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# Driving NZ Tour Brochure 2014/15



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# Driving New Zealand

Our self drive brochure is designed to show a range of itinerary options to suit all travellers whether you have 1 day or 1 year. Tours can be chopped, changed or customised to an itinerary that works exactly for you to maximise your New Zealand experience. We also offer a range of life style itineraries to suit those who have a distinct interest you would like to entertain at that same time as discovering New Zealand.



## Our New Zealand

New Zealand's is the youngest country in the world, and the amazing landscapes, wildlife and pleasant climate make it a "must see" destination for anyone wanting to pursue outdoor activities, gaze at incredible scenery, or just relax. Although only a small population of just over 4 million, New Zealand is a diverse, multicultural and above all, friendly society. And the great advantage of New Zealand is that all this diverse physical, cultural, and natural landscapes are so close to each other and accessible.

## Who are we

DrivingNZ is brought to you by Experience New Zealand Limited (part of the Southern Travel Holdings Group), a long established inbound tour operator within New Zealand and Australia offering customised tour product and services for our trade partners and customers.

We offer a range of tours and popular destinations within New Zealand, ensuring we are able to satisfy your choice of itinerary and holiday experience you deserve whilst in our beautiful country. If you don't find the tour that is perfect for you, then please contact us and we will customise one to meet your requirements.

With more than 20 years experience with Free and Independent Travellers, Group and Incentive traffic, our proven track record ensures our customers receive a reliable, quality service and experience.





# Tips for taking making the most of you travel within New Zealand

Your journey through New Zealand will depend on how much time you have, and if you have been here before.

If you have only 7 days or less, then we would recommend you spend you time in either the North or South Island, and don't try to cover both. Do to both islands, you need at least 10 days, and even with 10 days it will be a stretch requiring you to fly from one island to the other. If you plan to visit New Zealand only once, then allow between 18 – 21 days for your journey.

For those that have been here before, then let us get you off the beaten track and discover the New Zealand that is less known. Steward Island, The Catlin's and Marlborough Sound to name a few.

## As example, some of our most popular touring routes for 7 day itineraries include:

- 1 Auckland → Opononi → Paihia → Waitomo → Rotorua → Taupo → Auckland
- 2 Auckland → Coromandel → Rotorua → Taupo → Napier → Wellington
- 3 Christchurch → Dunedin → Te Anau → Milford Sound → Queenstown → Mt Cook → Christchurch
- 4 Christchurch → Greymouth → Franz Josef → Wanaka → Queenstown → Christchurch

We welcome you to New Zealand and we hope to exceed your expectations of this great country and deliver you special memories to take with you forever.

The tours in this brochure are just a sample of what we can do. If you have any questions or enquiries about a journey through New Zealand, then contact our expert team on [enquiry@drivingnz.com](mailto:enquiry@drivingnz.com) or call our Wellington office on +64 4 473 4470

## Driving Safely in New Zealand

We want you to enjoy you journey in New Zealand, and in particular we want you to return safe and sound. Remember you are on holiday, so take your time and enjoy the driver. Pull over and let those in a hurry get past. Take plenty of rest breaks, and be mindful of our driving conditions.

If you're used to driving in the city, you should take care when driving on New Zealand's open country roads. We have a good motorway system but weather extremes, the terrain and narrow secondary roads and bridges require drivers to be very vigilant.

## Driving in New Zealand - Resources

You can find out what's different about driving in New Zealand on the [NZ Transport Agency](http://www.nzta.govt.nz) website.

Information on current highway conditions. The information is easily accessible from the NZTA website <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/current-conditions/index.html>

Visitors can also get the latest state highway information by phoning NZTA's 24/7 infoline 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49). Refer to the [NZ Transport Agency website](http://www.nzta.govt.nz) for country wide information on New Zealand roads, road rules and vehicle safety.

Test out your knowledge of New Zealand's road rules on the [Driving Tests website](http://www.drivingnz.com)

[DriveSafe.org.nz](http://www.drivesafe.org.nz) has been developed to provide everything you need to know to have a safe and enjoyable driving adventure, from road rules and etiquette to links to further resources. The site has three sections: Planning your trip; On arrival; and On the road - check back at any stage of your trip for more guidance and ideas. This site provides basic information about New Zealand road rules and etiquette, along with links to more details about everything that those unfamiliar with our roads need to know.

# NEW ZEALAND **LAW** WHEN DRIVING

**Everyone wears SEATBELTS**

**Keep LEFT**

**MAXIMUM speed**

**NO overtaking on yellow lines**

## YOUR TRIP MAY TAKE LONGER THAN YOU EXPECT

Allow extra time on New Zealand Roads

Safer Journeys

## Important road rules

- Always drive on the left-hand-side of the road.
- Always keep on or below the legal speed limits indicated on road signs. The maximum speed on any open road is 100km/h. The maximum speed in urban areas is 50km/h. Adjust your speed as conditions demand.
- When traffic lights are red you must stop. When traffic lights are amber you must stop unless you are so close to the intersection it is unsafe to do so.
- Do not pass other cars where there are double yellow lines - these indicate that it's too dangerous to overtake.
- Drivers and passengers must wear seat belts or child restraints at all times, in both front and rear seats.
- Do not drink and drive. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a crime in New Zealand and strictly enforced by police, with severe penalties for offenders.
- Signposting follows standard international symbols and all distances are in kilometres (km).

## Drive to the road conditions

- Don't underestimate driving times. Although distances may seem short, New Zealand roads often include hilly, narrow or winding terrain, which slow down your journey. If you're used to driving in the city, take care when driving on the open country roads, and watch out for single-lane bridges.
- Road conditions are variable. Off the main highways some roads may be unsealed and extra care needs to be taken. A few of these roads are not safe for vehicles and insurance does not cover them - ask your rental car company to mark these roads on your map before setting off.
- In winter some roads may be treacherous due to ice or snow, particularly around mountain passes. Look out for signs indicating slippery surfaces in winter and drive slowly - do not brake suddenly on ice. See our [winter driving tips](#) for more advice.

## Don't drive tired

- Get plenty of sleep before a long drive. Take regular breaks - one every two hours.
- Never drive if you are feeling tired, particularly after you have just completed a long-haul flight.

## Cycles and Motorbikes

- Helmets for riders of cycles and motorbikes must be worn at all times.
- Rear and front lights on cycles are required at night.
- Motorbikes should drive with a headlight on at all times.
- Cycling is not permitted on motorways.

## International Driving Licences and Permits

You can legally drive in New Zealand for up to 12 months if you have either a current driver's licence from your home country or an International Driving Permit (IDP). After 12 months you are required to convert to a New Zealand licence. This applies to each visit to New Zealand.

In New Zealand all drivers, including visitors from other countries, must carry their licence or permit at all times when driving. You will only be able to drive the same types of vehicles you are licensed to drive in your home country. The common legal age to rent a car in New Zealand is 21 years.

Make sure your driver's licence is current. If your licence is not fully written English, you must bring an English translation with you or obtain an IDP. Contact your local automobile club for further details about obtaining a translation or an IDP.

A translation of your overseas licence or permit can be issued by:

- A translator [approved by the NZ Transport Agency](#)
- A diplomatic representative at a high commission, embassy or consulate; or
- The authority that issued your overseas licence (an international driving permit may be acceptable as a translation).

It is important to note that if you are caught driving without an acceptable English translation or an IDP, you may be prosecuted for driving unlicensed or for driving without an appropriate licence. You will be liable for an infringement fee of NZ\$400, or up to NZ\$1,000 if you are convicted in court.

The Police also have the power to forbid an unlicensed driver to drive until they have an appropriate licence. If you continue to drive after being forbidden, the vehicle you are driving will be impounded for 28 days, at the vehicle owner's expense. You may also risk not being covered by your insurance in the event of a crash.

# Rental Cars

We only use high quality, on airport location rental car companies where their cars brand new to a maximum of 18 months old.

**Rental Period:** Rates are based on a minimum rental period of one day (24-hours from the time the rental starts). Most rental car operators allow a 59-minute grace period, after which an extra hour is charged at one fifth the daily rate, to a maximum of four hours after which a full day will be charged. On wholesale (inclusive tour voucher) rentals an extra full day will be charged.

**Insurance:** Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Insurance including third party and public liability is included in our rates. An accident damage excess (ADE) does apply.

**Accident Damage Excess (ADE):** ADE applies to all rentals. This excess may be reduced (at the renter's option) at the time of rental by purchasing Accident Excess Reduction (AER) or Glass Cover Insurance (GCI). The rates of ADE are subject to change without notice, but current rates (including GST) range from \$2925 - \$3375.

**Important:** The renter will be fully liable for any damage to the vehicle and any third party property, if the terms and conditions of the rental agreement are breached.

**Accident Excess Reduction (AER):** Purchase of AER at time of hire reduces the ADE to between \$276 - \$345 (depending on car type). You can

either purchase AER per day form \$27.60. Or to reduce your excess to nil, then you can pay \$34.50 per day with the rental car company or you can purchase full inclusive insurance with a higher daily rate at the time of booking..

**Glass Cover Insurance (GCI):** The excess on glass only (windcreens, windows, headlights) may be reduced (at the renter's option) to NIL at the time of rental by purchasing GCI. GCI may be purchased alone or in conjunction with AER above. Some AER options may include GCI.

**Airport / Ferry Terminal Service Charges (AFSC):** Rentals commencing at airports and inter-island ferry terminals are subject to a nominal Service Charge (AFSC). This charge is \$40.50 per airport/ferry terminal pick up and must be paid directly to the rental car company.

**Deposit:** Renters will be required to leave credit card details as a deposit (\$200 - \$400 depending on car type). Renters with no credit card will be required to leave a deposit (cash or travelers cheques are acceptable but we do not accept personal cheques) equivalent to the total cost of the rental including any sundry charges (including applicable Accident Damage Excess (ADE) – reduced or full, Accident Excess Reduction (AER), baby seats, ski racks, chains, etc), plus a further NZ\$100 fuel bond.

(ADE and fuel bonds are refundable when vehicle is returned upon completion of the hire,

undamaged and full of fuel – refunds may take up to 10 working days to process)

**Renter Qualification:** The minimum rental age is 21 years. There is no maximum rental age. All intending drivers must present a valid full national driving licence, which has been held for at least one year. A current International Driving Licence must accompany driving licences issued in a language other than English.

There is no extra charge for additional drivers. Minimum rental age and other requirements for additional drivers will be the same as for the renter. Additional non employee authorised drivers must be notified to Thrifty and listed on the rental agreement.

