



NEW ZEALAND

2027-2028 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.

Step into Rotorua's Redwoods, where interconnected giants rise into the sky, filtering light through a canopy of ferns. Wander among the treetops on a suspended walkway, feeling the calm of nature and the cathedral-like grandeur of one of New Zealand's most striking natural landscapes.



Welcome Traveller,

One of my most memorable family holidays was a journey across New Zealand's North and South Islands with my parents. We arrived on Christmas Day to plenty of rain, but somehow it only added to the experience. In New Zealand, where the rain falls, waterfalls flow, forests flourish and the landscape comes alive in vivid shades of green.

It is a country of extraordinary contrasts, brought together by a warmth and generosity I have rarely encountered elsewhere.

New Zealand offers the iconic views that draw us all in, but its true character is often found in the moments between them. A quiet morning on the water. A conversation with a local. The chance to slow down and stay a little longer.

This year, we are creating more opportunities to experience exactly that. Spend the night aboard the Milford Mariner, waking with coffee in hand to the stillness of Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) as the morning light transforms the fiord, a moment many visitors miss, but you'll treasure forever.

You will also connect with locals doing meaningful work through Real Country and the Ōamaru Penguin Conservation Centre, standout **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences that bring you closer to the people and wildlife that make New Zealand distinctive.

Our expert team takes care of the planning, driving and details, leaving you free to focus on what matters. Wherever your travels take you, you will be in the hands of some of the best people in the business.

There will always be more to discover, and Aotearoa has a wonderful way of reminding us how rewarding it is to keep exploring.

Sincerely,

Ben Hall

Ben Hall
AAT Kings Group | CEO

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 52-69

Tour	Style	Days	Code	Pg
Southern Spirit	SG	13	LCQW	54
New Zealand's Southern Sounds	SG	12	LSWC	56
New Zealand's Southern Drift	SG	9	LSCC	58
New Zealand South Island Splendour	SG	5	CIQ	60
New Zealand South Island Highlights	SG	4	QMC	61
Southern Spectacular	C	10	ZCQR	62
Southern Spotlight	C	9	LCQR	64
Southern Wonders	C	9	LRQC	66
New Zealand South Island Discovery	C	4	CFQ	68
New Zealand South Island Queenstown Wonders	C	4	ZQN	69

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

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Cover Image:
Piopiotahi (Milford Sound), Fiordland National Park
Away from the crowds, deep within the wilderness of the fiord, find serenity on the water, surrounded by mighty mountains. Few experience Milford Sound this way, waking to a stillness only an overnight cruise can deliver and adventure waiting ahead.

Church of the Good Shepherd, South Island

Explore New Zealand

From glacial-carved gorges to immense lakes, from rainforest-draped national parks to snowy peaks, New Zealand is diverse and dramatic.

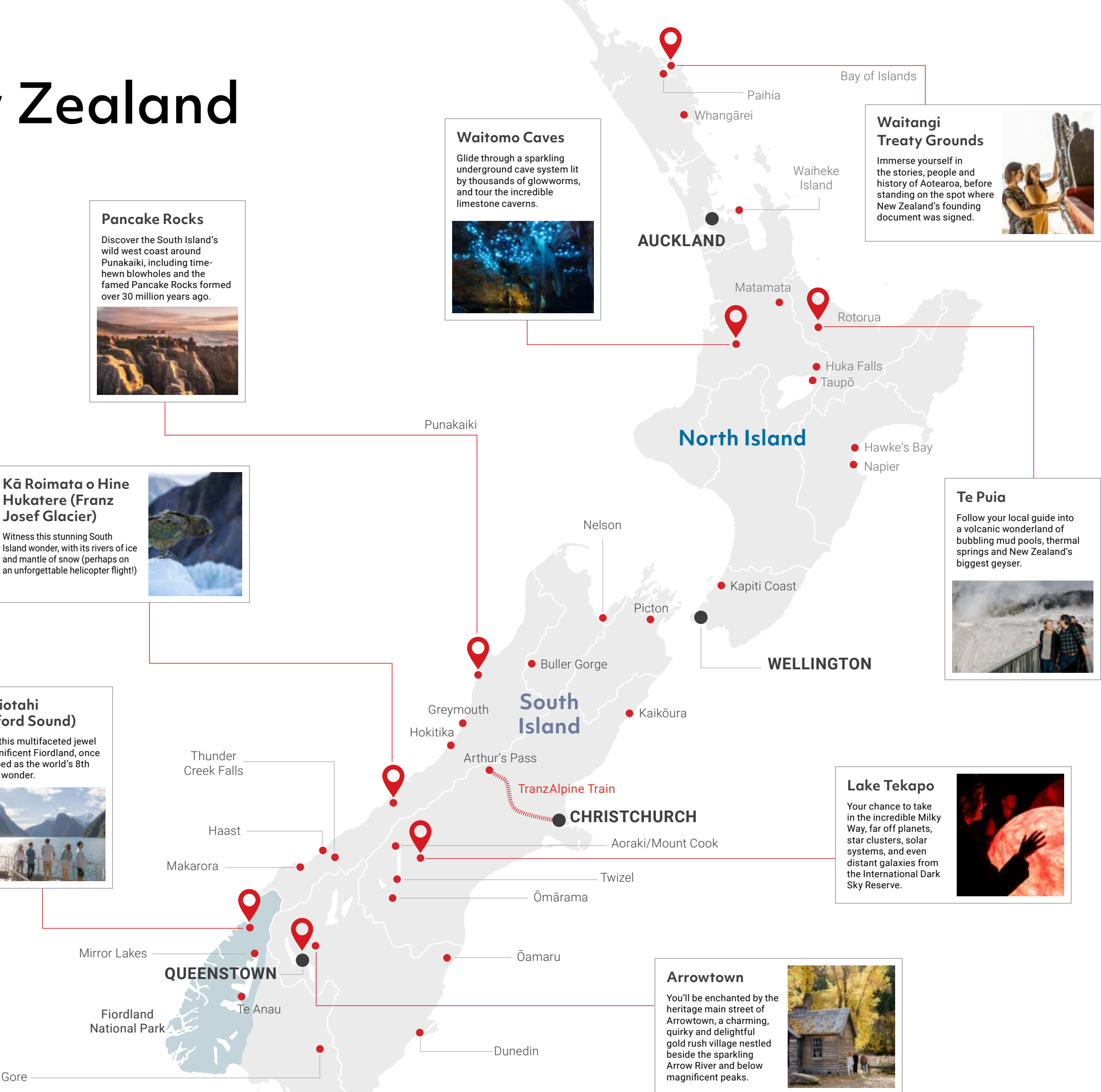
Whichever island you're visiting, adventure awaits – be transfixed by a bedazzlement of stars in one of the Southern Hemisphere's dark sky reserves, cruise in the company of seals across Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi, and embrace the opportunity to immerse yourself in both the beauty and importance of Māori 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

