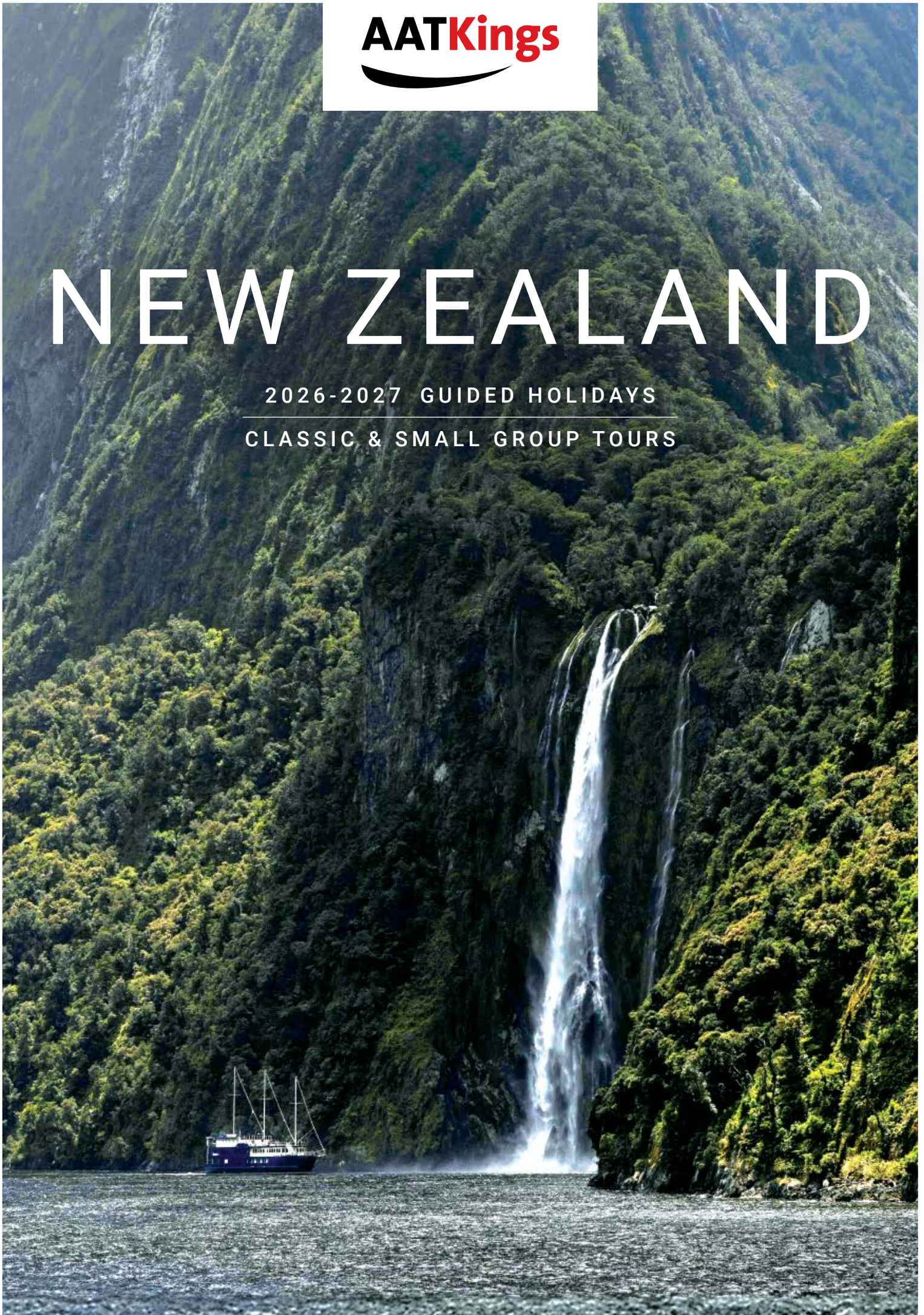




NEW ZEALAND

2026-2027 GUIDED HOLIDAYS

CLASSIC & SMALL GROUP TOURS



Welcome



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.

Discover Te Puia, where the earth breathes through dramatic geysers, bubbling mud pools, and swirling steam. At this remarkable place, you'll not only witness natural beauty but also be immersed in Māori culture through powerful performances, storytelling, and traditions passed down through generations.



Welcome Traveller,

There is so much that makes New Zealand unforgettable, its geothermal marvels, shimmering glaciers, lush forests and encounters with wildlife you won't find anywhere else. But I've found that it's the connections you make along the way and the warm welcome of the people here that makes New Zealand so special.

This year, alongside our Classic tours, we're excited to introduce our new Small Group tours, designed to bring you closer to your destination, the local people, and your fellow travellers. Experience warm Kiwi hospitality firsthand as you meet fifth-generation beekeeper, Karly, at Greytown Honey. On this new **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, you'll go behind the scenes to see how her award-winning honey is sustainably produced, from hive to jar. To top it all off, sample some of the finest New Zealand honey from Wildflower to Mānuka and produce your very own jar to take home.

Another highlight – staying overnight at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will stay with you long after your travels. Explore this breathtaking fiord with up-close views of spectacular waterfalls, ancient rainforests, and dramatic mountain landscapes, all while a specialist onboard nature guide shares insights into its geology and wildlife. Our experiences go beyond sightseeing; we'll connect you with people and places.

With over 100 years of experience, travel seamlessly with our expert Travel Directors and Driver Guides, premium coaches, flexible options, and thoughtfully crafted experiences.

Escape the ordinary and discover the extraordinary with AAT Kings.

Sincerely,

Ben Hall

Ben Hall
AAT Kings Group | CEO



Arrowtown, South Island

Start Exploring

North & South Islands 20-41

Tour	Style	Days	Code	Pg
Spirit of New Zealand	SG	21	LCQB	22
Essence of New Zealand	SG	18	LCQA	24
Untamed New Zealand	SG	17	LSAC	26
New Zealand Uncovered	C	17	ZAAC	28
Kia Ora New Zealand	C	17	LABC	30
New Zealand Magic	C	17	LCBA	32
New Zealand Vista	C	14	LAAC	34
New Zealand Marvel	C	14	LCCA	36
Contrasts of New Zealand	C	10	IZANB	38
New Zealand Panorama	C	7	RPACA	40

North Island 42-51

Tour	Style	Days	Code	Pg
New Zealand's Northern Gems	SG	10	LSWB	44
Northern Wonders	C	8	LWBA	46
Northern Spotlight	C	8	LABW	48
Iconic North	C	7	ZAAW	50
Jewels of the Bay	C	4	UBOI	51

South Island 52-65

Tour	Style	Days	Code	Pg
Southern Spirit	SG	13	LCQW	54
New Zealand's Southern Sounds	SG	12	LSWC	56
Southern Spectacular	C	10	ZCQR	58
New Zealand's Southern Drift	SG	9	LSCC	60
Southern Spotlight	C	9	LCQR	62
Southern Wonders	C	9	LRQC	64

Travel Style: C - Classic • SG - Small Group
See page 19 where the Travel Styles are detailed.

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Cover Image:
Milford Mariner, Fiordland National Park

Discover the breathtaking beauty of Milford Sound on an unforgettable overnight cruise. Glide past waterfalls cascading down sheer cliffs and spot wildlife up close, all while a knowledgeable onboard nature guide brings the landscape to life around you.

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 seals 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.

Stories Worth Sharing

Share your memories with us by using **#aatkins** and **#wildawaits**



Arthur's Pass
#arthurspass #southisland #newzealand
#tranzalpine #wildawaits





Spirit of New Zealand

21 DAYS • LCQB • P22

SG

Essence of New Zealand

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17 DAYS • ZAAC • P28

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Kia Ora New Zealand

17 DAYS • LABC • P30

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New Zealand Magic

17 DAYS • LCBA • P32

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New Zealand Vista

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New Zealand Marvel

14 DAYS • LCCA • P36

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Contrasts of New Zealand

10 DAYS • IZANB • P38

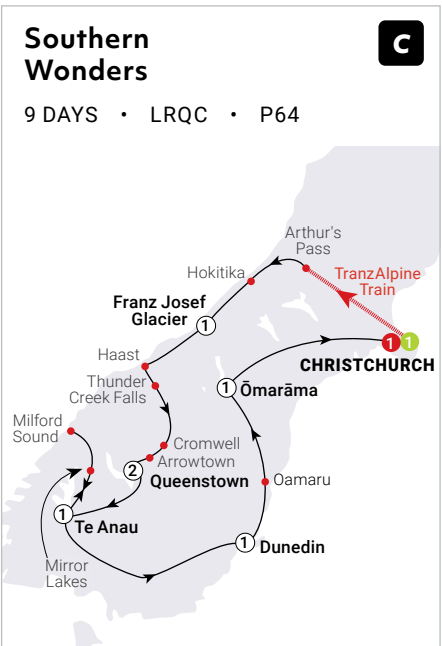
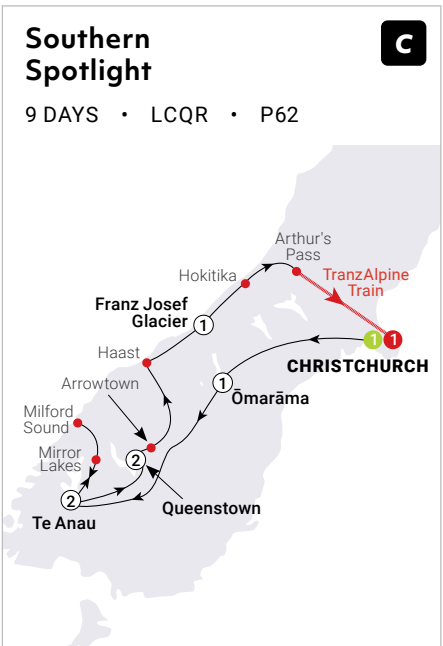
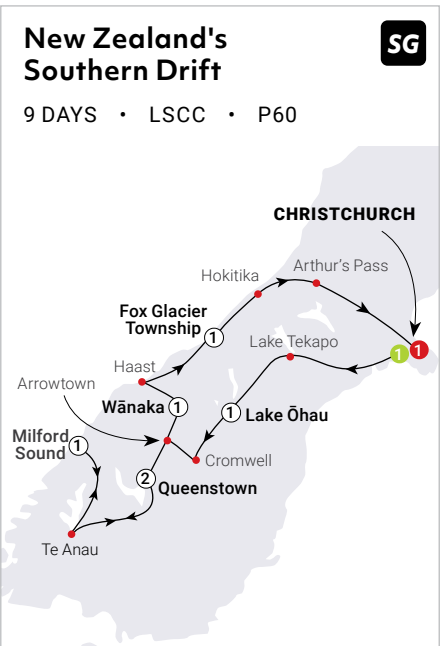
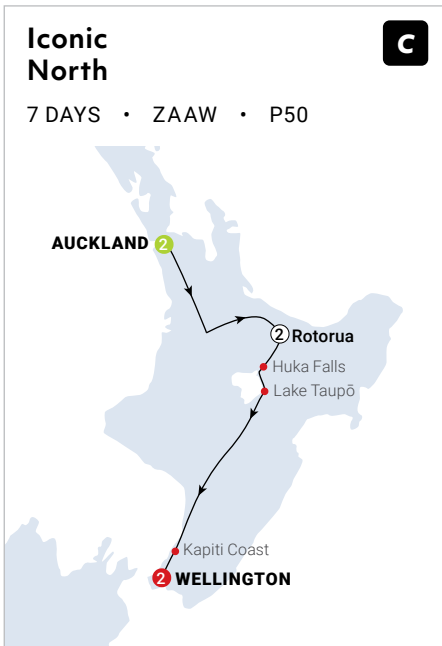
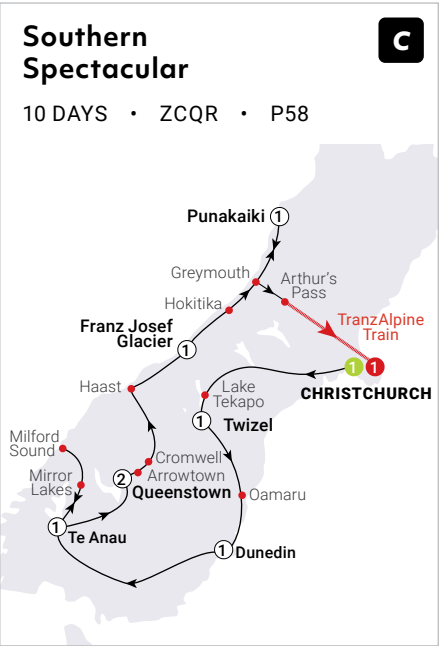
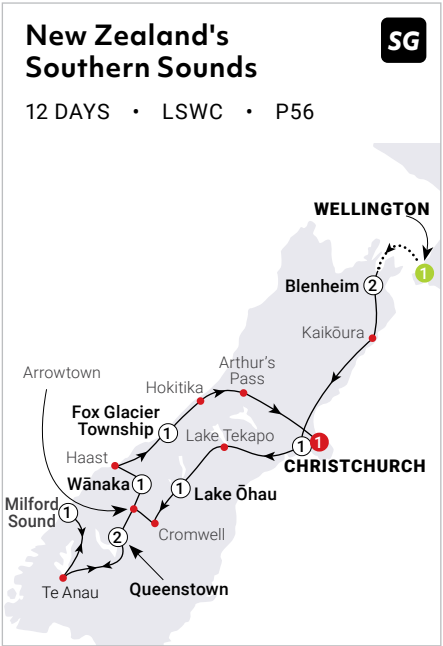
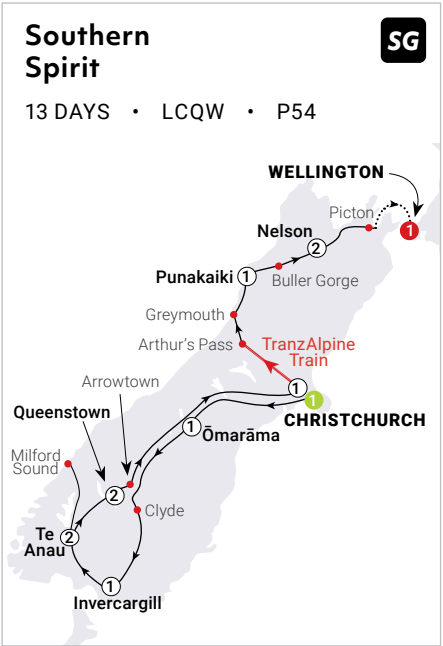
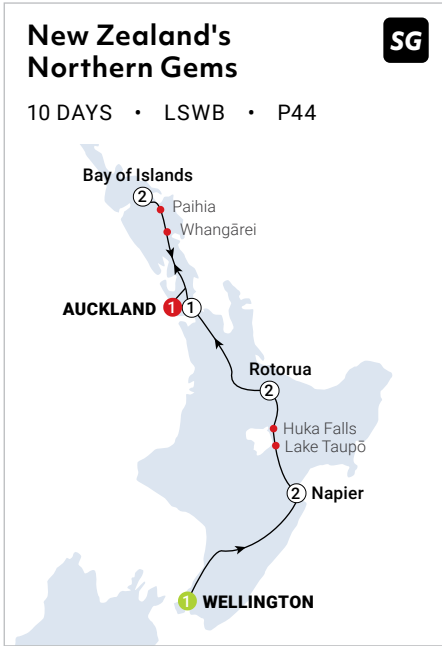
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New Zealand Panorama

