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ROTORUA • TONGARIRO NP • KAPITI COAST • WANAKA • CHRISTCHURCH

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Some destinations are tailor-made for adventure. Think snow-capped mountain ranges, hidden glow worm caves, bubbling mud pools and geothermal geysers, and cycling trails that invite you to explore one peddle after the next. New Zealand is one such place - and yet, there's more to the Land of the Long White Cloud than adventure alone. This 15 day discovery package will showcase it all, combining the great outdoors with urban jungles, renowned wine regions and fab foodie finds.

Over 15 unforgettable days, you'll take in the best of the North and South Islands ex Auckland on foot, by luxury minibus, on a small boat, and even on a bicycle. The itinerary is designed for freedom and flexibility, so you can do as little or as much as you wish. Want to hike the extraordinary Tongariro Alpine Crossing? You can. Prefer to just do the highlights section? You can do that too.

Highlights include a wilderness jet boat from the ocean to the mountains; the great lakes, falls and geysers of the Waimangu Volcanic Valley Geothermal Area; and the foodie haven of the Kapiti Coast; plus vibrant Wellington, eclectic Christchurch and beautiful Wanaka. You'll also get to enjoy the Castle Hill and Devil's Punchbowl walks in Arthur's Pass; an inter-island ferry crossing amid the islands of gorgeous Marlborough Sound; cycling along the Roxburgh Gorge Trail; a visit to Franz Josef and the sleeping giant of Fox Glacier; a day cruise on the still waters of Milford Sound and more!

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15 Day Standard Tour

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Imagine an urban environment where everyone lives within half an hour of beautiful beaches, scenic hiking trails and a dozen enchanting holiday islands. Add in a sunny climate, a background rhythm of Polynesian culture and a passion for outstanding food and wine, and you're beginning to get the picture of Auckland - New Zealand's most populous city.

Take the afternoon to explore Britomart, a vibrant shopping, entertainment and business precinct in the heart of downtown Auckland. Surrounded by beautiful heritage buildings, it's a neighbourhood of buzzing restaurants and cool bars, designer boutiques and quirky art spaces.

Check out the Viaduct Auckland NZ Located in the heart of Auckland's CBD, Viaduct Harbour is a residential, commercial and entertainment precinct.

At 6pm, meet and greet at the hotel followed by dinner at East Restaurant. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner. East offers delicious modern-Asian flavours, plant-focused lunch, and dinner. Their chefs take inspiration from the near and far East to present an innovative and flavourful vegetarian menu of bites, small plates, and larger dishes all designed to share.

Overnight: Sudima Auckland City or similar

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 Mangawhai Cliffs Walkway - Matakana - Devonport

Blow the cobwebs away on the Mangawhai Cliffs Walkway. The rugged beauty of New Zealand's coast unfolds with panoramic views offering spectacular photo opportunities along this walk from the shoreline to the clifftops. Journey

over beaches and cliff tops, through farmlands and native forest, to discover views that reach all the way down to the Ocean. At the highpoint of the ridgeline, breathtaking panoramic views stretch from Bream Head all the way down to the Hauraki Gulf and the offshore islands.

Head to Matakana only an hour north of Auckland city and close to a myriad of stunning east coast beaches, Matakana is a popular getaway spot for locals and visitors alike. Matakana is foodie heaven - if you enjoy home-grown delicacies and award-winning wine then look no further.

Check out Devonport and discover colonial cottages, stately waterfront homes and World War II defences that run deep into a volcanic cone. Just across Auckland harbour from the central business district, the historic suburb of Devonport is full of charm and character.

Overnight: Sudima Auckland City or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Auckland - Waikato - Rotorua

Departing Auckland at 9am travelling through one of the richest agricultural and pastoral areas of the world, the Waikato is home to New Zealand's famous dairy and thoroughbred horse racing industries and base on many agri-businesses and research institutes.