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Untamed New Zealand

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New Zealand Uncovered

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17 DAYS • ZAAC • P28

Kia Ora New Zealand

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17 DAYS • LABC • P30

New Zealand Magic

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New Zealand Vista

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14 DAYS • LAAC • P34

New Zealand Marvel

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14 DAYS • LCCA • P36

Contrasts of New Zealand

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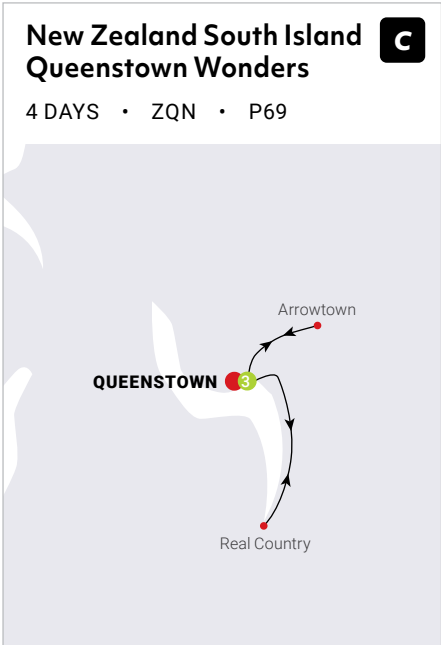
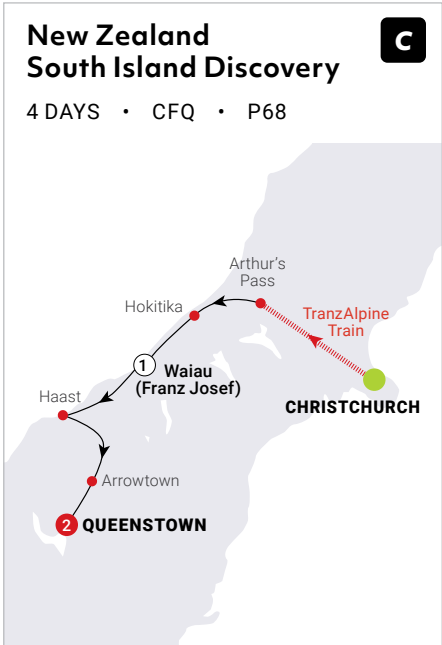
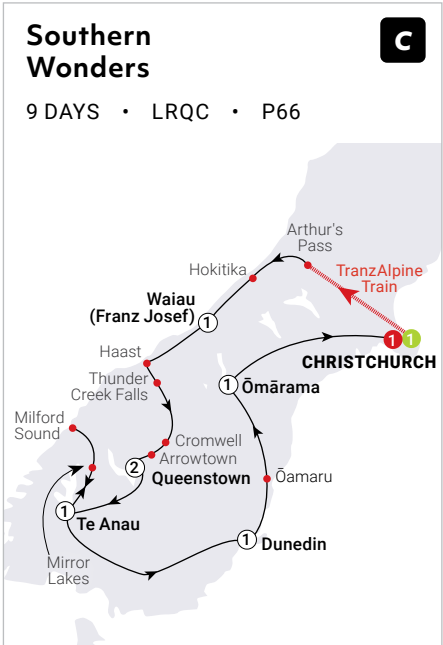
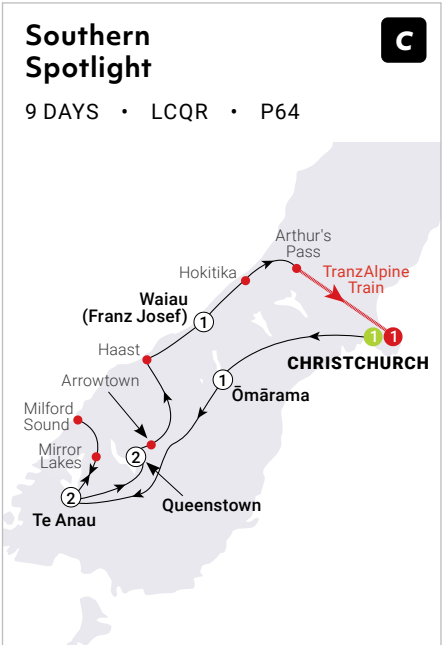
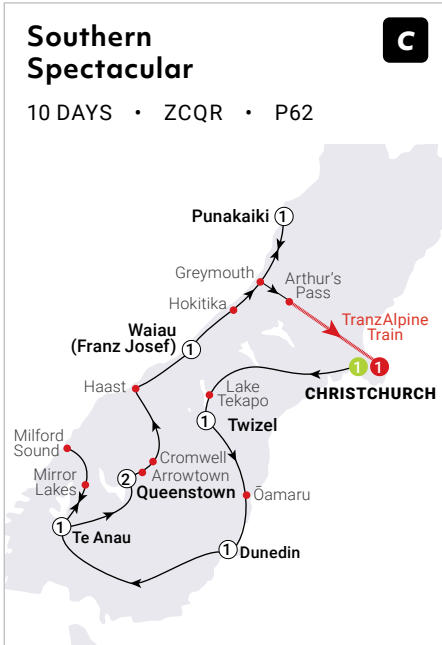
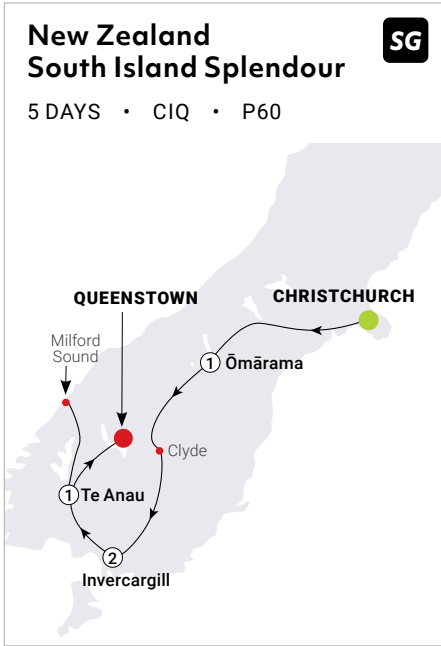
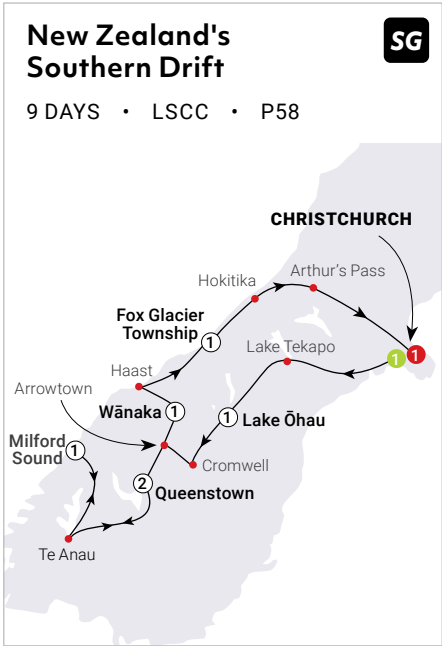
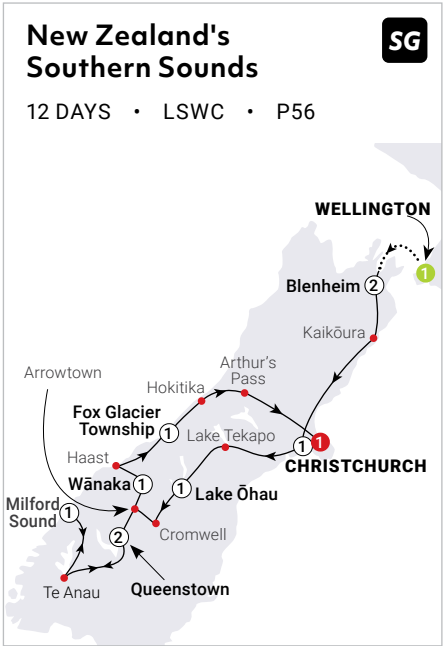
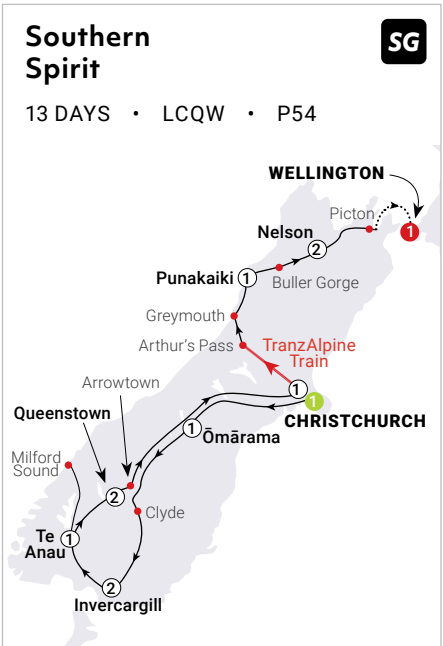
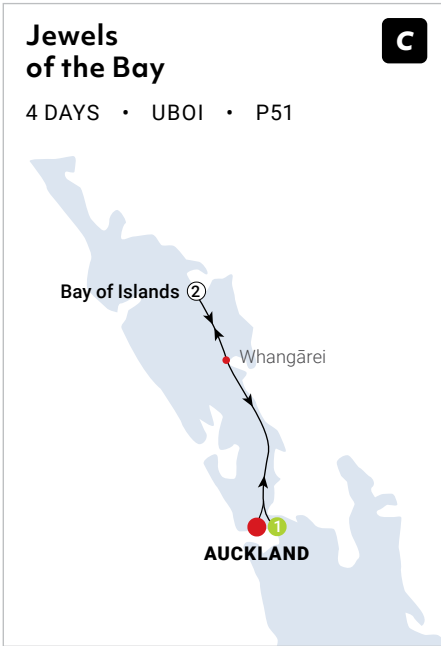
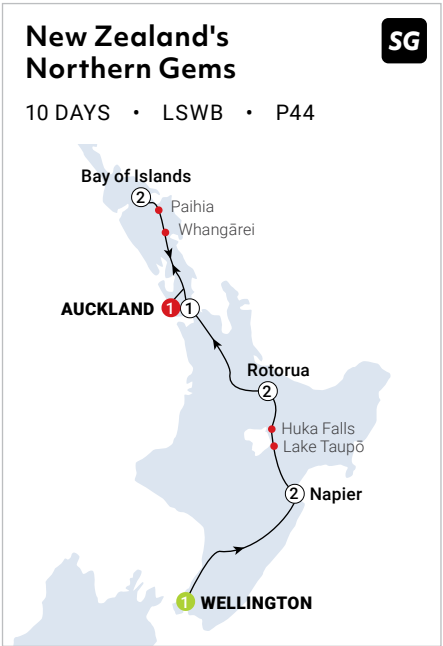
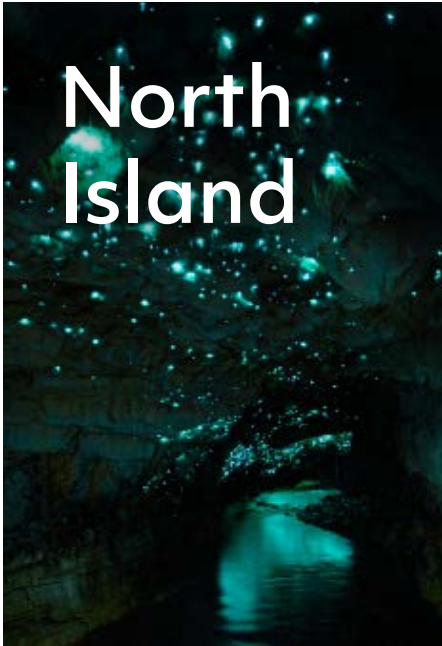
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New Zealand Panorama

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7 DAYS • RPACA • P40





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.



Discover the art of pounamu carving
Rich in tradition and craftsmanship, Mountain Jade offers a rare insight into the artistry of pounamu carving. Inside the workshop, watch skilled artisans shape New Zealand greenstone into intricate pieces while discovering the stories, heritage, and cultural significance of pounamu in Māori tradition. As a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, your visit helps support and preserve this important cultural art form.



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

◀ **Wander among giants at Redwoods Treewalk**
Step into a world high above the forest floor at Redwoods Treewalk. Suspended among towering Californian redwoods, a network of elevated bridges weaves through the ancient canopy, revealing sweeping views and the quiet magic of the forest below. Wander among the towering giants high in the treetops and explore the forest floor below, where iconic New Zealand silver ferns thrive.



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 of Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) 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.

MORE AMAZING EXPERIENCES ▶

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.

Experience Māori culture at Te Puia, NZ

Immerse yourself in the traditions, stories, and flavours of Māori culture during the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia. Begin with a captivating cultural performance inside the beautifully carved Te Aronui a Rua meeting house before exploring the geothermal valley. End the evening with a hāngī-inspired buffet dinner celebrating New Zealand flavours.

FLEXIBLE HOLIDAYS

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

Adventure into The Lord of the Rings landscapes

Journey to Middle-earth on this guided Lord of the Rings adventure with Pure Glenorchy. Traverse stunning landscapes from Queenstown to Glenorchy, exploring iconic filming locations with behind-the-scenes insights. Wander through World Heritage listed Mt. Aspiring National Park, discovering breathtaking woodlands, winding waterways and sculpted mountain valleys.

**To give you greater flexibility, all our tours can be enhanced with optional experiences, available to book separately.*



▲ Enjoy country hospitality at Walter Peak Farm

Cruise across the sparkling waters of Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where New Zealand's rural traditions come to life. Enjoy a gourmet BBQ dinner featuring locally sourced produce, then watch skilled farm dogs in a lively farm show. Surrounded by stunning mountain scenery and warm southern hospitality, this experience offers an authentic taste of country life.

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satisfaction rating

“The trip was filled with beautiful scenery and unforgettable moments.

The service we received was absolutely outstanding from start to finish. Every detail was well organised, communication was clear, and the entire experience felt seamless and professionally managed..

Jennifer D. ★★★★★

“Being guided by an exceptionally knowledgeable guide. EXCELLENT

Hiriaina S. ★★★★★



▲ Soar above Franz Josef Glacier

Marvel at the dramatic icefalls and rugged peaks of Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) on an unforgettable helicopter flight, revealing one of New Zealand's most spectacular natural wonders from above. Watch ancient rivers of ice carve through the Southern Alps and, weather permitting, touch down on the glacier itself for a truly breathtaking alpine experience.



“Wonderful experience. Saw things and did things I never thought I could.

Carole B. ★★★★★



The TreadRight Foundation was established more than 18 years ago and since then has supported over 72 sustainable tourism projects worldwide. Their mission is clear; to have a positive impact on:

PEOPLE
PLANET
WILDLIFE

As a founding member of the not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation, AAT Kings has helped to support over 72 global sustainable tourism projects aligned with these three pillars:

- PEOPLE:** funding initiatives that work to keep local culture and heritage alive, while empowering communities and people with economic opportunities.
- PLANET:** supporting conservation efforts that help protect biodiversity and restore the planet, such as our partnership with the National Kiwi Hatchery and the vital support to vulnerable populations of the flightless kiwi bird, a beloved national species.
- WILDLIFE:** supporting organisations that work to protect our world's precious and threatened wildlife.



