrich your cultural journey today. Perhaps enjoy a sheep show at the Agrodome followed by a visit to Te Puia Thermal Reserve. Alternatively, gain access to Redwood Treewalk with a knowledgeable Māori guide who will share local insights on the area, or visit Wai-O-Tapu and experience New Zealand's largest boiling mud pool and a series of colourful hot springs. You might choose to see some of the sets from *The Lord of the Rings* film. B

Day 7. Rotorua, Taupo, Napier.

🌀 This morning, you'll depart Rotorua and stop at the charming town of Taupo, set alongside New Zealand's largest lake and boasting stunning views. After taking in the surrounds of Taupo, continue through Esk Valley and Te Pohue to the seaside city of Napier. **Here, you'll take a step back in time and enjoy a 1930s Art Deco High Tea experience, complete with a vintage setting and delicious treats.**

Stay: Napier, Scenic Hotel Te Pania. BD



Take the opportunity to see the magnificent Tasman Glacier, New Zealand's longest glacier

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY	DESTINATION	INCLUDED HIGHLIGHT	DAY	DESTINATION	INCLUDED HIGHLIGHT
1	Auckland	Arrival & Welcome Dinner	13	Franz Josef Glacier	TranzAlpine train
2	Auckland	Freedom of Choice	14	Queenstown	Haast Pass crossing
3	Bay of Islands	Cape Brett cruise	15	Queenstown	Freedom of Choice
4	Bay of Islands	Freedom of Choice	16	Queenstown	Leisure time
5	Rotorua	Traditional Hāngī Feast	17	Te Anau	Milford Sound cruise
6	Rotorua	Freedom of Choice	18	Te Anau	Freedom of Choice
7	Napier	Art Deco High Tea	19	Dunedin	Freedom of Choice
8	Wellington	Freedom of Choice	20	Mt Cook	Moeraki Boulders
9	Wellington	Freedom of Choice	21	Mt Cook	Freedom of Choice
10	Blenheim	Taste of Marlborough Dinner	22	Christchurch	Lake Tekapo
11	Blenheim	Freedom of Choice	23	Christchurch	Farewell
12	Christchurch	South Island east coast			

METROPOLITAN WELLINGTON

Day 8. Napier, Wellington.

I Today's drive takes you through scenic Waipukurau and Woodville and over the Rimutaka Ranges. Travel past the historic towns of Greytown and Masterton then arrive in New Zealand's vibrant capital city, Wellington. This evening, you'll be able to discover the tantalising flavours of New Zealand with a choice from two tempting restaurants in which to dine.

Two Night Stay:

InterContinental Wellington.

BD

Day 9. Wellington.

T Experience the capital's many delights during your selected touring activity and explore the city in your own way. There's

a chance to learn about New Zealand's incredible natural history through the fascinating exhibitions at Zealandia. You may choose to take in a city tour, visiting iconic and fascinating sites including Te Papa, the Parliament Buildings and Old St Paul's Cathedral. However you choose to spend your day in Wellington, the choice is yours. B

Day 10. Wellington, Blenheim.

S This morning board the Interislander ferry and cross Cook Strait. This journey is one of the most picturesque cruises in the world. Disembark in Picton on the South Island and continue to Blenheim where this evening you'll enjoy A Taste of Marlborough Dinner.

Two Night Stay: Blenheim, Scenic Hotel Marlborough.

BD

Day 11. Blenheim.

T Choose from three exciting sightseeing inclusions in Blenheim today. Perhaps learn about historic aircraft on a tour of the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. You may like to enjoy the natural beauty of the Marlborough Sounds during a greenshell mussel cruise, or visit some of region's best wineries on a half-day tour. B

EXPLORE CHRISTCHURCH & THE TRANZALPINE TRAIN

Day 12. Blenheim, Christchurch.

Continue to Christchurch this morning. Proudly holding the colloquial title of the Garden City, Christchurch is known for its English heritage and botanic garden areas.

Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch.

BD

Day 13. Christchurch, TranzAlpine train, Franz Josef.

