

15 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

NEW ZEALAND EXPLORER

\$3699

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

MILFORD SOUND • ABEL TASMAN NP • FOX GLACIER • WHAKAREWAREWA

THE OFFER

Epic mountain ranges and rolling vineyards, ancient forest and volcanic landscapes straight out of National Geographic - New Zealand a destination of incredible beauty and diversity. And while admiring it through a window as you explore by road is certainly a great way to see it, sometimes you just have to set out and explore on foot too. This active 15 day package offers the best of both worlds, with a guided coach tour and ample hiking opportunities.

Beginning in Auckland, you'll journey along the stunning Coromandel Peninsula, stroll beneath the towering redwoods of Whakarewarewa Forest, delve into local Maori culture at Lake Aniwhenua, and enjoy perhaps one of the most memorable meals of the trip: a traditional hangi. Relax in the hot springs at Kerosene Creek, explore the trendy city of Wellington, soak up the magic of Abel Tasman National Park, and feel dwarfed by the incredible scale of Fox Glacier. As if that wasn't enough, you'll enjoy three nights in adventurous Queenstown, a day cruise on the sapphire waters of mighty Milford Sound, a visit to the extraordinary Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park - and more!

15 DAY PACKAGE

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Day 1 Auckland to Coromandel

Haere Mai and Welcome! Your tour begins in Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland) the city of sails, the largest city in New Zealand and home to over 2 million people. We depart early for our first stop, Hahei Beach on the Coromandel Peninsula. This gorgeous little place will capture your heart (and have you calculating how much it would cost to move to NZ's coast eternally). We'll be staying at the world famous Hot Water Beach. When the tides are right, we'll head to the beach and dig ourselves an all-natural hot pool in the sand.

Please note:

- This itinerary is a guide. Given the spontaneous nature of our trips and lack of control over New Zealand's weather, what we do each day might occasionally vary.

- The tour start time is approx. 7:30am. Pick up times and locations will be confirmed by the tour operator after purchase.

- Due to the early start time today, it is advisable to arrive in Auckland at least 1 day prior.

Overnight: Top 10 Hot Water Beach or similar

Meals included: None

Day 2 Coromandel to Rotorua

It's just a short trip to Rotorua and, let's just say, the 'unusual' sulphur smell will be a telltale sign that you've arrived! Known as the North Island's geothermal hot spot and hub for all the very best adventure activities, Rotorua is 100% one of the best places to explore... even if your nostrils tell you otherwise! We'll stop at the Whakarewarewa Forest for a walk amongst the giant California Redwoods planted over

100 years ago before checking in at our hotel. If you want to see some geothermal activity for free, head across the road to Kuirau Park to see boiling mud pools and steaming lakes.

Overnight: Distinction Rotorua or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Rotorua to Lake Aniwhenua

After hanging out in a major tourist destination like Rotorua, you'll probably feel ready to experience a more authentic slice of New Zealand culture. Today we venture off the beaten track to the shores of Lake Aniwhenua. Kohutapu Lodge is owned by a local Maori family who are passionate about showcasing their Maori tribal heritage. You'll see sacred Maori rock carvings, play traditional stick games and watch the preparation of a ground cooked 'hangi', before tasting it for yourself! Prepare your tastebuds - this will probably be the best meal you eat in New Zealand, or maybe even in your lifetime!

Exclusive experience includes 1 night's accommodation at the serene lakeside Kohutapu Lodge, Full traditional hangi buffet dinner & dessert, Continental breakfast, Guided tour to sacred Maori rock carvings and Introduction to the Murupara area, its people, history and challenges.

Optional activities (not included): Learn the Haka, Maori flax weaving (\$10 each)

Overnight: Kohutapu Lodge

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

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Day 4 Lake Aniwhenua to Taupo

Rise and shine! Enjoy your buffet breakfast and get ready for a day of jam-packed adventure. Keep your togs handy, because our first stop is Kerosene Creek – a naturally hot river and the perfect place for a morning soak. Then it's on to Taupo to see Australasia's largest lake and the mighty Huka Falls before venturing about as far off the beaten track as you can get in the North Island!

Optional activities (not included): Skydiving or Bungy in Taupo

Overnight: Acapulco Motor Inn or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Taupo to Wellington

Onwards to Wellington, the 'coolest little capital in the world'! Wellington packs a lot of character into its downtown district, with funky restaurants and bars along Cuba Street and Courtenay Place. Fill your afternoon by browsing through the exhibits at Te Papa National Museum, grab a craft beer at an edgy brewery, climb to the top of Mt Victoria for panoramic views or take a stroll along the waterfront and Oriental Parade. Oh and, most importantly for those who seek 24/7 caffeine, you'll be glad to know that Wellington's coffee culture and cafe scene is considered one of the best in NZ.