Stop and enjoy the Wairere Falls Trek... Just 10 minutes drive from Matamata, the Wairere Falls is the highest waterfall in the North Island and a popular walking track in the Waikato. The return hike to the viewing platform at the base of the Wairere falls takes about an hour and a half. It is an attractive walk along a well maintained track. Small wooden bridges take you across the stream at several points, affording lovely views of little cascades and providing opportunities to cool



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tired feet in the refreshing water. The sight from the viewing platform is spectacular: water plunges 153 metres over the falls, before forming little streamlets that flow through moss covered rocks and ferns.

Arrive into Rotorua known for bubbling mud pools, shooting geysers and natural hot springs, as well as showcasing our fascinating Maori culture. The city is surrounded by mountains, rivers, native forests and 18 freshwater lakes, making it the perfect place to reconnect with nature.

Visit the Te Puia Arts and Crafts Centre and when darkness falls the true love story of Rotorua's geothermal wonderland comes to life. Discover one of New Zealand's most magnificent geothermal wonderlands featuring dramatic geysers, bubbling mud and beautiful native bush. Until now, the magic hidden within Te Puia after hours has remained a secret that only Mother Nature has truly been exposed to. For the first time, the geothermal valley is revealed under night skies, providing a multi-sensory experience that can not be replicated anywhere else in the world. Hear the stories of the past and feel the beauty of Pōhutu in an interactive journey guided by light.

Overnight: Pullman Rotorua or similar

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 4 Waimangu Volcanic Valley Geothermal Area - Taupo

Experience spectacular volcanic craters, enormous hot water springs, beautiful geothermal features, rare and unusual plant life, brilliantly coloured microbiology and a wide array of birds. We immerse visitors in the stories of the Mt Tarawera volcanic eruption, its people, and the resulting dramatic landscape changes that created the world's youngest geothermal valley. The 1886 Mt Tarawera Eruption changed Lake Rotomahana

dramatically, exploding it to 20 times its size. Fifteen years after that massive eruption, the lake reached its current height and is now the deepest in New Zealand's North Island.

We stop and enjoy the Huka Falls Track 7 km trek - 2 hrs. Several times a day the gates at the Aratiatia dam are opened to release the full flow of the river - a spectacular sight from the lookout points. Huka Falls to crash into the turbulent pool 11 metres below. A footbridge right at the top of the falls puts you in a prime position to get up close and witness the frightening display of more than 220,000 litres of water blasting by every second.

We arrive at Taupo, a town that sits at the edge of Australasia's largest lake. Local attractions include trout fishing, skiing, and geothermal parks. Beautiful Lake Taupo is actually a huge volcano with a fiery history. Lake Taupo is a fantastic region for year-round mountain biking, with the recent completion of the Great Lake Trail. Along with cycling, there are excellent hiking and golf opportunities.

Overnight: Hilton Lake Taupo or similar

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 5 Tongariro National Park

Departing at 8am, we visit The Tongariro National Park which encircles the volcanoes of Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu and features some of New Zealand's most contrasting landscapes. The park's most celebrated activity is the 'Tongariro Alpine Crossing', a one-day trek that traverses the otherworldly terrain along the slopes of all three mountains. Steaming craters, old lava flows and thermal lakes make the walk an unforgettable experience.

We drop by Mangatepopo to Soda Springs. You don't have to hike the full-length of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing to



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experience some of its splendour. A good alternative is to walk the first section of the track along the Mangatepopo Valley to Soda Springs. The walk starts from the Mangatepopo car park and sets off through fields of yellow tussock before climbing at a gentle gradient alongside a stream and around the edges of old lava flows. The valley ends at the foot of Mt Ngauruhoe, where you're treated with up close and personal views of this iconic volcano. From here a short side track leads to Soda Springs where clear, cold water cascades into a small stream. The water is slightly charged with dissolved gases and this effervescent quality inspired the name. Allow 3 hours for the return journey.

Tongariro Alpine Crossing NZ (optional with or without guide) 19.4km trek, arrow 8-9 hrs. The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is the best one-day hike in New Zealand and is even regarded as one of the top ten single-day treks in the world.