Travel Your Way



An AAT Kings tour allows you to choose the holiday that suits you. Discover more in less time with a Short Break, or take your time on a Guided Holiday of 4–21 days, for a seamless way to experience iconic sights and lesser-known gems, with expertly selected accommodation, exclusive experiences and everything taken care of along the way. No matter which you choose, you'll be in the hands of Australia and New Zealand experts.

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 our knowledgeable Travel Directors and Driver Guides
- A seamless travel experience where everything is taken care of by the experts

Simply sit back and let our Travel Directors and Driver Guides introduce you to iconic sights and lesser-known gems most travellers miss on our renowned Classic Group Tours. Your accommodation, transportation in air-conditioned comfort and everything in between is already handled, leaving you to soak up the wildlife, nature and culture of your destination.



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

Travel with a small group of like-minded travellers, visiting locations larger groups can't access. Our carefully crafted tours help you connect more deeply, discovering the unique charm and character of a region, all while benefitting from our 100 years of expertise, knowledgeable experts and the insights of local specialist guides.



North & South Islands

A land of striking contrasts.

Arrowtown

New Zealand offers some of the most memorable destinations, each with its own unique experiences. From the magical glowworm caves that sparkle like underground galaxies to rolling hills with fairytale charm straight from a storybook, this enchanting nation captivates every visitor. Cruise on a dramatic fiord, explore bubbling geothermal pools, or wander among hobbit-hole landscapes.

New Zealand delivers breathtaking scenery and unforgettable experiences that create memories to last a lifetime.



Te Puia Cultural Poi Dance Performance

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Your Travel Director will welcome you and your fellow travel companions tonight to a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch - Ōmārama

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. Travel through the Waitaki Valley, a picturesque region of winding rivers and rolling farmlands, to the Mackenzie District, and continue to Omarama, a quintessential country town. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Ōmārama - 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 at Transport World, home to a remarkable collection of rare, classic, and nostalgic vehicles. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B**

4 Invercargill Free Time

Choose your own southern adventure today on an optional experience. Perhaps journey to Rakiura (Stewart Island), where 85% of the island is preserved as national park, protecting a remarkable world of native birdlife and wildlife. Take a Village and Bays tour to discover windswept shores, quiet inlets and stories of this remote island. **B**

5 Invercargill - Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) - Te Anau

Journey into the heart of Fiordland National Park and cruise through Piopiotahi (Milford Sound), where towering peaks and cascading waterfalls create an unforgettable scene, with chances to spot seals and dolphins. Continue through this pristine wilderness to Te Anau for your overnight stay by the lake. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore. B D**

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, 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 burger 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, an optional experience. This pocket 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 for an insight into jade carving, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. 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, which is followed by a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **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, both optional experiences. **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: Radisson RED. 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

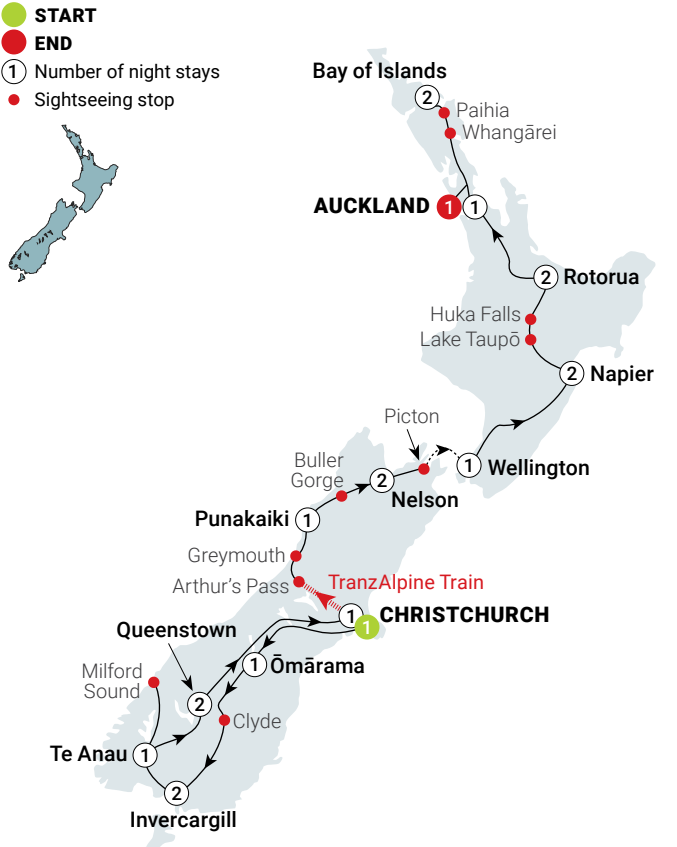
Choose as you wish today. Perhaps travel up to Te Rerenga Wairua (Cape Reinga) via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around the islands on a cruise to the Hole in the Rock, both optional experiences. **B**

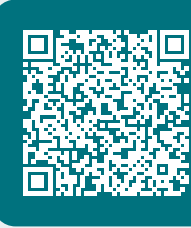
20 Bay of Islands - Auckland

For a little more northern exposure, head south to Whangārei, the island's northernmost 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: Radisson RED. 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 2027 – 31 Mar 2028 and may change after publication.

Included Highlights

- Exclusive Guided Tour at Transport World in Invercargill
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Real Country Farm Show
- Visit historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown
- Cruise on Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)
- 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
- Join a 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

2026-27 Season*	2027-28 Season	
2026	2027	2028
Oct 01	Apr 22	Jan 20, 27
Nov 19, 26	Sep 30	Feb 03, 17, 24
2027	Oct 28	Mar 02, 16
Jan 21, 28	Nov 18, 25	
Feb 04, 18	Dec 09, 30	
Mar 04		

*Departures prior to 01 April 2027 operate to an alternative itinerary. See website for full details.

Dining

20 Breakfasts **B** 6 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
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



Church of the Good Shepherd

1 Welcome to Christchurch

You'll want to arrive early to see just how Christchurch has transformed itself since the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes. Your Travel Director will welcome you this evening with a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch - Ōmārama

Tour the city of Christchurch to view the innovative Cardboard Cathedral and enjoy a stop at 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. Travel through the Waitaki Valley, a picturesque region of winding rivers and rolling farmlands, to the spectacular Mackenzie District, and continue to Omarama.

Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D

3 Ōmārama - 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 at Transport World, home to a remarkable collection of rare, classic, and nostalgic vehicles. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B**

4 Invercargill Free Time

Choose your own southern adventure today with an optional experience. Perhaps journey to Rakiura (Stewart Island), where 85% of the island is preserved as national park, protecting a remarkable world of native birdlife and wildlife. Take a Village and Bays tour to discover windswept shores, quiet inlets and stories of this remote island. Or choose to linger in Invercargill, perhaps stepping into a world of motoring legends at Classic Motorcycle Mecca, showcasing a collection of vintage motorcycles. **B**

5 Invercargill - Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) - Te Anau

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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). Venture out into the pristine fiord on a sightseeing cruise for awe-inspiring scenery with towering cliffs, tumbling waterfalls and abundant wildlife. After your cruise, continue by road through alpine valleys and ancient beech forest to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Settle in for your overnight stay in this peaceful lakeside town. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore. B D**

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 its tree-lined avenues, 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 a burger at your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers and vibrant atmosphere. **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 offering panoramic views of rugged Mountain peaks. 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

Today is at your leisure. Sign up for an optional experience? 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. **B**

12 Nelson - Wellington

You'll want a window seat for the cruise from the South Island to the North aboard the 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 this morning before you 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, 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 for an insight into jade carving and its cultural meaning, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance, followed by a view of the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, and ends with a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua, 2 nights. B D**

16 Rotorua Free Time

Today, it's your choice. Consider an optional experience. 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. **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 with drinks with your Travel Director and travel companions. **Hotel: Radisson RED. 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 at Transport World in Invercargill
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Witness the Real Country Farm Show
- Visit the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown
- 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
- Join a guided Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua

Departure Dates

2026-27 Season*	2027-28 Season	
2026	2027	2028
Oct 01	Apr 22	Jan 20, 27
Nov 19, 26	Sep 30	Feb 03, 17, 24
2027	Oct 28	Mar 02, 16
Jan 21, 28	Nov 18, 25	
Feb 04, 18	Dec 09, 30	
Mar 04		

*Departures prior to 01 April 2027 operate to an alternative itinerary. See website for full details.

Dining

17 Breakfasts **B** 4 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L**

Flight Information

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

Day 18: Flights to depart any time from Auckland Airport

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request. Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Untamed New Zealand

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Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) Overnight Cruise

1 Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, self-proclaimed City of Sails. Meet your Travel Director this afternoon for a city sights tour to get your bearings, sights include 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: Radisson RED. D**

2 Auckland - Rotorua

Travel to Rotorua, geothermal wonderland. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture and traditions 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. This is followed by a delicious buffet dinner of locally sourced 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

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 an Art Deco Walking Tour, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **B**

5 Napier - Wairarapa

Today travel south through to the boutique wine region and International Dark Sky Reserve, Wairarapa. Visit the iconic Tui Brewery in the town of Mangatainoka. And later, 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 this **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 Weta Workshop. **Hotel: Scenic Marlborough, 2 nights. B**

8 Blenheim Free Time

Explore Marlborough at your own pace. Consider an optional experience; from a wine tour of the local vineyards, or jump onboard the iconic Mail Boat delivering mail and supplies to residents in Queen Charlotte Sound. **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 your welcome 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, a charming village with a rich gold rush heritage, before reaching scenic Queenstown. Lunch is 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**

12 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand’s feathered friends at Kiwi Park on an optional experience. **B**

13 Queenstown - Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)

Journey along the Devil’s Staircase, to the charming town of Te Anau. Continue your adventure through the World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park to Piopiotahi (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. **Overnight Cruise: Milford Mariner. B D**

14 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) - 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 with a scenic drive from Wānaka, passing the pristine waters of Lake Hāwea and the settlement of Makarora. Continue over the Haast Pass, to the historic town of Fox Glacier. **Hotel: Heartland Fox Glacier. B**

16 Fox Glacier Township - Christchurch

Before you depart this morning, get some perspective on an optional experience scenic flight over Fox and Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier). 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. 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 two weeks immersed in untamed nature and cultural experiences. **B**



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Included Highlights

- Cruise overnight on majestic Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)
- Kayak or travel by tender boat along Piopiotahi’s shoreline
- Immerse yourself in Māori culture at Te Puia in Rotorua
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - An intimate, interactive experience at Jurassic Whirinaki Forest
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Walking tour of Art Deco Capital Napier
- Wine tasting and sharing platter at boutique vineyard
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Meet a 5th generation Beekeeper at Greytown Honey
- Join Pavlova Queen Angie for afternoon tea at her home at Lake Tekapo
- Visit Highlands Motorsport Park Museum, Cromwell
- View Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) from a panoramic viewpoint

Departure Dates

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	Mar 07, 28

Dining

16 Breakfasts B 6 Dinners D
2 Lunches L

Flight Information

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New Zealand Uncovered



Te Pā Tū Māori Experience

1 Welcome to Auckland

Auckland is the kind of place you could lose yourself in for a couple of weeks. Arrive at your leisure and explore new waterfront precincts, or just ready yourself to meet fellow travellers for drinks and dinner.

Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D

2 Auckland Sightseeing & Free Time

A little bit of leisure, a little bit of culture – today is one of those days. Peek behind the scenes of maritime racing history on the New Zealand Maritime Museum’s America’s Cup Tour. Your Travel Director then takes you around the city, pausing at Bastion Point for epic photo opportunities. **B**

3 Auckland - Rotorua

Enjoy a Be My Guest experience at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. Visit hot springs, geysers and bubbling mud pools with a local specialist and enjoy a mocktail and canapés at the Champagne pool. Tonight, dive deep into Māori culture at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Enjoy traditional stories and performance and a seasonal three-course dinner - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel:** Millennium, 2 nights. B D

4 Rotorua Free Time

Today, choose your own adventure. Try an optional experience - the thermal waters of Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa or perhaps you'd prefer to tour nearby lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. **B**

5 Rotorua - Wellington

Say goodbye to Rotorua and hello to the raging rapids of Huka Falls, where 220,000 litres of water barrel over this massive waterfall every second. Your outlook then unfolds into the dreamy landscape of Lake Taupō. Traverse the volcanic Central Plateau to NZ’s cool little capital of 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 ubercool cafés. Head out on city sights tour to take in highlights such as its iconic cable car, parliament, and Mt. Victoria. Your tour ends at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa, where you may choose to visit the exhibitions on offer (entrance fee applies). Later you may

decide on an optional experience. Lord of the Rings fans will rejoice with a special tour and visit to Weta Workshop. Or choose to visit Zealandia’s ecosanctuary restoring 225 hectares of forest. **B**

7 Wellington - Kaikōura

Cruise the Cook Strait into the tranquil waters of Queen Charlotte Sound, sailing from the North Island to the South and into the seaside village of Picton. Relax in comfort in the premium Pōhutukawa Lounge onboard your Bluebridge ferry crossing, with all-inclusive food and beverages, spacious seating, and access to an exclusive viewing deck for panoramic views. Continue to Kaikōura, where marine life is often seen close to shore, and gain insight into local conservation during a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience with the founder of the Kaikōura Wildlife Centre Trust. This evening, enjoy dinner at Hiku. **Hotel:** Sudima Kaikōura. B D

8 Kaikōura - Christchurch

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or sign up for one of several local wildlife optional experiences available. Follow the coast and Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, home to innovative architecture, art institutions and restaurants. **Hotel:** Distinction. B

9 Christchurch - Twizel

From its cardboard-crafted cathedral to its gold-clad central library, Christchurch has well and truly rebuilt itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. But South Island locals still cherish a simple life, as you'll discover over a Be My Guest afternoon tea with retired farmers Angie and Stan Taylor at their home Morelea on the edge of Lake Tekapo. **Hotel:** Distinction. B D

10 Twizel - Dunedin

Ōamaru 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, before landing in Dunedin. **Hotel:** Scenic Southern Cross. B D

11 Dunedin - Te Anau

From sheep farms to rugged mountains, today is one of contrasts. Venture into Fiordland National Park toward the South Island’s largest lake

and the lakeside town of Te Anau. You'll experience the thrill of jet boating on scenic Lake Manapouri, home to Pomona Island, where native birds are under threat - and this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience is helping to protect them through a community-based conservation project.

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas. B D

12 Te Anau - Queenstown

Your journey towards Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) traverses native rainforest, alluvial flats and meadows, with mirrored lakes, thundering waterfalls, dramatic rocky ranges and millennia-old valleys. Your Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) boat tour, cruising through this wild expanse, provides enough drama for an entire travel year – you still have the streets of Queenstown to explore. **Hotel:** Millennium, 2 nights. B

13 Queenstown Free Time

Adrenaline-junkies may wish to get some perspective on an optional experience tour of the gorges of Skippers Canyon. Gourmand at heart? Perhaps a Central Otago wine tour? Your day ends on a TSS Earnslaw cruise across Lake Wakatipu, landing at Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner at the Colonel’s Homestead. **B D**

14 Queenstown - Waiau (Franz Josef)

From Arrowtown’s tree-lined streets to Central Otago’s gleaming lakes, nature rules. Alpine scenery tiers into rainforest along the West Coast. Welcome to the town of Waiau (Franz Josef), home to Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier), which is ideally explored on an optional experience helicopter flight – you may be able to land and walk across the ice-fall. **Hotel:** Scenic. B D

15 Waiau (Franz Josef) - Punakaiki

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Waiau (Franz Josef), soaking up the charm of this alpine village. Pause at a scenic lookout for a glimpse of the mighty Franz Josef Glacier, then browse the quirky shops of Hokitika before joining Rachel, a local expert, for a guided walk through Hokitika Gorge, where brilliant blue-green waters weave beneath a swing bridge and through lush native bush. This evening, arrive at Scenic Punakaiki and settle in over dinner with wine, framed by the wild beauty of the West Coast shoreline. **Hotel:** Scenic. B D

16 Punakaiki - Christchurch

Begin at the iconic Pancake Rocks and Blowholes, where layered limestone formations rise from the sea, shaped over 30 million years by wind and waves. Continue to Monteith’s Brewery for a relaxed lunch before travelling inland to Arthur’s Pass. Board the TranzAlpine, one of the world’s great train journeys. Arrive in Christchurch this evening, with your journey concluding in time for dinner. **Hotel:** Distinction. B L D

17 Farewell from Christchurch

How many travel highs can you pack into a holiday? This itinerary has certainly pushed the boundaries. Now all you have to do is go home and sort through all those photos. **B**



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Extensions & Add-Ons

- Add on a stay in the beautiful Bay of Islands to the start of this tour and include a guided tour and cultural performance at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and free time to explore at your leisure. See Jewels of the Bay (Code: UBOI) on page 51.

Included Highlights

- Exclusive after-hours guided tour of the Americas Cup exhibition at the New Zealand Maritime Museum
- Be My Guest: Exclusive after-hours tour at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Indigenous Experience at Te Pā Tū
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Kaikōura Wildlife Centre Trust
- Be My Guest: Afternoon tea with Pavlova Queen Angie at Lake Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Pomona Island in Fiordland National Park
- Cruise on spectacular Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)
- 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 Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and stay at an Eco Resort located right on the beach
- Enjoy Pohutukawa Lounge access on Cook Strait ferry, with food & beverages, spacious seating & exclusive viewing deck
- Journey on the TranzAlpine Train through the Southern Alps

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Dining

16 Breakfasts B 11 Dinners D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

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Kia Ora New Zealand



Church of the Good Shepherd

1 Welcome to Auckland

Your Travel Director will welcome you and your fellow travel companions tonight to a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Grand Millennium.**

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 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. Choose from optional experiences. Perhaps travel up to Te Rerenga Wairua (Cape Reinga), 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. **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: Grand Millennium. 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. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua, followed by views of the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, and ends with a delicious buffet dinner of locally sourced hāngi-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

6 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today. Perhaps choose an optional experience. 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. **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 for a cruise across Cook Strait, from the North Island to the South, through a maze of arms and inlets. **Hotel: Beachcomber Inn. B D**

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 - Ōmārama

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, Church of the Good Shepherd, 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, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

11 Ōmārama - 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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)

Today's highlight: a journey through Fiordland National Park's beech forests, meadows, and lakes to Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). 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. Fancy an optional experience? 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. **B**

15 Queenstown - Waiau (Franz Josef)

Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, journey past shimmering Lake Hāwea and through Haast Pass with its powerful waterfalls and dramatic mountain backdrops to the pretty town of Waiau (Franz Josef). Time is available this afternoon for an optional experience scenic flight (weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers. **Hotel: Scenic. B D**

16 Waiau (Franz Josef) - 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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New Zealand Magic

Waitomo Glowworm Caves

- 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.**
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Christchurch - Waiau (Franz Josef)

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 Waiau (Franz Josef), gateway to Kā Roimata o Hine Hukaterere (Franz Josef Glacier), a white-out of snow and ice. Get some perspective on an optional experience helicopter flight over this natural wonder. **Hotel: Scenic. B D**
- 3

Waiau (Franz Josef) - Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, the alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you; Lake Hāwea; and Lake Dunstan, where you’ll pause at the Jones Family fruit stall 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. Consider an optional experience. Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps; or sip your way through surrounding vineyards. 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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). Cruising this World Heritage listed expanse will give you goosebumps, a string of waterfalls creating a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. Your journey 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. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore. B D**

- 6

Te Anau - Dunedin

While away your Dunedin afternoon, in atmospheric art-lined alleys or book an optional experience and visit Larnach Castle or Dunedin Craft Distillers, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. 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 - Ōmārama

Discover the lives of kororā, New Zealand’s little blue penguins, at the Ōamaru Penguins Conservation Centre. Explore the Discovery Centre and stroll through the penguin colony, visiting the nesting area where penguins may be seen caring for their eggs and chicks. Learn from an educator about the centre’s conservation work on this impactful **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**
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Ōmārama - Christchurch

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- 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: Beachcomber Inn. B**
- 10

Picton - Wellington

Swap wheels for water aboard the ferry 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 on this guided experience, which includes a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua, the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand’s geothermal wonderlands, and a dinner of Hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**
- 12

Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace. Consider an optional experience. Bliss out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa or visit Hobbiton Movie Set. The setting for one of the world’s most famous film locations where guests can step inside Middle-earth and hear the stories behind the making of the films. **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: Grand Millennium. 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

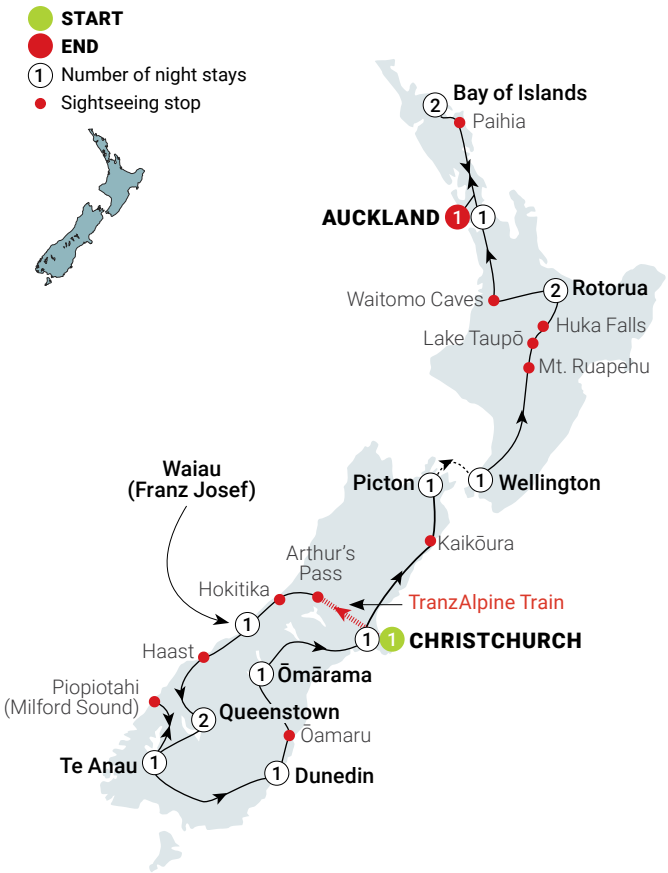
Head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps choose an optional experience. Travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Cruise to the iconic hole in the rock, or visit Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. **B**
- 16

