

Epic NEW ZEALAND

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DAYS 1-3 • GOODBYE CANADA, KIA ORA AUCKLAND!

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport. Meet your fellow travellers in Toronto before flying to Auckland. It's a long way to Auckland, but don't worry, in-flight entertainment helps time fly by! Upon your arrival, meet your Group Guru before our luxury coach brings you to your hotel. Settle in, take a nice long shower, and enjoy a restful night. Overnight in Auckland. (D)

DAY 4 • ALLURING AUCKLAND & MĀORI CULTURE

Begin your adventure in a big way by learning the haka and poi during a Māori cultural performance and workshop at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Continue to Parnell, the city's oldest suburb, for a walking tour before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Drive through Auckland's neighbourhoods on your way to Mount Eden for panoramic views from the crater rim. Enjoy a welcome cocktail before dinner. Overnight in Auckland. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 • HOBBITON & ROTORUA RELAXATION (228 KM)

Travel through rolling farmland and volcanic landscapes on your way to Rotorua. Take in a guided tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set, exploring the lush farmland made famous by *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*. Following lunch, arrive in Rotorua and enjoy free time in this lakeside retreat town. Overnight in Rotorua. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 • ROTORUA: GEOTHERMAL & MĀORI CULTURE

Explore Te Puia's steaming valleys of geysers, mud pools, and hot springs before visiting the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute to see traditional carving and weaving in action. Visit the kiwi enclosure for a glimpse of New Zealand's shy national bird. Following lunch, enjoy free time in Rotorua. In the evening, take part in the Mitai Māori Cultural Experience with a powerful haka and poi performance, a traditional hāngī feast, and a glowworm walk along a sacred stream. Overnight in Rotorua. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 • LAKE TAUPŌ CRUISE

Travel through forest and volcanic landscapes to Lake Taupō, New Zealand's largest lake. Cruise across its waters to see the impressive Māori rock carvings at Mine Bay. Following lunch, return to Rotorua for free time and dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Rotorua. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 • WELLINGTON: STORIES BY THE SEA (FLIGHT)

This morning, fly to New Zealand's capital and enjoy a panoramic tour before checking in at your hotel. Guided tour of the Te Papa Tongarewa Museum to discover fascinating exhibits on natural history, Māori heritage, and art. Following lunch, stroll along the waterfront to Te Wharewaka o Pōneke before settling in for a cultural presentation and storytelling session. Watch the stories you've just learned come to life during a waka paddling experience on the peaceful harbour. Overnight in Wellington. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 • WELLINGTON BY CABLE CAR

Ride Wellington's iconic Cable Car from Lambton Quay up to Kelburn for sweeping views of the city and harbour. Visit the Cable Car Museum or wander through the nearby Botanic Garden before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore more of the capital before dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Wellington. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 • MARLBOROUGH VINEYARDS & KAIKŌURA (FLIGHT)

Fly to Blenheim and head straight to a celebrated winery in the heart of Sauvignon Blanc country for a vineyard lunch paired with local wine. Continue south along the Pacific Coast Highway to Kaikōura, where ocean views and mountain backdrops line the road, with chances to spot fur seals basking on the rocks. Arrive mid-afternoon for free time before dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Kaikōura. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 • WHALE WATCHING & CHRISTCHURCH (181 KM)

Set out on a whale watching cruise off the coast of Kaikōura, with the chance to see sperm whales, dolphins, and fur seals against a backdrop of snow-capped peaks. After lunch, travel south along the Pacific Coast Highway to Christchurch. On arrival, step aboard a heritage tram for a narrated tour of the city centre, passing sights like the Transitional Cathedral and New Regent Street. Overnight in Christchurch. (B,L,D)



MĀORI DOING THE HAKA



WHALE WATCHING, KAIKŌURA

DAY 12 • GARDENS, MARKETS & THE AVON RIVER

Begin the day in the Botanic Gardens, a serene haven of towering trees and colourful blooms. Visit Quake City, an exhibition sharing the stories of Christchurch's 2011 earthquake and the city's resilience. Explore Riverside Market, filled with local food, crafts, and regional flavours, then follow the urban art trail, where murals and installations brighten the cityscape. End the day with a punting ride on the Avon River, drifting past leafy banks and historic landmarks. Overnight in Christchurch. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 • LAKE TEKAPŌ & DARK SKY STARGAZING (227 KM)

