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Epic NEW ZEALAND

DEPARTURE MONTHS
February, March & November
Check approachtours.com for departure dates.



DAYS 1-3 · GOODBYE CANADA, KIA ORA AUCKLAND!
Enjoy a private car ride to the airport and fly 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 and fellow travellers 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 · ROAD TO WELLINGTON (453 KM)
This morning, travel to New Zealand's capital, a celebrated centre for art, cuisine, culture, and natural beauty. Enjoy dinner before settling into your hotel. Overnight in Wellington. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 · WELLINGTON: STORIES BY THE SEA
Enjoy a panoramic tour before a visit to Te Papa Tongarewa Museum to discover fascinating exhibits on natural history, Māori heritage, and art. Afterwards, stroll along the waterfront to Te Wharewaka o Pōneke. Ride Wellington's iconic Cable Car from Lambton Quay up to Kelburn for sweeping views of the city and harbour. Overnight in Wellington. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 · MARLBOROUGH VINEYARDS & KAIKŌURA (256 KM)
Continue to Blenheim for a visit 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. 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)

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)


MĀORI DOING THE HAKA



WHALE WATCHING, KAIKOURA

DAY 13 ▾ LAKE TEKAPO & 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 TE ANAU (198 KM)
Journey through the Mackenzie Basin and over the dramatic Lindis Pass, where golden tussock plains meet alpine peaks. Pause in Cromwell for lunch. Continue over the Crown Range Road, New Zealand's highest sealed highway with sweeping views, before descending into Te Anau. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 ▾ MIGHTY MILFORD SOUND (171 KM)
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. Travel to Queenstown in the evening. Overnight in Queenstown. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 ▾ ICONS OF QUEENSTOWN
Start the day with a gondola ride to Bob's Peak for sweeping views over Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu. In Queenstown's city centre, browse artisan markets or simply relax by the waterfront as live music drifts through the evening air. Overnight in Queenstown. (B,L,D)

HOBBITON

DAY 18 ▾ WHIMSICAL WANAKA & WINERY VISIT
Travel to the lakeside town of Wānaka to see the famous lone willow, "That Wānaka Tree," and enjoy time along the waterfront. Taste the flavours of the region at a wine tasting before coming aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where you'll tour the grounds. Gather in the evening for a festive farewell dinner and show—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)


QUEENSTOWN



MILFORD SOUND

19 DAYS

ALL-INCLUSIVE

$19,245

Per person in double occupancy
Single supplement: $3,000
Fall 2027: +$250
Spring 2028: +$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
- 16 nights in first-class hotels
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, including entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage porterage where available

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.

I WANT TO BOOK NOW!