Bay of Islands - Auckland

New Zealand’s northernmost 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: Grand Millennium. 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**



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New Zealand Vista



Historic Arrowtown

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: Grand Millennium.**

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. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua, followed by views of the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, and ends with 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. How about optional experiences? 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. **B**

4 Rotorua - Wellington

A staggering 220,000 litres of water thunder over Huka Falls' 11-meter 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 session at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand (entrance fee applies). Onwards to the ferry for a cruise across Cook Strait, from the North Island to the South. **Hotel: Beachcomber Inn. B D**

6 Picton - Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikōura is the marine wildlife center 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 - Ōmārama

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, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience 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 Ōmārama - Te Anau

Visit former gold mining town Clyde featuring preserved heritage buildings and picturesque setting. Then on to 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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)

Today's highlight: journey through Fiordland National Park's beech forests, meadows, and lakes to Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). 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. Here are some optional experiences. 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. **B**

12 Queenstown - Waiau (Franz Josef)

Journey past shimmering Lake Hāwea and through Haast Pass with its powerful waterfalls and dramatic mountain backdrops to the pretty town of Waiau (Franz Josef) where time is available to experience an optional experience scenic flight (weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers. **Hotel: Scenic. B D**

13 Waiau (Franz Josef) - Christchurch

Swap white at Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) for green at Hokitika: the pounamu (native jade) found here is the stuff jewelry 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 of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. Tonight, enjoy dinner and drinks to toast your holiday. **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**



Glowworm Grotto, Waitomo Caves



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New Zealand Marvel



Kaikōura wildlife

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 - Waiau (Franz Josef)

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3 Waiau (Franz Josef) - Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you. First up there's lovely Lake Hāwea – the colour of an Ice Mint – and Lake Dunstan, where you'll pause at the Jones Family fruit stall 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, 2 nights. B**

4 Queenstown Free Time

Today, choose your own adventure – there are plenty to be had on optional experiences. Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. Or discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife centre. Wine aficionado? Sip your way through surrounding vineyards. 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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound), a cavernous wonderland where waterfalls thunder from ancient escarpments into inky water. You'll likely spot them on your Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) 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 en route 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 book an optional experience and visit a special gin distillery with a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, 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**

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Discover the lives of kororā, New Zealand's little blue penguins, at the Ōamaru Penguins Conservation Centre. Explore the Discovery Centre and stroll through the penguin colony, visiting the nesting area where penguins may be seen caring for their eggs and chicks. Learn from an educator about the centre's conservation work on this impactful **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Tonight you'll settle into Ōmārama, a small place with wide skies and a real 'get away from it all' feel. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

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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, the Interislander, transports you from the South Island to the North, navigating a maze of arms and inlets into Wellington. Bring your stamina to explore Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand (entrance fee applies). 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. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua, the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, and ends with a 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. On optional experiences perhaps? 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 Movie Set. On a guided tour guests can step inside Middle-earth and hear the stories behind the making of the films. **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: Grand Millennium. B**

14 Farewell from Auckland

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



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Contrasts of New Zealand

A photograph of a Hobbiton Movie Set, showing a hobbit house with a blue door and a garden. The house is built into a grassy hillside, with a large arched window and a smaller arched door. The door is painted a vibrant blue. The garden is filled with various plants, including purple flowers, yellow flowers, and green foliage. A dirt path leads to the house. The overall scene is lush and green, with a warm, sunny atmosphere. The text "Contrasts of New Zealand" is overlaid on the top left of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, the text "Hobbiton Movie Set" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Hobbiton Movie Set

START

END

① Number of night stays

• Sightseeing stop

AUCKLAND

Hobbiton

Rotorua

CHRISTCHURCH

Lake Tekapo

Queenstown

Te Anau

Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)

New Zealand Panorama



Redwoods Treewalk

1 Welcome to Queenstown
Your journey to the Islands of New Zealand kicks off in Queenstown. Meet your Travel Director for a welcome briefing and drinks. The evening is free for you to enjoy one of its many lakefront restaurants and bars. 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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). Today sign up for an optional experience to Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). Travel through World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park for exceptional views as you pass through dense rainforest and pass by towering mountains. On arrival at Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) 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, feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jetboat ride. 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 guided walk at the Māori Village of Ohinemutu, another **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Explore its geothermal landscapes, sacred sites, ancestral stories, St Faith's Church, and rich cultural traditions with a local kaitiaki (guardian.) This evening, embark on the Te Pō guided experience at Te Puia, where you'll learn about Maori history and culture. It begins with an exhilarating cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Witnessa pōwhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. Then view the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, followed by a delicious buffet dinner of Hāngi-inspired cuisine. **B D**

6 Rotorua - Auckland
High above the forest floor, wander the Redwoods Treewalk beneath a canopy of towering Californian Redwoods, then step into a glowworm-lit eco-cave shimmering with natural wonder. Arriving in Auckland take in views of the Auckland Domain and Auckland War Memorial Museum, the character-filled streets of Parnell, and the city's twin harbors. This evening, share the stories of your New Zealand Panorama tour at 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**



New Zealand's National Bird



Real Country Farm



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- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - See a kiwi bird at The Kiwi Hatchery with your visit contributing to the breeding program of the endangered National Bird
- Immerse yourself in Māori culture at Te Puia, where you'll discover traditional performances and storytelling
- Explore the geothermal wonders of Rotorua and guided walk through the Māori Village of Ohinemutu - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Walk across suspended bridges and platforms on the Redwoods Treewalk
- Take a guided walk in a purpose-built bio-engineered eco-cave experience where thousands of glowworms illuminate the darkness

Departure Dates

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Nov 13		May 14	Feb 04, 18
Dec 04		Jul 02	Mar 10, 24
2027		Sep 03	
Jan 22		Oct 01, 15	
Feb 05, 19		Nov 12	
Mar 12, 26		Dec 03	

Dining

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

Flight Information

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

Day 7: Flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

Tour price includes internal-holiday airfare.

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

North Island

Nature and culture weave one journey.

Rotorua geothermal pools

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

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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 drinks before your tour of 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 an optional experience. 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. **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, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. 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, followed by views of the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, and ends with a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua, 2 nights. B D**

5 Rotorua Free Time
We're leaving you up to your own devices today. 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 optional experiences). **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: Radisson RED. 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 guide, 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. Enjoy a cultural performance which includes waiata (songs), poi and a traditional haka (war dance). **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 consider an optional experience. 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. **B**

9 Bay of Islands - Auckland
For a little more northern exposure, make your way to Whangārei, the island's northernmost outpost and a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. It's like the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Sink back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland for dinner and drinks. **Hotel: Radisson RED. B D**

10 Farewell from Auckland
The only bad day in your Auckland tour is the one where you have to bid farewell. On your journey home, just remember how much pleasure you have packed into this last 10 days. **B**



Te Puia Māori Cultural Experience



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Included Highlights

- Guided tour and cultural performance at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds - **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Explore the Bay of Islands, a stunning coastal paradise with golden beaches, and lush islands
- 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 - **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Visit the art deco and wine region of Hawkes Bay including an Art Deco Walking Tour of Napier - **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Guided tour of the Interactive All Blacks Experience in Auckland

Departure Dates

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Mar	01, 15		

Dining

9 Breakfasts B 3 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Wellington Airport
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Northern Wonders



Waitangi Treaty Grounds

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 the city where you will visit the peak of Mount Victoria, and a short stroll will reward you with 360-degree views of the surrounding harbour and city. After the tour you may like to visit the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa, 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 explore Te Puia’s geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience. It includes a cultural performance, followed by views of the Pohutu Geyser, one of New Zealand’s geothermal wonderlands, and ends with a delicious buffet 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. Go your own way today, perhaps booking an optional experience 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 Movie Set. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. **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: Grand Millennium. 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 about organising an optional experience. Perhaps 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. 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 like the Hundertwasser Arts Centre, 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, join your Travel Director and companions to toast your adventure with drinks and dinner. **Hotel: Grand Millennium. 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**



Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua



Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa



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Included Highlights

- Share in the 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 New Zealand’s northernmost city of Whangārei

Departure Dates

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Mar 03, 10, 17, 24, 31		

Dining

7 Breakfasts B

3 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 11.00am into Wellington Airport
Day 8: Flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Northern Spotlight

Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua

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. Your Travel Director will welcome you and your fellow travelling companions tonight for a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Grand Millennium.**

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 between Captain William Hobson and Māori Chiefs in 1840. Your local specialist, perhaps 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**

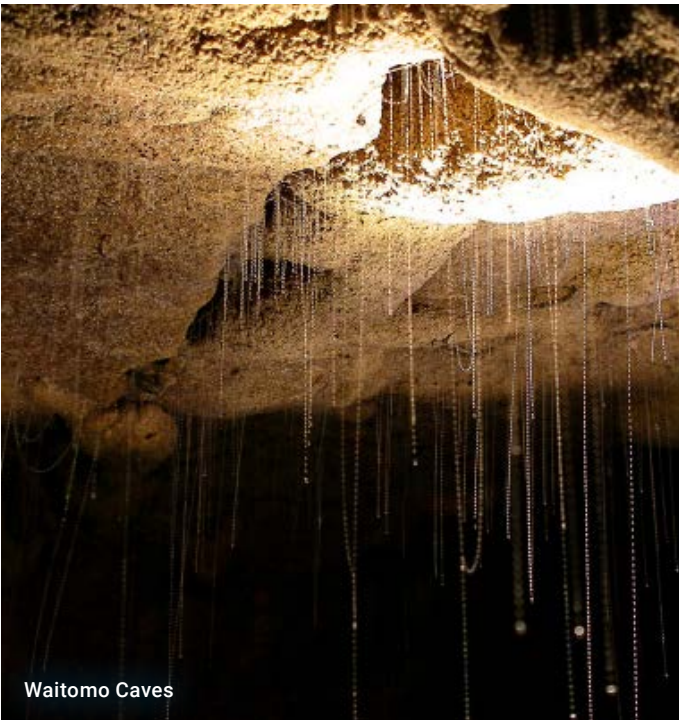
If there's a travel destination that inspires wanderlust, the Bay of Islands is it. And today, you can do just that on optional experiences. Venture up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach or enjoy a scenic cruise among the 144 islands including 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. The choice is yours. **B**

Northern exposure is a thing today, when you journey toward the top of the country to visit Whangārei – NZ's northernmost city, and a place where quirky galleries and museums wait to be explored. 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 seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **Hotel: Grand Millennium. B**