Overnight: Hilton Lake Taupo or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Taupo - Kapiti Coast - Wellington

Departing at 9am, we drive through the Kapiti Coast known for its indulgent gourmet ice cream, chocolates, and cheeses. The Kapiti Coast provides a range of stunning beaches from remote stretches of coast to popular family beaches where you can enjoy picnics, swimming, fishing, or surfing.

We arrive in Wellington at the southern end of the North Island, Wellington, was recently named "the coolest little capital in the world" by Lonely Planet. Nestled between a sparkling harbour and rolling green hills, New Zealand's capital city is renowned for its arts, heritage, culture and native beauty. Wellington is famous for its tucked away bars, quirky cafes, award-winning restaurants and great coffee. Head to Courtenay Place or Cuba Street to get amongst the good stuff.

Enjoy a walking tour of Hannah's Laneway, which is home to the Fix & Fogg shop window which offers peanut butter tastings and gourmet toast. The Leeds Street Bakery in Hannah's Laneway is one of the celebrated artisan producers in this culinary hotspot.

With the dream of creating a better-tasting world, the Wellington Chocolate Factory sets itself apart with its meticulous process. This labour of love begins with the team sourcing beans from around the world, whose origins influence the very distinct flavour characteristics of every bar this original Wonka factory produces. And as they craft each flavour, they tell a uniquely Kiwi story. After years of working at some of London's five-star hotels and high-end restaurants, British pastry chef Jackie Morrison moved to Wellington and saw an opportunity to really start creating the food she wanted to feed people. Morrison opened her brownie bar in the Hannahs Laneway culinary precinct where she makes brownies using laneway products including Fix & Fogg peanut butter and Wellington Chocolate Factory chocolate. The vegemite brownie is a must-try.

Overnight: Bolton Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Ferry Wellington to Picton / Marlborough - Kaikoura - Christchurch

Sail between Wellington and Picton across the mighty Cook Strait and through the spectacular Marlborough Sounds on one of the most scenic ferry journeys in the world.

We travel through the wine region along the East Coast of New Zealand. We pass over the arid rolling foothills of South Marlborough, we drop down to the dramatic Pacific coastline to Kaikoura.



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Kaikoura's environment is truly spectacular; the village is caught between the rugged Seaward Kaikoura Ranges and the Pacific Ocean. In winter the mountains are covered with snow, adding to the drama of the landscape. We will take the Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway along the coast on the Esplanade, onto Fyffe Quay, until you get to Point Kean car park/viewpoint. You will be rewarded with a seal colony.

Onto Christchurch with an eclectic mix of historic elegance and contemporary culture. As the gateway to the South Island, it's a must on any itinerary. Described by Lonely Planet as a "vibrant city in transition, coping resiliently and creatively," Christchurch's energy is evident wherever you go.

Overnight: Sudima Christchurch City or similar

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 8 Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - West Coast

We leave Christchurch and travel via the Canterbury Plains, like a patchwork quilt made with every shade of green, positioned serenely between the mountains and the sea. The Castle Hill Walk with its grand limestone rock battlements of Kura Tawhiti led early European travellers to name this unique area Castle Hill. The area is rich in Maori history. The track loops its way around the magnificent limestone rock formations but the joy in this area is heading off the track and exploring at your own pace.

Onto Arthur's Pass, characterised by wide, shingle-filled riverbeds and vast beech forests. The western side of the park, where wet weather is more common than dry, has deeply gorged rivers flowing through dense rainforest. The park includes many peaks over 2000 metres - the highest is Mount Murchison at 2,400 metres.

We stretch our legs again with the Devils Punchbowl Walk

as you feel the full force and sound of fresh mountain water falling 131 m down one of New Zealand's most stunning waterfalls. It's one of our best short walks. This 2km easy walk starts at the northern end of Arthur's Pass Village. Kea (New Zealand's native parrot) loves this area.