Overnight: Hotel Waterloo or similar

Meals included: None

Day 6 Wellington to Marahau (Abel Tasman)

We catch an early Bluebridge Ferry across the Cook Strait and through the magnificent Marlborough Sounds to the South Island. If the weather's good, head out to the viewing deck to witness some incredible scenes before arriving in Picton and

setting off through the picturesque Marlborough region. Then we continue to Marahau, situated right on the edge of the spectacular Abel Tasman National Park.

Optional activities (not included): Wine tasting (approx. \$5-10)

Meal options: We'll stop at a supermarket to stock up on supplies - Self-cater or join the optional group dinner

Overnight: The Barn or similar

Meals included: None

Day 7 Marahau (Abel Tasman)

Count yourself lucky - you have a full day to explore New Zealand's most popular national park. From our accommodation you can hike straight into the park (no water taxi required!). It's a cool 12kms to Anchorage and you'll see the park's natural golden sand beaches and brilliant blue waters along the way. The walk is approx. 4 hours each way but there's enough photo stops en-route to spend an entire day exploring. Enjoy a picnic on the beach before checking out Cleopatra's Pools, moss lined fresh water pools with a natural water slide.

Optional activities (not included): Kayaking, water taxi, canyoning

Meal options: Pack a picnic lunch and lots of snacks for your hike, Self-cater in the kitchen or use the BBQs

Overnight: The Barn or similar

Meals included: None

Day 8 Marahau (Abel Tasman) to Fox Glacier

Buckle up for an awesome day driving down the incredibly

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scenic 'wild' West Coast, an area known for its untamed beaches and spectacular rainforest. Through Buller Gorge and down a stretch of road named one of the top drives in the world by Lonely Planet, there's not much cell phone reception but you are NOT gonna need it – we dare you to peel your eyes away from the window for even just a second. We'll stop at Cape Foulwind and the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and blowholes to explore this unique part of coastline before continuing on to the quaint township of Fox Glacier, set amongst the rainforest.

Overnight: Heartland Fox Glacier or similar

Meals included: None

Day 9 Fox Glacier

Ice, ice baby! Get ready to experience Fox Glacier, an iconic highlight of the West Coast. Take a short drive to the beginning of the track. Hike through native bush and across glacial streams to the terminal face of the glacier for spectacular photos or just relax in the township and enjoy the views.

Overnight: Heartland Fox Glacier or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Fox Glacier to Wanaka

It's another scenic journey today with plenty of photo stops – your family aren't going to be the only ones who think your travel photos are world-class! First up is the amazing mirror-like Lake Matheson for a short walk. We travel inland through the mountainous Haast Pass and alongside beautiful Lake Hawea to arrive in Wanaka late-afternoon. It's the perfect time to get your own photo of the famous Wanaka Tree set

against a sunset backdrop. Dreamy!

Free activities: Lake Matheson walk, Ship Creek walk, Blue Pools walk, Thunder Creek Falls walk

Overnight: Wanaka Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Wanaka to Queenstown

Kick start your day with a brisk walk up Mt Iron or have a sleep in (we know they're necessary sometimes!). Mid-morning we'll make our way to Queenstown, known in New Zealand as the 'Adventure Capital of the World' and the spiritual home of bungee jumping. We stop at Kawarau Bridge on our way into town a.k.a. the first commercial bungee jumping site in the world. If you're feeling brave you can tick the bungee off your bucket list or if you'd prefer to just watch then you can cheer your mates on from the viewing platform!

Optional activities (not included): Puzzling World, skydiving, pilot your own stunt plane or learn to fly and take a friend for free, bungee jump or swing

Free activities: Walk Mt Iron, watch people jumping off a bridge!

Overnight: Heartland Queenstown or similar

Meals included: None

Day 12 Queenstown

Today you'll hop aboard a coach, which will take you to the stunning Milford Sound. You'll take a Cruise across this impressive Sound and see towering Mitre Peak, plus rainforests and waterfalls as well as spotting some amazing wildlife like Fur Seals, Penguins and Dolphins. Once you've

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snapped as many pics as you possibly can, it's back to Queenstown. We recommend checking out the buzzing nightlife and many restaurants Queenstown has to offer.

Overnight: Heartland Queenstown or similar

Meals included: None

Day 13 Queenstown

You've got a full day in the adventure capital today. With beautiful mountain scenery and plenty of outdoor activities, it's easy to understand why so many backpackers refuse to leave this place.

Optional activities (not Included): Any adventure activity that we Kiwis can dream up (bungy, swing, jet boating, skydiving, mountain biking, zipline, horse riding...)