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

Explore at your own pace today, but with plenty of tips from your Travel Director. Perhaps choose an optional experience. 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. **B**

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 the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa (entrance fee applies). **B**



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- **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
- Guided Tour of Waitomo Caves including Glowworm Cruise
- Share in the Te Po Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint

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7 Breakfasts B 2 Dinners D

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Huka Falls

1 Welcome to Auckland

New Zealand's largest city is blessed when it comes to water views – on one side of the isthmus is Manukau Harbour; on the other, Waitemata. Exploring pretty precincts, gazing out over a flurry of yachts, you'll begin to understand why Auckland is fondly known as the 'City of Sails'. Come evening, meet your fellow travel companions for dinner at The Grill, and share stories of your day-one wanderings. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D**

2 Auckland Sightseeing

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 Mission Bay and Bastion Point. **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 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, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, 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. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B D**

4 Rotorua Free Time

Today, choose your own adventure. We have plenty of ideas for the paths you might follow. **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 capital, Wellington. **Hotel: Rydges, 2 nights. B D**

6 Wellington

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 Museum of New Zealand Te Papa, so perhaps make a visit (entrance fee applies). **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. **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, Cultural Performance and Feast at Te Pā Tū
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint

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Dining

6 Breakfasts B 3 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive by 4.00pm into Auckland Airport

Day 7: Flights to depart anytime from Wellington Airport

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Jewels of the Bay



Hole in the Rock, 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. **Hotel: Grand Millennium.**

2 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Hit the road 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. Enjoy an immersive cultural performance which includes waiata (songs), poi and a traditional haka (war dance). **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. Fun fact: the town's streets retain their original names and layout from 1843. 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 for 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 northernmost city is well and truly on your radar. A place where galleries meet museums, Whangārei is the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Stroll the picturesque Town Basin – before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **B**



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Extensions & Add-Ons

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

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

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Dining

3 Breakfasts B 1 Dinner D

Flight Information

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Day 4: Flights to depart after 7.00pm from Auckland Airport

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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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Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) Nature Cruise

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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 drinks and a tour briefing. **Hotel Ibis.**
- 2

Christchurch - Ōmārama
Onboard your city sights tour discover Christchurch's innovative Cardboard Cathedral and enjoy some free time in the serene Botanic Gardens. Leaving the Garden city behind, visit Geraldine, renowned for local cheeses and treats at Barkers Store. Travel through the Waitaki Valley, a picturesque region of winding rivers and rolling farmlands, to the spectacular Mackenzie District. Conclude your day in Ōmārama, a quintessential country town. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**
- 3

Ōmārama - 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 at Transport World, home to a remarkable collection of rare, classic, and nostalgic vehicles. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B**
- 4

Invercargill Free Time
Choose your own southern adventure today with an optional experience. Perhaps journey to Rakiura (Stewart Island), where 85% of the island is preserved as national park, protecting a remarkable world of native birdlife and wildlife. Take a Village and Bays tour to discover windswept shores, quiet inlets and stories of this remote island. Or choose to linger in Invercargill, perhaps stepping into a world of motoring legends at Classic Motorcycle Mecca, showcasing an extraordinary collection of vintage motorcycles. **B**
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Invercargill - Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) - Te Anau
Journey into the heart of Fiordland National Park and cruise through Piopiotahi (Milford Sound), where towering peaks and cascading waterfalls create an unforgettable scene, with chances to spot seals and dolphins. Continue through this pristine wilderness to Te Anau for your overnight stay by the lake. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore. B D**

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Te Anau - Queenstown
Get a taste of good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a Southerner 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**
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Queenstown Free Time
You have time today to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. Enjoy 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 an afternoon cruise on Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner. **B L**
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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, 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, and enjoy a 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**

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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**
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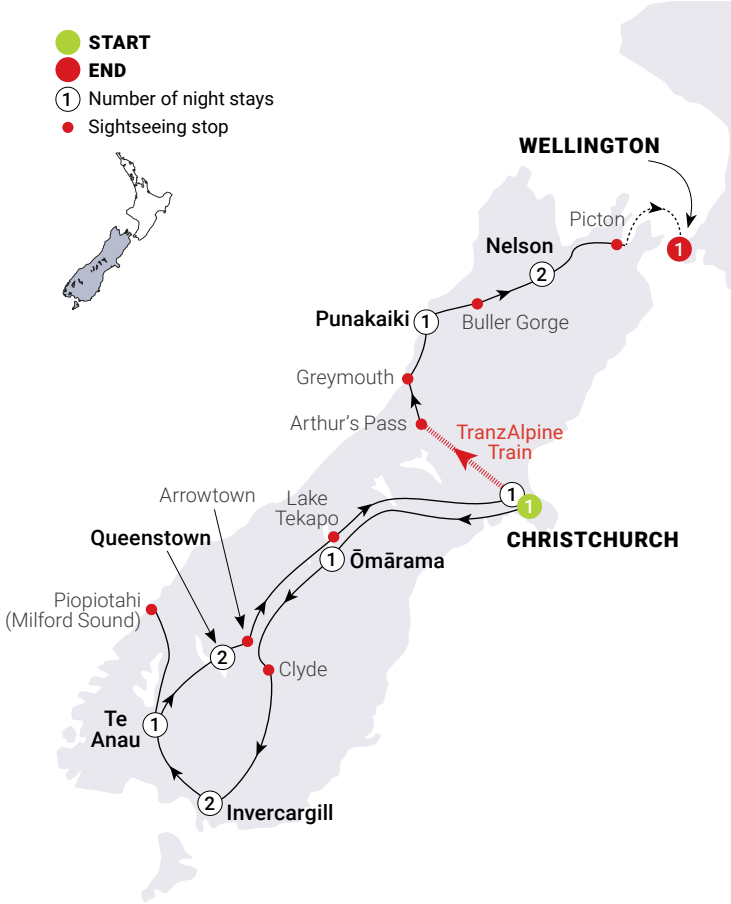
Nelson Free Time
The South Island's oldest city, Nelson is also one of the sunniest. Explore nearby Tahunanui Beach, or you may choose an optional experience to head further afield to the world-famous Abel Tasman National Park. This pocket in the top of the island is a beautiful union of golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. **B**
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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. Ask your Travel Director for tips on where to eat tonight. **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**



TranzAlpine Train



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Included Highlights

- Visit Transport World, home to rare valuable vehicles, for a guided tour
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Discover 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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) to admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery in Fiordland National Park
- 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

2026-27 Season*	2027-28 Season	
2026	2027	2028
Oct 01	Apr 22	Jan 20, 27
Nov 19, 26	Sep 30	Feb 03, 17, 24
Dec 10	Oct 28	Mar 02, 16
2027	Nov 18, 25	
Jan 21, 28	Dec 09, 30	
Feb 04, 18		
Mar 04		

*Departures prior to 01 April 2027 operate to an alternative itinerary. See website for full details

Dining

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

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport
Day 13: Flights to depart after 2.00pm from Wellington Airport
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New Zealand's Southern Sounds

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Church of the Good Shepherd

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 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 drinks before your tour of the South Island of New Zealand. **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, known for its world class Sauvignon Blanc, sun-soaked vineyards and aviation heritage. This afternoon during your guided tour of the 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 Weta Workshop. **Hotel: Scenic Marlborough, 2 nights. B**

3 Blenheim Free Time

Today, explore Marlborough at your own pace. Perhaps book an optional experience. Choose 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. **B**

4 Blenheim - Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion 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 the 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 a burger 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. Consider an optional experience. 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 Kiwi Park. **B**

8 Queenstown - Piopiotahi (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 Lakes 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 four-course buffet meal, as well as a delicious cooked breakfast. **Overnight Cruise: Milford Mariner. B D**

9 Piopiotahi (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

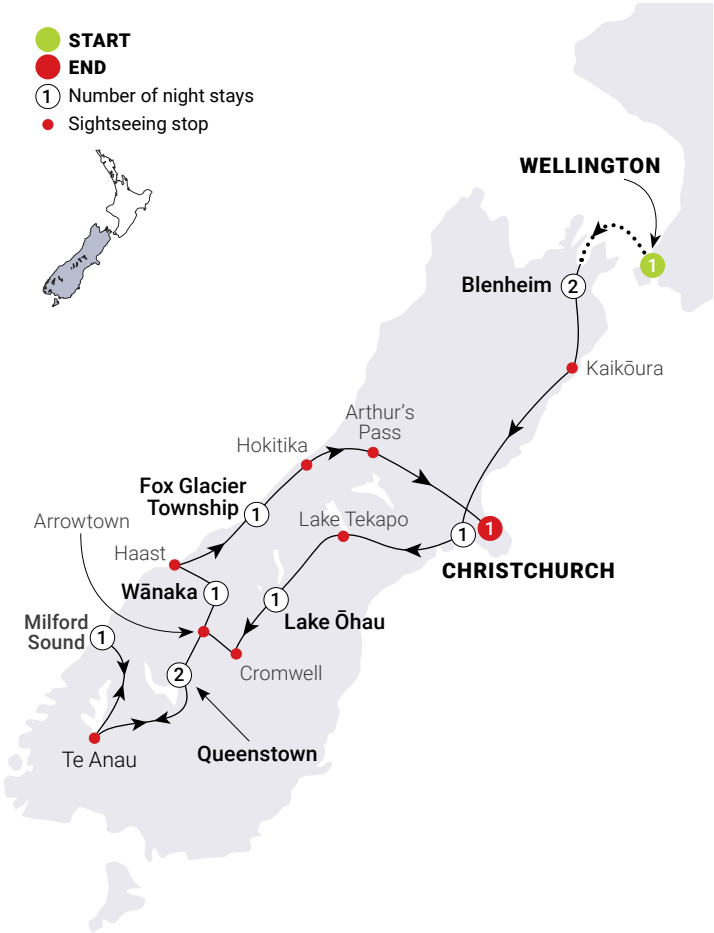
Begin your journey with a scenic drive from Wānaka, passing the quiet waters of Lake Hāwea and the picturesque settlement of Makarora – a hikers hub surrounded by vast alpine scenery and river valleys of lush temperate rainforest. Continue over the Haast Pass, the historic township of Fox Glacier awaits.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

11 Fox Glacier Township - Christchurch

Get some perspective on an optional experience scenic flight over Fox and Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) – if the weather behaves, you may even get a glacier landing. 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 and cultural experiences. **B**



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Extensions & Add-Ons

- Start your tour in Auckland and include a Maori cultural evening at Te Puia in Rotorua, a guided walking tour in Art Deco Napier, and at family Businesses taste local wines, and Manuka honey in Wairarapa. See Untamed New Zealand (Code: LSAC) on page 26.