We view the famous Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and Blowholes, an amazing feature of the Great Coast Road on the West Coast. The trail takes a minimum of 20 minutes to walk around - all depending on how many information boards you read and photos you take. If the blowholes are working then this can be quite mesmerizing and you'll need to allow much more time to take it all in.

Overnight: Punakaiki Resort or similar

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 9 West Coast - Hokitika - Glacier Area

Travel to Underworld Adventures and take a short interpretative train ride in open carriages through primeval rain forest. The Nile River Rainforest Train recreated a bygone era where bush trams once prevailed. You will visit the Hall of Refugees to view its breathtaking array of calcite formations before emerging back to daylight to the overwhelmingly awe-inspiring Ananui entrance series- a prehistoric wonderland of outstanding beauty.

Leaving this behind, in the active level, you will get really close to amazing galaxies of glow worms. The guides will enrich your journey with captivating illustrations, explanations and stories before returning to the surface for a short stroll back to the train. A journey that takes you into one of the few cave systems you can see in its natural untamed wilderness state. This is a simply stunning Eco-tour in a very special place.



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Stunning scenery with its gorgeous glacial water and unusual cliffs, quintessentially New Zealand - the Hokitika Gorge is worth a visit. Just 33 kms inland from Hokitika is the beautiful Hokitika Gorge - a glacial river with gorgeous turquoise-blue-green water and amazing rock formations, which form the steep sides of the gorge.

Take a leisurely and scenic drive to the famous glacier region. The rugged West Coast is hemmed between the Tasman Sea and the imposing Southern Alps, making for spectacular contrasts in the surrounding scenery. Two glaciers are located only 25 km from each other and are unique in the world as they seem to nearly reach the ocean.

Overnight: Lake Matheson Motels or similar

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 10 Lake Matheson - Franz Josef Glacier - Fox Glacier

At Lake Matheson, we take an easy 1.5 hrs trek. Located near Fox Glacier, nature has combined exactly the right ingredients to create truly stunning reflections of New Zealand's highest peaks - Aoraki (Mount Cook) and Mount Tasman. The waters of Lake Matheson are dark brown, so on a calm day, they create the ideal reflective surface. The colour is caused by the natural leaching of organic matter from the surrounding native forest floor. By a happy coincidence, the mountains to the east are perfectly positioned to reflect in the lake.

The hospitable town of Franz Josef serves the glacier of the same name. Stay here while you explore this spectacular World Heritage Area. Franz Josef Glacier was first explored in 1865 by geologist Julius von Haast, who named it after the Austrian emperor.

Nestled in thick historic West Coast forest and a stone's throw from wild black sand beaches, this is one of the world's

most unusual glaciers. Beautiful blue skies or magical misty rain - whatever the weather - you will feel like you are in Narnia or LOTR. With easy walking at your pace, information on glaciology, geology, geomorphology, flora and fauna, local legends, history and small guided groups with fantastic guides, you will experience this glacier in style and in the best hands with the only local company.

We end back in the cozy township. Named after Sir William Fox, New Zealand's Prime Minister from 1869 to 1872, Fox Glacier describes both the glacier and the nearby village. Like its twin, Franz Josef, the glacier descends from the Southern Alps down into temperate rainforest just 300 metres above sea level.

There are glow worm caves just a short walk from the town centre, which offers a good choice of cafes and restaurants. Close to Fox Glacier is beautiful Lake Matheson, one of the most photographed lakes in New Zealand. On a clear day, it reflects Mount Cook.

Overnight: Lake Matheson Motels or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Fox Glacier - Haast - Wanaka

We travel on a spectacular and scenic road that links Haast and Wanaka. On the way we enjoy one of the Kiwi's favourite tours on the West Coast, taking a jet boat up a remote backcountry river into UNESCO South West New Zealand World Heritage Area. Take a tour with Wayne or Ruth, highly experienced commercial pilots and now jet boaters and learn about the pioneering spirit of days gone by, learn the early Maori history and later, the harshness of wilderness that faced the European settlers.