**Cancellation / No Show Fee:** In the event this booking is cancelled within 48 hours of scheduled pickup or if a booking is not cancelled and the customer does not pick up the vehicle (no-show), the customers credit card will be charged with a cancellation fee equivalent to the first days rental charges (as calculated should the rental have taken place).

**Rental Car Types:** We use a number of rental car companies, including Thrifty Rental Cars. Here is an example of their car types.

# Rental Car Categories

Class	Vehicle	Size	Doors	Seats	Bags
CCAR/Compact	Toyota Corolla or similar	1.8-2.3L	4-5	4/5	1 large 2 small
ICAR/Intermediate	Toyota Camry or similar	2.0-2.4L	4-5	4/5	2 large 2 small
PFAR/Full Size	Toyota Prado or similar	3.6L	4	5	2 large 2 small
IFAR/Intermediate 4WD	Toyota Rav 4 or similar	2.4L	5	5	2 large 2 small
FFAR/Full Size 4WD	Toyota Highlander or similar	4.0L	5	5	2 large 3 small
LVAR/Full Size Van	Hyundai iMax or Similar	2.4L	5	8	2 large 3 small

All cars are automatic.





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# Double Island Discovery

The complete sightseeing tour of the best New Zealand has to offer.

**Length:** 18 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Christchurch | **Accommodation Rating:** 4-5 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Rydges Hotel Auckland</b>
	Kia Ora & Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will pick up your rental car and head to the city for 1 night. Some of the key Auckland attractions include views out from Mt Eden, Sky Tower, Auckland Museum and sailing on Auckland's Waitamata Harbour.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Auckland - Opononi</b>	<b>260km 3hrs 30min</b>	<b>Copthorne Hotel Opononi</b>
	Head north today up the west coast of the North Island to the Waipoua Forest to view the impressive Tane Mahuta Kauri Tree. Then continue onto Hokianga Harbour where you will overnight, with your hotel's fabulous views across the harbour to the mighty sand dunes.		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Opononi - Paihia</b>	<b>90km 1hr</b>	<b>Copthorne Bay of Islands Hotel Paihia</b>
	Travel north over the Harbour Bridge, through to and through to stopping at the local beaches including Waipoua along the way. Travel up through Whangarei and through to Paihia in the Bay of Islands.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Paihia</b>		<b>Copthorne Bay of Islands Hotel Paihia</b>
	In the morning you will depart on the Hole in the Rock cruise out to Cape Brett before returning 4 hours later. In the afternoon visit the Waitangi Treaty Groups, or take the ferry over the Russell for dinner and drinks.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Paihia - Rotorua</b>	<b>450km 6hr</b>	<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel Rotorua</b>
	A long drive today as you head down back through Auckland, into the lush Waikato and through to the geothermal wonderland that is Rotorua.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Rotorua</b>		<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel Rotorua</b>
	Discover all that Rotorua has to offer. From the boiling mud pools and geysers at Te Puia, Whakarewarewa or other geothermal areas such as Wai-o-tapu, Waimangu Valley or Hells Gate. Or drive out past the Blue & Green Lakes to the Buried Village, or just relax in the mineral hot pools at Polynesian Spa.		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Rotorua - Nelson</b>	<b>(1.5hr flight)*</b>	<b>Grand Monaco Resort Nelson</b>
	You will drop off your rental car at Rotorua Airport and take a short flight to Nelson at the top of the South Island. Pick up another rental car and head to your Nelson accommodation. *Airfare not included		
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Nelson</b>		<b>Grand Monaco Resort Nelson</b>
	Nelson is the gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park. Drive up to Kaiteriteri today and take a cruise or maybe a kayak adventure in one of New Zealand's most stunning National Parks.		
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Nelson - Punakaiki</b>	<b>285km 3hrs 45min</b>	<b>Punakaiki Resort Punakaiki</b>
	Depart today out towards the coast to the blow holes and pancake rocks at Punakaiki where you will overnight. There are a number of great short walks in this region to discover.		
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Nelson - Franz Josef</b>	<b>175km 2hrs 30min</b>	<b>Westwood Lodge Franz Josef</b>
	Continue down the rugged west coast where you could stop at Greymouth or Hokitika, before driving onto Franz Josef in the Glacier Region. Relax in the evening at the Glacier Hot Pools		





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# Double Island Discovery continued

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Franz Josef - Queenstown</b>	<b>350km 5hrs</b>	<b>The Rees Queenstown</b>
	Explore in and around Franz this morning. There are walks to the terminal face of the glacier, or you may want to take a scenic flight of a helihike up from the ice fall back down the glacier. In the afternoon head down the Haast Pass through into Wanaka and onto the resort of Queenstown		
<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Queenstown</b>		<b>The Rees Queenstown</b>
	Relax in Queenstown today or take on one of the many optional activities the Shotover Jet Boat, Walter Peak Farm Station, Bungy Jumping, Skyline Gondola, Wine Tours and LOTR Tours, there is so much to choose from. Be sure to visit the very quaint Arrowtown while you are in the area.		
<b>Day 13</b>	<b>Queenstown - Milford Sound</b>		<b>Distinction Hotel &amp; Villas Te Anau</b>
	Travel around the back of Lake Wakitipu, thought into Te Anau on along the spectacular road through the Fiordland National Park and into Milford Sound. Here you will take a 2 hour Nature Cruise.		
	<b>Milford Sound - Te Anau</b>	<b>115km 2hrs</b>	
	After your cruise you will head back along the Milford Sound road, making stopping to view the sights such as Mirror Lakes, or watch the cheeky Kea's in the car park outside the Homer Tunnel. Continue back to Te Anau for the evening.		
<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Te Anau - Dunedin</b>	<b>290km 4hrs</b>	<b>Regis Park Hotel Dunedin</b>
	Travel west this morning through to New Zealand's most Scottish city, Dunedin.		
<b>Day 15</b>	<b>Dunedin</b>		<b>Regis Park Hotel Dunedin</b>
	Explore Dunedin's great architecture this morning before heading out to Otago Peninsula where you will find Larnach Castle, The Royal Albatross Centre and penguin colonies at Penguin Place or Natures Wonders.		
<b>Day 16</b>	<b>Dunedin - Christchurch</b>	<b>360km 5hrs</b>	<b>Novotel Cathedral Square Hotel Christchurch</b>
	Head up the coast today, past the Moeraki Boulders and into the historic town of Oamaru. Continue up the coast and over the Canterbury Plains to the garden city of Christchurch.		
<b>Day 17</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>	<b>290km 4hrs</b>	<b>Novotel Cathedral Square Hotel Christchurch</b>
	Experience Christchurch today with a day to explore the city. Be sure to visit Hagley Park, the Botanic Gardens & the Avon River waterfront. Alternatively drive out to the French settlement of Akaroa on the Banks Peninsula.		
<b>Day 18</b>	<b>Christchurch - Departure Day</b>		
	On the way out to the airport, you may want to discover the International Antarctic Centre. Then you will drop off your rental car at the airport to depart on your flight home.		

## DATES

01 Oct 14 - 31 Mar 15  
01 Apr 15 - 30 Sep 15

## PRICE

\$2940  
\$2325

## TOUR INCLUDES:

- « **Accommodation:** 17 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 17 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Hole in the Rock Cruise Paihia, Real Journeys Nature Cruise Milford Sound
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares/Airport, Taxes/surcharges/ Hotel Parking / Meal unless specified / Rental Car Fuel / Excess Insurance Reduction

Price per person based on twin share in New Zealand dollars



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## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE. SEE PAGES 34-40

Optional Rental cars & accommodation can be upgraded or additional days added. Activities or meals can also be added and optional rental car excess cover can be included. Itineraries can also be reversed.



# North Island

# South Island





# All That Blossoms

Tourism NZ

Garden fanatics & general touring of the central North Island

**Length:** 7 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Auckland | **Accommodation Rating:** 3.5-4 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Rydges Hotel Auckland</b>
Kia Ora & Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will pick up your rental car and head to the city for 2 nights			
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Rydges Hotel Auckland</b>
Visit Auckland's central city gardens including Parnell Rose Gardens, Eden Gardens & the Winter Gardens at Auckland's Domain			
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Auckland - Hamilton</b>	<b>120km 1hr 30min</b>	<b>Novotel Tainui Hamilton</b>
Head south down the Southern Motorway stopping at the Auckland Botanical Gardens along the way in Manurewa. Continue south over the Bombay Hills and through the Waikato countryside into Hamilton. Visit the Woodlands Historic Homestead & Gardens			
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Hamilton - Waitomo Caves</b>	<b>78km 1hr</b>	<b>Holiday Inn Rotorua</b>
Continue south west and through the famous Waitomo Caves which you will take a 1 hour tour of the caves.			
	<b>Waitomo Caves - Rotorua</b>	<b>156km 2hr 15min</b>	
You will now drive south east down through the Pureora Forest and into the geothermal capital that is Rotorua			
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Rotorua</b>		<b>Holiday Inn Rotorua</b>
Visit the Government Gardens in Rotorua along with other key attractions including the boiling mud pools and geysers at Te Puia, Whakarewarewa or other geothermal areas such as Wai-o-tapu, Waimangu Valley or Hells Gate.			
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Rotorua - Taupo</b>	<b>75km 1hr</b>	<b>Wairekei Resort Taupo</b>
Drive south to Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake. Stop the spectacular Huka Falls, or take a cruise on Lake Taupo. Be sure to visit the Waikpahihi Botanical Gardens in Taupo.			
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Taupo - Auckland</b>	<b>280km 4hr</b>	<b>Departure Day</b>
You will head back up the main highway, then through Matamata over the Hauraki Plains. In Matamata you may want to take in a tour of the movie location of Hobbiton, before continuing directly to Auckland Airport where you will drop off your rental car and check in for your onward flight.			