Included Highlights

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

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Mar 14		Nov 07, 28	Mar 12

Dining

11 Breakfasts B 3 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

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7 Wānaka - Fox Glacier Township

Begin your journey with a scenic drive from Wānaka, passing the pristine waters of Lake Hāwea 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 experience scenic flight over Fox and Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) – if the weather behaves, you may even get a glacier landing. **Hotel: Heartland Fox Glacier. B**

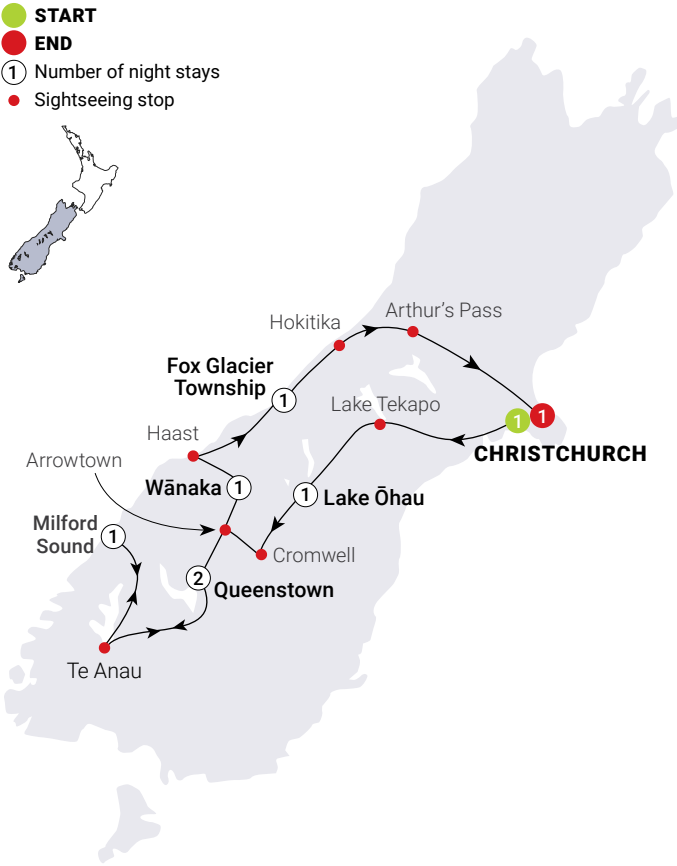
8 Fox Glacier Township - Christchurch

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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**

9 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 a holiday immersed in untamed nature and cultural experiences. **B**



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.

Included Highlights

- Cruise overnight on breathtaking Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)
- Kayak or travel by tender boat along Piopiotahi's shoreline
- View the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo
- Join Pavolva Queen Angie for afternoon tea 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 gold-mining village of Arrowtown
- Enjoy a burger at world-famous Fergburger in Queenstown
- Travel through spectacular Fiordland National Park
- See Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) from a panoramic viewpoint
- Travel over the Haast Pass and through iconic landscapes

Departure Dates

2026-27 Season		2027-28 Season	
2027		2027	2028
Feb	03, 17, 24	Apr	07
Mar	17	Oct	20
		Nov	03, 10
		Dec	01
		Jan	12
		Feb	02, 16, 23
		Mar	15

Dining

8 Breakfasts B 3 Dinners D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

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Day 9: Flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport

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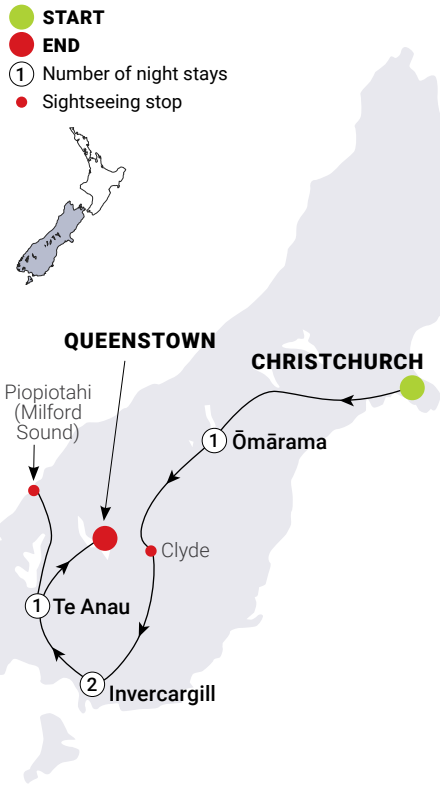
As this Short Break departs at 7.30am from Christchurch, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

- 1 Christchurch - Ōmārama
- Meet your Travel Director this morning before discovering the highlights of Christchurch, including the innovative Cardboard Cathedral and enjoy some free time in the 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 through the Waitaki Valley, a picturesque region of winding rivers and rolling farmlands, to the spectacular Mackenzie District. Conclude your day in Ōmārama, a quintessential country town. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. D**
- 2 Ōmārama - Invercargill
- Travel south to the historic township of Clyde, where preserved gold rush buildings now house charming cafés and boutiques. Continue to Invercargill and explore Bill Richardson Transport World on a guided tour showcasing an extraordinary collection of vintage and classic vehicles. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B**
- 3 Invercargill Free Time
- Choose your own southern adventure today with an optional experience. Journey to Rakiura (Stewart Island), where 85% of the island is preserved as national park, protecting a remarkable world of native birdlife and wildlife. Take a Village and Bays tour to discover windswept shores, quiet inlets and stories of this remote island. Or choose to linger in Invercargill, perhaps stepping into a world of motoring legends at Classic Motorcycle Mecca, showcasing an extraordinary collection of vintage motorcycles. **B**
- 4 Invercargill - Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) - Te Anau
- Journey into Fiordland National Park and arrive at breathtaking Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). Cruise through this dramatic landscape of sheer cliffs, cascading waterfalls and rainforest, with opportunities to spot seals and native

birdlife, before continuing to Te Anau for your overnight stay. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore. B D**

5 Te Anau - Depart Queenstown

Experience life on a working farm at Real Country, where sheep dog mustering and horse demonstrations bring rural traditions to life. This **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience supports the Fairlight Foundation, advancing women in agriculture, before visiting historic Arrowtown and continuing to Queenstown, where your short break concludes. **B**



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Included Highlights

- Exclusive Guided Tour at Transport World in Invercargill
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Discover the charm of rural life at Real Country, featuring sheep shearing, and a chance to have a go at whip cracking
- Visit the Historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown
- Cruise on Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)
- Discover Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure capital, set amidst stunning alpine and lake scenery

Departure Dates

2027-28 Season	
2027	
Apr	23
Oct	01, 29
Nov	19, 26
Dec	10, 31
2028	
Jan	21, 28
Feb	04, 18, 25
Mar	03, 17

Dining

4 Breakfasts B 2 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Christchurch Airport

Day 5: Flights to depart after 6.00pm from Queenstown Airport

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.



New Zealand South Island Highlights

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SHORT BREAK

As this holiday departs at 7.30am from Queenstown, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

- 1 Queenstown - Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)
- Journey along the Devil's Staircase, to the charming town of Te Anau. Continue your adventure through World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, passing mirror-like lakes, alpine valleys and through the Homer Tunnel to Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). Board the Milford Mariner for an unforgettable Milford Sound overnight cruise, where waterfalls and rainforest surround you. Look out for dolphins – they're a common sight here. 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. Dining included in your cruise are hors d'oeuvres followed by a four-course buffet meal, as well as a delicious cooked breakfast. **Overnight Cruise: Milford Mariner. D**
- 2 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) - Wānaka
- Wake to the stillness of Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) before cruising further through the fiord as the morning light reveals its towering peaks. Depart Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) and journey through Central Otago to Wānaka, a lakeside town set against the 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**
- 3 Wānaka - Fox Glacier Township
- Travel from Wānaka past Lake Hāwea and through the alpine landscapes of Makarora before crossing the Haast Pass. Descend into the lush rainforest of the West Coast and arrive at Fox Glacier Township. **Hotel: Heartland. B**
- 4 Fox Glacier - Depart Christchurch
- Before you depart this morning, get some perspective on an optional experience scenic flight over Fox and Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere

(Franz Josef Glacier) – if the weather behaves, you may even get a glacier landing. 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. Once over the pass, the landscape softens again as you roll toward the bright lights of Christchurch, where your journey concludes. **B**



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Included Highlights

- Cruise overnight aboard the iconic Milford Mariner on majestic Piopiotahi (Milford Sound)
- Kayak or travel by tender boat along Piopiotahi's shoreline
- Stay in the picturesque country town of Wānaka
- See Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) from a panoramic viewpoint

Departure Dates

2027-28 Season	
2027	
Oct	24
Nov	07, 14
Dec	05
2028	
Jan	16
Feb	06, 20, 27
Mar	19

Dining

3 Breakfasts B 1 Dinner D

Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Queenstown Airport

Day 4: Flights to depart after 7.00pm from Christchurch Airport

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Southern Spectacular

A photograph of three people enjoying a meal at a restaurant. On the left, an older woman with short grey hair, wearing a brown blazer over a white shirt, is smiling and clapping her hands. In the center, a woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a white t-shirt with a large white daisy graphic, is standing and serving a large, round, bread-based dish topped with cream and fruit. On the right, a man with dark hair, wearing a grey sweater, is smiling and holding a white mug. They are seated at a wooden table with a woven placemat. The background features a white marble wall and a brass planter. The text "Southern Spectacular" is overlaid in the top left corner in a large, white, sans-serif font. The caption "Pavlova Queen at Lake Tekapo" is located at the bottom left of the image.

Pavlova Queen at Lake Tekapo

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. Freshen up because it's time to meet your fellow adventure-seekers over a couple of wines. **Hotel: Distinction.**

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. B D

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, you could consider an optional experience and visit a sustainable gin distillery, or tour Larnach Castle, a NZ holiday must. **Hotel: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross B D**

Leave Dunedin's pastoral sheep-farming countryside behind as you venture into 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

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 streets 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 Waiou (Franz Josef), home to Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier). Get some perspective of this immense ice

The map illustrates a travel itinerary across New Zealand, primarily in the South Island. The route is marked with red dots and black arrows, connecting various locations. Key locations include Punakaiki, Greymouth, Arthur's Pass, Hokitika, Waiau (Franz Josef), Haast, Thunder Creek Falls, Piopiotahi (Milford Sound), Mirror Lakes, Te Anau, Queenstown, Cromwell, Arrowtown, Twizel, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Ōamaru. The TranzAlpine Train route is highlighted in red, connecting Christchurch to Arthur's Pass. Numbered circles (1 and 2) indicate specific stops or points of interest along the route.