Walk through an ancient beech forest untouched by man for



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thousands of years. Travel to the top of the river and listen to us impart our intricate knowledge of the area. Learn about the introduced animals, visit the Kiwi sanctuary and learn about Kiwi breeding programs. Pass through the Alpine Fault-line and watch the truly dramatic scenery unfold before you.

South of Haast, the coastline turns westward along a 24 kilometre, gently curving bay to Jackson Head. This headland provides shelter from the prevailing wind direction, and here a fishing harbour has survived since the early pioneer days of seal hunting. Jackson Head also marks the southern end of the west coast's narrow river plains. Beyond this point, the steep mountain ranges plunge directly into the sea - the first of the deep glacial fiords is just 60 kilometres away.

Visit the Blue Pools and stroll through beech/tawhero forest to a swing bridge that crosses the Makarora River. Follow the boardwalk to a viewing platform over the Blue Pools then cross the Blue Pools bridge for great views up the river gorge. Along the way lookout for large trout feeding in the pools and listen for the threatened yellowhead/mohua, which can often be heard in the canopy.

Overnight: Edgewater Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 12 Rob Roy Glacier, Mt Aspiring National Park, Wanaka

Today you hike to the majestic Rob Roy Glacier and picnic by a cascading waterfall with native alpine parrots for company while listening to the cracks of the hanging glacier high overhead. The track is an ideal entry point to Mt Aspiring National Park - an area of spectacular alpine scenery, snowfields, glaciers, sheer rock cliffs and waterfalls.

At Mt Aspiring National Park NZ Stretch your legs and

feed your soul in this beautiful wilderness of native forests, towering mountains and long river valleys.

Discover Wanaka (explore by yourself) 45 kilometres long and covering 193 square kilometres, the crystal clear waters of Lake Wanaka are perfect for jet boaters, sailors and kayakers to explore. Nestled below towering mountains, Wanaka is the most tranquilly set of the South Island lakes. Year round activities include fishing, hiking, canyoning, climbing and skydiving.

Eco Wanaka Adventure (optional tour) Boat cruise to the remote and magical Mou Waho Island nature reserve, which is predator free and home to the rare flightless Buff Weka (extinct on the mainland since 1920). A one hour return guided bush walk is included, which takes you up to reveal the island's secret, a lake right on top of the island! Unique and very photogenic (Optional). Or you can just sit back, relax and enjoy the birdlife at the beach and shelter at the island base with your own morning or afternoon tea.

Overnight: Edgewater Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Wanaka - Central Otago - Te Anau

In historic Clyde, you can make yourself comfortable in a cafe or hire a mountain bike to explore the surrounding hills. This historic town is located at the foot of a river gorge and is surrounded by rounded hills of schist punctuated with large craggy standing rocks. Schist is gold bearing rock and substantial strikes in the rivers near Clyde sparked a gold rush in the late 1800s. It's easy to see why some of the first Europeans to enter the region chose this site as a place to settle. The micro-climate offers hot, dry summers, with mild springs and autumns that are full of nature's colours. Today, Clyde is a great place to enjoy the cafe lifestyle in a scenic



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setting that's rich in history.

Arrival time in Clyde will be approximately 9.30am for the bike fitting (riding for 3 hours). We take you on a 40km ride, Rail Trail 8kms from Clyde to Alexandra), followed by the Roxburgh Trail 20kms (short ride in and out), and end the trek with a ride from Alexandra to Clyde River trail 12kms. The Roxburgh Gorge Trail is one of New Zealand's most visually spectacular day rides. Stretching between Alexandra and Lake Roxburgh Hydro Dam the trail follows the Clutha Mata-au River past eroded bluffs and old gold workings set amidst willows, native shrubs and fragrant thyme.

We arrive at Te Anau, the perfect town to base yourself for a visit to Milford Sound. Apart from hiking, popular local activities include scenic flights, lake cruising, fishing, kayaking and exploring the Te Ana-au Glowworm caves. There's also a bird sanctuary that specialises in native birds.

