

Contrasts of New Zealand Coach Tour

10 days

Take in the contrasts of two distinct islands. From Auckland's sparkling harbour, to Rotorua's geothermal wonderland, across to the rugged beauty of the West Coast and the untouched serenity of Milford Sound, another snapshot of New Zealand's natural splendour reveals itself around every corner.

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Rotorua

Highlights

- Explore Auckland & cruise on Waitemata Harbour
- Discover the Waitomo Glowworm Grotto
- Immerse yourself in Maori culture with the Tamaki family over dinner 🍷 🍴
- Experience farm life at the Agrodome Farm Show
- Journey over the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine Train
- See Franz Josef Glacier
- Taste Central Otago stone fruits at a local orchard
- Discover truly spectacular Milford Sound on a lunch cruise
- Frolic in the adventure capital of New Zealand, Queenstown
- Marvel at the crystal clear waters of Lake Tekapo
- Visit a working sheep farm
- Experience warm Kiwi hospitality at Morelea Farm with a BBQ lunch 🍷
- Enjoy New Zealand wines with all hotel dinners
- Experienced Travel Director and Driver Guide

Dining

- Full buffet breakfasts (9) **B**
- Be My Guest lunch (1) **BG**
- Lunch (1) **L**
- Dinner with wine (1) **DW**
- Be My Guest dinner (1) **BG**
- Highlight dinners (2) **HD**
- Farewell dinner (1) **FD**

Day 1: Welcome to Auckland

On arrival at Auckland Airport you will be transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your Travel Director for a welcome reception and highlight dinner at The Langham. **Hotel: The Langham, Auckland, 2 nights. HD**

Day 2: Auckland

Start the day with a sightseeing tour then cruise on Waitemata Harbour. **B**

Day 3: Auckland – Rotorua

Tour the amazing Glowworm Grotto by boat with a local guide. 🍷 🍴 From here your journey continues to Rotorua, where you'll visit Te Puia thermal reserve. 🍷 🍴 At the Tamaki Family Marae enjoy a very personal and exclusive cultural evening. Enjoy a Be My Guest Maori Hangi feast with local wine and a concert in their private dining room. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. B BG**

Day 4: Rotorua – Christchurch

Visit Rainbow Springs Nature Park. You may even spot a kiwi! Next up is the Agrodome Farm Show, the multi-awarding-winning stage show, that offers an insight into agriculture in New Zealand. In the afternoon you'll fly to Christchurch. **Airfare is not included and must be booked by you or your travel agent. Hotel: Novotel, Christchurch. B**

Day 5: Christchurch – Franz Josef

Journey on the TranzAlpine train through the Southern Alps to Arthur's Pass. At Hokitika visit a New Zealand greenstone (jade) factory for a jewellery demonstration before continuing to Franz Josef Glacier. **Hotel: Te Waonui Forest Retreat, Franz Josef. B DW**

Day 6: Franz Josef – Queenstown

Drive over the Haast Pass, past Thunder Creek Falls, Lakes Wanaka, Hawea and Dunstan. Enjoy the tastes of delicious stone fruit at Cromwell. Next you'll visit historic gold mining Arrowtown on the Arrow River, before arriving in Queenstown, where an

orientation tour completes your day. This evening join your Travel Director for dinner at The Boatshed. Set in the restored historic Railway Shipping Office and relocated to its lakefront setting in 1936, The Boatshed with its spectacular views of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables, is the perfect venue for your exclusive highlight dinner. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, 3 nights. B HD**

Day 7: Milford Sound

Journey over the Devil's Staircase and along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau and its lake, the largest in the South Island. Travel through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park, sighting glaciers and mountain ranges. Drive through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel to the numerous photo opportunities afforded by the Mirror Lake, Pop's Lookout, Cleddau Valley and the Chasm, Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls before reaching Milford Sound. Enjoy lunch while you cruise on this wonder of nature. **B L**

Day 8: Queenstown 'Free Time'

Explore exciting Queenstown your way, all day. From wine tours to jet boat rides and white water rafting, Queenstown will surprise and exhilarate! **B**

Day 9: Queenstown – Christchurch

Be awestruck by the alpine beauty of Mt. Cook National Park. Later, continue to Lakes Pukaki and Tekapo, where you'll stop to view the Church of the Good Shepherd. 🍷 Visit Morelea Farm, home of Angie and Stan Taylor, to enjoy a Be My Guest barbecue lunch in their 240 hectare garden and to gain insight into farm life. Travel over the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. Join your Travel Director and new-found friends this evening for a farewell dinner. **Hotel: Novotel, Christchurch. B BG FD**

Day 10: Farewell from Christchurch

You'll be transferred to Christchurch Airport for your onward flight. **B**



Jade Factory Hokitika



Queenstown

Flight information

Day 1 – Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
Day 10 – Flights to depart anytime from Christchurch Airport

Airfares are not included

Internal-holiday flight

Land Only price **requires** the following internal-holiday flight to be purchased separately in order to fulfil the holiday itinerary:

Day 4 from Rotorua to Christchurch – NZ5373