7 DAYS • RPACA • P40

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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



**"Good communication,
good service,
helpful Travel Director."**

Raffaella G – Feefo ★★★★★

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.

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.



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."



Isobel Travel Director

"Creating an inclusive, welcoming environment on tour is something I'm passionate about. My goal is always to make sure everyone feels like they're part of the group - whether it's their first time away from home or they've travelled the world. Sometimes, it's the small things - a surprise treat on the coach, helping someone understand the local Māori culture, or even laughing over an unexpected moment - that brings people together."

Amazing Experiences

For more than 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 memorable experiences that offer authentic **local connections**, stunning **natural wonders**, **flexibility** and a **positive impact** on the people and places you visit. Here are some of our favourites, but there is so much more to discover.



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

We are committed to protecting our planet and respecting both the people and wildlife in all the destinations we visit. Through our **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences, you can actively contribute to sustainable tourism practices while enjoying our tours.



Protect secluded islands as you cruise Lake Manapouri

Travel to 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.



NATURAL WONDERS

Wide and wonderful, discover breathtaking iconic landscapes and the unique wildlife these regions are famous for – capture every remarkable moment in detail.

◀ Feel the Earth breathe in Rotorua

Discover Te Puia, a stunning geothermal wonderland of powerful geysers, bubbling mud pools, and steaming landscapes. Stand in awe as the Pōhutu Geyser, the largest in the Southern hemisphere, erupts skyward up to 30 metres high. Here, you'll also experience rich Māori culture through a performance and hāngī meal, featuring flavourful dishes slow-cooked underground.



Spend the night in Milford Sound

Drift beneath towering peaks and waterfalls on an unforgettable overnight cruise on the Milford Mariner. During the day explore the shoreline by kayak or tender boat in the company of onboard naturalist guides. Then as dusk falls, see a brilliant cosmic display of stars and awaken the next morning to the serenity of rainforest and rising mist.

LOCAL CONNECTION

Gain a deeper understanding of your destination through meaningful connections with local people, hearing directly from those who call it home, led by your expert Travel Director.

Honey tasting from beehive to jar at Greytown

Meet fifth generation beekeeper Karly, who'll take you behind the scenes at Greytown Honey to see how her award-winning honey is produced from hive to jar. From Wildflower, Clover, Native and Mānuka, you'll also get to sample these and more local New Zealand honeys of the highest quality in a tasting session.

FLEXIBLE HOLIDAYS

Find the perfect balance of expertly guided touring and free time, choose from a range of optional activities, and select the travel style that best suits you.

Go behind the scenes of the Hobbiton Movie Set

Journey to Middle-earth on this guided tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set, where you'll explore the iconic Shire from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Stroll past lush pastures into picturesque Hobbit Holes for an immersive glimpse into their charming dwellings. Visit the Mill and conclude your adventure with a refreshing beverage at the famous Green Dragon Inn.

▲ Embrace real New Zealand country life

Experience authentic New Zealand farm life at Real Country, where local farmers showcase traditional agricultural practices with genuine southern hospitality. Watch fascinating demonstrations of horse communication techniques and witness skilled working sheep dogs in action during mustering displays. This immersive rural encounter offers visitors a genuine taste of Kiwi countryside culture, combining agricultural education with warm hospitality and hands-on countryside experiences.

▲ Soak in nature at Wai Ariki

Sink into the warm, healing waters at Wai Ariki. Fed by natural hot springs, these mineral-rich pools offer deep relaxation with a tranquil view of Lake Rotorua. Beyond the thermal baths, indulge in therapeutic mud treatments, massages, and facials that weave Ngāti Whakaue culture and traditional healing practices. Rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit.

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“The highlight was the whole trip!

Our driver Dave was great, he was personable and also a super driver around those mountain roads! Marty, our guide, was also such a great guy, knowledgeable and helpful. We enjoyed our whole experience tremendously.

L. Woodworth ★★★★★”



“Top rate in comparison to the tours I have taken around the world.

Deborah G. ★★★★★”

“Everything from start to finish was well planned and executed perfectly.

Maureen F. ★★★★★”



TREADRIGHT
FOUNDATION
TreadRight.org

The TreadRight Foundation was established more than 15 years ago and since then has supported over 65 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 addressing the impact of our operations and trips. 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 on decarbonisation. To achieve this, we have launched a four-point Climate 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.

Travel Your Way



Choose the best adventure to suit your travel style. Whether you want your itinerary, accommodation and exclusive experiences all expertly arranged behind the scenes, just require the essentials with insider tips provided, or prefer the flexibility to go your own way, we have the perfect tour for you.

Global Tour Rewards

At AAT Kings, we're proud of our tours, helping guests discover Australia and New Zealand for more than 100 years. We're even prouder to be part of a much bigger family of brands, The Travel Corporation (TTC), which includes some of the world's most prestigious travel brands. 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 AAT Kings guided holidays, as well as tours from TTC's family of brands (Trafalgar, Luxury Gold, Insight Vacations, Brendan Vacations, Costsaver, and Contiki). Use your benefits on more than 1,000 tours around the globe designed for every taste, place, and pace.

5% off with Global Tour Rewards*

If you've travelled with AAT Kings before (on our Guided Holidays), 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*** to the tour with the lowest price. Plus, when you book a Guided Holiday you'll get up to **10% off Day Tours*** to complement your trip.

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



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



CLASSIC GROUPS

For explorers who want:

- To experience the must-see sights and cultural highlights
- To be guided by knowledgeable Travel Directors
- A seamless travel experience where everything is taken care of by the experts

This is what AAT Kings is renowned and loved for – the perfect balance between discovering the icons and lesser-known destinations, while your accommodation and everything in-between is handled by the experts. Simply relax and delve into the country's culture guided by our knowledgeable Travel Directors.



SMALL GROUPS

For explorers who want:

- To delve deeper into the destination and connect authentically with the locals
- Carefully curated itineraries and expert guidance so you'll get the most out of each destination

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.



North & South Islands

Under the stars, traditions come alive.



What makes exploring New Zealand with AAT Kings truly unforgettable? Our knowledgeable Travel Directors and local experts.

More than guides, they're passionate storytellers who bring every destination to life – sharing insider knowledge you won't find in a guidebook. Whether it's providing insights into tatau aroraki (Māori astronomy) or sharing the culture of kai (food), their deep knowledge and warm hospitality shape every step of your journey. North to South, they turn New Zealand into an experience, not just a place.

Spirit of New Zealand

SMALL GROUP



Interactive All Blacks Experience

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 drinks. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch - Ōmarāma

Tour Christchurch's highlights then travel across the Canterbury Plains to Geraldine, a quaint rural town famous for its local cheeses and produce, which you can sample at the historic Barkers Store. Next, travel down the East Coast to the Waitaki Valley, and continue to Ōmarāma, a quintessential country town. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Ōmarāma - Invercargill

Visit the gold-mining town of Clyde with historic buildings turned quaint cafés, then head to Invercargill, where motor legends come to life. Enjoy a guided tour and dinner at Transport World, home to a remarkable collection of rare, classic, and nostalgic vehicles. **Hotel: Kelvin. B D**

4 Invercargill - Te Anau

Journey through Southland's rolling farmland to Templeton Flax Mill for a guided tour with curator Nathan Templeton. Learn about the mill's role in the local economy during this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Continue to charming Riverton and onward to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland National Park and the South Island's largest lake. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D**

5 Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi Day Trip

Your route through Fiordland National Park travels through beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror like lakes. Cruise on Milford Sound/ Piopiotaahi for awe-inspiring scenery with towering cliffs, tumbling waterfalls and abundant wildlife. **B**

6 Te Anau - 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. Visit the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown, where you can wander its movie-set tree-lined avenues before continuing to Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

You have time today to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. Enjoy a lunch at your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers and vibrant atmosphere. You may like to sign up for an optional experience or two. **B L**

8 Queenstown - Christchurch

Stop at the Jones Family fruit stall for fresh local stone fruit then travel over the breathtaking alpine crossing of the Lindis Pass offering panoramic views of rugged Mountain peaks, Aoraki/Mount Cook among them. Visit Tekapo, on the shores of Lake Tekapo, it's quite the backdrop for the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. Continue through the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

9 Christchurch - Punakaiki

All aboard the scenic TranzAlpine train bound for Arthur's Pass. Visit Greymouth, known for its rich mining history, and prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep at your coastal eco retreat tonight. **Hotel: Scenic. 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: The 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 at the top of the island inspires calm, its golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. **B**

12 Nelson - Wellington

All aboard for a cruise through Queen Charlotte Sound to Wellington. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

13 Wellington - Napier

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

14 Napier Sightseeing

Join us on a Deco Walking Tour, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, for an insight into how Napier City became the Art Deco capital of the world. This comprehensive tour takes you on an historic timeline, sharing stories and showcasing the transformation and how Napier City and its people were resilient after the infamous 1931 Hawke's Bay Earthquake, rebuilding the city they love into a fabulous and stylish 'time warp' Art Deco! **B**

15 Napier - Rotorua

View the mighty Huka Falls before continuing to Rotorua, famed for its bubbling mud pools, geysers, and rich Māori culture. Visit a traditional Pounamu workshop to learn about jade carving. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Then view the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua, 2 nights. B D**

16 Rotorua Free Time

Today is one of decisions. Bliss out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa or take the Hobbiton Movie Set Tour (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 local specialist at your Treaty Grounds tour, perhaps a descendent of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

19 Bay of Islands Free Time

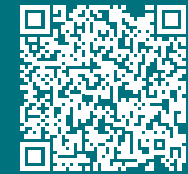
Choose as you wish today. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around the islands on a cruise to the hole in the rock or join a tour of Russell (all own expense). **B**

20 Bay of Islands - Auckland

For a little more northern exposure, head south to Whangārei, the island's most northerly city and a place where you can explore the local Whangārei basin, where the riverside attractions include galleries & museums. Explore at your leisure before the commute back to Auckland for dinner and drinks. **Hotel: Adina Apartment Britomart. 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**



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

This itinerary is valid for travel from 01 Apr 2026 – 31 Mar 2027 and may change after publication.

Included Highlights

- Exclusive Guided Tour and Dinner at Transport World in Invercargill
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit the Templeton Flax Mill for a glimpse into the country's industrial heritage
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Real Country Farm Experience
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- Cruise on Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi
- Sample Queenstown's world-famous Fergburger
- View Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks from a scenic viewpoint
- Cruise the Cook Strait from Picton to Wellington
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Art Deco Walking Tour in Napier
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Discover the significance and craft of Pounamu (Jade) carving
- Join an interactive All Blacks Experience in Auckland
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided tour and Cultural Performance at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Explore the Bay of Islands, a stunning coastal paradise with golden beaches, and lush islands
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo

Departure Dates

2025-26 Season*	2026-27 Season	
2025	2026	2027
Oct 02	Oct 01	Jan 21,28
Nov 27	Nov 19,26	Feb 04,18
2026	Dec 10,31	Mar 04,18
Jan 29		
Feb 19		
Mar 19		

*Our 2025-26 season departures are **CLASSIC** tours and operate to a different itinerary.