Overnight: Lakeside Motel and Apartments

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 14 Te Anau - Day Trip into Milford Sound

Situated on the west coast of the South Island, Milford Sound is a fusion of spectacular natural features with amazing visual cues around every corner. Described by Rudyard Kipling as the 'eighth wonder of the world', Milford Sound was carved by glaciers during the ice ages.

Today we embark on a Milford Track Guided Day Walk and boat cruise (11km hike, 3,5 hrs). After brief introductions at the Milford Sound terminal, we begin with a short boat ride across Milford Sound's Deep Water Basin to Sandfly Point, adeptly named as you will see! This is the end point of the Milford Track, but the start of today's Milford hike. From there we begin our guided walk, meandering alongside the

cascading Arthur River then Lake Ada, on a well-formed track. Our destination and halfway point is Giant's Gate waterfall. This spectacular waterfall is best viewed and photographed from the large swing bridge spanning the river.

Enjoy Milford Sound's awe-inspiring scenery from the comfort of a small boat cruise, as you sit back and relax. Cruise the length of the fiord and experience the beauty of Milford Sound in all its grandeur. Listen to the informative commentary from the skipper, view the iconic Mitre Peak, and get up close to the mighty Stirling Falls. With limited numbers, you are rewarded with an intimate experience of Milford Sound and unobstructed photo opportunities from the outdoor viewing decks. Keep an eye out for the seals basking in the sun or maybe even a pod of dolphins visiting! There is so much to see and is a perfect way to round off your day.

Overnight: Lakeside Motel and Apartments

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Te Anau - Queenstown - Depart

Today we travel to Queenstown where the tour ends.

Nestled between the Eyre Mountains and the Hector Range, Kingston is on the southern tip of Lake Wakatipu and on the border of Otago and Southland. The road, which winds between Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables mountain range, offers spectacular views and there are some good photo stops along the way - the best being at the top of Devil's Staircase. Queenstown sits on the shore of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu among dramatic alpine ranges. It's rumoured that gold prospectors - captivated by the majestic beauty of the surrounding mountains and rivers - gave this now cosmopolitan town its name.

Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 15 Te Anau - Queenstown - Onsen Hot Pools

Today we travel to Queenstown, which is nestled between the Eyre Mountains and the Hector Range. Kingston is on the southern tip of Lake Wakatipu and on the border of Otago and Southland. The road, which winds between Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables mountain range, offers spectacular views and there are some good photo stops along the way - the best being at the top of Devil's Staircase. Queenstown sits on the shore of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu among dramatic alpine ranges; it's rumoured that gold prospectors - captivated by the majestic beauty of the surrounding mountains and rivers - gave this now cosmopolitan town its name.

Onsen Hot Pools is located high on a cliffside overlooking the magnificent Shotover River canyon, providing views over breathtaking alpine scenery and the perfect vantage point to watch the Shotover Jet boats on the river below. 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!

Overnight: Hotel St Moritz Queenstown - MGallery Collection OR Similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Queenstown Hill - TSS Earnslaw Lake Cruises - Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ Dining

In the heart of town, and a favourite with locals, the Queenstown Hill Time Walk offers spectacular views and insights into the past, present, and future of Queenstown and the area around Lake Wakatipu. The Queenstown Hill Time Walk is a 500-metre climb through pine forest to the summit of Te Tapu-nui (mountain of intense sacredness). As you make

your way along the track, you will walk by the popular 'Basket of Dreams' sculpture as well as six information plates that explain different epochs of Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown.

For a dining experience like no other, cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the iconic TSS Earnslaw and discover Queenstown's incomparable fine dining destination. Cruise aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw across to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Once at the lakeside Colonel's Homestead Restaurant savour the delicious aromas as our chef has the best of local produce sizzling away on the grill. Overlooking Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown's alpine scenery, the Colonel's Homestead at Walter Peak High Country Farm is the perfect place to spend a few hours. Its colonial architecture and sweeping grounds evoke the elegance of a bygone era.