# North Island



Jeff Brass

## DATES

01 Oct 14 - 31 Mar 15  
01 Apr 15 - 30 Sep 15

## PRICE

\$700  
\$600

Price per person based on twin share in New Zealand dollars

## TOUR INCLUDES:

- « **Accommodation:** 6 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 7 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Tour of Waitomo Caves
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction



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Waimangu Volcanic Valley





# Great Walks

Outdoor Adventurers with extensive touring covering North & South Islands

**Length:** 14 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Queenstown | **Accommodation Rating:** 4 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Rydges Hotel Auckland</b>
	On arrival into Auckland you will uplift your rental car before driving to your hotel. There is lots to do in The City of Sails, from harbour cruises to exploring the West Coast beaches of Piha or Muriwai west of Auckland.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Rydges Hotel Auckland</b>
	Travel over on the short ferry ride today to Rangitoto Island, and extinct volcano in Auckland's Harbour. Hike to the top for spectacular views before returning back to the city to continue your adventure.		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Auckland - Waitomo Caves</b>	<b>195km 2hr 30min</b>	<b>Holiday Inn Rotorua</b>
	This morning, travel down to the famous Waitomo Caves where you will do the adrenalin fuel Black Abyss Tour. This 5 hour tour includes abseiling, climbing and cave tubing beneath the glow worm caves.		
	<b>Waitomo Caves - Rotorua</b>	<b>156km 2hr 15min</b>	
	Continue onto Rotorua for the evening. You may want to try the very authentic Maori cultural experience and Hangi meal at Tamaki Heritage Village to cap the night off.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Rotorua - Taupo</b>	<b>75km 1hr</b>	<b>Discovery Lodge Tongariro National Park</b>
	Visit the most famous geothermal area and Maori cultural centre in Rotorua, Te Puia. Then it is off for a leisurely drive through to Lake Taupo stopping at Huka Falls on the way.		
	<b>Taupo - Tongariro</b>	<b>90km 1hr 15min</b>	
	Continue into the Tongariro National Park, the home of Mt Ruapehu one of New Zealand's only two active volcanoes. Have a good nights sleep as it is any early start in the morning.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Tongariro</b>		<b>Discovery Lodge Tongariro National Park</b>
	Up at 5am for a quick shuttle ride to the start of the Tongariro Crossing. Your 19km 6hour hike will take you across some of the most spectacular landscapes on offer in the North Island. At the end of the walk you will be transferred back to Discovery Lodge for a well earned rest. The Tongariro Crossing is only recommended in Sep-Apr and is weather dependent.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Tongariro - Wellington</b>	<b>320km 4hrs 30min</b>	<b>Ibis Hotel Wellington</b>
	Continue down the Desert Road, through the centre of the North Island and into the capital city of Wellington for the evening. Visit Te Papa Museum in the afternoon, or take a walk around the waterfront to Oriental Bay.		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Wellington - Picton</b>	<b>3hr Ferry</b>	<b>Marahau Lodge Abel Tasman</b>
	Drop off your rental car at the ferry terminal and board the Inter Island Ferry which travels out over Cook Strait, and into Picton through the Queen Charlotte Sound.		
	<b>Picton - Kaiteriteri</b>	<b>165km 2hr 30min</b>	
	On arrival into Picton you will uplift another rental car and head through to Nelson and onto Kaiteriteri/Marahau in the Abel Tasman National Park.		
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Kaiteriteri/Abel Tasman</b>	<b>65km 1hr</b>	<b>Marahau Lodge Abel Tasman</b>
	You will join a Wilson's Cruise in the Abel Tasman National Park today to Tonga Quarry Beach, where you will then take a 2 hour walk through the park along the coastline through to Bark Bay the Medlands beach where you will boat will take you back to Kaiteriteri.		



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<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Kaiteriteri- Punakaiki</b>	<b>300km 4hrs</b>	<b>Rain Forest Retreat Franz Josef</b>
	An early start today for a long drive as you head out to the rugged West Coast. Stop at the pancake rocks and blowholes at Punakaiki along the way.		
	<b>Punakaiki - Franz Josef</b>	<b>225km 3hr</b>	
	Continue down through Greymouth and Hokatika into the Franz Josef, located in the Glacier Region. Relax in the evening at the Glacier Hot Pools nestled in the rain forest.		
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Franz Josef - Wanaka</b>	<b>285km 4hrs</b>	<b>The Rees Hotel Queenstown</b>
	In the morning view Franz Josef Glacier up close, or take an optional scenic helicopter flight or maybe a Heli Hike tour on the ice fall. After leaving Franz you will head out down through Haast Pass, and down into Lake Wanaka.		
	<b>Wanaka - Queenstown</b>	<b>70km 1hr</b>	
	Drive out past the Cardrona Pub, over the Crown Range and into New Zealand action capital and resort town of Queenstown.		
<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Queenstown</b>		<b>The Rees Hotel Queenstown</b>
	Your options are limitless today, so why not take in a bungy jump, jet boat up the Shotover river or just enjoy the great shopping and eateries. Be sure to take the gondola to the top of Bobs Peak, and if you are feeling daring, mountain bike back down the hill again on one of the various tracks catering for all abilities.		
<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Queenstown - Milford Sound</b>	<b>285km 4hrs 15min</b>	<b>Milford Sound Lodge</b>
	Drive through to Milford Sound today along one of the most scenic roads in New Zealand. Pass the Mirror Lakes, through the Homer Tunnel and down into the very beautiful and remote Milford Sound. Snow chains or a 4WD are required on this road in winter.		
<b>Day 13</b>	<b>Milford Sound</b>	<b>115km 2hr 15min</b>	<b>Milford Sound Lodge</b>
	Start with a scenic paddle around Deepwater Basin then up to Sandfly Point. Enjoy an easy walk through pristine rainforest. You and your guide will walk this short section of the Milford Track, "after hours". The Milford Track is arguably New Zealand's most famous walk which is in total is 53 kilometres from the head of Lake Te Anau and finishes with the grand finale of Milford Sound.		
<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Milford Sound - Queenstown</b>	<b>285km 4hrs 15min</b>	<b>Departure Day</b>
	Travel back through to Te Anau and onto Queenstown where you will drop off your rental car at the airport before checking in for your flight home.		

#### DATES

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#### PRICE

\$2750  
\$2440

#### TOUR INCLUDES:

- « **Accommodation:** 14 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 14 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Ferry to Rangitoto Island, Black Abyss Tour of Waitomo Caves, Entrance to Te Puia, Tongariro Crossing transfers, Inter Island Ferry Wellington to Picton, Abel Tasman Cruise/Walk, Milford Sound Kayaking Adventure & Milford Track
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction

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Chris Sisarich



# North Island



# South Island

# Essential South

Julian Apse

General sightseeing of iconic South Island attractions

**Length:** 7 Days | **Starts:** Christchurch | **Finishes:** Christchurch | **Accommodation Rating:** 3.5-4 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>		<b>Chateau on the Park Christchurch</b>
	Kia Ora & Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will pick up your rental car and head to the garden city for the night. Be sure to visit Hagley Park, the Botanic Gardens & the Avon River waterfront.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Christchurch - Dunedin</b>	<b>360km 5hrs</b>	<b>Regis Park Hotel Dunedin</b>
	Head south today over the Canterbury Plains, and down through to Twizel and Oamaru, before continuing into New Zealand's most Scottish city, Dunedin. In the afternoon you could visit the steepest street in the world, Baldwin St, or head out to Otago Peninsula to view the Penguins or visit the Royal Albatross Centre.		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Dunedin - Te Anau</b>	<b>290km 4hrs</b>	<b>Edgewater Motel Te Anau</b>
	Travel east through to Te Anau today, the gateway to Fiordland.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Te Anau - Milford Sound</b>	<b>115km 2hrs</b>	<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel Queenstown</b>
	Drive out on the spectacular road through to Milford Sound this morning. Here you will take a 2 hour cruise through Milford Sound.		
	<b>Milford Sound - Queenstown</b>	<b>290km 4.5hrs</b>	
	After your cruise you will drive back through Te Anau, around the back of Lake Wakitipu and into the resort town Queenstown.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Queenstown</b>		<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel Queenstown</b>
	There is so much to do in Queenstown. From the Shotover Jet Boat, Walter Peak Farm Station, Bungy Jumping, Skyline Gondola, Wine Tours and LOTR Tours, there is so much to choose from.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Queenstown - Fox Glacier</b>	<b>330km 5hrs</b>	<b>Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier</b>
	Head out over the Crown Range and into Lake Wanaka, before travelling up through Haast Pass and into Fox Glacier. On arrival into the glacier region, you may want to take a helicopter scenic flight, or even try a heli-hiking tour on the ice fall.		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Fox Glacier - Punakaiki</b>	<b>240km 3.5hrs</b>	<b>Chateau on the Park Christchurch</b>
	Continue up the rugged west coast, through the mining town of Greymouth and into Punakaiki to view the Pancake Rocks and Blow Holes.		
	<b>Punakaiki - Christchurch</b>	<b>285km 4hrs</b>	
	Travel out over the very scenic Arthur Pass and back across to the east coast for your last night in Christchurch		
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>		
	Drop your rental car off at the airport today to check in for your onward flights.		



Hiroshi Nameda



Arno Gasteiger

# South Island

**DATES**

01 Oct 14 - 31 Mar 15  
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**PRICE**

\$1125  
\$940

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- « **Accommodation:** 7 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 7 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction

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Arno Gasteiger



# Fire & Ice

Rob Suisted

For the volcanologist within, outdoor adventurers and touring through the North

**Length:** 9 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Auckland | **Accommodation Rating:** 4 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Rydges Hotel</b>
	On arrival into Auckland you will uplift your rental car before driving to your hotel. You may want to take the ferry over to Rangitoto Island, a dormant volcano in Auckland's Waitmata Harbour. Walk to the top for spectacular views.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Auckland - Waitomo Caves</b>	<b>195km 2hr 30min</b>	<b>Bayview Chateau</b>
	This morning, travel down to the famous Waitomo Caves where you will do the adrenalin fuel Black Abyss Tour. This 5 hour tour includes abseiling, climbing and cave tubing beneath the glow worm caves. .		
	<b>Waitomo Caves - Whakapapa</b>	<b>150km 2hrs</b>	
	Continue down through into the Tongariro National Park where you will be staying on the side of Mt Ruapehu, and active volcano.		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Tongariro</b>		<b>Bayview Chateau</b>
	Up at 5am for a quick shuttle ride to the start of the Tongariro Crossing. Your 19km 6hour hike will take you across some of the most spectacular landscapes on offer in the North Island. At the end of the walk you will be transferred back to Discovery Lodge for a well earned rest. The Tongariro Crossing is only recommended in Sep-Apr and is weather dependent.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Mt Ruapehu - Taupo</b>	<b>95km 1hr 15min</b>	<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel</b>
	Head north east today around the south side of Lake Taupo, which is actually a giant crater from an early eruption. Stop at Huka Falls to view these awesome body or water flow into the Waikato River.		
	<b>Taupo - Rotorua</b>	<b>75km 1hr</b>	
	A short drive to Rotorua, and you may want to stop at Waimangu Valley along the way, before continuing onto the geo thermal capital of New Zealand, Rotorua.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Rotorua</b>	<b>75km 1hr</b>	<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel</b>
	Visit the most famous geothermal area and Maori cultural centre in Rotorua, Te Puia. Then travel out to the lakes district to the Buried Village, which was destroyed during the eruption of Mt Tarawera back in 1886.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Rotorua - Whakatane</b>	<b>85km 1hr 15min</b>	<b>White Island Rendezvous Hotel</b>
	Travel out to east coast seaside town of Whakatane today. Visit the lovely Ohope Beach and surrounding area. White Island Rendezvous Hotel		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Whakatane</b>		<b>White Island Rendezvous Hotel</b>
	Today you will take a 6 hour cruise and tour out to explore New Zealand's only active island volcano, White Island. This is truly a unique experience and one you will not forget.		
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Whakatane - Tauranga</b>		<b>Sebel Trinity Wharf Hotel</b>
	Drive north today and through to the portside town of Tauranga. Visit New Zealand's famous surf beach Mt Maunganui, or take a walk to the top of "the mount" for views out over the Bay of Plenty.		
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Tauranga - Auckland</b>	<b>220km 3hr 15min</b>	<b>Departure Day</b>
	Travel through the Waihi Gorge, over the Hauraki Plains and into Auckland where you will drop your rental car off at the airport before checking in for your departing flight - Farewell.		