Dining

20 Breakfasts B 7 Dinners D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport
Day 21: flights to depart any time from Auckland Airport
For departures from 01 April 2026, Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Essence of New Zealand

SMALL GROUP

Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Cruise

- 1

Welcome to Christchurch

Arrive early to see just how Christchurch has transformed itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. Your Travel Director will welcome you this evening and provide you with a tour briefing. **Hotel: Ibis.**
- 2

Christchurch - Ōmarāma

Tour the city of Christchurch to view the innovative Cardboard Cathedral and the Botanic Gardens. Begin today's journey with a visit to Geraldine, a quaint rural town famous for its local cheeses and produce, which you can sample at the historic Barkers Store. Next, travel along the East Coast to the Waitaki Valley, a picturesque region of winding rivers and rolling farmlands. Continue to Ōmarāma, a quintessential country town. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**
- 3

Ōmarāma - Invercargill

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Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Day Trip

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. Venture out into the pristine fiord on an included sightseeing cruise for awe-inspiring scenery with towering cliffs, tumbling waterfalls and abundant wildlife. **B**
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Te Anau - Queenstown

Get a taste of good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a local farmer. The Real Country Farm Show, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

- 7

Queenstown Free Time

You have time today to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. Enjoy an included lunch at your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers and vibrant atmosphere. You may also like to sign up for an Optional Experience or two. **B L**
- 8

Queenstown - Christchurch

Visit Jones Family Fruit Stall for fresh local stone fruit and then travel over the breathtaking alpine crossing of the Lindis Pass offering panoramic views of rugged Mountain peaks, Mount Cook among them. Visit Tekapo; it's quite the backdrop for the stone-hewn The Church of Good Shepherd. Continue through the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. **Hotel: Ibis. B**
- 9

Christchurch - Punakaiki

All aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Arthur's Pass, with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks and river valleys. Visit Greymouth, known for its rich mining history, and prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep at your coastal eco retreat tonight. **Hotel: Scenic. 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: The Rutherford, 2 nights. B**
- 11

Nelson Free Time

Lace up your hiking shoes, or sit back on a boat and soak up the beauty 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**
- Experience, 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. Visit the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown, where you can wander the movie-set-like streets, lined with trees and character-filled boutiques, then continue to Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B**
- 12

Nelson - Wellington

You'll want a window seat for the cruise from the South Island to the North aboard the interisland ferry. Breathtaking views unfold as you glide through Queen Charlotte Sound to NZ's cool little capital of Wellington. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

13

Wellington - Napier

View the sights of Wellington including the Beehive and Parliament grounds this morning then travel to Napier. Beautifully preserved 1930s architecture is Napier's special point of difference. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania, 2 nights. B**

14

Napier Sightseeing

Join us on an Art Deco 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

Today, visit the mighty Huka Falls before continuing to Rotorua, famed for its bubbling mud pools, geysers, and rich Māori culture. Visit a traditional Pounamu workshop to learn about jade carving and its cultural meaning. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Then view the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, followed by a delicious buffet dinner of locally sourced cuisine of hāngī-inspired cuisine, both **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences. **Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua, 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 Ariki 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. Later, end your tour on a high note at drinks with your Travel Director and travel companions. **Hotel: Adina Apartment Britomart. B**

18

Farewell from Auckland

How do you pick a favourite adventure from the last 18 days? You don't have to - let them all shine in equal measure in your memory. **B**
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- ## Included Highlights
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Discover the significance and craft of Pounamu (Jade) carving
 - Join an interactive All Blacks Experience in Auckland
 - View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo
 - Privately Guided Tour and Dinner at Transport World in Invercargill
 - **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit the Templeton Flax Mill for a glimpse into the country's industrial heritage
 - **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Real Country Farm Experience
 - Visit historic Arrowtown
 - See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
 - Visit Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks from a scenic viewpoint
 - Cruise the Cook Strait from Picton to Wellington
 - **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Art Deco Walking Tour in Napier
 - **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
 - Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- ## Departure Dates
- | 2025-26 Season* | 2026-27 Season | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| Oct 02 | Oct 01 | Jan 21, 28 |
| Nov 27 | Nov 19, 26 | Feb 04, 18 |
| 2026 | Dec 10, 31 | Mar 04, 18 |
| Jan 29 | | |
| Feb 19 | | |
| Mar 19 | | |
- *Our 2025-26 season departures are **CLASSIC** tours and operate to a different itinerary.
- ## Dining
- 17 Breakfasts **B** 5 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L**
- ## Flight Information
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Whirinaki Forest MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

1 Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, self-proclaimed City of Sails. Meet your Travel Director this afternoon for a city sights tour including historic Parnell, Auckland Museum and the surrounding Domain, Wynyard Quarter and Viaduct Harbour. Later enjoy dinner with drinks, and raise a toast to your journey ahead. **Hotel: Mercure Auckland Queen Street. D**

2 Auckland - Rotorua

Travel to Rotorua, geothermal wonderland. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture and traditions at Te Puia with the Te Pō Indigenous **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. You are welcomed with an exhilarating cultural performance then enter the geothermal valley to view the powerful Pōhutu Geyser, bubbling mud pools, and beautiful native bush. Finally enjoy a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua. B D**

3 Rotorua - Napier

Visit Whirinaki Forest, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Proud and knowledgeable local Māori guides lead you on an intimate, interactive experience, sharing tribal stories, and history of the Ngati Manawa people. Enjoy a packed picnic lunch infused with traditional cuisine – “Forest to Fork”. Relax with whakatauki, (forest bathing) and hot kawakawa tea to end. Continue to Napier. **Hotel: Swiss Belhotel, 2 nights. B L**

4 Napier Sightseeing & Free Time

Napier’s striking Art Deco architecture is a direct result of the devastating 1931 Hawke’s Bay earthquake. Today, Napier is regarded as one of the world’s best-preserved Art Deco cities. Join us on a private walking tour of the Art Deco quarter, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **B**

5 Napier - Wairarapa

Travel south through to the boutique wine region and International Dark Sky Reserve, Wairarapa. Visit the iconic Tui Brewery in the town of Mangatainoka. Later visit boutique winery Urlar. Meet hosts, Tess and Brian to hear the Urlar story and enjoy a tasting of local wines made onsite. Enjoy country fare with a seasonal platter overlooking the lake at the vineyard. **Hotel: Copthorne Solway Park. B D**

6 Wairarapa - Wellington

On a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, visit Greytown Honey, a family business producing the very highest quality Mānuka honey. Join Karly, a fifth-generation beekeeper who has beehives on untouched native bush sites and special farmland throughout the Wairarapa region. Visit Greytown, known for its well-preserved Victorian architecture, then continue to Wellington for an orientation tour. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

7 Wellington - Blenheim

This morning cruise the Cook Strait into tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound from the North Island to the South. Travel to Blenheim, known for its sun-soaked vineyards. This afternoon visit Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, with its extraordinary collection of World War I and II aircraft and memorabilia, brought to life through the stunning craftsmanship of Wētā Workshop. **Hotel: Scenic or Chateau Marlborough, 2 nights. B**

8 Blenheim Free Time

Explore Marlborough at your own pace. Choose from a wine tour of the local vineyards, or jump onboard the iconic Mail Boat cruise delivering mail and supplies to residents in Queen Charlotte Sound (both own expense). **B**

9 Blenheim - Christchurch

There aren’t many beaches more dramatic than Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a seal or sperm whale frolicking offshore. Continue to Christchurch, the garden city. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B**

10 Christchurch - Lake Ōhau

Begin your day exploring Christchurch’s city sights before journeying to the brilliant bright blue waters of Lake Tekapo. View the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd before being welcomed to the stunning lakeside home of Angie and Stan Taylor for afternoon tea. Retired Farmers, baker Angie is the undisputed Pavlova Queen. Conclude your day at the charming Lake Ōhau Lodge, the perfect place to unwind and enjoy a family style dinner. **Hotel: Lake Ōhau Lodge. B D**

11 Lake Ōhau - Queenstown

Travel through Lindis Pass to Cromwell. Visit the Jones Family fruit stall

for fresh produce, then explore Highlands Museum, a paradise for car enthusiasts and novices alike. Continue your journey to Arrowtown, before reaching scenic Queenstown. Enjoy lunch at your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B L**

12 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand’s feathered friends at Kiwi Park (own expense). **B**

13 Queenstown - Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

Journey along the Devil’s Staircase, with its climatic landscapes leading you to the charming town of Te Anau. Continue your adventure through the World Heritage-listed Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Spend the night aboard the iconic Milford Mariner and wake up in one of the most beautiful places on earth. The cruise style is relaxed, allowing plenty of time to view the fiord’s spectacular vistas and diverse wildlife. Hear from the specialist nature guide on board and explore the shoreline by kayak or tender. **Cruise: Milford Mariner. B D**

14 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi - Wānaka

Depart Fiordland National Park and journey to the picturesque country town of Wānaka, on the shores of Lake Wānaka. This idyllic town offers a perfect blend of natural splendour and leisurely pursuits. **Hotel: Wānaka. B**

15 Wānaka - Fox Glacier Township

Begin your journey with a scenic drive from Wānaka, passing the pristine waters of Lake Hawea and the picturesque settlement of Makarora. Continue over the Haast Pass, where the historic town of Fox Glacier awaits. **Hotel: Heartland Fox Glacier or Heartland Glacier Country. B**

16 Fox Glacier Township - Christchurch

Before you depart this morning, get some perspective on an optional scenic flight over Fox and Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere – if the weather behaves, you may even get a glacier landing (own expense). Today’s drive north winds past lush rainforests and rugged coastlines to Hokitika, famous for its greenstone and arty, laid-back vibe. From there, the road heads inland through the Southern Alps. As you climb toward Arthur’s Pass, the scenery shifts dramatically. Rainforest gives way to soaring peaks, rocky gorges, and sweeping tussock plains. Keep an eye out for cheeky kea (the world’s only alpine parrot) along the way! Once over the pass, the landscape softens again as you roll toward the bright lights of Christchurch. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your Travel Director, a fitting end to your New Zealand adventure. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B D**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

It’s time to say farewell and head home, sorting through snapshots of an unforgettable journey. But the best souvenirs? The lasting memories of being immersed in untamed nature and cultural experiences.**B**



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Included Highlights

- Cruise overnight on majestic Milford Sound/Piopiotahi
- Kayak or travel by tender boat along the shoreline of Milford Sound/Piopiotahi
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Immerse yourself in Māori culture at Te Puia in Rotorua, where you'll discover traditional performances
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - An intimate, interactive experience, sharing tribal stories, and history of the Ngati Manawa people at Jurassic Whirinaki Forest
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Walking Tour of Art Deco Capital Napier
- Enjoy wine tasting and sharing platter at boutique Wairarapa Vineyard Urlar
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Meet with 5th generation Beekeeper Karly at Greytown Honey
- Explore Knights of the Sky & Dangerous Skies Exhibitions at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre
- Join Pavlova Queen Angie at her home at Lake Tekapo
- Visit Highlands Motorsport Park Museum, Cromwell
- Enjoy lunch at world-famous Fergburger in Queenstown
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint

Departure Dates

2026-27 Season		
2026		2027
Oct	13, 27	Jan 26
Nov	03, 24	Feb 09, 16
		Mar 09, 30

Dining

16 Breakfasts B 6 Dinners D
2 Lunches L

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Kaikōura

START (Green circle with 2)
END (Red circle with 1)
 ① Number of night stays
 • Sightseeing stop

AUCKLAND (2) → Cambridge → Huka Falls → Lake Taupō → Rotorua (2) → Wellington (2) → Picton → Kaikōura (1) → Punakaiki (1) → Greymouth → Hokitika → Franz Josef Glacier (1) → Haast → Milford Sound → Te Anau (1) → Queenstown (2) → Twizel → Christchurch (1) → Lake Tekapo → Dunedin (1) → Queenstown → Auckland

TranzAlpine Train (Red line between Christchurch and Picton)



Te Puia Cultural Performance

1 Welcome to Auckland

Your Travel Director will welcome you and your fellow travel companions tonight with a tour briefing and drinks. **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. You are welcomed to the grounds with a rousing cultural performance and will enjoy a private guided tour of the grounds. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

3 Bay of Islands Free Time

Today it's your choice. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach or enjoy a scenic cruise among the 144 islands including lunch and a visit 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

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

5 Auckland - Rotorua

After viewing the city sights, set your GPS for 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. Explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a cultural performance in the finely carved meeting house, a view of the spectacular Pōhutu Geyser, and a dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

6 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today. Want a bit of down time? Bliss out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of today's opportunity to visit the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton (all own expense). **B**

7 Rotorua - Wellington

At Huka Falls, 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 Taupō. 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: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

8 Wellington - Picton

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, grab yourself a coffee 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: Picton Beachcomber Inn or Picton Yacht Club. B**

9 Picton - Christchurch

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

10 Christchurch - Ōmarāma

On your city tour view the mind-bending Transitional 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 local specialists, 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 Ōmarāma - Te Anau

Visit former gold mining town Clyde featuring preserved heritage buildings and picturesque setting. Then, visit Gore, New Zealand's Country Music capital, before heading towards Fiordland National Park and scenic Te Anau. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D**