Overnight: Hotel St Moritz Queenstown - MGallery Collection OR Similar

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 17 Around The Basin Bike Tours • Cycling Wine Tour in Gibbston Valley - Skyline Queenstown (Optional)

Bike The Wineries Half Day

Begin with an afternoon pick up from our shop at 9 Duke Street in central Queenstown and a scenic transfer to the Kawarau Suspension Bridge, the home of Bungy and the beginning of the Gibbston Wine Region. After bike fitting and helpful winery and trail information from your knowledgeable driver, you're free to set off riding the Gibbston River Trail at your leisure.

Use our informative trail map with exclusive offers to visit as many of the amazing venues on offer. There are wineries, a cheesery, a brewery and a tavern linked throughout this section of easy riding trail. We will pick you up from the



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Gibbston Tavern (or another pre-arranged point in the valley) for your relaxing vehicle transfer back to Queenstown. Total biking distance is 5-12 km depending on how many wineries you wish to visit. What to bring: a light Jacket, a bottle of water, comfortable clothes and shoes for riding

Gibbston Valley New Zealand

Fondly known as the 'Valley of the Vines', the Gibbston area of Queenstown is one of the most scenic wine-growing areas in New Zealand. Vineyards are sandwiched between rugged mountains and the rocky Kawarau River gorge. This high-altitude area is subject to cold winters, hot dry summers, and a huge night-to-day temperature range. These challenging conditions have led to consistently superb wines, worldwide recognition, and an avalanche of international awards.

Skyline Queenstown

Located an easy five-minute walk from central Queenstown, Skyline Queenstown offers awe-inspiring views of the region and an abundance of entertainment and adventure for the whole family (Optional and to pay on the day).

Overnight: Hotel St Moritz Queenstown - MGallery Collection OR Similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Depart Queenstown

Enjoy your breakfast this morning before making your own onward travel arrangements.

Meals included: Breakfast



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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the scenic highlights of the North & South Island
- Enjoy the flexibility & freedom to do as much as you wish
- Visit the main cities Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch
- Experience remote walks amid show-stopping scenery
- See bubbling mud, amazing waterfalls, and volcanic lakes
- Hear the stories of the past and admire the beauty of Pohutu Geyser at night
- Discover the secrets of Rotorua and the Geothermal Volcanic Valley
- Hike through the most dramatic landscapes of the Tongariro National Park
- Learn about Auckland's stellar foodie scene on a walking tour
- Observe cheeky fur seals up close in their natural habitat
- Stretch your legs on the Devils Punchbowl Walk in Arthur's Pass National Park
- Visit the historical gold mining town of Hokitika
- Gaze in awe at Mt Cook/Aoraki in the majestic Southern Alps
- Admire the reflections of the alps in beautiful Lake Matheson
- Hike in the largest glow-worm cave in New Zealand
- Wander past glacier rivers & streams through beautiful podocarp forest
- Learn about our ecosystem at the sleeping giants of Franz and Fox Glaciers
- Take the only jet boat tour from the Ocean to the Alps
- Enjoy a bike ride along the The Roxburgh Gorge Trail, one of New Zealand's spectacular day rides
- Take a guided walk on the part of the world-famous Milford Track
- Enjoy a small boat for a leisurely cruise on Milford Sound

ACCOMMODATION

- 14 nights quality accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy 22 meals including daily breakfast
- Indulge in some delicious fresh food and dining experiences

TRANSPORT

- 12 days of transfers every day with your assigned luxury coach vehicle and accompanied by a professional, experienced tour host throughout
- Interislander ferry - Wellington to Picton

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- All of the above plus the following:
- Relax in the Onsen Hot Pools overlooking the Shotover River Canyon
- Take the TSS Earnslaw across Lake Wakatipu to enjoy a gourmet BBQ dinner beneath Walter Peak
- Cycle the Gibbston River Trail stopping at wineries along the way
- 3 nights 5-star accommodation
- 4 additional meals including a gourmet BBQ dinner
- Onsen Hot Pools transfer - Day 15
- Local guides with the included tours

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.