# North Island



Waimangu Volcanic Valley



Pure Cruise

## DATES

01 Oct 14 - 31 Mar 15  
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## PRICE

\$1750  
\$1560

Price per person based on twin share in New Zealand dollars

## TOUR INCLUDES:

- « **Accommodation:** 8 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 8 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Waitomo Caves Tour, Tongariro Crossing Transfers, Entrance to Te Puia, Buried Village, White Island full day tour.
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction



Jack Handley



# Journeys of the Pallet

Chris McLennan

Wine & food buffs, luxury, off the beaten track & general touring of central North Island

**Length:** 8 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Auckland | **Accommodation Rating:** 4-5 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Stamford Plaza</b>
	Kia Ora & Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will pick up your rental car and head to the city for 2 nights. Experience the great restaurants, café's and pubs of the Viaduct Basin, Wynyard Quarter and Parnell.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Stamford Plaza</b>
	Board the ferry for a 40min ride to Waiheke Island in the Hauraki Gulf. Here you will be taken for a full day wine & tastings tour which will include Cable Bay, Goldwater Estate, Kennedy Point & Stonyridge. At the end of the day you will return back to Auckland on the ferry		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Auckland - Waitomo Caves</b>		<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel</b>
	195km 2hr 30min	This morning, travel down to the famous Waitomo Caves where you take a 45 min tour of this natural wonder. Travel through these underground limestone caverns, amazing rock formations finishing a short boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto.	
	<b>Waitomo Caves - Rotorua</b>	<b>155km 2hr 15min</b>	
	Continue onto Rotorua where. On arrival you may want to soak in the Polynesian Spa mineral pools, or in the evening try the very authentic Maori cultural experience and Hangi meal at Tamaki Heritage Village.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Rotorua - Taupo</b>	<b>75km 1hr</b>	<b>Scenic Circle Te Pania Hotel</b>
	In the morning visit the most famous geothermal area and Maori cultural centre in Rotorua, Te Puia. Then it is off for a leisurely drive through to Lake Taupo stopping at Huka Falls on the way.		
	<b>Taupo - Napier</b>	<b>140km 2hr</b>	
	Discover all that Rotorua has to offer. From the boiling mud pools and geysers at Te Puia, Whakarewarewa or other geothermal areas such as Wai-o-tapu, Waimangu Valley or Hells Gate. Or drive out past the Blue & Green Lakes to the Buried Village, or just relax in the mineral hot pools at Polynesian Spa.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Napier</b>		<b>Scenic Circle Te Pania Hotel</b>
	After an Art Deco walking tour in the morning visit some of the great wineries in the region, or take a guided wine tour. The Hawkes Bay has over 40 wineries including Mission Estate, Te Matata and Trinity Hill to name a few.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Napier - Gisborne</b>	<b>210km 3hrs</b>	<b>Portside Hotel</b>
	Travel north up onto the East Cape and through to Gisborne. Gisborne is famous for their Chardonnay including The Milton Vineyard, and is also home to Montana Wines.		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Gisborne - Tauranga</b>	<b>280km 4hrs</b>	<b>Sebel Trinity Wharf Hotel</b>
	As Gisborne is the first city in the world to see the sun, you may want venture out to watch the sunrise. Head north and into Whakatane before continuing onto the portside town of Tauranga for the evening. Visit Mt Maunganui, New Zealand's most famous surf beach.		
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Tauranga - Auckland</b>	<b>220km 3hr 15min</b>	<b>Departure Day</b>
	Travel through the Waihi Gorge, over the Hauraki Plains and into Auckland where you will drop your rental car off at the airport before checking in for your departing flight - Farewell.		





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**PRICE**

\$1450  
\$1225

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**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- « **Accommodation:** 7 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 8 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Fullers Waiheke Island Wine Tour, Waitomo Caves Tour, Entrance to Te Puia, Art Deco Walk
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction

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Julian Apse

# Northerner

Train enthusiasts and & general touring of central North Island

**Length:** 8 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Auckland | **Accommodation Rating:** 4-5 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Stamford Plaza</b>
	Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will transfer through to your central city hotel for the night. Experience the great restaurants, cafés and pubs of the Viaduct Basin, Wynyard Quarter and Parnell.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Auckland - Wellington</b>	<b>Train 12 hrs</b>	<b>Rydges Hotel</b>
	An early start today with a short walk to the train station to board the Overlander train. The Overlander is a journey through the centre of the North Island, travelling between Auckland to Wellington. Along the way you pass the Central North Island ski towns of National Park and Ohakune. You also see fantastic views of New Zealand farmland, the volcanic plateau, Mount Ruapehu, the world famous Raurimu Spiral, and stunning river gorges - all from our panoramic windows or open air viewing decks allowing you the best possible views. This train journey will take a total of 12 hours. <small>*From May to November the train operates 3 times per week (Fri/Sat/Sun) and daily in peak season from December to April.</small>		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>Rydges Hotel</b>	<b>Scenic Circle Te Pania Hotel</b>
	Wellington is the arts, cultural and political capital of New Zealand. Spend the day exploring the key attractions including Te Papa Museum, Cable Car, Government Buildings and the fabulous water front area.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Wellington - Napier</b>	<b>315km 4hrs 30min</b>	<b>Scenic Circle Te Pania Hotel</b>
	You will pick up your rental car this morning and head north up over the Rimutaka Ranges, and up the east coast to the art deco city of Napier, located in the Hawkes Bay wine region.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Napier - Rotorua</b>	<b>220km 3hrs 30min</b>	<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel</b>
	After an Art Deco walking tour in the morning you will drive into Lake Taupo, New Zealand largest lake. Stop at the mighty Huka Falls, before continuing into Rotorua, the geo thermal capital of New Zealand.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Rotorua</b>		<b>Novotel Lakeside Hotel</b>
	Visit the geo thermal park and cultural centre at Te Puia today. Head out to the Buried Village to learn of the destruction caused by the eruption of Mt Tarawera before heading back to town. You may want to soak in the Polynesian Spa's mineral pools, or in the evening try the very authentic Maori cultural experience and Hangi meal at Tamaki Heritage Village.		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Rotorua - Waitomo Caves</b>	<b>155km 2hr 15min</b>	<b>Rydges Hotel</b>
	This morning, travel north west to the famous Waitomo Caves where you take a 45 min tour of this natural wonder. Travel through these underground limestone caverns, amazing rock formations finishing a short boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto. <b>Waitomo Caves - Auckland</b> <b>195km 2hr 30min</b> Continue up through the lush Waikato country side and back to Auckland.		
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Rydges Hotel</b>
	Spend your day discover Auckland's highlights including the views from Mt Eden, Mission Bay and the water front, or get out on the Waitamata Harbour to Waiheke Island.		
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Departure Day</b>
	Today you will drop your rental car off at the airport before checking in for your departing flight - Farewell.		





# North Island



Chris Mc Lennan

## DATES

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## PRICE

\$1440  
\$1150

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## TOUR INCLUDES:

- « **Accommodation:** 8 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 8 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Northerner Train Auckland - Wellington, Entry to Te Puia, Art Deco Walk, Waitomo Caves Tour
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction



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Chris McLennan







# Rail Rider

General sightseeing for rail enthusiasts of the South Island

**Length:** 7 Days | **Starts:** Christchurch | **Finishes:** Christchurch | **Accommodation Rating:** 4-5 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>		<b>Novotel Cathedral Square Hotel Christchurch</b>
<p>Kia Ora &amp; Welcome. On arrival at the airport you transfer to your hotel in the centre of the garden city for the night. Be sure to visit Hagley Park, the Botanic Gardens &amp; the Avon River waterfront.</p>			
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Christchurch - Picton</b>	<b>Train 5hrs</b>	<b>Grand Monaco Resort Nelson</b>
<p>You will transfer to the train station in the morning to take the Trans Coastal train up the coast. You will travel through the countryside and hug the coast, through Kaikoura and up to the port of Picton.</p>			
	<b>Picton - Nelson</b>	<b>105km 1hr 30min</b>	
<p>On arrival into Picton you will pick up your rental car and head into Nelson. You may want to stop at Blenheim on the way, and visit Omapere Heritage Centre, a fabulous display of WW1 aircraft.</p>			
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Nelson</b>		<b>Grand Monaco Resort Nelson</b>
<p>Nelson is the gateway to the Abel Tasman National Park. Drive up to Kaiteriteri today and take a cruise or maybe a kayak adventure in one of New Zealand's most stunning National Parks. Day 4</p>			
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Nelson - Punakaiki</b>	<b>285km 3hrs 45min</b>	<b>Scenic Circle Hotel Franz Josef</b>
<p>Depart today out towards the coast to the blow holes and pancake rocks at Punakaiki where you will overnight. There are a number of great short walks in this region to discover.</p>			
	<b>Nelson - Franz Josef</b>	<b>175km 2hrs 30min</b>	
<p>Continue down the rugged west coast where you could stop at Greymouth or Hokitika, before driving onto Franz Josef in the Glacier Region. Relax in the evening at the Glacier Hot Pools</p>			
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Franz Josef</b>		<b>Scenic Circle Hotel Franz Josef</b>
<p>Spend today exploring the Glacier Region of Franz Josef and Fox Glacier. You could take a scenic flight over the glaciers for a snow landing, or you could take one of the heli hike options which will have you hiking through the ice fall and back down through the rain forest.</p>			
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Franz Josef - Greymouth</b>	<b>180km 2hrs 15min</b>	
<p>Head back up the coast today stopping at Greymouth where you will drop off your rental car at the train station depot.</p>			
	<b>Greymouth - Christchurch</b>	<b>Train 5hrs</b>	<b>Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch</b>
<p>You will depart this afternoon on the Trans Alpine for a scenic train journey travels between Greymouth and Christchurch, from one coast of New Zealand to the other. The trip is 223.8 kilometres and you will cross through 16 tunnels, and 5 viaducts, the highest being the Staircase standing at 73 metres. On arrival you will then transfer to your centrally city Christchurch hotel.</p>			
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>		<b>Departure Day</b>
<p>Explore the centre of Christchurch today before you transfer out to Christchurch Airport for your departing flight.</p>			