12 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

Today's highlight: a journey through Fiordland National Park's beech forests, meadows, and lakes to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Board a cruise for breathtaking scenery, towering cliffs, waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. **B**

13 Te Anau - Queenstown

Travel the aptly named Devil's Staircase around Lake Wakatipu. Visit the historic village of Arrowtown, then continue to Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand. Tonight, glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner and farm show. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

14 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace in Queenstown. Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. There's a reason why Queenstown is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World". Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at Kiwi Park (all own expense). **B**

15 Queenstown - Franz Josef/Waiau

Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, journey past shimmering Lake Hawea and through Haast Pass with its powerful waterfalls and dramatic mountain backdrops to the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiau. **Hotel: Scenic. 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 board the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views. Tonight enjoy dinner and drinks to toast your holiday. **Hotel: Ibis. 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**



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Guided tour and Cultural Performance at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Explore the Bay of Islands, a stunning coastal paradise with golden beaches, and lush islands
- Guided Tour of Waitomo Caves including Glowworm Cruise
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint
- Cruise the Cook Strait from Wellington to Picton
- Spot marine wildlife from Kaikōura Beach
- Cruise on tranquil Milford Sound/Piopiotahi
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided indoor Dark Sky & Astronomy Experience in Tekapo
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Journey on the TranzAlpine Train through the Southern Alps

Departure Dates

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Jan 10, 17, 24, 31	Oct 03, 10, 17, 24, 31	
Feb 07, 14, 21, 28	Nov 07, 21, 28	
Mar 07, 14, 21	Dec 12	

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Dining

16 Breakfasts B

7 Dinners D

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TSS Earnslaw nearing dock at Walter Peak

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 for a tour briefing and drinks. **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 an optional helicopter flight over this natural wonder. **Hotel: Scenic. 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 and 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 Kiwi Park; or sip your way through surrounding vineyards (all own expense). 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/Piopiotahti 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. Journey back through Fiordland National Park, an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and gin-clear rivers, carving up the countryside en route to Te Anau. **Hotel: Distinction 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 (all own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin - Ōmarāma

Visit Oamaru, known for its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Ōmarāma - 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 local specialists, 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 Travel Director pointing out the city’s miraculous transformation over the last decade. You’ll view the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

9 Christchurch - Picton

There aren’t many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a seal or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikōura is the marine wildlife centre of New Zealand. **Hotel: Picton Beachcomber Inn or Picton Yacht Club. B**

10 Picton - Wellington

Swap wheels for water for a cruise from the South Island to the North into New Zealand’s cool little capital of Wellington. On arrival, enjoy a city sights tour. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

11 Wellington - Rotorua

This evening, explore Te Puia’s geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture, which includes a cultural welcome and performance. View the spectacular Pōhutu Geyser and enjoy a dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

12 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace: Bliss out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. And then there’s Hobbiton (both own expense). 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**

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 and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

15 Bay of Islands Free Time

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. Cruise to the iconic hole in the rock, or visit Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands (own expense). **B**

16 Bay of Islands - Auckland

New Zealand’s most northerly city is on your radar. Explore Whangārei at your leisure before you return to Auckland. Tonight enjoy dinner and drinks to toast your adventure. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B D**

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**



Bay of Islands



Included Highlights

- Journey on the TranzAlpine Train through the Southern Alps
- See Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Milford Sound/Piopiotahti Nature Cruise
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New Zealand Vista



Lake Tekapo

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 tonight for a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express.**

2 Auckland - Rotorua

After a morning of sightseeing, 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 traditions with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Then view the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

3 Rotorua Free Time

We're leaving you up to your own devices today. Bliss out at Wai Ariki 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. The choice is yours (both own expense). **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 Taupō, its waters so vivid and blue they resemble an Ice Mint. Traverse the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

5 Wellington - Picton

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, designed to fuel you through a city sights tour of the capital city. Onwards to the interisland ferry for a cruise across Cook Strait, from the North Island to the South. **Hotel: Picton Beachcomber Inn or Picton Yacht Club. B**

6 Picton - Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a seal or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikōura is the marine wildlife centre of New Zealand. 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 - Ōmarāma

View the sights of the city including the mind-bending Transitional 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 Ōmarāma - Te Anau

Visit former gold mining town Clyde featuring preserved heritage buildings and picturesque setting. Then, visit Gore, New Zealand's Country Music capital, before heading to Fiordland National Park and scenic Te Anau. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D**

9 Milford Sound/Piopiota

Today's highlight: journey through Fiordland National Park's beech forests, meadows, and lakes to Milford Sound/Piopiota. Board a cruise for breathtaking scenery, towering cliffs, waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. **B**

10 Te Anau - Queenstown

Travel the aptly named Devil's Staircase around Lake Wakatipu. Visit the historic village of Arrowtown, then continue to Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand. Tonight, glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner and farm show. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

11 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace; you won't be lost for things to do in Queenstown. Like adventure? Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. There's a reason why Queenstown is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World". Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at Kiwi Park (both own expense). **B**

12 Queenstown - Franz Josef/Waiau

Journey past shimmering Lake Hawea and through Haast Pass with its powerful waterfalls and dramatic mountain backdrops to the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiau. **Hotel: Scenic. B D**

13 Franz Josef/Waiau - Christchurch

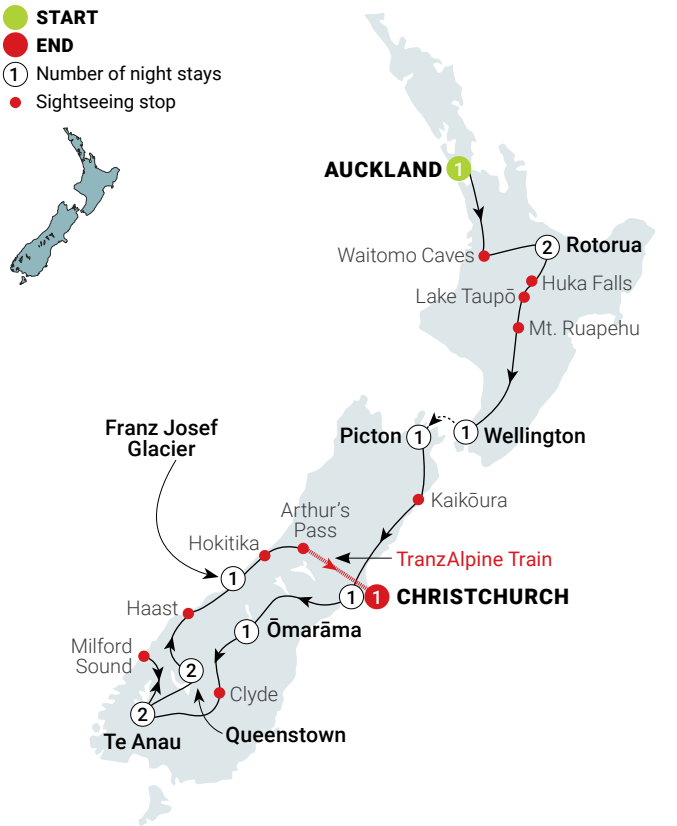
Swap white at Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere for green at Hokitika: the pounamu (native jade) found here is the stuff jewellery dreams are made of. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. This evening, celebrate at dinner and drinks with your Travel Director. **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**



Milford Sound/Piopiota Cruise



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Included Highlights

- Guided Tour of Waitomo Caves including Glowworm Cruise
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint
- Cruise the Cook Strait from Wellington to Picton
- Spot marine wildlife from Kaikōura Beach
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided indoor Dark Sky & Astronomy Experience in Tekapo
- Explore Milford Sound/Piopiota on a Nature Cruise
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Savour a gourmet BBQ dinner and see a farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Journey on the TranzAlpine Train through the Southern Alps

Departure Dates

2025-26 Season^		2026-27 Season			
2025		2026	2027		
Oct	14, 28	Apr	21	Jan	05, 12, 19, 26
Nov	11	May	26	Feb	02, 09, 16, 23
Dec	02	Sep	08, 22, 29	Mar	02, 09, 16, 23
2026		Oct	06, 13, 20, 27		
Jan	13, 20, 27	Nov	03, 10, 24		
Feb	03, 10, 17, 24	Dec	01, 08, 15		
Mar	03, 10, 17, 24				

^Our 2025-26 season departures operate to a different itinerary.

Dining

13 Breakfasts **B**

6 Dinners **D**

Flight Information

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Day 14: Flights to depart anytime from Christchurch Airport

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New Zealand Marvel



Waitomo Glowworm Grotto

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 for a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch - Franz Josef/Waiau

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/Waiau, gateway to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Get some perspective on a scenic helicopter flight (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic. B D**

3 Franz Josef/Waiau - Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you. First up there's lovely 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 and Resort Queenstown, 2 nights. B**

4 Queenstown Free Time

Today, choose your own adventure. Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. Or discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at Kiwi Park (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: Distinction 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 – albatrosses, anyone? **Hotel: Scenic. B**

7 Dunedin - Ōmarāma

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

8 Ōmarāma - Christchurch

Your outlook this morning is the Canterbury Plains. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate local specialists, 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 Travel Director pointing out the city's miraculous transformation. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

9 Christchurch - Picton

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the shores of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a seal or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikōura is the marine wildlife centre of New Zealand. **Hotel: Picton Beachcomber Inn or Picton Yacht Club. B**

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, a ferry, transports you from the South Island to the North, navigating a maze of arms and inlets into Wellington. On arrival embark on a city sights tour of the capital city. 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: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

11 Wellington - Rotorua

The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupō, 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. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. It begins with a cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Then view the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **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 Ariki 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 (all 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. Tonight, celebrate your tour at drinks with your travel companions and Travel Director. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

14 Farewell from Auckland

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



TranzAlpine Train



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Included Highlights

- Journey through the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine Train
- See Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, from a panoramic viewpoint
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Savour a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- Explore Milford Sound/Piopiotahi on a Nature Cruise
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo
- Guided indoor Dark Sky & Astronomy Experience in Tekapo, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Spot marine wildlife from Kaikōura Beach
- Cruise the Cook Strait from Picton to Wellington
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua

Departure Dates

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Oct 27	Apr 06	Jan 04, 11, 18, 25
Nov 17	Sep 28	Feb 01, 08, 15, 22
Dec 29	Oct 12, 19, 26	Mar 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
2026	Nov 02, 16, 23, 30	
Jan 12, 19, 26	Dec 07, 21, 28	
Feb 02, 09, 16, 23		
Mar 02, 09, 16, 23, 30		

Dining

13 Breakfasts **B**

5 Dinners **D**

Flight Information

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

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Contrasts of New Zealand



Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve

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

2 Auckland Sightseeing & Free Time

Set your sights firmly 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. Afterwards get the lay of the land on a city sights tour including views of Mission Bay, stop at 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 the Hobbiton Movie Set. Upon arrival, set off on a guided walking tour through the 12-acre set. You'll have plenty of time for photo opportunities on the interactive hobbit hole and the Mill. After a stop for lunch (own expense) continue to Rotorua. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Then view the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Millennium. B D**

4 Rotorua - Auckland - Queenstown

Your visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery is guided by passionate conservationists who 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 Queenstown New Zealand tour.

Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B

5 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi 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 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/Piopiotahi yet... Onboard your nature cruise, enjoy commentary from your eagle-eyed Naturalist guide, who not only narrates on the immense geological history of the Fiord, 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

Today, take Queenstown 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? Take a relaxing "million dollar" cruise on Lake Wakatipu, or perhaps a tasting tour visiting local wineries (all own expense). Wherever you wander, be sure to save space for tonight's 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 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: Peppers Bluewater Resort. B D**

8 Lake Tekapo - Christchurch

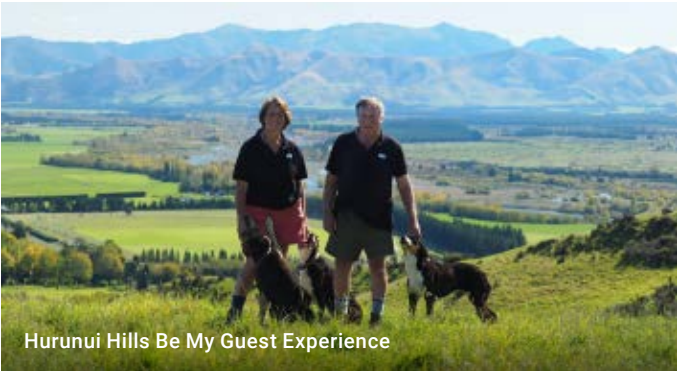
The Canterbury region of the east coast is a rustic union of grassy plains, mirror-like lakes and snow-capped mountains, the kind of landscape that you might see on postcards. Arrive in the beautiful English city of Christchurch for a city sights tour. The city is not only rebuilding itself after the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

9 Christchurch Sightseeing

Travel north through rolling countryside to Hurunui Hills, a hill 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 while enjoying morning tea, meet the farm animals & discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique By My Guest experience. Continue to a local vineyard, Waipara Springs Winery, where it's time to relax and enjoy wine tasting and 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 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**



Hurunui Hills Be My Guest Experience



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Included Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the interactive All Blacks Rugby Experience in Auckland
- Take a guided Tour of Hobbiton Movie Set
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit the National Kiwi Hatchery Tour
- Explore Milford Sound/Piopiotahi on a Nature Cruise
- Visit Highlands Museum at Highlands Motorsport Park
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Astronomy & Stargazing tour at Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve
- Enjoy a Be My Guest Farm Visit, Morning Tea, and Sheep Dog Demonstration at Hurunui Hills Farm
- Visit a Family-owned vineyard for lunch and wine tasting among the vines

Departure Dates

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Dec	05	Jul	03
2026		Sep	04
Jan	09, 16, 23	Oct	02, 16
Feb	06, 20, 27	Nov	06, 13, 20, 27
Mar	13, 20, 27	Dec	04, 11, 18

Dining

9 Breakfasts **B** 5 Dinners **D**
2 Lunches **B**

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive by 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
Day 10: Flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport

Tour price includes internal-holiday airfare.