Free activities: Hike Ben Lomond, the Queenstown Hill, or Bob's Peak

Overnight: Heartland Queenstown or similar

Meals included: None

Day 14 Queenstown to Mount Cook

Depart Queenstown early to drive over the Lindis Pass through the beautiful Mackenzie Country and past the vivid blue waters of Lake Pukaki on the way to our amazing stop at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki/Mt Cook. We arrive in the early afternoon with time to do an optional experience like a 4WD & Argo Tour or a boat tour on a glacial lake surrounded by snow capped alps and views of the gigantic Tasman Glacier Ice wall.

Alternatively you can check out the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine

Centre or do one of the many great short walks in the park. If it's a clear night, make sure you head outside to experience one of the best stargazing spots in the country. There are some incredible longer walks to do if you want to hop off the bus for a few days (we'd recommend you leave climbing Mt Cook to the experienced mountaineers though).

Optional activities (not included): Alpine Argo tour, visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, Glacier Explorer boat tour

Free activities: Take photos of awe-inspiring scenery, do one of the many great short walks to the Hooker glacial lake (weather dependent), stargazing.

Overnight: Alpine Lodge or similar

Meals included: None

Day 15 Mount Cook to Christchurch

Leaving Mount Cook we make our way through a landscape made famous in the 'Lord of the Rings' films. We'll stop to admire the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd, a famous photo stop. Relax in the Tekapo hot pools, go snow tubing or ice skating (winter only) or hike up to the Mt John Observatory where you'll witness stunning views of the lake from above. After lunch, we will continue to our overnight stop in Christchurch, a city where old meets new, as the rebuild continues following the devastating 2011 earthquake. Spend your afternoon wandering the city streets and laneways to discover creative street art intended to bring cheer and colour to a city once buried in rubble.

Please note: The tour will end in Christchurch at approximately 4:00pm.

Meals included: None

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- An active North & South Island tour ex Auckland
- Journey through the stunning landscapes of New Zealand
- Visit Hot Water Beach on the Coromandel Peninsula
- Walk amongst the giant Redwoods of Whakarewarewa Forest, just outside Rotorua
- Visit Kohutapu Lodge near Lake Aniwhenua for a showcasing of Maori tribal heritage
- Enjoy 3 nights in Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure capital
- Discover New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki/Mt Cook
- Visit Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd
- Enjoy a day cruise on the stunning waters of Milford Sound
- Visit Wellington, NZ's cool little capital
- Feel the spray of impressive Huka Falls
- Enjoy a Bluebridge Ferry transfer across the Cook Strait
- Travel through the magnificent Marlborough Sounds
- Explore the diverse Abel Tasman National Park
- Feel dwarfed by mighty Fox Glacier on the West Coast of NZ
- See Lake Matheson, renowned for its mirror-like reflections

ACCOMMODATION

14 nights quality accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 5 breakfasts & 1 dinner

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Experienced tour guide

TRANSPORT

- Private coach transport
- Inter-island ferry with Bluebridge

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 11 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 60 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Covid-19 Booking Policy

- TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until

confirmed by TripADeal, not the property you are due to stay with.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 15th of March 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$1300 applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Coromandel: Top 10 Hot Water Beach or similar
- Rotorua: Distinction Rotorua or similar
- Lake Aniwhenua: Kohutapu Lodge Speciality lodging
- Taupo: Acapulco Motor Inn or similar
- Wellington: Hotel Waterloo or similar
- Marahau (Abel Tasman): The Barn or similar
- Fox Glacier: Heartland Fox Glacier or similar
- Wanaka: Wanaka Hotel or similar
- Queenstown: Heartland Queenstown or similar
- Mount Cook: Mt Cook Alpine lodge or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available at check-out.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights accommodation pre or post tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior

to departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 11, maximum group size 22 per vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS

- Return international flights
- Domestic flights
- Airport transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

What to Bring

- Camera, Sturdy walking shoes/boots, Warm clothing, Waterproof jacket, Hat & Sunscreen, Bathers/towel, Water bottle, Toiletries, Motion sickness tablets, Insect repellent.

- Luggage is limited to one piece per person with a maximum weight of 20kg plus a day pack.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Accommodation at The Barn, Marahau is specialist as it is on the edge of the Abel Tasman National Park. All cabins are private, but facilities are shared.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

COACH TOUR

Meals

5 breakfasts and 1 dinner is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however, cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

Please note: Luggage is limited to one piece per person with a maximum weight of 20kg plus a day pack.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so, unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customers discretion.

Sightseeing

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/

cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