# South Island



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\$1430  
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- « **Accommodation:** 2 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Activities:** Tranz Coastal & Tranz Alpine Train
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction



# Natures Southern Trail

Glacier Southern Lakes

Wildlife, nature and touring of the lower South Island

**Length:** 9 Days | **Starts:** Christchurch | **Finishes:** Queenstown | **Accommodation Rating:** 4-4.5 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>		<b>Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch</b>
	Kia Ora & Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will pick up your rental car and head to the garden city for the night. Be sure to visit Hagley Park, the Botanic Gardens & the Avon River waterfront.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Christchurch - Mt Cook</b>		<b>Hermitage Hotel Mt Cook</b>
	Travel out over the Canterbury Plains and through to Lake Tekapo. Continue onto New Zealand's tallest mountain, Mt Cook/Aoraki. You may want to visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Centre, or do the Star Gazing Tour in the evening.		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Christchurch - Dunedin</b>		<b>Blue Stone on George Dunedin</b>
	From Sep-May each year the Glacier Boat Tour operates on Lake Tasman and is a unique way to see Tasman Glacier and ice that breaks off into the lake. Head south and out to Oamaru, before continuing to Dunedin in the deep south.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Dunedin</b>		<b>Blue Stone on George Dunedin</b>
	Drive out to Otago Peninsula today to view the Yellow Eyed Penguins and New Zealand Fur Seals at Natures Wonders. Located just next door is the Royal Albatross Centre where you will get to admire this magnificent birds. On the way back to town you may want to stop at Larnach Castle or Glenfalloch Gardens.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Dunedin - Te Anau</b>	<b>290km 4hrs</b>	<b>Distinction Hotel &amp; Villas Te Anau</b>
	Travel east through to Te Anau today, the gateway to Fiordland. In the evening there is a wonderful glow worm cave tour which operates with Real Journey which is well worth doing.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Te Anau - Doubtful Sound - Te Anau</b>	<b>115km 2hrs</b>	<b>Distinction Hotel &amp; Villas Te Anau</b>
	This morning you will be pick up by coach and travel south to Lake Manapouri. From here you will board an 8 hour cruise into Doubtful Sound, well know for its wilderness and wildlife. Return to Te Anau for the evening		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Te Anau - Queenstown</b>	<b>290km 4.5hrs</b>	<b>St Mortiz Hotel Queenstown</b>
	Journey north today around the back of Lake Wakitipu and into the resort town Queenstown.		
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Queenstown</b>	<b>175km 2.5hrs</b>	<b>St Mortiz Hotel Queenstown</b>
	There is so much to do in Queenstown. From the Shotover Jet Boat, Walter Peak Farm Station, Bungy Jumping, Skyline Gondola, Wine Tours and LOTR Tours, there is so much to choose from.		
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Queenstown</b>		<b>Departure Day</b>
	You will head out to Queenstown Airport today to drop off your rental car and depart on your flight home.		



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\$1150

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- « **Accommodation:** 8 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 8 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction

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David Wall

# Coastal Classic

Beach lovers, off the beaten track & general touring of the central North Island

**Length:** 7 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Auckland | **Accommodation Rating:** 3.5-4.5 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland - Whitianga</b>	<b>200km 3hrs</b>	<b>Marina View Apartments Whitianga</b>
	Kia Ora & Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will pick up your rental car and head south over the Hauraki Plains, around the coastal road on the Firth of Thames and into Whitianga on the Coromandel Peninsula.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Whitianga</b>		<b>Marina View Apartments Whitianga</b>
	Discover Whitianga, Cathedral Cove and Hotwater Beach. Alternatively take in one of the many bush walks or a cruise out off the coast.		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Whitianga - Pauanui</b>	<b>45km 45min</b>	<b>Grand Mercure Puka Park Lodge Pauanui</b>
	Discover Whitianga, Cathedral Cove and Hotwater Beach before making your way down the coastline and into Pauanui Beach		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Pauanui - Mt Maunganui</b>	<b>120km 1hr 30min</b>	<b>Oceanside &amp; Twin Towers Mt Maunganui</b>
	Head south down through the mining town of Waihi and into the very popular surf and recreational beach of Mt Maunganui.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Mt Maunganui - Rotorua</b>	<b>75km 1hr</b>	<b>Holiday Inn Rotorua</b>
	Today you will travel west, heading around the south side of Lake Rotorua into the geothermal capital that is Rotorua. Discover one of the geothermal parks such as Te Puia, Whakarewa or Hells Gate.		
	<b>Rotorua - Raglan</b>	<b>150km 2hr</b>	<b>Raglan Sunset Motor Lodge</b>
	Continue on your journey to the west coast, and famous left hand break surf beach of Raglan		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Raglan - Auckland</b>	<b>150km 2hr</b>	<b>Rydges Hotel Auckland</b>
	You will head through the lush Waikato country side, then onto the main highway to Auckland. Spend a night in Auckland exploring the waterfront, restaurants and nightlife.		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Departure Day</b>
	Continue to explore Auckland in the morning before driving out to Auckland Airport where you will drop off your rental car and check in for your onward flight.		



Chris McLennan



# North Island



Chris McLennan



Scott Venning

## DATES

01 Oct 14 - 31 Mar 15  
01 Apr 15 - 30 Sep 15

## PRICE

\$1040  
\$940

## TOUR INCLUDES:

- « **Accommodation:** 6 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 6 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction

Price per person based on twin share in New Zealand dollars



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## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE. SEE PAGES 34-40

Optional Rental cars & accommodation can be upgraded or additional days added. Activities or meals can also be added and optional rental car excess cover can be included. Itineraries can also be reversed.



# Delightful North

Wine & food buffs, luxury, off the beaten track & general touring of the upper North Island

**Length:** 7 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Auckland | **Accommodation Rating:** 4-4.5 star

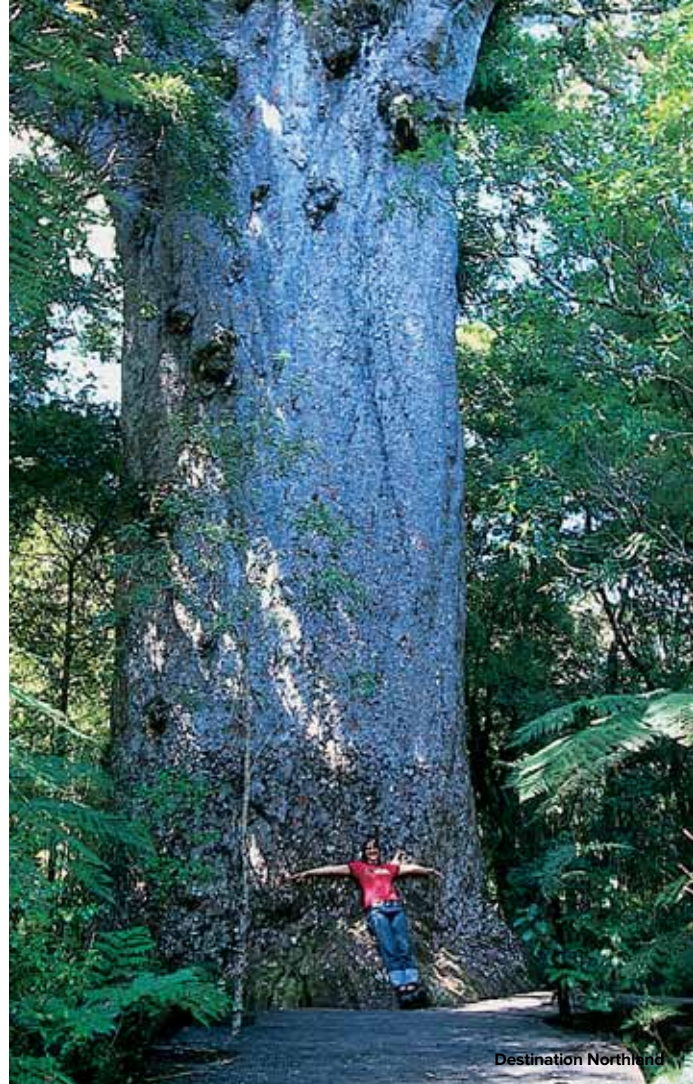
DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Sebel Suites Auckland</b>
	Kia Ora & Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will pick up your rental car and head to the city for 2 nights. Experience the great restaurants, café's and pubs of the Viaduct Basin, Wynyard Quarter and Parnell.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Sebel Suites Auckland</b>
	Board the ferry for a 40min ride to Waiheke Island in the Hauraki Gulf. Here you will be taken for a full day wine & tastings tour which will include Cable Bay, Goldwater Estate, Kennedy Point & Stoneyridge. At the end of the day you will return back to Auckland on the ferry		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Auckland - Matakana</b>	<b>65km 1hr</b>	<b>Takamatua Estate Matakana</b>
	Travel north over the Harbour Bridge and through to Matakana. Enjoy wine region of Matakana, Matakana Village and farmers markets or go snorkeling at near by Goat Island.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Matakana - Paihia</b>	<b>175km 2hr 30min</b>	<b>Copthorne Bay of Islands Hotel Paihia</b>
	Continue up the east coast today, stopping at the local beaches including Waipu along the way. Travel up through Whangarei and through to Paihia in the Bay of Islands. If time permits you may want to visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Paihia - Karikari Peninsula</b>	<b>115km 1hr 30min</b>	<b>Carrington Resort Karikari</b>
	In the morning you could take the Hole in the Rock cruise out to Cape Brett, before travelling further north in the remote Karikari Peninsula, and fabulous Carrington Estate.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Karikari Peninsula</b>		<b>Carrington Resort Karikari</b>
	Discover the peninsula, or just relax around the resort with a game of golf, or take a buggy over to Karikari Estate to enjoy some of the local wines and produce at this winery which is attached to your resort.		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Karikari Peninsula - Opononi</b>	<b>75km 1hr</b>	<b>Departure Day</b>
	Travel south down through Kaitia, and into Opononi on the Hokianga Harbour. Stop at the Waipoua Forest to view Tane Mahuta and the other giant Kauri Trees located here.		
	<b>Opononi - Auckland</b>		
	Continue down the west coast, through Dargaville and back onto the main highway back into Auckland. Continue directly to Auckland Airport where you will drop off your rental car and check in for your onward flight.		