Travel through the wide-open landscapes of the Mackenzie Basin on your way to Lake Tekapo, famous for its turquoise waters and dramatic mountain backdrop. Visit the Church of the Good Shepherd, a stone chapel perched on the lake's edge. This evening, with a warm drink in hand, look skyward. The Aoraki Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve offers some of the clearest stargazing on earth, where the Milky Way stretches brightly overhead. Overnight in Lake Tekapo. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 • MOUNT COOK & ALPINE SCENERY

Take a day trip to Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, travelling through breathtaking alpine landscapes. Stroll part of the Hooker Valley Track, crossing swing bridges with views of glaciers and New Zealand's highest peak. Visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, a museum celebrating the legendary mountaineer and the region's climbing history, before sitting down for lunch at a lakeside retreat overlooking the Southern Alps. Return to Tekapo in the afternoon for free time at your leisure. Overnight in Lake Tekapo. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 • EN ROUTE TO QUEENSTOWN (198 KM)

Journey through the Mackenzie Basin and over the dramatic Lindis Pass, where golden tussock plains meet alpine peaks. Pause in the lakeside town of Wānaka to see the famous lone willow, "That Wānaka Tree," and enjoy time along the waterfront. Continue over the Crown Range Road, New Zealand's highest sealed highway with sweeping views, before descending into Queenstown, the adventure capital of the country. Overnight in Queenstown. (B,L,D)



HOBBITON

DAY 16 • ICONS OF QUEENSTOWN

Start the day with a gondola ride to Bob's Peak for sweeping views over Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu. Cruise aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where you'll tour the grounds and enjoy a lakeside lunch. Back in Queenstown, browse artisan markets or simply relax by the waterfront as live music drifts through the evening air. Overnight in Queenstown. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 • MIGHTY MILFORD SOUND

Travel deep into Fiordland National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of soaring peaks and glacier-carved valleys. Board a luxury catamaran to cruise Milford Sound, often called the "Eighth Wonder of the World." Glide past sheer granite cliffs, rainforest-draped slopes, and waterfalls plunging into the dark waters below, with the chance to spot seals, dolphins, and penguins along the way. Return to Queenstown in the evening. Overnight in Queenstown. (B,L,D)

DAY 18 • QUEENSTOWN VINES & VIEWS

Spend a leisurely morning in Queenstown before visiting a winery set among rugged peaks and vine-clad hills, to sample the region's celebrated Pinot Noir over a vineyard lunch. Return to Queenstown for free time to pick up that last souvenir before gathering in the evening for a festive farewell dinner with local entertainment—an unforgettable way to close your New Zealand adventure. Overnight in Queenstown. (B,L,D)

DAY 19 • HOME SWEET HOME

Fly from Queenstown to Canada, with a same day arrival. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. (B)



MILFORD SOUND

19 DAYS

ALL-INCLUSIVE

\$18,495

Per person in double occupancy

Single supplement: \$2,500

2027: +\$500



Difficulty Rating:
High

EVERY APPROACH TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PERKS:

- Private car service to and from your home airport
- International and domestic flights
- Meals and excursions that are typically sold separately
- Tips for all service providers
- 24/7 Group Guru (in addition to tour guide and local guides)
- Extensive travel insurance with Manulife Financial

TOTAL VALUE OF PERKS
\$5,548

THIS TOUR INCLUDES



TOUR ESSENTIALS

- International flights with Air New Zealand and 2 regional flights
- 16 nights in first class hotels
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, with entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage portorage throughout



FOOD & DRINK

- All 47 meals, including: 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches and 16 dinners
- Farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Welcome cocktail
- 2 lunches at wineries including tastings (included in meal count)
- Traditional hāngī feast (included in meal count)
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



UNIQUE MOMENTS

- Step into Middle-earth at Hobbiton, where the lush film set brings Tolkien's world to life.
- Marvel at Milford Sound and the brilliance of the Aoraki Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve.
- Immerse yourself in Māori culture through meals, storytelling, and dance.
- Encounter New Zealand's wildlife, from whales and seals to the shy kiwi.