



19 Day New Zealand Showcase

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DAY 1: ARRIVE AUCKLAND

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. (D)

Stay: Hotel Skycity Hotel Auckland

DAY 2: AUCKLAND - BAY OF ISLANDS

Depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakohē, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British. (B,D)

Stay: Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands or similar (2 nights)

DAY 3: BAY OF ISLANDS (FREE DAY)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free and you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional). (B)

DAY 4: BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND

This morning travel aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia. Travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This afternoon includes a visit to Sky Tower at your leisure, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. (B,D)

Stay: Hotel Skycity Hotel Auckland

DAY 5: AUCKLAND - ROTORUA

Today enjoy a city sights tour of Auckland. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle Earth. (B,L,D)

Stay: Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (Superior Room. 2 nights)

DAY 6: ROTORUA

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at the Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert. (B,SD)

DAY 7: ROTORUA - NAPIER - MASTERTON

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where a city tour will showcase an impressive collection of art deco buildings. Enjoy some free time to explore the fascinating architecture before travelling through the Wairarapa, an emerging cool climate wine region. (B,D)

Stay: Hotel Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park

DAY 8: MASTERTON - GREYTOWN - WELLINGTON

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day before travelling to Greytown where you see the most complete example of original Victorian wooden architecture. Drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington, where you will enjoy a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here. (B,D)

Stay: Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

DAY 9: WELLINGTON - PICTON - BLENHEIM

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. This afternoon board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board your coach for the short journey to Blenheim. (B,D)

Stay: Hotel Scenic Hotel Marlborough

DAY 10: BLENHEIM - KAIKOURA - CHRISTCHURCH

Tour through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine, then travel to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch. (B,D)

Stay: Hotel Distinction Christchurch

DAY 11: CHRISTCHURCH - ARTHUR'S PASS - FRANZ JOSEF

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing to the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers. (B,D)

Stay: Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

DAY 12: FRANZ JOSEF - QUEENSTOWN

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants. (B)

Stay: Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (Lakeview Room. 2 nights)

DAY 13: QUEENSTOWN (FREE DAY)

Today is a free day. There are plenty of sightseeing options and your Coach Captain and Tour Guide are available to assist. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon or get up close to a Kiwi bird. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner which the chef will prepare in front of you at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown. (B,SD)

DAY 14: QUEENSTOWN - TE ANAU

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional). (B,D)

Stay: Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Deluxe Rooms. 2 nights)

DAY 15: TE ANAU - MILFORD SOUND - TE ANAU

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua - Shadowland, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional). (B,L,D)

DAY 16: TE ANAU - DUNEDIN

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South' and enjoy an informative city tour. Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift. (B,SD)

Stay: Hotel Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

DAY 17: DUNEDIN - MT COOK - TWIZEL

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay. (B,D)

Stay: Hotel MacKenzie Country Hotel

DAY 18: TWIZEL - CHRISTCHURCH

Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and see the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving into Christchurch for an informative city tour. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your new found friends. (B,SD)

Stay: Hotel Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

DAY 19: DEPART CHRISTCHURCH

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday. (B)

Meals: (B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.



To book, call 1300 828 145