# North Island



## DATES

01 Oct 14 - 31 Mar 15  
01 Apr 15 - 30 Sep 15

## PRICE

\$990  
\$890

Price per person based on twin share in New Zealand dollars

## TOUR INCLUDES:

- « **Accommodation:** 6 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 7 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Ferry Tickets to Waiheke and Fullers Wine Tour
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction



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# Essential North

James Heremaia

General sightseeing of iconic North Island attractions

**Length:** 7 Days | **Starts:** Auckland | **Finishes:** Auckland | **Accommodation Rating:** 3.5-4 star

DAY	FROM/TO	DISTANCE/TIME	ACCOMMODATION
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Auckland</b>		<b>Grand Chancellor Hotel Auckland</b>
	Kia Ora & Welcome. On arrival at the airport you will pick up your rental car and head to the city for 1 night. Some of the key Auckland attractions include views out from Mt Eden, Sky Tower, Auckland Museum and sailing on Auckland's Waitamata Harbour.		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Auckland - Paihia</b>	<b>230km 3hrs</b>	<b>Copthorne Bay of Islands Hotel Paihia</b>
	Travel north over the Harbour Bridge, through to and through to stopping at the local beaches including Waipu along the way. Travel up through Whangarei and through to Paihia in the Bay of Islands.		
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Paihia</b>	<b>Copthorne Bay of Islands Hotel Paihia</b>	
	In the morning you will depart on the Hole in the Rock cruise out to Cape Brett before returning 4 hours later. In the afternoon visit the Waitangi Treaty Groups, or take the ferry over the Russell for dinner and drinks.		
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Paihia - Rotorua</b>	<b>450km 6hrs</b>	<b>Sudima Hotel Rotorua</b>
	A long drive today as you head down back through Auckland, into the lush Waikato and through to the geothermal wonderland that is Rotorua.		
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Rotorua</b>		<b>Sudima Hotel Rotorua</b>
	Discover all that Rotorua has to offer. From the boiling mud pools and geysers at Te Puia, Whakarewarewa or other geothermal areas such as Wai-o-tapu, Waimangu Valley or Hells Gate. Or drive out past the Blue & Green Lakes to the Buried Village, or just relax in the mineral hot pools at Polynesian Spa.		
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Rotorua - Taupo</b>	<b>75km 1hr</b>	<b>Wairekei Resort Taupo</b>
	Drive south to Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake. Stop the spectacular Huka Falls, or view the dam releases during the day at Aratiatia Rapids. There are also cruises you can take on Lake Taupo, and of course trout fishing charters.		
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Taupo - Waitomo Caves</b>	<b>150km 2hrs</b>	<b>Departure Day</b>
	Travel north west through the Pureora Forest and onto Waitomo Caves where you will take a 1 hour guided tour of this incredible natural wonder.		
	<b>Waitomo Caves - Auckland</b>	<b>195km 2hrs 30min</b>	
	Continue north up through the Waikato countryside and back into Auckland, where you will drop your rental car off at Auckland Airport before checking in for your onward flight.		



# North Island



Tim Whittaker



## DATES

01 Oct 14 - 31 Mar 15  
01 Apr 15 - 30 Sep 15

## PRICE

\$975  
\$875

## TOUR INCLUDES:

- « **Accommodation:** 6 nights accommodation as specified above (or similar)
- « **Rental Car:** 7 days Compact Size Rental Car with unlimited kms, 24hr road side assist & standard insurance
- « **Activities:** Hole in the Rock Cruise Paihia
- « **Other Inclusions:** GST (15%), arrival documentation, 7 day assistance
- « **Exclusions:** Airfares, Airport Taxes, Surcharges, Hotel Parking, Meals (unless specified), Rental Car Fuel, Excess Insurance Reduction

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## Optional Extras

Optional tours to inspire you from the north of the North Island, to the south of the South Island in New Zealand.

### Paihia

#### Driving Great Sights Fullers Dolphin Cruise to Hole in the Rock

Set off on a half-day Bay of Islands cruise in search of dolphins and other marine life. Enjoy the views from our catamaran Dolphin Seeker as we journey right to the end of the Cape Brett Peninsula, to the famous Hole in the Rock on Motukokako Island.

**Departs:** 9am returns 1pm

**Departs:** 1.30pm returns 5.30pm

**Cost:** NZ\$102 Adult / Child NZ\$51

#### Great Sights Fullers Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach Day Tour

A visit to New Zealand is not complete without a journey to the very top of the North Island – Cape Reinga (Te Rerenga Wairua). Uncover the wild beauty of this vast and untouched region that is rich in Māori culture and tradition. Your driver guide also doubles as a story teller, sharing the stories of this significant site where, according to Māori legend, spirits depart on their journey home to Hawaiki. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views, visit the iconic light house, and see the point where the Tasman Sea and the mighty Pacific Ocean come crashing together.

Ninety Mile Beach is another highlight of the tour – you'll drive along the sand as waves crash beside the custom-built coach. Feel the sand between your toes as you help your driver guide dig for shellfish (conditions permitting). Don't be alarmed when your driver takes the bus up Te Paki Stream towards the mountainous sand dunes, it's all part of the off-road experience. Clambering up then sand-boarding down the enormous dunes (if you dare!) is all part of this unique experience.

**Departs:** 7:00 am - Paihia Tour Returns 6:15 pm - Paihia

**Cost:** NZ\$135 Adult / Child NZ\$67

#### Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Visit New Zealand's most important historic site and enjoy the panoramic views of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Bring your visit alive with a Guided Tour, Cultural Performance or Hāngi & Concert.

**Cost:** Adults NZ \$25 / Child Free (under 18yrs)



# Opononi

## Twilight Encounter Footprints of Waipoua

The spiritual environment of the Waipoua Forest provides a natural stage for an unforgettable Footprints Waipoua encounter with some of the largest remaining kauri trees in the world. 'Step into our World' and let our local guides take you on a memorable journey through nature's stages of evolution, whilst providing a mythological and interactive interpretation of life in the forest. Highlights include the mighty Tane Mahuta.

**Cost:** NZ \$95 Adult / Child NZ \$35



# Auckland

## Explore Group America's Cup Sailing

Feel the thrill of sailing an authentic America's Cup yacht. Take the helm to help steer on course or work hard on the grinders to hoist the mainsail during this hands on sailing adventure on Auckland's Waitemata Harbour. Discover the excitement of sailing these impressive vessels. They were once part of the action of the America's Cup, the worlds' oldest active sports trophy and most prestigious sailing regatta. This experience lasts 2 hours.

**Cost:** NZ\$160 Adult / Child NZ\$115

## Auckland Harbour Dinner Cruise

Cruise the harbour under sail with your experienced and friendly crew and help trim the sails or steer on course. Enjoy a sumptuous three course meal below deck in our intimate dining area. After a wonderful starter and main the highlight of the tour, the creme brulee for dessert, can be savoured back up on deck with a drink. Finish the evening with an exhilarating sail in the fresh sea air of the open cockpit. Take in all the highlights of the city as night falls and the lights turn on from this unbeatable vantage point. This experience lasts 2.5hrs and departs at 6.30pm.

**Cost:** NZ\$120 Adult / Child NZ\$85

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**Cost:** NZ\$120 Adult / Child NZ\$85

## Rangitoto Volcanic Explorer Tour

Combine your ferry trip to Rangitoto Island with a guided tour of the island on our 4WD road-train. Find out more about this unique volcano from our knowledgeable guides who provide fascinating commentary on the island's fiery past. Board your ferry from the Downtown Auckland Ferry Terminal and enjoy a 25 minute cruise across the Waitemata Harbour to Rangitoto Island. On your arrival at the island, you'll make your way to the parked explorer tour vehicle, where your ranger guide will greet you.

Once on board, you'll journey through rugged lava crops and native bush, while our guide talks to you about the history and geology of the island. The tour will take you to the base of the summit where it's a short walk to the summit along a wooden boardwalk with steps to the very top.

After taking in the panoramic views, you will rejoin the tour vehicle for the return trip to the wharf in time to catch your ferry back to Auckland.

**Departs:** 9:15am

**Duration:** 4-5 hrs

**Cost:** NZ\$60 Adult / Child NZ\$30





## Waitomo Caves

### Waitomo Caves Tour

Travel through these underground limestone caverns, discovered in 1887, and hear how the amazing stalactites, stalagmites, and other weird and wonderful rock formations were formed over a period of 30 million years. Your tour finishes with a short but magical boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto – a subterranean cavern illuminated by thousands of tiny glowworms. This tour is 45 minutes.

**Cost:** NZ\$45 Adult / Child NZ\$30

### Black Abyss Tour

Black Abyss is the ultimate Waitomo adventure and is the caving tour of choice for natural born adrenaline junkies everywhere.

Descend into the seemingly bottomless black depths of the glow worm studded Ruakuri Cave. This five hour expedition combines abseiling the 35 metre tomo, climbing, whizzing down a flying fox and cave tubing underneath glow worms into one unforgettable journey.

At every stage you're accompanied and supported by experienced caving guides from The Legendary Black Water Rafting Co. who know and love this totally unique and mind-blowing environment.

**Cost:** NZ\$231 Adult / Child (min age 16yrs)



## Matamata

### Hobbiton Movie Set

Set on the most picturesque private farmland you can visit the Hobbiton Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit film trilogies in a fascinating guided tour. The set has been completely rebuilt for The Hobbit and will remain as it was seen in these films and The Lord of the Rings film trilogy. During your tour you will see Hobbit Holes, The Green Dragon Inn, The Mill, double arched bridge and other structures and gardens built for the films. This tour lasts for 2hours.

**Cost:** NZ\$75 Adult / NZ \$37.50 Child

## Rotorua

### Agrodome Sheep Show

Come to the Agrodome to see their world-famous Farm Show – starring a cast of talented animals... and you! Plus, join the Farm Tour to explore a real working farm, hand-feed loads of friendly animals, and sample delicious kiwifruit juice and honey from our land. There's also the Nursery, with baby animals available for cuddles and photos all year round, and our Woollen Mill and Shearing Museum, where you'll learn the remarkable story of NZ pioneers the Bowen brothers, and discover the full process of wool from the Sheep's back to yours! The Agrodome is one of New Zealand's must-see attractions, open in any weather, 365 days a year!!