📍 Today you'll join New Zealand's famous TranzAlpine train for a picturesque journey.

Venture through the striking farmlands of the Canterbury Plains before travelling within Arthur's Pass National Park. Here, you'll set out for Hokitika, a town famous for its jade greenstone. Watch in wonder as the pounamu is carved into impressive jewellery. **Later, continue along the west coast into Westland Tai Poutini National Park, and admire the sublime surrounds of Franz Josef.** Take in the stunning alpine scenery, pristine lakes and lush forests before checking in to your luxury eco-resort. Savour a four-course degustation dinner this evening.

Stay: Franz Josef, Te Waonui Forest Retreat. BD

PICTURE PERFECT QUEENSTOWN

Day 14. Franz Josef, Wanaka, Queenstown.

Enjoy a day of breathtaking scenery as you travel to Queenstown. This morning, cross the spectacular Haast Pass and skirt around the shores of lakes Wanaka and Hawea. View historic mining sites as we travel through the beautiful Kawarau Gorge and meander through Cromwell. Pass the incredible orchards and vineyards that have been inspiring artists for decades before arriving in Queenstown where you'll stay for three nights in stylish accommodation.

Three Night Stay: Queenstown, Millennium Hotel. BD

Day 15. Queenstown.

📍 📍 Personalise your holiday experience today, as you enjoy your chosen Freedom of Choice activity. *The Lord of the Rings* fans will jump at the chance to visit key filming locations, while thrill-seekers will find the exhilarating Shotover Jet Boat ride tough to resist. Or, get back to nature with an enthralling lakeshore forest and bird watching walk complete with a delicious morning tea. Others may enjoy exploring the country's premier wine region – the choice is all yours. This evening, enjoy even more variety as you select from a range of Freedom of Choice Dining Inclusions. Perhaps sample the fresh produce at Finz seafood restaurant located on Steamer Wharf. Alternatively, you might like to take a gondola ride to the Skyline Restaurant. Another option is to cruise to Walter Peak High Country Farm aboard the TSS Earnslaw, a vintage steamboat, and enjoy dinner at The Great Kiwi Carvery; or you may choose to dine amid the stylish surrounds of your hotel restaurant. BD

Day 16. Queenstown.

Immerse yourself in beautiful Queenstown as you enjoy a full day at leisure in this exciting city which is surrounded by majestic mountains. You may like to use this time to take a relaxing stroll along the tranquil shores of Lake Wakatipu, browse through stores in the bustling central shopping district, or see the arts and crafts on display in the city's many galleries. Spend the day

rejuvenating your mind and body at a spa or wellness centre, enjoying some well deserved rest and relaxation. Perhaps you'd prefer to take advantage of being in the Adventure Capital of the World and indulge in the thrill of a lifetime such as an exhilarating white-water rafting adventure or a helicopter flight, gaining a birds eye view of this picturesque city, a truly exciting way to experience the sights (all own expense). B

Day 17. Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau.

📍 Embark on one of the most scenic drives today as you journey along the Milford Road. Wind down the Eglinton and Hollyford valleys, then drive through the Homer Tunnel to be met by the majestic sight of Mitre Peak. Continue to spectacular Milford Sound, where **you'll enjoy a cruise that explores the full length of this untouched fiord.** Within Milford Sound, you'll see towering mountains climb straight out of the sea, be entranced by the verdant rainforest as it clings to sheer rock walls and watch in awe as cascading waterfalls tumble hundreds of metres into the sea below. It's a true joy to be able to experience a part of the world that maintains such a pristine atmosphere. After exploring the fiord, enjoy a drive through picturesque countryside to the lakeside settlement of Te Anau set against the stunning backdrop of Mt Luxmore and the Murchison mountains.

Two Night Stay: Te Anau, Distinction Te Anau Hotels & Villas. BD



Queenstown is renowned for its remarkable views

Day 18. Te Anau.

 Today, choose from a range of exciting Freedom of Choice Sightseeing activities that are available to you. Perhaps explore an underground network of limestone caves lit by tiny glow worms. Or perhaps embark on a Doubtful Sound wilderness cruise and explore the beauty of the vast fiord. For the more adventurous, you could try a jet boat ride through panoramic scenery. Equally tempting is the option to sit back and relax with a glass of wine as you enjoy a film featuring Fiordland's breathtaking landscapes. The rest of the day is yours at leisure to explore this magical region. **B**

Day 19. Te Anau, Dunedin.

 Today, travel from Southland to Dunedin. Known as the Edinburgh of the South, this former gold-mining town was once New Zealand's largest city thanks to an influx of miners during the gold rush. This afternoon, choose from our range of Freedom of Choice Sightseeing Inclusions. Perhaps tour Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle, and Olveston House as you learn about their intriguing histories. You may choose to visit Dunedin's beautiful railway station and board the Taieri Gorge Railway. Those who enjoy a beer might like to tour Speight's Brewery and taste the local brew that has been produced on this site since 1876. Alternatively, nature lovers can either visit an albatross colony, or take an off-road tour of the rugged Otago Peninsula.

Stay: Distinction Dunedin Hotel. **BD**

MARVELLOUS MT COOK

Day 20. Dunedin, Mt Cook.

 Today, travel north via the Waitaki Valley and Oamaru. See the unique collection of elegant Victorian-style architecture here, as we follow the coast to view the mysterious Moeraki Boulders along Koekohe Beach. These unique formations are concretions that formed in ancient sea floor sediments around 60 million years ago. Some of these incredible boulders are up to three metres in diameter and along the rugged shoreline, the smooth erosion of the near perfect spheres is breathtaking. According to Māori legend, the boulders are gourds, kumaras and eel baskets that washed ashore after the legendary voyaging canoe, Araiteuru, was wrecked upon landing in New Zealand hundreds of years ago. Follow the shores of blue Lake Pukaki before entering spectacular Aoraki Mt Cook National Park.

Here, appreciate the sheer magnitude of Australasia's highest mountain, Mt Cook.

A favourite challenge for mountain climbers, the sight of it is truly awe-inspiring.

Two Night Stay: Mt Cook, The Hermitage Hotel. **BD**

Day 21. Mt Cook.

 Today offers you the chance to explore Mt Cook through one of the Freedom of Choice Sightseeing options available to you. Immerse yourself in the region's incredible native flora and splendid surrounds on a guided nature walk. Alternatively, during the summer months, board a MAC boat and get up close to icebergs on the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake. Perhaps visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre and enjoy a stargazing session with an astronomer. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. **BD**

Day 22. Mt Cook, Christchurch.

This morning travel to beautiful Lake Tekapo and visit the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd, perched on its shores. Built of locally gathered stone and oak, this charming church was erected as a tribute to the early pioneers of the region. Absorb the serenity of this magical area before continuing to Christchurch, the South Island's largest city, for the final night of your luxury holiday.

Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch. **B**

Day 23. Depart Christchurch.

Your journey ends today. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight. **B**

Your Unforgettable Holiday Includes

-  Included sightseeing in up to 20 locations
-  Return airport transfers and portorage
-  Services of an APT Tour Director and Driver
-  22 nights hand-picked accommodation
-  Finest dining - a total of 36 meals

2018/19 DATES & PRICES (A\$) PER PERSON

23 DAYS (NZACS23)		
2018	Twin Share	Solo Trav.
Mar. 16.	\$9,895	\$13,095
May 4.	\$9,495	\$12,495
Oct. 17; Nov. 1; Dec. 12.	\$10,295	\$13,695
2019		
Jan. 16; Feb. 6, 15, 20.	\$10,295	\$13,695
Mar. 8, 15.	\$10,295	\$13,695
May 3.	\$9,795	\$12,995
Oct. 16, 30; Dec. 11.	\$10,695	\$14,245

PLEASE NOTE: Bold dates indicate Guaranteed Departures. Prices are fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, cruises, meals as specified and accommodation. Seniors Card holders and Australian/New Zealand pensioners deduct \$75 per person. Itinerary effective 17 Oct. 2018 - 3 May 2019. Tours departing outside these dates follow a different itinerary - enquire for details.

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