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New Zealand Panorama



Real Country

1 Welcome to Queenstown

Queenstown deserves its destination crown. On arrival, you'll have plenty of time to explore at leisure. Later, meet your Travel Director for a welcome briefing and drinks. 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 'Southerner' local farmer at Real Country. View 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 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/ Piopiotahi. Today sign up for an optional tour to Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi. 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/Piopiotahi embark on a cruise to experience the eighth wonder of the World. Don't be surprised if you see fur seals and local mountain parrots (the Kea), they are common here, playing in the wake of waterfalls. If you like things fast-paced, opt for wine tasting 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 Sightseeing

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 first-hand 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. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Then view the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **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 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**



Walter Peak High Country Farm



Te Puia Geyser



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience - Farm Experience at Real Country
- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Savour a gourmet BBQ dinner and see a farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience - Tour the National Kiwi Hatchery
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience - Guided Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience - Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua with a guided tour through the only living Māori village in the world, Whakarewarewa
- Guided Tour of Waitomo Caves including Glowworm Cruise

Departure Dates

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Feb 06, 20	Oct 02, 16	
Mar 13, 27	Nov 13	
	Dec 04	

Dining

6 Breakfasts **B** 3 Dinners **D**

Flight Information

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Day 7: Flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

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North Island

Nature and culture weave one journey.



Glowworm Caves

New Zealand's North Island blends geological marvels, ancient rainforests, and rich cultural experiences.

Step into Rotorua's geothermal wonderland, where bubbling mud pools put on a show and traditional hāngī feasts are enjoyed straight from the steamy earth. Then there's Waitomo's glowworm cave, where you'll drift beneath silk threads lit by bioluminescence. Discover more in the North – learn about the resilience of the people after a devastating event in Napier in 1931, experience an immersive All Blacks rugby encounter, and witness Huka Falls' thundering power.

New Zealand's Northern Gems

SMALL GROUP

Hole in the Rock, Bay of Islands

1 Welcome to Wellington

Arrive and settle into your hotel in New Zealand's cool little capital of Wellington. You may like to visit Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, home to an extraordinary collection of artefacts, including an eye-opening exhibit dedicated to Māori history (entrance fee applies). Later, meet up with your fellow adventure-seekers for a tour briefing and drinks before you tour the North Island of New Zealand. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor.**

2 Wellington - Napier

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, so grab a coffee before you head out on your city sights tour. Later, travel to the Art Deco capital of New Zealand, Napier. Napier's striking Art Deco architecture is a direct result of the devastating 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake, which remains New Zealand's deadliest natural disaster. Napier was rapidly rebuilt in the style of the era – Art Deco, Spanish Mission and Striped Classical. Today, Napier is regarded as one of the world's best-preserved Art Deco cities. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania, 2 nights. B**

3 Napier Sightseeing & Free Time

Join a private walking tour of the Art Deco quarter, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Your local expert guide from the Art Deco Trust will regale you with stories of the people and events that shaped the iconic art deco buildings. Later you may choose to partake in a wine tour of Hawkes Bay wineries, or a tour of the local Gannet Colony, the largest nesting colony of its type in the world (both own expense). **B**

4 Napier - Rotorua

Today on your tour of the North Island visit the mighty Huka Falls, where approximately 220,000 litres per second of water surge through a narrow volcanic gorge plunging 11 metres to a foaming pool below. Continue to the geothermal wonder of Rotorua, renowned for its bubbling mud pools, erupting geysers, rich Māori culture, and the unmistakable scent of sulphur that fills the air. This afternoon, visit a traditional Pounamu workshop for a fascinating insight into the art of jade carving, where you will witness skilled artisans at work, and learn about the cultural significance of pounamu (New Zealand greenstone) in Māori tradition.

Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. View the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. It is followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine, both **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences. **Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua, 2 nights. B D**

5 Rotorua Sightseeing & Free Time

Today is Rotorua tour day of many decisions, but with plenty of tips available from your Travel Director. Want a bit of down time? We wouldn't blame you for simply blissing out at in the steamy thermal springs at Wai Arika Hot Springs & Spa. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings & The Hobbit movies on the Hobbiton Movie Set tour. Or board a scenic flight for a bird's-eye-view (all own expense). **B**

6 Rotorua - Auckland

From New Zealand's longest waterway, the Waikato River, to its largest city: welcome to Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. You'll understand how it got its moniker when you glimpse yachts gliding around its two harbours on your city sights tour. But today your sights are firmly set on New Zealand's national game: rugby. As part of your Auckland tour you're kicking about at the interactive All Blacks Experience. Journey through the sporting team's remarkable history via various displays and presentations before you witness a performance of a traditional haka with you front and centre. **Hotel: Adina Apartment Hotel Britomart. B**

7 Auckland - Bay of Islands

140 – that's how many droplets of land ringed by turquoise sea comprise the Bay of Islands, your tour destination today. 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. Your local specialist, perhaps a descendent 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 and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

8 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 in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or cruise to the Hole in the Rock with an idyllic island stopover enroute or join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands (all own expense). **B**

9 Bay of Islands - Auckland

For a little more northern exposure, make your way to Whangārei, the island's most northerly city and a place where quirky galleries and museums wait to be explored. Sink back into your seat for the mesmerizing commute back to Auckland for your dinner and drinks. **Hotel: Adina Apartment Hotel Britomart. B D**

10 Farewell from Auckland

It's not farewell it's Ka Kite/see you later! On your journey home, just remember how much pleasure you have packed into this last 10 days. **B**



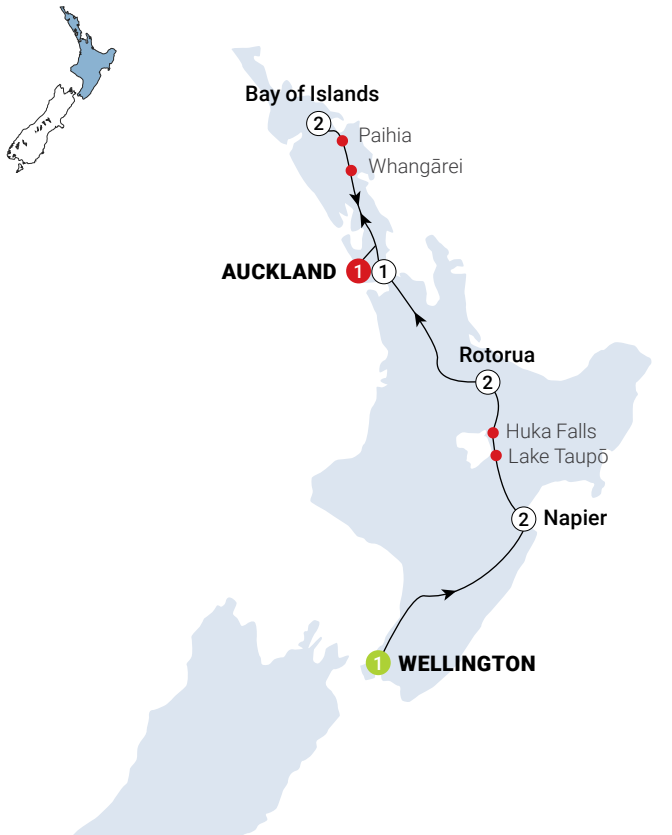
Te Puia Māori Cultural Experience

START

END

1 Number of night stays

• Sightseeing stop



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided tour and cultural performance at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Explore the Bay of Islands, a stunning coastal paradise with golden beaches, and lush islands
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Immerse yourself in Māori culture at Te Puia, with traditional performances and storytelling
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- Marvel at the powerful Huka Falls
- Behind the scenes experience at Pounamu (Jade) carving workshop tour, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit the art deco and wine region of Hawkes Bay including an Art Deco Walking Tour of Napier
- Guided tour of the Interactive All Blacks Experience in Auckland

Departure Dates

2026-27 Season			
2026		2027	
Oct	12	Jan	11
Nov	30	Feb	01, 08, 15
Dec	07, 21	Mar	01, 15, 29

Dining

9 Breakfasts B

3 Dinners D

Flight Information

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Day 10: Flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

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Northern Wonders

Huka Falls

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. Good thing you arrived early. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travel companions this afternoon for an orientation tour of Wellington where you will visit the peak of Mount Victoria, where a short stroll will reward you with 360-degree views of the surrounding harbour and city. After the tour you may like to visit Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, home to an extraordinary collection of artefacts, including an eye-opening exhibit dedicated to Māori history (entrance fee applies). Later, meet up with your fellow adventure-seekers for a drink before your tour of the North Island of New Zealand. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor.**

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 Taupō, 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, at a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, explore Te Puia’s geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Then view the Pohutu Geyser. This is followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **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. Perhaps blissing out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. Who knew nature was this relaxing? 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**

5 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Your journey north to New Zealand’s Bay of Islands is not short of drama – discover 140 islands ringed by turquoise sea at the top of the country. 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. Take a tour of the Treaty Grounds, your local specialist, perhaps a descendant of original signatories, will explain the significance to New Zealanders. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and 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 a day trip up to Cape Reinga, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach, 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). The choice is yours. **B**

7 Bay of Islands - Auckland

Head to Whangārei – the county’s northern-most city. This is a place where 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. Tonight, toast your adventure with drinks and dinner. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express B D**

8 Farewell from Auckland

It’s not farewell it’s ka kite/see you later! On your journey home, just remember how much pleasure you have packed into this last week. **B**



Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa



Traditional Hāngī Dinner



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- Guided Tour of Waitomo Caves including Glowworm Cruise
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided tour and cultural performance at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Explore the Bay of Islands, a stunning coastal paradise with golden beaches, and lush islands
- Visit NZ’s northernmost city of Whangārei

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			Feb	03, 10, 17, 24
			Mar	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
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Dining

7 Breakfasts B

3 Dinners D

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Northern Spotlight



Hobbiton (Optional)

- 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 with a glass of robust red from Waiheke. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelling companions tonight for a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express.**
- 2

Auckland - Bay of Islands

Your journey north to Bay of Islands from Auckland 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 a special historical significance: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori Chiefs. Your local specialist, likely 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 and 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. Venture up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach or enjoy a scenic cruise among the 144 islands including lunch and a visit 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

Northern exposure is a thing today, when you journey to visit Whangārei – NZ’s northern-most city. Explore at your leisure 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

- jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Then view the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand’s geothermal wonderlands, followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**
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Rotorua Free Time

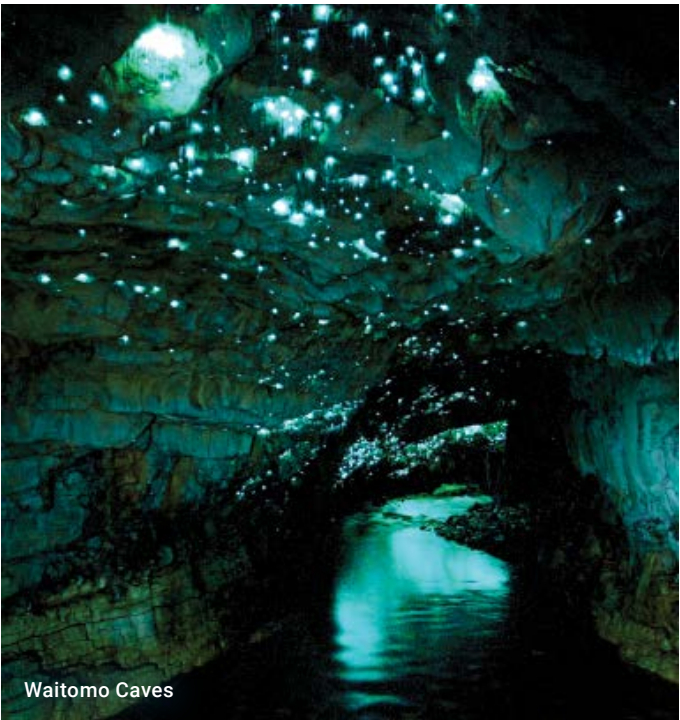
Explore at your own pace today, but with plenty of tips from your Travel Director. Want a bit of down time? We wouldn’t blame you for simply blissing out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway (all own expense). **B**
- 7

Rotorua - Wellington

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 Taupō, 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. Tonight, join your Travel Director for drinks to toast your adventure. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**
- 8