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.

Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 14 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.

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 24th April 2022.

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

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

- Standard Package: 1500

- Extension Package: \$2000

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

5 Star (self-rated)

- Rotorua: Pullman Rotorua or similar
- Taupo: Hilton Lake Taupo or similar
- Wellington: Bolton Hotel or similar

4 Star (self-rated)

- Auckland: Sudima Auckland City or similar
- Christchurch: Sudima Christchurch City or similar
- Punakaiki: Punakaiki Resort or similar
- Fox Glacier: Lake Matheson Motel or similar
- Wanaka: Edgewater Hotel or similar

3 Star (self-rated)

- Te Anau: Lakeside Motel and Apartments or similar

Extension Package Only

5 Star (self-rated)

- Hotel St Moritz Queenstown 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.

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/double (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 14 maximum group size 14 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Book at time of purchase with TripADeal

Day 12: Eco Wanaka Adventure Lake Cruise and Island Nature walk \$255 per person

Book on tour direct with operator

Day 5: Tongariro Alpine Crossing NZ - Guided approx. \$225 per person

Please note:

- Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required if travelling on an Australian Passport)

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

- Gratuities/tipping

- Optional activities/tours

- Personal expenses

- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

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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.

What to Bring

What to wear and carry at any time:

- Apart from the big cities, New Zealand is a very casual country and the weather can be unpredictable. Bring comfortable shoes and casual clothes that you can wear in "layers" (shorts and t-shirts, sweaters and a warmer jacket).

- It can rain at any time so please bring a raincoat or waterproof layer.

- Bring good walking shoes, not so much white sneakers as they might get wet and dirty on our walking tracks. If you walk more than 1hr then we would also recommend bringing good hiking boots.

- In Winter: Add a weatherproof layer such as a windproof but breathable jacket. Do not forget gloves, pairs of wool or polyester socks and a hat (We recommend down filled puffy jackets)

- Insect repellent for those sandflies you are sure to encounter.

- Sunglasses, hat and high protective sunscreen(over factor 30) as our sun is very intense.

If you anticipate partaking in any adventure activities:

- Light long or in summer ¾ outdoor trousers (no jeans please for the adventure activities). Shorts are not recommended in some areas,

because of the sandflies and because the weather is so changeable. (Check with your driver/guide and they can advise).

- Light wind/raincoat as you never know when it will rain in NZ and we also have lots of wind. We are known for 4 seasons in one day!

- Good walking, even better hiking shoes and warm socks.

- For water based activities, bring swimwear and flip flops.

- Small towels for when you are on an activity and might get wet and need to change clothing.

- Small backpack to carry while on your hikes to fit in some of the essentials.

- Water bottles and some small snacks (for longer activities)

What Else to Bring / What Will Be Available

- Many places have laundry facilities and very important for the women, hair-dryers!

- Electrical currents in New Zealand are at 230 volts, 50 hertz AC. Most power sockets in New Zealand accept three-pin flat plugs or similar adapters. Let us know if you require any special accessories for your equipment. You will need to bring an adaptor, but you can also purchase them at any electrical shop, airports, souvenir shops and pharmacies when you arrive.

- Most places will have Wi-Fi facilities so you can bring your tablet or iPad.

Don't forget your camera and enough memory cards to capture all of the amazing scenery!

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Spring

September - November

Average daytime temperature:

16 - 19°C

Summer

December - February

Average daytime temperature:

20 - 25°C

Autumn

March - May

Average daytime temperature:

17 - 21°C

COACH TOUR

Meals

22 meals are 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

- Recommended no more than 1 x 23kg and 1 x 7kg hand luggage/small backpack. Cameras and laptops can be carried extra on the side.

- 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.

OTHER

Passport Validity

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

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: an moderate level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Sightseeing

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public

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holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

VISAS

New Zealand

A tourist visa not required if travelling on an Australian Passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

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.