**Cost:** NZ\$32 Adult / Child NZ \$16



### Te Puia Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley, Rotorua, New Zealand

Te Puia is New Zealand's living Maori cultural centre, located just 5 minutes from central Rotorua. Situated in the Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley, Te Puia's 60 hectare site is home to the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, a live kiwi enclosure, the world-famous Pohutu Geyser, and more than 500 geothermal wonders. With land steeped in ancestral history, and a guiding legacy that stretches back to the 1800s, Te Puia extend their unique hospitality and rich cultural heritage to all visitors.

**Cost:** Day Pass - Te Rā NZ\$49 Adult / Child NZ \$25

**Cost:** Te Rā + Haka NZ\$60 Adult / Child NZ \$30

## Rotorua continued...

### Hamurana Springs & Walk

This is a 20 minute walk that is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. It offers easy walking with beautiful scenic views throughout the whole stream-side walk, which passes through a grove of redwoods. A bridge near the end of the track can be crossed to link up with a unsealed road on the other side of the river to create a loop track. Hamurana is located 15 - 20 minutes drive north-east from Rotorua central, on the left-hand side of Hamurana road.



### Rainbow Springs

Rainbow Springs is set on 22 acres of beautiful native trees and streams we are home to a huge variety of New Zealand's most precious creatures. The entire experience is built around New Zealand's largest and most successful kiwi conservation centre. Added to this intimate view of one of the world's living treasures, you will also be able to experience the adrenalin rush of The Big Splash, explore our many free flight aviaries, feed the birds their breakfast, come face to face with pre-history in the eyes of our many tuatara, talk to Jenny the hand-reared kea, feed the largest wild trout you will ever see, experience the wonder of our bird show featuring some of the funniest feathered performers you will ever see

**Cost:** NZ\$38 Adult / Child NZ \$19

### Agroventures:

You can Experience up to five of New Zealand's most iconic adventure activities at unbelievable value. There is something for everyone including NZ's best value Bungy Jump , the Swoop - NZ's favourite sky swing, Agrojet - NZ's jet boat experience, Freefall Xtreme wind tunnel and the incredible Shweeb racing suspended monorail – the only one in the world .

**Cost:** 1 Ride; Adult NZ\$44 / Child NZ \$44

**Cost:** 2 Rides Adult NZ\$71 / Child NZ \$71

**Cost:** 4 Rides: Adult NZ\$98 / Child NZ \$98



### Polynesian Spa

Polynesian Spa is one of New Zealand's oldest international spas and is thoroughly worth doing when in Rotorua.

The spa has capitalized on the totally unique geothermal views from the spa overlooking Sulphur Bay on Lake Rotorua and on the sustainable use of the health-giving Rotorua geothermal waters. In addition, all developments have been done in strict sympathy with the original 1930's heritage buildings on the site. Relax in one of the mineral pools, or indulge yourself with a health spa.

**Cost:** Lake Spa - Adult NZ\$45 / Child NZ \$16

**Cost:** Private Pool - Adult NZ\$27 / Child NZ \$7  
(30 minutes & minimum of 2 adults)



### Waimangu Volcanic Valley Walking Tours

This would be Rotorua's premier tourist attraction and a 'must do' eco-experience when you visit Rotorua. Their exciting thermal attraction and sightseeing tours include unique ecology, rare botany and fascinating geothermal features such as steaming volcanic crater lakes. A protected scenic reserve and wildlife refuge, Waimangu Volcanic Valley geothermal park encompasses beautiful Lake Rotomahana and is set in pristine New Zealand bush. Waimangu Volcanic Valley is just 20 minutes south of Rotorua and 40 minutes north of Taupo.

There is a range of self-guided eco tours and walks through this geothermal park, from a 45 minute walk to an extended 4 hours of discovery through this amazing Valley.

**Cost:** Waimangu Walking Tours - (Self Guided) Adult: \$34.50 / Child: \$11

### Waimangu Volcanic Valley Lake Rotomahana Cruise

Enjoy a 45 minute voyage around Lake Rotomahana. Learn about the 1886 Tarawera Eruption and view the wonderful hot springs that can only be seen from the boat. Take the free Waimangu shuttle bus from entrance to the lake. At the end of your cruise return from lake to entrance by shuttle bus.

Cruise departs from Waimangu Visitor Center at 10.00am 11.00am, 12.50pm, 2.35pm, 3.15pm (4.10pm January).

**Cost:** Adult: \$42.50 / Child: \$11.00;



# Taupo

## Huka Falls

The Huka Falls are the largest falls on the Waikato River, just a few minutes north of Taupo in the North Island. The Waikato river is one of New Zealand's longest rivers and it drains Lake Taupo - the largest freshwater lake in all of Australasia. At the Huka Falls, the Waikato River which is normally 100m wide, is squeezed through a 20 metre wide gorge and over a 20m drop. Every second up to 220,000 litres of water gushes through the gorge and shoots out over 8 metres beyond to create a beautiful blue/green pool. Huka is the Maori word for 'foam', which is appropriate as the falling water and rapids certainly resembles foam, especially under flooding conditions.

**Cost:** Free entry



# Wellington

## Te Papa Museum

Te Papa is New Zealand's national museum, renowned for being bicultural, scholarly, innovative, and fun. Their success is built on our relationships with and ability to represent the community. Our collections span five areas: Art, History, Pacific, Māori, and Natural Environment. Their exhibitions are interdisciplinary and interactive, and they have dynamic events and education programmes. Te Papa is open 365 days a year  
Hours: 10am–6pm (late night 9pm Thursday)

**Cost:** Free entry Free entry (Charges apply to some short-term exhibitions and activities)



## Flat Earth Tours: Middle-earth Tour of Filming Locations

A wonderful half day film locations experience with your own expert guide in a small group. The tour runs for half a day and takes you to the filming locations for Rivendell where Frodo recovered from his knife attack; the Anduin River where the Fellowship voyaged to Amon Hen; the river where Aragorn was washed ashore after the attack of the Wargs; the Gardens of Isengard, the site of the Orcs Felling the Trees and where Gandalf rode to see Saruman; go to the Mount Victoria lookout and Buckland Forest where you can race to the Buckleberry Ferry and "Get off the Road", where the Hobbits hid from the Nazgul/ Black Riders and where they found the mushrooms on the Road; Dunharrow Rohirrim encampment; visit the quarry used for the filming of Helms Deep in Rohan and Minas Tirith in Gondor. There is a minimum of 2 people required to book this tour, and tour last for 4 hours. This tour includes pick up from your hotel.

**Cost:** NZ \$175 Adult / NZ \$175 Child

## Weta Workshop

The Weta Cave Workshop Tour is a movie based visitor experience in the heart of Miramar, Wellington. A 45 minute guided tour starts and finishes in the famous Weta Cave and provides a unique behind-the-scenes glimpse into the workings of Weta Workshop.

One of their crew will explain the creative process from the workshop floor, using the props, models and weapons they helped make for the movies. Through a number of windows opened into the heart of Weta Workshop, you can actually see the work being done inside one of the world's leading concept design and physical effects manufacturing operations.

**Cost:** NZ \$24 Adult / NZ \$12 Child

## Zealandia – The Krori Sanctuary Experience

Zealandia is a must-see eco-attraction and groundbreaking restoration project: a nature lover's paradise and a sanctuary by the city!

See some of New Zealand's rarest birds, reptiles and insects living wild in their natural environment, including hihi, tuatara, saddleback, kākā and (at night) little spotted kiwi.

**Cost:** NZ \$17.50 Adult / NZ \$9.00 Child

## Seal Colony Tour

Come and see Wellington's wild South Coast and visit native New Zealand's Fur Seal Colony. The tour departs from central Wellington and we travel past some of the city's most famous icons on our way to the suburb of Karori. You will leave the city limits and drive through a real slice of rural New Zealand. Discover the Wind Farm, goldfields, one of the oldest NZ farm and much more

**Cost:** NZ \$95 Adult / NZ \$50 Child

## Blenheim

### Omaka Heritage Centre

Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre presents the outstanding Knights of the Sky exhibition, featuring Sir Peter Jackson's own collection of WW1 aircraft and artifacts. This story of aviation in the Great War is brought to life in sensational sets created by the internationally acclaimed talent of WingNut Films and Weta Workshop. The theatrical treatment is both innovative and visually stunning. Captivating scenes depict the aircraft in context, sometimes recreating an incident that actually happened in the war. Rare memorabilia is on display, worthy of any national collection and ranges from beautifully crafted 'trench art' through to personal items belonging to the famous Red Baron himself.

Open 7 days a week from 10:00am - 5:00pm (last entry at 4pm)

**Cost:** NZ \$25 Adult / NZ \$10 Child



### Wither Hills Estate Tasting Room & Cellar Door

The Wither Hills Tasting Room & Cellar Door allows you to engage your senses sampling wines from our full range of wines in an elegant, friendly and relaxed environment. For those wanting to learn a bit more or experience something out of the ordinary, try one of our wine experience options and learn more about the winemaking process first hand in either our Vine to Wine or Gourmet Blending tours.

**Cost:** Tours start from NZ \$15 Adult

## Queenstown

### Shotover Jet Boat

From the moment the accelerator hits the floor, your adrenaline hits the roof as you speed in mere centimetres of water along the famous Shotover River and deep into the spectacular Shotover River Canyons. It's an amazing white water ride, as the Shotover Canyon walls tower over you, your expert driver puts your 'Big Red' Jet Boat through its paces and skillfully whips it past rocky outcrops, skims around crags and boulders, and speeds through the dramatic and narrow canyons. Rock faces blur in your peripheral vision and the water sprays into myriads of white water crystals with every turn as you speed in your state of the art 'Big Red' Jet Boat at up to 85kph over crystal clear water as shallow as 10cm deep

**Cost:** NZ \$129 Adult / NZ \$69 Child

### ZipTrek Eco Tours

The best framed views of Lake Wakatipu can be experienced on an interpretive guided tour using flying foxes as low impact adventure access. Join us on a series of lines that traverse the forest in a way that will never be forgotten. This tour is perfect for families, groups and those who have never ziplined before.

Come join us on our exhilarating Moa zipline (flying fox) adventure above spectacular Queenstown! Ride up the Skyline Gondola and then glide through the treetops on a series of four flying foxes. Your experienced Guides will deliver an interpretive tour as you "Zzziiiiip" from tree to tree. Breathe in some pristine mountain air as you venture on a carefully crafted journey that combines exhilaration, adventure, and ecological exploration.

Offering spectacular views of the surroundings, ZipTrek Ecotours offers a thrilling eco-adventure experience, while also providing the opportunity to learn about what this breathtaking place has to offer

**Cost:** Moa 4 line Tour NZ \$135 Adult / NZ \$85 Child





## Queenstown cont...

### Bunji Jump Kawarau Bridge 43 metre

Not only is Queenstown the Adventure Capital of the World but it is also the location of the 'World Home of Bungy Jumping' - The Kawarau Bridge Bungy!