Farewell from Wellington

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, so grab a coffee before you head out on your city sights tour. After the tour, bid farewell to your NZ crew. You may wish to depart directly, or if you have time, linger in town, discovering Māori culture at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand (entrance fee applies). **B**



Waitomo Caves



Waitangi Treaty Grounds



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- Visit NZ’s northernmost city of Whangārei
- Guided Tour of Waitomo Caves including Glowworm Cruise
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint

Departure Dates

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Mar	07, 14, 21	Dec	12

Dining

7 Breakfasts B 2 Dinners D

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Wai-O-Tapu, Thermal Pool

1 Welcome to Auckland

New Zealand’s largest city is blessed when it comes to water views with its twin harbors. Explore the ‘City of Sails’ before meeting your fellow NZ holiday travel companions for dinner at The Grill. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D**

2 Auckland Sightseeing & Free Time

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 to Rotorua, a true hot spot on your NZ holiday. This afternoon, enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest experience at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, New Zealand’s most colourful and diverse geothermal valley. Visit after hours for a private tour to see The Devils Bath and bubbling mud pools with fascinating insights from an expert guide and enjoy a mocktail and canapés at the aptly named Champagne Pool. 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 three-course dinner, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B D**

4 Rotorua Sightseeing & Free Time

Today choose your own adventure. Optional Rotorua tours include ziplining through forest canopy or relaxing at Wai Arikī Hot Springs & Spa (both own expense). **B**

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 Taupō then the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand’s cool little capital, Wellington. **Hotel: Rydges, 2 nights. B D**

6 Wellington Sightseeing & Free Time

Your day in Wellington should – must – begin with a coffee. The city is known for its uber-cool cafés and with coffee in hand 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. Your city tour ends at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand, so perhaps make a visit (entrance fee applies). Or tour the first urban completely fenced ecosanctuary of Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, where the biodiversity of 225 hectares of forest is being restored or explore Lord of the Rings territory (own expense). **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**



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Included Highlights

- Exclusive after hours guided tour of the Americas Cup exhibition at the New Zealand Maritime Museum
- Private after-hours tour of geothermal park Wai-O-Tapu
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Indigenous Experience at Te Pā Tū
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint

Departure Dates

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2027	
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Mar	09, 16, 23

Dining

6 Breakfasts B 3 Dinners D

Flight Information

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Extensions & Add-Ons

- Extend your tour to include the Bay of Islands. See Jewels of the Bay (Code: UBOI) on page 51.



Bay of Islands

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

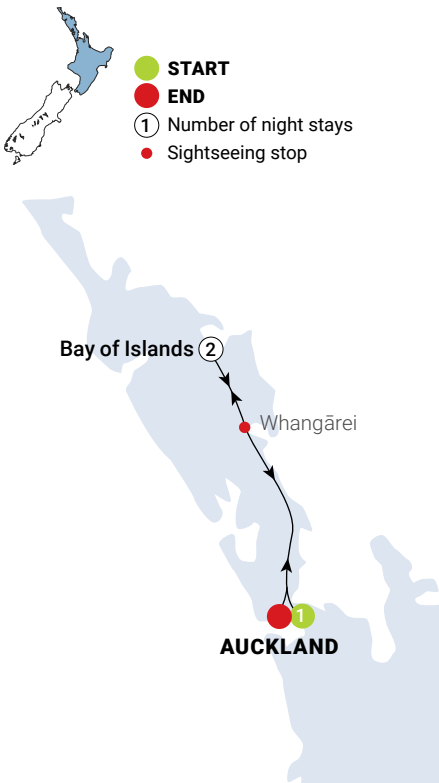
Hit the road this morning for a scenic sojourn to the Bay of Islands. This pocket of the country deserves its name – there are more than 140 subtropical islets off the coast here, lined with blissful undeveloped and unpeopled beaches. It’s undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs, officially denoting New Zealand as a member of the Commonwealth, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Your local specialist at the Treaty Grounds, quite possibly 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 and 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. Today, trip the light fantastic and head off on an optional experience in whatever direction you please. Perhaps, cruise through the Bay of Islands, 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 is known for its blazing sunsets. **B**

4 Bay of Islands - Auckland

If you’ve never heard of Whangārei, you’re probably not alone. But today, New Zealand’s most northerly city is well and truly on your radar. Whangārei is the country in a tantalizing snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Stroll the picturesque Town Basin – before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerizing commute back to Auckland. **B**



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Experience a Cultural Performance at Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Explore the Bay of Islands, a stunning coastal paradise with golden beaches, and lush islands
- Visit NZ’s northernmost city of Whangārei

Departure Dates

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Dining

3 Breakfasts B 1 Dinner D

Flight Information

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Extensions & Add-Ons

- Extend your tour to include Rotorua and Wellington. See the Iconic North (Code: ZAAW) on page 50.

South Island

Stories come alive in every landscape.

The South Island is more than mountains and gorgeous Fiords - stories hide in this young earth where stars reflect in water, telling tales of Māori culture. Where you'll visit ghost towns and famous wool towns. Discover New Zealand's only castle, where a wishing well is waiting for you to flip a coin, or taste the regional flavour of Southland lamb and the sweet treat originating in New Zealand, Pavlova.

This is an adventure delivering everything you could possibly dream of and more – make that wish a reality.

Southern Spirit

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Arrowtown

1 Welcome to Christchurch

You don't have to arrive in Christchurch early, but we recommend you do – this city has some of New Zealand's most innovative architecture, not to mention its restaurants and bars. Tonight, it's time to meet your Travel Director and travelling companions. **Hotel Ibis.**

2 Christchurch - Ōmarāma

Onboard your city sights tour view Christchurch's innovative Cardboard Cathedral and serene Botanic Gardens, showcasing global plant collections and tranquil riverside views. Leaving the Garden city behind, visit Geraldine, renowned for local cheeses and treats at Barkers Store. Travel along the East Coast through the Waitaki Valley's winding rivers, rolling farmlands, and snow-capped mountains framing Lake Benmore. Conclude your day in Ōmarāma, a quintessential country town. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Ōmarāma - Invercargill

Visit the gold-mining town of Clyde with historic buildings turned quaint cafés, then head to Invercargill, where motor legends come to life. Enjoy a guided tour and dinner at Transport World, home to a remarkable collection of rare, classic, and nostalgic vehicles. **Hotel: Kelvin. B D**

4 Invercargill - Te Anau

Journey through Southland's rolling farmland to Templeton Flax Mill for a guided tour with curator Nathan Templeton. Learn about the flax mill's role in the local economy during this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Then continue to charming Riverton and onward to serene Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland National Park and the South Island's largest lake. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D**

5 Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi Day Trip

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/Piopiotaahi. Venture out into the pristine fiord on an included sightseeing cruise for awe-inspiring scenery with towering cliffs, tumbling waterfalls and abundant wildlife. The New Zealand alpine parrot, the Kea are a common sight. **B**

6 Te Anau - Queenstown

Get a taste of good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a local farmer. The Real Country Farm Show, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, 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. Visit the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown, where you can wander the movie-set-like streets, lined with trees and character-filled boutiques, then continue to Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

You have time today to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. Enjoy an included lunch at your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers and vibrant atmosphere. You may like to sign up for an optional experience or two. Wine aficionado? Sip your way through surrounding vineyards. There's also the option of a "million-dollar cruise" on Lake Wakatipu, or a visit to see some of New Zealand's feathered friends at Kiwi Park. (both own expense). **B L**

8 Queenstown - Christchurch

Visit the Jones Family fruit stall for fresh local stone fruit and then travel over the breathtaking alpine crossing of The Lindis Pass between Otago and the Mackenzie Basin, offering panoramic views of rugged mountain peaks, Aoraki/Mount Cook among them. See the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, it's quite the backdrop for the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. Continue through the aptly named Canterbury Plains to the Garden city of Christchurch, enjoy an onboard city tour of the major landmarks. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

9 Christchurch - Punakaiki

All aboard the scenic TranzAlpine train bound for Arthur's Pass, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. Visit Greymouth, known for its rich mining history, and prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep at your coastal Eco retreat tonight. **Hotel: Scenic. B D**

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 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 also one of the sunniest. Explore nearby Tahunanui Beach, or you may choose to head further afield to the world-famous Abel Tasman National Park (own expense). This pocket in the north of the island is a beguiling union of golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. **B**

12 Nelson - Wellington

All aboard 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. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

13 Farewell from Wellington

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, so grab a coffee before you head out on your city sights tour. After the tour, bid farewell to your NZ crew. You may wish to depart directly, or if you have time, linger in town, discovering Māori culture at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand (entrance fee applies). **B**



Punakaiki Pancake Rocks



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Included Highlights

- Visit Transport World, home to rare valuable vehicles for a guided tour & dinner
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Experience the charm of rural life at Real Country, featuring sheep shearing, and a chance to have a go at whip cracking
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound to admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery in Fiordland National Park
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit the Templeton Flax Mill for a glimpse into the country's industrial heritage
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks from a scenic viewpoint and stay in an Eco Resort located right on the beach at Punakaiki
- Visit Nelson, gateway to Abel Tasman National Park
- Cruise the Cook Strait from Picton to Wellington
- Experience one of the world's great train journeys aboard the TranzAlpine through the Southern Alps
- Sample Queenstown's world-famous Fergburger
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo

Departure Dates

2025-26 Season ^A	2026-27 Season	
2025	2026	2027
Oct 02	Oct 01	Jan 21, 28
Nov 27	Nov 19, 26	Feb 04, 18
Dec *11	Dec 10, 31	Mar 04, 18
2026		
Jan *22, 29		
Feb *12, 19		
Mar *05, 19		

^AOur 2025-26 season departures operate to a different itinerary.
^{*}These departures are **CLASSIC** tours.

Dining

12 Breakfasts B 4 Dinners D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

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New Zealand's Southern Sounds

SMALL GROUP



Milford Sound Overnight Cruise

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. Good thing you arrived early. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travel companions this afternoon for an orientation tour of Wellington where you will visit the peak of Mount Victoria, where a short stroll will reward you with 360-degree views of the surrounding harbour and city. After the tour you may like to visit Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, home to an extraordinary collection of artefacts, including an eye-opening exhibit dedicated to Māori history (entrance fee applies). Later, meet up with your fellow adventure-seekers for a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor.**

2 Wellington - Blenheim

This morning cruise the Cook Strait into tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound from the North Island to the South, through a maze of arms and inlets into Marlborough and the picturesque town of Blenheim. Often winning the title of sunniest town in New Zealand, Blenheim is known for its world class Sauvignon Blanc, sun-soaked vineyards and aviation heritage. This afternoon during your visit to Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, immerse yourself in an extraordinary collection of World War I and II aircraft and memorabilia, each piece meticulously brought to life through the stunning craftsmanship of Wētā Workshop. **Hotel: Scenic or Chateau Marlborough, 2 nights. B**

3 Blenheim Free Time

Today, explore Marlborough at your own pace. Choose from a wine tour of the local vineyards or jump onboard the iconic Mail Boat cruise delivering mail and supplies to local residents in Queen Charlotte Sound, offering a unique tour experience with scenic views, wildlife encounters, and insightful commentary (both own expense). **B**

4 Blenheim - Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot seals or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikōura is the marine wildlife centre of New Zealand. 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: Wyndham Garden. B**

5 Christchurch - Lake Ōhau

Begin your day by exploring Christchurch's city sights before journeying to the brilliant bright blue waters of Lake Tekapo. You'll view the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd, which was built in 1935, and was the first church in the Mackenzie Basin. You are then welcomed to the stunning lakeside home of Angie and Stan Taylor for afternoon tea. Retired Farmers, baker Angie is the undisputed Pavlova Queen who will give a demonstration and explanation of the great trans-Tasman pavlova controversy, while Stan will regale you with tales of a lifetime spent farming. Conclude your day at the charming Lake Ōhau Lodge, nestled in the Mackenzie High Country and surrounded by breathtaking wilderness. The Main Lodge boasts a cozy open fire and expansive windows with stunning views of the lake, providing the perfect setting to unwind before a family-style dinner. **Hotel: Lake Ōhau Lodge. B D**

6 Lake Ōhau - Queenstown

Travel through Lindis Pass to Cromwell. Visit the Jones Family fruit stall for fresh produce, then explore Highlands Museum, a paradise for car enthusiasts and novices alike. Continue your journey to Arrowtown, a charming village with a rich gold rush heritage, before reaching scenic Queenstown. Enjoy lunch at your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers and vibrant atmosphere. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B L**

7 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, 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 Kiwi Park (both own expense). **B**

8 Queenstown - Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

Start the day with a journey along the Devil's Staircase, with its dramatic landscapes leading you to the charming town of Te Anau. Continue your adventure through the World Heritage-listed Fiordland National Park sighting glaciers, and mountain ranges en route to the amazing Mirror Lake before driving through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel. Spend the night

aboard the iconic Milford Mariner and wake up in one of the most beautiful places on earth. The cruise style is relaxed, allowing plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains, and diverse wildlife such as fur seals and various seabirds. Hear from the specialist nature guide on board and explore the shoreline by kayak or tender. The Milford Mariner offers spacious viewing decks, a dining saloon with fully licensed bar, as well as an observation lounge. Dining included in your cruise are hors d'oeuvres followed by a three-course buffet meal, as well as a delicious cooked breakfast. **Cruise: Milford Mariner. B D**

