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HOLIDAYS

5
STYLES
OF
TOURING



Featuring 4 breathtaking rail journeys and Milford Sound overnight cruise

19 Day New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach Holiday



Experience the romance of 4 rail journeys, the majesty of 5 scenic cruises including an overnight on Milford Sound and the luxury of coach travel. Visit all the 'best of' attractions of the North and South Islands and enjoy 6 two night stays.



>> NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum*
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds*
- Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- Paradise Valley Springs*
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools & geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Coastal Pacific Rail Journey
- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- **HIGHLIGHT** Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
- Cruise Lake Te Anau, visit Glow Worm Caves
- Silver Fern Seaside Rail Journey
- Haggis Ceremony & Gift
- Larnach Castle*
- Olveston Historic Home*
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin

*Guided tour is included with 1 guide per 24 travellers.

TOURING

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet & Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Modern coach travel with 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain & Tour Guide
- 17 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
- 6 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 4 rail journeys
- 5 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)
- Comprehensive documentation pack

MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 14 sumptuous dinners including 4 specialty dinners: Maori Hangi & Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin; Farewell Dinner, Christchurch
- 1 picnic lunch
- 2 delicious morning teas

Note: Dinner on Day 1 not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

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>> ITINERARY

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

DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by a representative who will transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel Grand Millennium Hotel

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the 'City of Sails', before travelling to Matakoho to enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. 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.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

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).

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,L,D)

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. Enjoy a picnic lunch before travelling south via Whangarei, call into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree before arriving into to Auckland's north shore. You will see stunning views of Rangitoto Island, Auckland Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf.

Hotel Spencer on Byron

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,D) 

This morning travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop and on return to Glenbrook Station, morning tea will be served. Depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures famous for dairying. Continue to Rotorua to visit Paradise Valley Springs, a superb wildlife park where you can hand feed rainbow trout.

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



TOP TO BOTTOM: Board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station; visit Lamach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour; feel the spirit as you are immersed in Maori culture; explore the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

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.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park and then continue south to the capital city of Wellington.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (2 nights)

DAY 8: Wellington (B)

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. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon and this evening is also free to explore Wellington's lively food scene.

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4 BREATHTAKING RAIL JOURNEYS



GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAIL