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Southern Spotlight



Dark Sky Experience

TranzAlpine Train

Milford Sound Cruise

- 1

Welcome to Christchurch

Welcome to Christchurch, your New Zealand South Island tour starts here. 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 - Ōmārama

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, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience 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

Ōmārama - 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

Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) 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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). Venture out into the pristine fiord on a 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,

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Queenstown Free Time

You've completed your Christchurch to Queenstown road trip, now it's time to take in the sights. Take today at your own pace; you won't be lost for things to do in Queenstown. Ask about optional experiences. 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. **B**
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Queenstown - Waiau (Franz Josef)

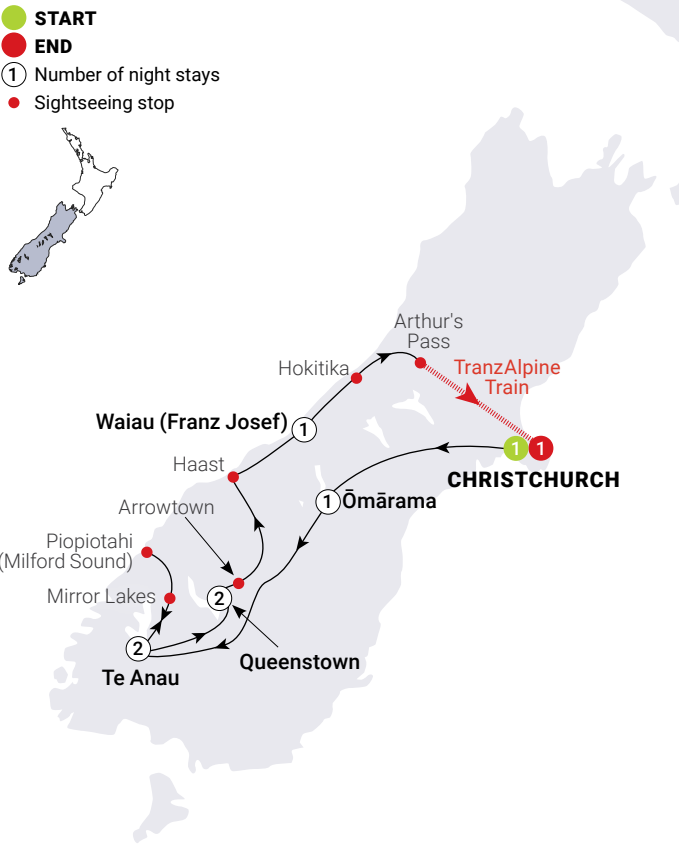
Try to keep count of today's lakes. You're leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, but Lake Dunstan awaits, as do its orchards. Pause to refuel on flavour-packed stone fruit. Then there's Lake Hāwea. Over the Haast Pass to the town of Waiau (Franz Josef), where, this afternoon you may choose an optional experience to fly over Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier). **Hotel: Scenic. B D**
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Waiau (Franz Josef) - Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika. Just when you thought your South Island trip couldn't get any better, you'll board 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 dinner and drinks 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 tour to your family back home. **B**



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Witness the universe at Tekapo's Indoor Dark Sky Project, where stargazing meets astronomical insights
- Embark on a cruise in Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) and admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery - a must-do experience on any South Island trip
- 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 Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) from a panoramic viewpoint
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- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo

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Mar	07, 14, 28		

Dining

8 Breakfasts B 5 Dinners D

Flight Information

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Southern Wonders



TranzAlpine Train

- 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 drinks. **Hotel: Ibis.**
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Christchurch - Waiau (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 an optional experience to fly over Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier). **Hotel: Scenic. B D**
- 3

Waiau (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 Hāwea 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 of New Zealand doesn't disappoint when it comes to activities that are fast and furious. Take your pick from optional experiences. You could explore the natural drama of Skippers Canyon. Prefer life at a more leisurely pace? Then sip your way through surrounding vineyards. Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner. **B D**

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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 Piopiotahi (Milford Sound). 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**
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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. Perhaps consider an optional experience 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. B**
- 7

Dunedin - Ōmārama
Discover the lives of kororā, New Zealand's little blue penguins, at the Ōamaru Penguins Conservation Centre. Explore the Discovery Centre and take a stroll through the penguin colony, visiting the nesting area where penguins may be seen caring for their eggs and chicks. Learn from an educator about the centre's conservation work on this impactful **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**
- 8

Ōmārama - Christchurch
This morning, enjoy views across the Canterbury Plains, with turquoise Lake Tekapo and snow-capped mountains. Travel north to Christchurch and view city sights with your Travel Director, highlighting the city's remarkable transformation. Visit landmarks such as the Transitional

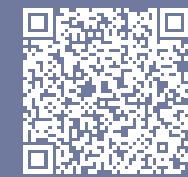
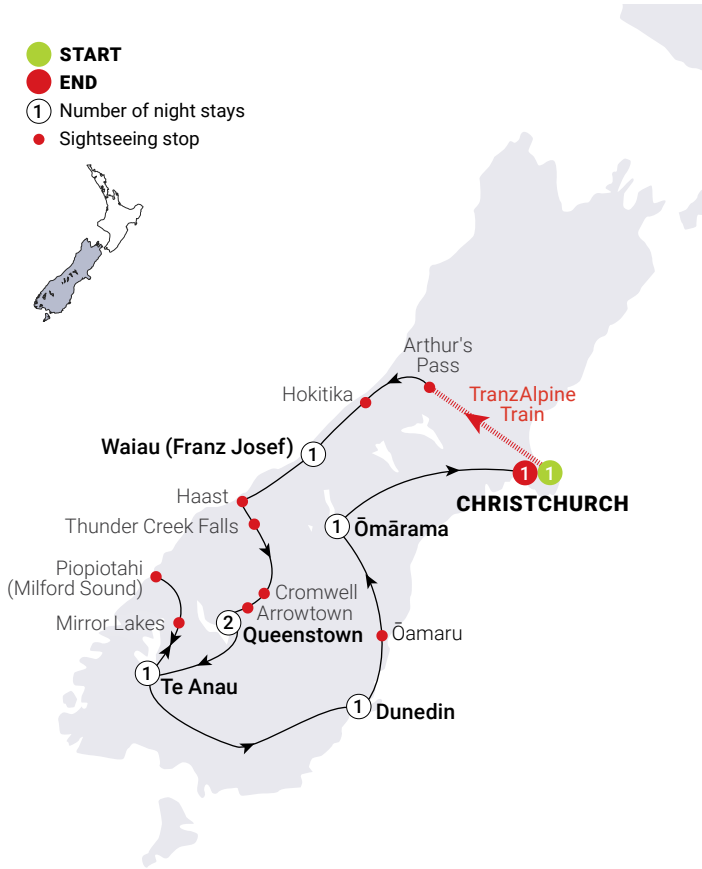
Cathedral, built largely from cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library, showcasing Christchurch's mix of history and modern innovation. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

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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**



Walter Peak High Country Farm



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- Embark on a cruise in Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) to admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on the historic TSS Earnslaw Steamship
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Dining

8 Breakfasts B 4 Dinners D

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Walter Peak High Country Farm

As this Short Break departs at 7.30am from Christchurch, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

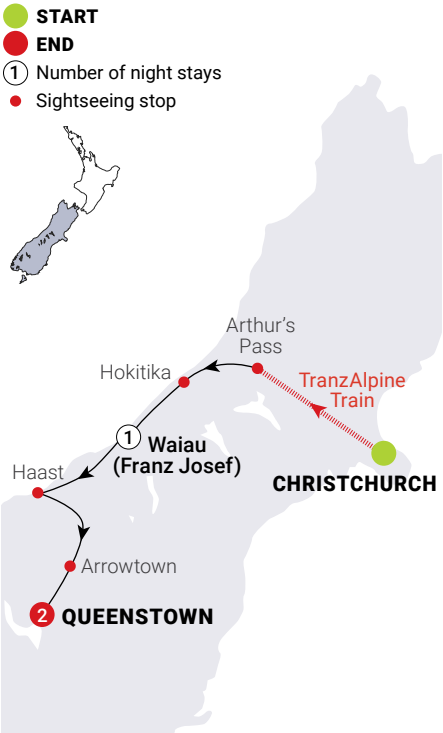
1 Christchurch - Waiau (Franz Josef)
Meet your Travel Director in Christchurch this morning before boarding the TranzAlpine train bound for Arthur's Pass, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, beech forests, gorges, and river valleys. Continue by coach via Hokitika, the heritage and cultural centre of the West Coast well-known for its jade, before arriving in Waiau (Franz Josef), gateway to Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier), a white-out of snow and ice. Get some perspective on an optional experience scenic helicopter flight with glacier landing over this natural wonder (weather permitting). **Hotel: Scenic. D**

2 Waiau (Franz Josef) - Queenstown
Depart Waiau (Franz Josef) via the Haast Pass, where 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 shoreline of poplars and willows. Followed by Lake Hāwea and Lake Dunstan, where you'll pause to refuel on flavour-packed stone fruit at the Jones Family fruit stall. As tempting as it is to linger in the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown with its 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**

3 Queenstown Free Time
Wake to a full day at leisure in Queenstown, where adventure, nature and indulgence await. Choose your pace from optional experiences; you could explore the natural drama of Skippers Canyon, a thrilling jet boat ride thundering across three waterways travelling at speeds of up to 95kph, to Kiwi Park, a wildlife sanctuary found in the heart of Queenstown. It holds and displays over 20 species of native NZ wildlife in a 5-acre park, all of which are part of nationally managed programs. Or spend the afternoon visiting three carefully selected boutique

vineyards in Gibbston Valley. Each venue offers a unique perspective on the region's world-class cool-climate wines. You'll gain valuable insight into the winemaking process and the region's distinctive terroir. Guests will enjoy premium wine tastings, including Central Otago's internationally acclaimed Pinot Noir, alongside other varietals showcasing the region's diversity. This evening, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner. **B D**

4 Depart Queenstown
Short and sweet, this South Island tour is sure to inspire future New Zealand travels. **B**





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Included Highlights

- Journey on the TranzAlpine Train through the Southern Alps
- See Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Franz Josef Glacier) from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit the Historic Gold Mining Arrowtown
- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- Travel aboard the TSS Earnslaw across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station for a gourmet BBQ dinner

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Dining

3 Breakfasts B 2 Dinners D

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Real Country Farm

1 Welcome to Queenstown
Arrive in Queenstown and make your way to your hotel, where time is yours to soak up the alpine atmosphere at leisure. As evening falls, your Travel Director will welcome you and provide insider tips on where to dine. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. D**

2 Queenstown & Surrounds
Step into rural life at Real Country, where you will meet a Southern farmer and get a taste of good old fashioned southern hospitality. View fascinating demonstrations of horse communication techniques and witness working sheep dogs in action during mustering displays. 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. Then you'll think you've stepped back in time when you arrive in the charming former gold-mining village of Arrowtown, before an evening to remember starting with a cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw. At Walter Peak High Country Farm, a gourmet barbecue dinner awaits at the Colonel's Homestead, against the backdrop of the Remarkables. **B D**

3 Queenstown Free Time
Today is yours to explore Queenstown and its breathtaking surrounds at your own pace. Choose from a range of optional experiences. Perhaps journey to Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) for a cruise on this breathtaking fiord. 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'. 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. Or, if you like things fast-paced, feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jetboat ride. **B**

4 Farewell from Queenstown
Your Queenstown escape comes to an end after breakfast, leaving you with lasting memories of alpine landscapes, local encounters and lakeside charm. **B**





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Included Highlights

- The charm of rural life at Real Country, featuring sheep shearing, and a chance to have a go at whip cracking - **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Visit the Historic gold mining village of Arrowtown
- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on the TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm

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Dining

3 Breakfasts B 1 Dinner D

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