9 Milford Sound - Wānaka

Depart the serene beauty of Fiordland National Park and journey to the picturesque country town of Wānaka, nestled amidst the majestic Southern Alps and gracing the shores of Lake Wānaka. This idyllic town offers a perfect blend of natural splendour and leisurely pursuits. Your hotel is in the heart of the village just a short walk from the lakefront and nestled among surrounding cafés and restaurants. **Hotel: Wānaka. B**

10 Wānaka - Fox Glacier Township

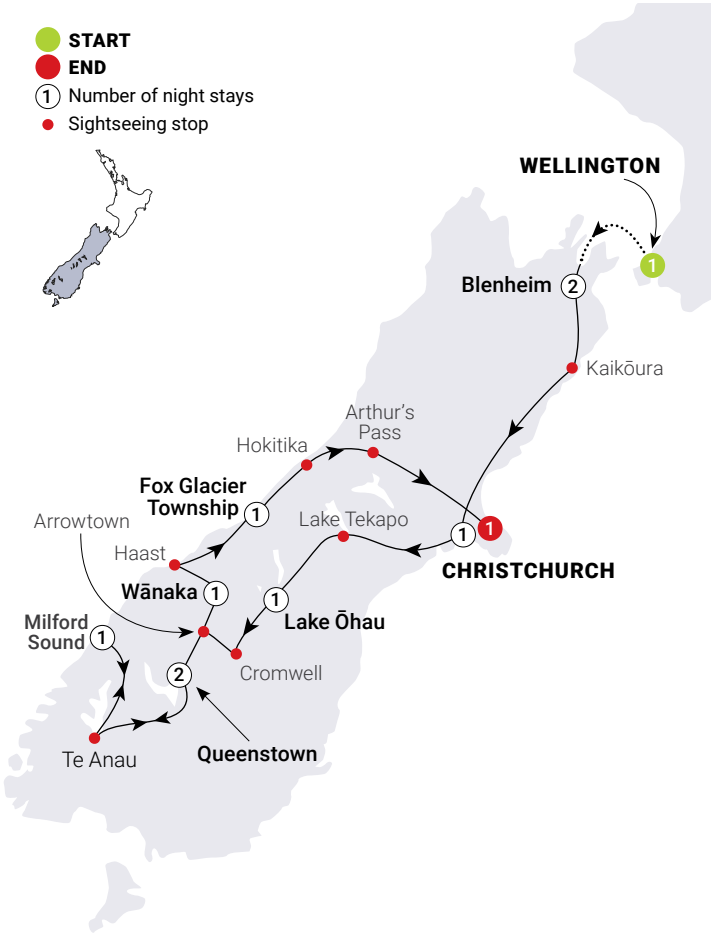
Begin your journey with a scenic drive from Wānaka, passing the quiet waters of Lake Hawea and the picturesque valley of Makarora – a hikers hub surrounded by vast alpine scenery and river valleys of lush temperate rainforest. Continue over the Haast Pass, the historic township of Fox Glacier awaits. **Hotel: Heartland Fox Glacier or Heartland Glacier Country. B**

11 Fox Glacier Township - Christchurch

This morning get some perspective on an optional scenic flight over Fox and Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere – if the weather behaves, you may even get a glacier landing (own expense). Today's drive north winds past lush rainforests and rugged coastlines to Hokitika, famous for its greenstone and arty, laid-back vibe. From there, the road heads inland through the Southern Alps. As you climb toward Arthur's Pass, the scenery shifts from rainforest to soaring peaks, rocky gorges, and sweeping tussock plains. Keep an eye out for cheeky kea (the world's only alpine parrot) along the way! Once over the pass, the landscape softens again, opening up to wide Canterbury plains as you roll toward the bright lights of Christchurch. Tonight, enjoy dinner, a fitting end to your New Zealand adventure. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B D**

12 Farewell from Christchurch

It's time to say farewell and head home, sorting through snapshots of an unforgettable journey. But the best souvenirs? The lasting memories of two weeks immersed in untamed nature.**B**



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Included Highlights

- Cruise overnight on majestic Milford Sound/Piopiotahi
- Kayak or travel by tender boat along Milford Sound's shoreline
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo
- Discover Wellington and Auckland on sightseeing tours
- Explore Knights of the Sky & Dangerous Exhibitions at Omaka Heritage Centre
- Join Pavlova Queen Angie at her home at Lake Tekapo
- Explore Highlands Motorsport Park Museum, a paradise for car enthusiasts and novices alike
- Enjoy lunch at world-famous Fergburger in Queenstown
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint

Departure Dates

2026-27 Season		
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Nov	01, 08, 29	Feb 14, 21
		Mar 14
		Apr 04

Dining

11 Breakfasts B 3 Dinners D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

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Extensions & Add-Ons

- Start your tour in Auckland. See Untamed New Zealand (Code: LSAC) on page 26.

Southern Spectacular



Pounamu (Jade) Carving Workshop

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. **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 Twizel. B 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. And pretty much everything in between. 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. A NZ holiday must. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B D**

4 Dunedin - Te Anau

Leave Dunedin's pastoral sheep-farming countryside behind as you venture toward 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 with your help. 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 and Villas. 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). Wherever your daily wanderings take you, reunite with your companions come dusk to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw, your barbecue dinner served on the grounds of Walter Peak High Country Farm. **B D**

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. 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. B D**

9 Punakaiki - Christchurch

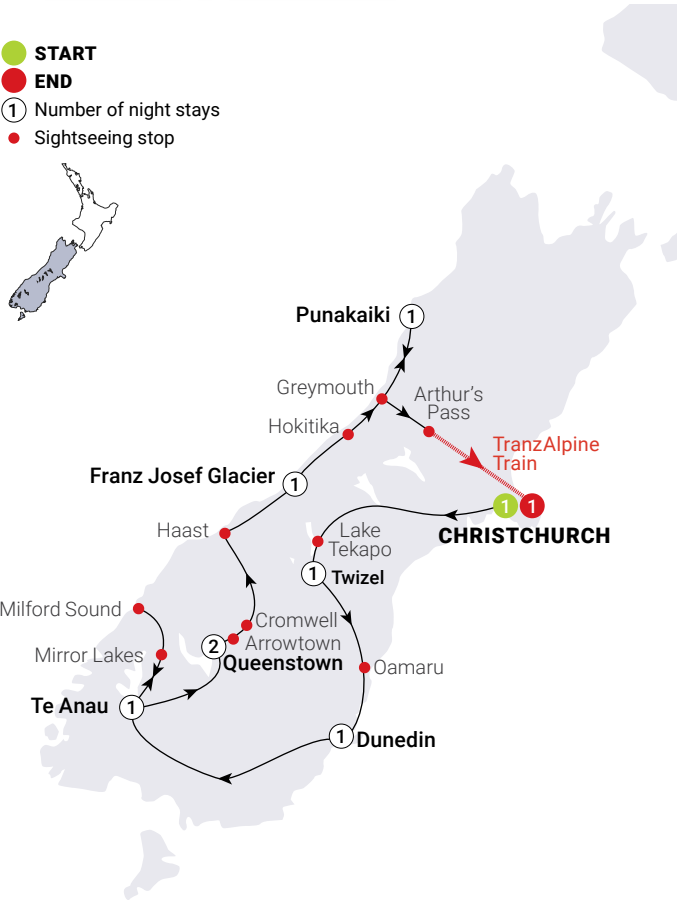
Join us at Ponaumu Pathway, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Embark on a unique self-guided journey, as you make your way through this extraordinary storytelling experience born from a collaboration with the Wētā Workshop. We've got you sorted for lunch at legendary Monteith's Brewery. All aboard for the scenic TranzAlpine train back to Christchurch from Arthur's Pass, 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, and even more memories. **B**



Lake Tekapo Be My Guest afternoon tea



Included Highlights

- Enjoy a Be My Guest afternoon tea at the home of the Pavlova Queen at Lake Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Embark on a thrilling jet boat ride where your participation contributes to a local conservation project
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound/Piopirotahi to admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery in Fiordland National Park
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit Pancake Rocks and stay at an Eco Resort located on the beach at Punakaiki
- Tour Pounamu Pathway, a cultural journey celebrating New Zealand's treasured greenstone and its deep spiritual significance to Māori, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Experience one of the world's great train journeys aboard the TranzAlpine through the Southern Alps
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Jan	13, 20, 27	Dec	08, 15, 22
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Mar	03, 10, 17, 24, 31		

Dining

9 Breakfasts **B** 7 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L**

Flight Information

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New Zealand's Southern Drift

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Wānaka

- 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 tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden.**
- 2

Christchurch - Lake Ōhau
Begin your day by exploring Christchurch's city sights before journeying to the brilliant bright blue waters of Lake Tekapo. You'll view the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd, which was built in 1935, and was the first church in the Mackenzie Basin. You are then welcomed to the stunning lakeside home of Angie and Stan Taylor for afternoon tea. Retired farmers, baker Angie is the undisputed Pavlova Queen who will give a demonstration and explanation of the great trans-Tasman pavlova controversy, while Stan will regale you with tales of a lifetime spent farming. Conclude your day at the charming Lake Ōhau Lodge, nestled in the Mackenzie High Country and surrounded by breathtaking wilderness. The Main Lodge boasts a cozy open fire and expansive windows with stunning views of the lake, providing the perfect setting to unwind before a family-style dinner. **Hotel: Lake Ōhau Lodge. B D**
- 3

Lake Ōhau - Queenstown
Travel through Lindis Pass to Cromwell. Visit Mrs. Jones Orchard for fresh produce, then explore Highlands Museum, a paradise for car enthusiasts and novices alike. Continue your journey to Arrowtown, a charming village with a rich gold rush heritage, before reaching scenic Queenstown. Enjoy lunch at your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers and vibrant atmosphere. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B L**
- 4

Queenstown Free Time
Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, 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 Kiwi Park (both own expense). **B**

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Queenstown - Milford Sound
Start the day with a journey along the Devil's Staircase, with its dramatic landscapes leading you to the charming town of Te Anau. Continue your adventure through the World Heritage-listed Fiordland National Park sighting glaciers, and mountain ranges en route to the amazing Mirror Lake before driving through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel. Spend the night aboard the iconic Milford Mariner and wake up in one of the most beautiful places on earth. The cruise style is relaxed, allowing plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains, and diverse wildlife such as fur seals and various seabirds. Hear from the specialist nature guide on board and explore the shoreline by kayak or tender. The Milford Mariner offers spacious viewing decks, a dining saloon with fully licensed bar, as well as an observation lounge. Dining included in your cruise are hors d'oeuvres followed by a three-course buffet meal, as well as a delicious cooked breakfast. **Overnight Cruise: Milford Mariner. B D**
- 6

Milford Sound - Wānaka
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- 7

Wānaka - Fox Glacier Township
Begin your journey with a scenic drive from Wānaka, passing the pristine waters of Lake Hawea and the picturesque settlement of Makarora – a hikers hub surrounded by vast alpine scenery and river valleys of lush temperate rainforest. Continue over the Haast Pass, the historic township of Fox Glacier awaits. Get some perspective on an optional scenic flight over Fox and Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere – if the weather behaves, you may even get a glacier landing (own expense). **Hotel: Heartland Fox Glacier or Heartland Glacier Country. B**
- 8

Fox Glacier Township - Christchurch
Today's drive north winds past lush rainforests and rugged coastlines to Hokitika, famous for its greenstone and arty, laid-back vibe. From there,

the road heads inland through the Southern Alps. As you climb toward Arthur's Pass, the scenery shifts from rainforest to soaring peaks, rocky gorges, and sweeping tussock plains. Keep an eye out for cheeky kea (the world's only alpine parrot) along the way! Once over the pass, the landscape softens again, opening up to wide Canterbury plains as you roll toward the bright lights of Christchurch. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your Travel Director, a fitting end to your New Zealand adventure. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B D**

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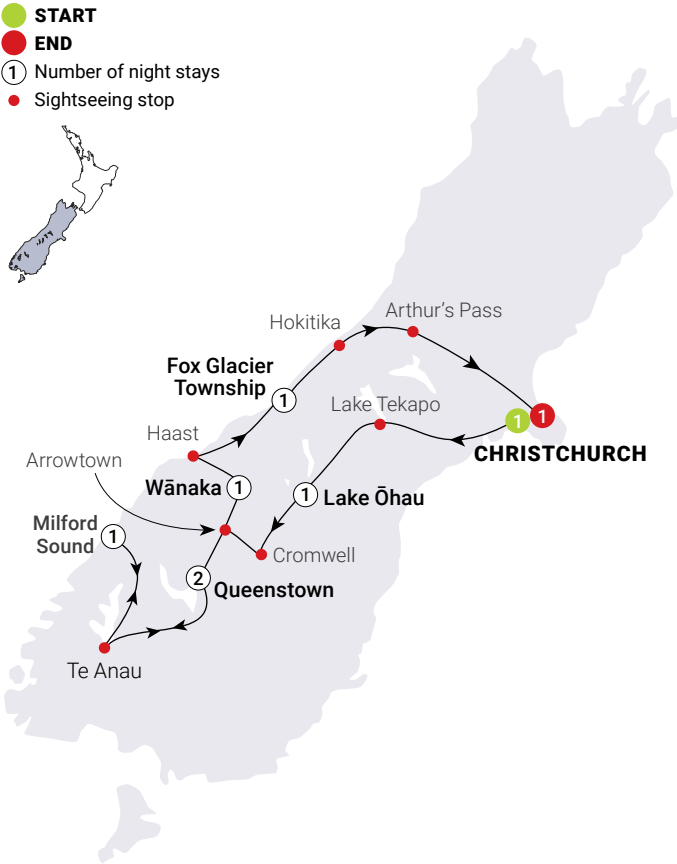
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Highlands Motorsport Park Museum



Milford Sound Overnight Cruise



Included Highlights

- Cruise overnight on breathtaking Milford Sound/Piopiota
- Kayak or travel by tender boat along Milford Sound/ Piopiota's shoreline
- View the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo
- Join Pavolva Queen Angie at her Lake Tekapo home
- Discover Christchurch on a city sights tour
- Explore Highlands Motorsport Park Museum Cromwell, home to rare, exclusive, and expensive vehicles
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- Enjoy lunch at world-famous Fergburger in Queenstown
- Travel through spectacular Fiordland National Park
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Travel over the Haast Pass and through iconic landscapes

Departure Dates

2026-27 Season			
2026		2027	
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Dec	02	Apr	07

Dining

8 Breakfasts **B** 3 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L**

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Extensions & Add-Ons

- Want to see more of New Zealand? Start your tour in Auckland or Wellington. See Untamed New Zealand (Code: LSAC) on page 26, or New Zealand's Southern Sounds (Code: LSWC) on page 56.