In November 1988, Bungy pioneers AJ Hackett and Henry van Asch jumped into the World spotlight by launching the World's first commercially operated Bungy Jumping Site, off the historic Kawarau Bridge. With over 25 years of operating experience we have become renowned as one of the most exhilarating things to do in Queenstown.

If you want to be tied up & thrown off with a friend, then this is the Bungy Site for you, as it offers Queenstown's only Tandem Bungy Jump. Just remember that sharing the thrill doesn't mean halving the fear!

**Cost:** NZ \$195 Adult

### Skyline Gondola

Located in Queenstown Skyline New Zealand is home to the ultimate Gondola and Luge experience!

As well as the tranquil uphill Gondola ride and the thrilling downhill Luge tracks, Skyline offers plenty of other things to do in New Zealand such as walking tracks, mountain biking trails, cultural experiences, adventure activities and great dining options, all with unsurpassed scenic views

**Cost:** Gondola NZ \$30 Adult / NZ \$19 Child

**Cost:** Gondola NZ plus 1 luge ride \$39 Adult / NZ \$28 Child

**Cost:** Gondola NZ plus 2 luge rides \$42 Adult / NZ \$33 Child



### Heli Tour Snow Landing

Depart Heliworks Hangar, Queenstown Airport for a scenic flight to a snowy mountain landing site. Enjoy a landing in the snow with ample time for photographs and even a few snowballs! Return to Heliworks with views of the Wakatipu basin. Minimum of 2 persons Flight Duration: 35minutes Landings: 1 Snow Landing

**Cost:** NZ \$295.00 Adult

### Hot lap in a Lamborghini at Highlands Park Race Way

Fast & sexy the Highlands Lamborghini Fast Dash is a true bucket-list activity. Where else will you get to experience 0 - 100km/h in 2.9sec. A Ride in the Highlands Lamborghini Superleggera is a ride not to be missed. 2 laps are included.

**Cost:** NZ \$149 Adult (min 16 yrs old)

### Bunji Jump Kawarau Bridge 43 metre

Not only is Queenstown the Adventure Capital of the World but it is also the location of the 'World Home of Bungy Jumping' - The Kawarau Bridge Bungy!

In November 1988, Bungy pioneers AJ Hackett and Henry van Asch jumped into the World spotlight by launching the World's first commercially operated Bungy Jumping Site, off the historic Kawarau Bridge. With over 25 years of operating experience we have become renowned as one of the most exhilarating things to do in Queenstown. If you want to be tied up & thrown off with a friend, then this is the Bungy Site for you, as it offers Queenstown's only Tandem Bungy Jump. Just remember that sharing the thrill doesn't mean halving the fear!

**Cost:** NZ \$195 Adult

### Onsen Pools

Onsen Hot Pools are hot and steamy on snowy days, warm and sheltered on rainy days, cool and shady on sunny days, and simply magical in the evenings! Each pool room can accommodate up to four adults and are perfect for individuals, couples, families and friends. Water temperature is set according to the day - generally between 37.8C on a hot day, to 39.8C during a snow-storm. If you have a temperature preference, tell us when you book and your pool will be just right when you arrive! If you find yourself overheating, add cold water to your pool with the push of a button. Alternatively, in the summer we keep one of our pools cold for those who relish the thought of a cold plunge! A unique feature of Onsen Hot Pools are the retractable picture windows: Convert your pool room from indoor to outdoor and back again at the touch of a button!

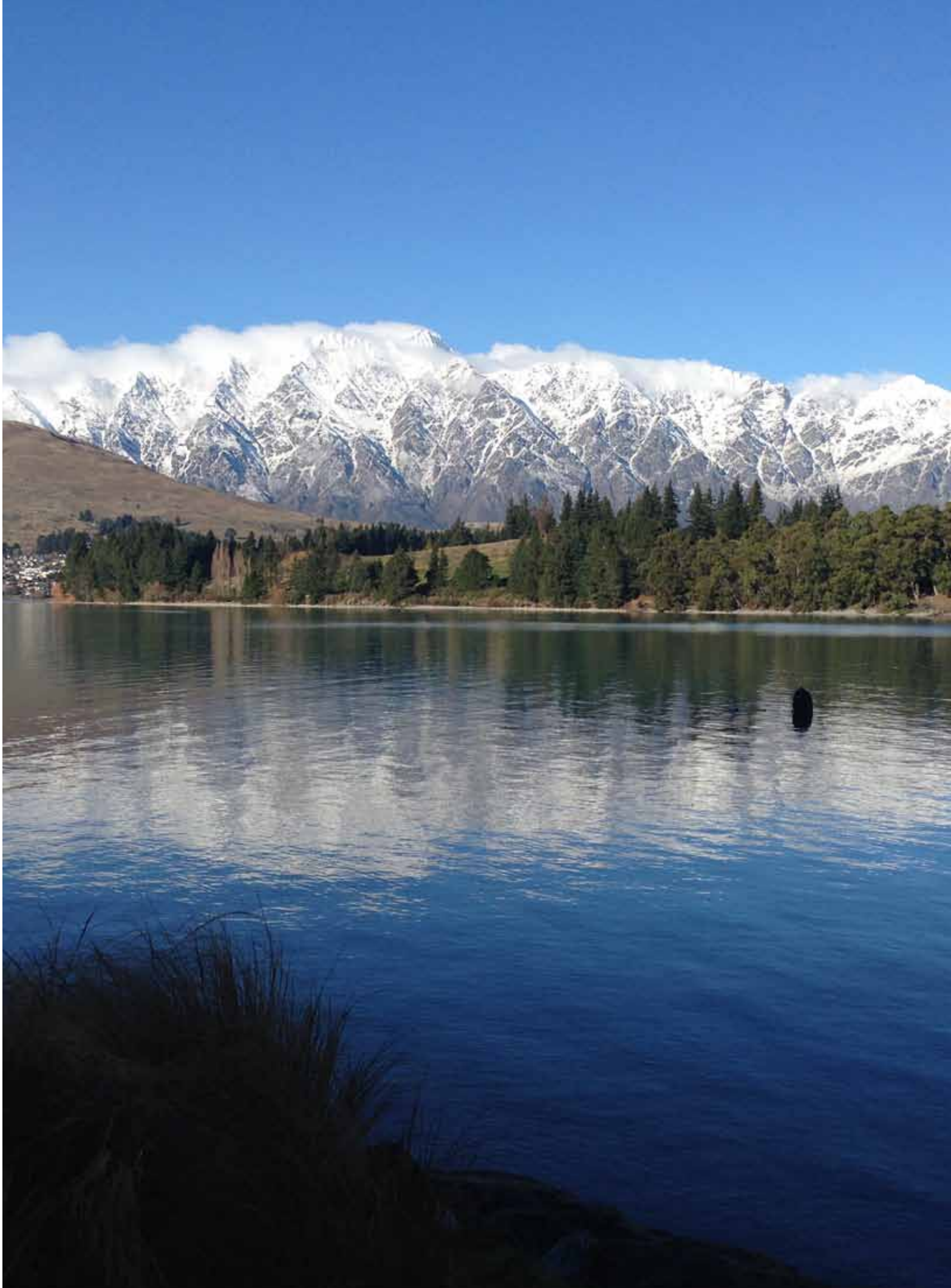
**Cost:** NZ \$44 Adult (min of 2)

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# Terms & Conditions

## AVAILABILITY

All arrangements are strictly subject to availability at the time of booking. Due to peak season demands from November through to March, early booking is recommended.

## COSTS

All costs are in New Zealand dollars.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) is included in all prices at 15%. Meals are NOT included except as specified on certain itineraries.

The base pricing is on two adults sharing a room. Single travellers are required to pay the single room rate. For child costs or triple share arrangements, please contact our office.

## DEPOSIT

A deposit of 10% of the total cost of you booking, subject to a minimum of NZ \$100 is required once you confirm you will proceed with the booking. Payment of the deposit will indicate an acceptance of our terms and conditions by the purchaser and/or passenger. The balance is then payable at least 30 days prior to the first day of your New Zealand itinerary.

## AMENDMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Any amendments to confirmed bookings will incur an administration fee of NZ\$20.00 per individual change. If travel documents have already been prepared the amendment fee is NZ\$50.00 per individual change. If for any reason you choose to cancel any part or all of your holiday, the following cancellation fees are applicable: more than 30 days prior to your arrival in New Zealand: 10%; 7-30 days prior to your arrival: 40%; less than 7 days: 100%.

## REFUNDS

If a pre-paid activity is cancelled by the supplier due to poor weather conditions Experience NZ will issue a full refund. All payment transactions are conducted in New Zealand dollars. Due to exchange rate fluctuations there could be some variance in the amount refunded compared to the amount initially charged. Southern Travelnet do not accept any liability for loss due to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

## INSURANCE

We recommend the purchase of travel insurance, which can cover you for loss of deposits, accidental injury, damaged personal effects, delays and other eventualities. Insurance is the responsibility of the individual traveller.

## LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Experience NZ (NZ) Ltd does not accept any liability for failure, act or omission on the part of transportation companies, accommodation providers, sightseeing providers or other principals. Furthermore the responsibility of principals participating in the programme is limited as specified in their tickets, conditions of contract, conditions of carriage and tariffs. Experience NZ (NZ) Ltd and the principals concerned accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delays or changes in trains, buses, ferry or other transport services, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes. Any such loss or expense is the responsibility of the passenger.

## SURCHARGES

Hotel rooms, coaches and trains are subject to availability at special rates. If all our allotments are full we will endeavour to secure alternatives at the most favourable rates, however in these circumstances there may have to be an adjustment to the brochure prices. Approval will be sought prior to confirmation of services with additional surcharges.

## INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

All visitors require a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after their intended departure.

Some travellers may also require visas. Documentation may take some time to obtain, so please consult your travel agent at an early date. New Zealand has very strict Quarantine regulations. Do not bring any raw food, fruit or plant material with you.

## DRIVERS LICENSE

Intended drivers of the rental car(s) must hold a valid international drivers license which must be produced at the rental location pick up.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Rental car refundable rental insurance bond (cash or credit card)
- Rental car optional extra insurances to reduce your vehicle excess
- Rental car fuel charges
- Airport taxes or surcharges
- Carparking charges at hotels where applicable
- Airfares
- Any additional services or items not included in the above itinerary
- Pre registration or late check out of rooms
- Gratuities
- Personal items
- Meals unless specified on the itinerary

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