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Southern Spotlight



TranzAlpine

- 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 Travel Director and travelling companions for a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Ibis.**
- 2

Christchurch - Ōmarāma

Onboard your city tour view the mind-bending Transitional 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 local specialists, 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

Ōmarāma - Te Anau

Your visit to Clyde will have your camera clicking non-stop. This charming historic town may be small, but it's full of character, with its town centre designated as a historic precinct, featuring buildings from its gold mining past now transformed into cafés and shops. Next, head to Gore, the Country Music capital of New Zealand, before continuing toward Fiordland National Park and stunning Te Anau, nestled on the shores of the South Island's largest lake. Immerse yourself in the serenity - this is as good as it gets. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D**
- 4

Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Day Trip

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. Venture out into the pristine fiord on an included sightseeing cruise for awe-inspiring scenery with towering cliffs, tumbling waterfalls and abundant wildlife. **B**
- 5

Te Anau - Queenstown

Follow state Highway 6, winding along the edge of Lake Wakatipu, the Devil's Staircase from Kingston to Queenstown is a breathtaking stretch of road with a combination of lake and Mountain views. Visit

- 6

Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace; you won't be lost for things to do in Queenstown. Like adventure? Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. There's a reason why Queenstown is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World". Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at Kiwi Park (all own expense). **B**
- 7

Queenstown - Franz Josef/Waiau

Try and keep count of today's lakes. Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind. 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/Waiau, where, this afternoon you may choose to fly over Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **Hotel: Scenic. 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 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. Join your Travel Director tonight for drinks and dinner to celebrate your week touring New Zealand's South Island. **Hotel: Ibis. B D**
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Farewell from Christchurch

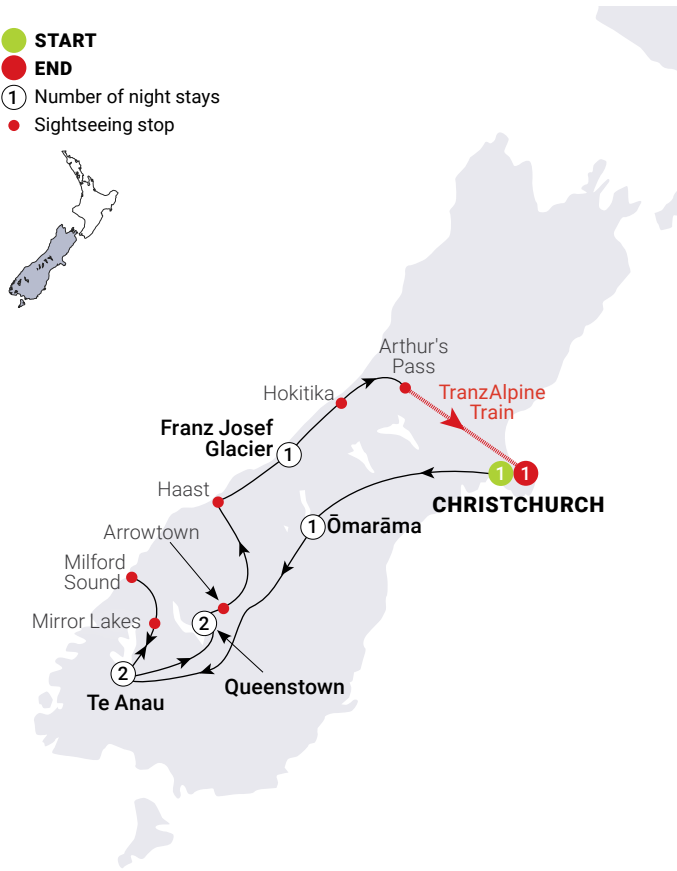
New Zealand's South Island never fails to wow. We hope you find the words to describe this epic New Zealand adventure to your family back home. **B**



Franz Josef Glacier (Optional flight)



Te Anau



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Witness the universe at Tekapo's Dark Sky Project, where stargazing meets astronomical insights
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound/Piopiotahi to admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
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Dining

8 Breakfasts B 5 Dinners D

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Southern Wonders



Walter Peak High Country Farm

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 tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch - Franz Josef

Your South Island 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. **Hotel: Scenic. B D**

3 Franz Josef - 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 lovely Lake Wānaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Followed by 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 and 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 into The Lord of the Rings movie scenery or 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

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/Piopiotahi. A 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: Distinction 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, than your outlook of rolling green hills dotted with doe-eyed sheep surely will. This pastoral countryside surrounds the city of 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. 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 - Ōmarāma

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

8 Ōmarāma - 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 local specialists, will forever change the way you see the night sky, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. 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. Tonight, enjoy farewell drinks to toast your adventure. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

9 Farewell from Christchurch

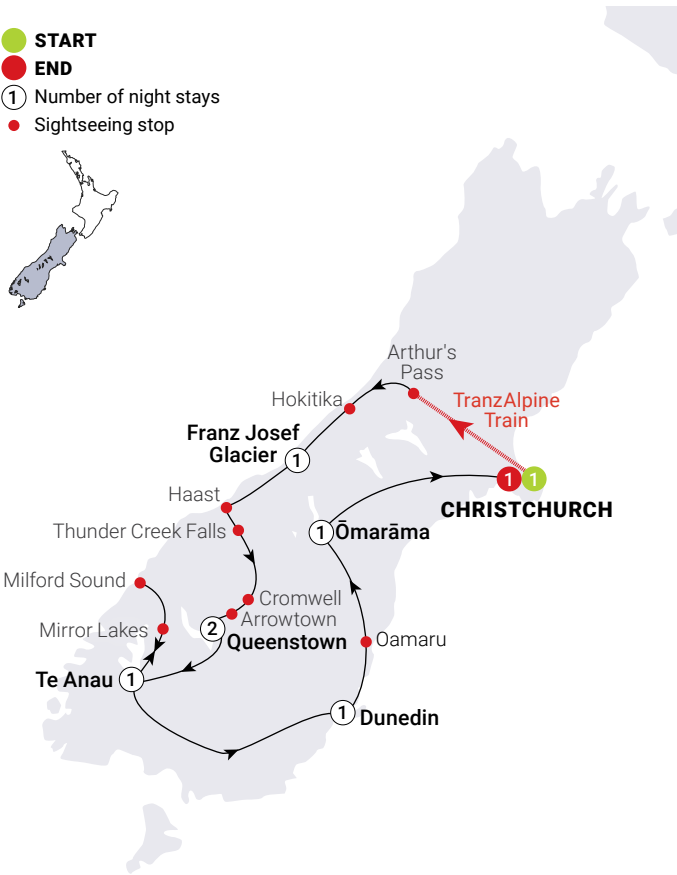
If you feel like you've only seen the tip of the South Island's iceberg, you'd be correct. This beguiling part of the country could keep travel enthusiasts entertained for eons. Thankfully, we have more itineraries – ask your Travel Director and start planning your next trip to New Zealand. **B**



Church of the Good Shepherd



Dark Sky & Astronomy Experience



For the latest deals, departure dates, prices, and full itinerary information, visit aatkings.com/lcqr or contact your local travel agent. This itinerary is valid for travel from 01 Apr 2026 – 31 Mar 2027 and may change after publication.

Included Highlights

- TranzAlpine Train journey through the Southern Alps
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Cruise
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided indoor Dark Sky & Astronomy Experience in Tekapo

Departure Dates

2025-26 Season		2026-27 Season	
2025		2026	2027
Oct 27		Apr 06	Jan 04, 11, 18, 25
Nov 17		Sep 28	Feb 01, 08, 15, 22
Dec 08, 29		Oct 12, 19, 26	Mar 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
2026		Nov 02, 16, 23, 30	
Jan 12, 19, 26		Dec 07, 21, 28	
Feb 02, 09, 16, 23		Dec 06, 13, 20, 27	
Mar 02, 09, 16, 23, 30			

Dining

8 Breakfasts B 4 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport
Day 9: Flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport
For departures from 01 April 2026, Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

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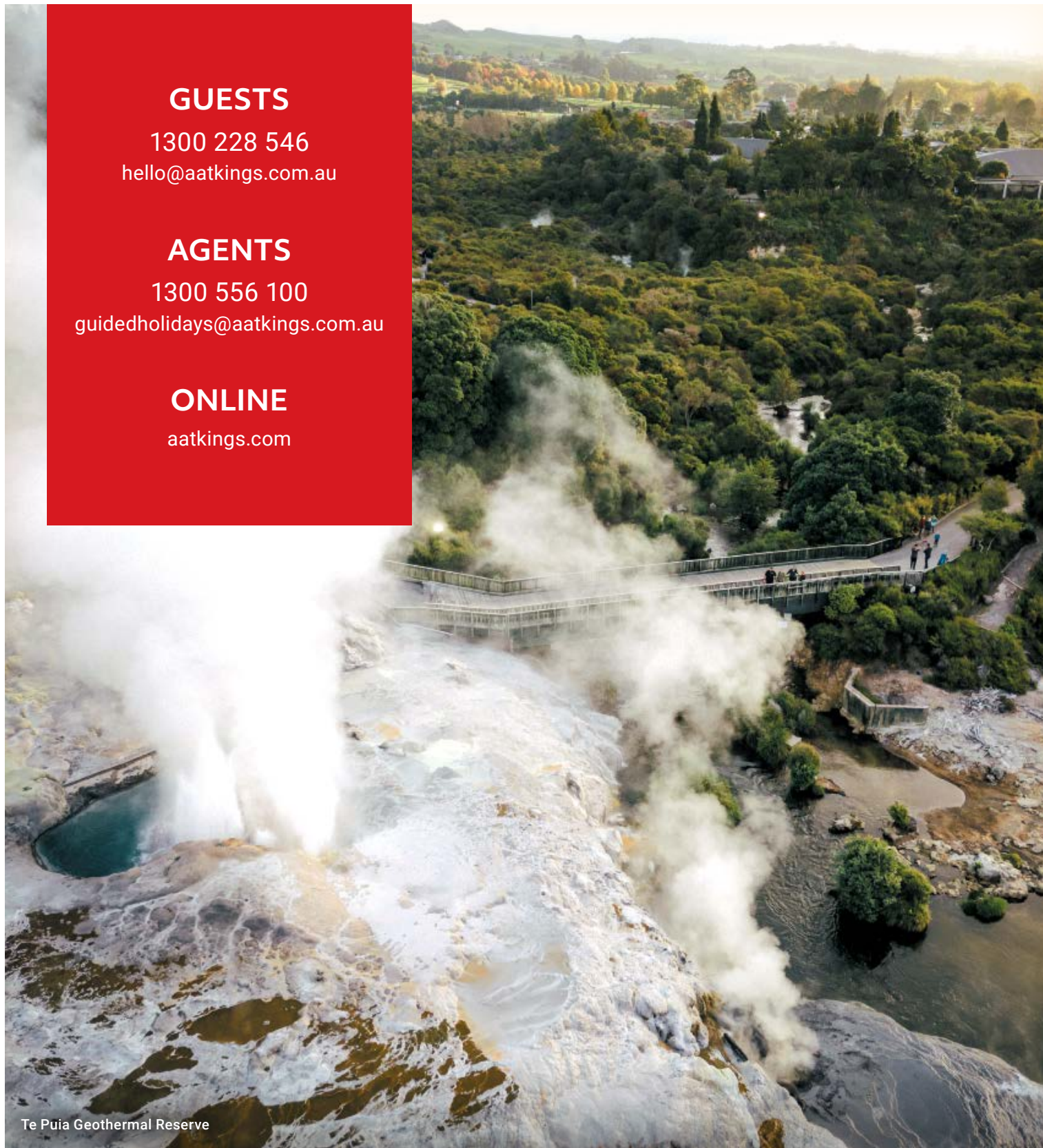
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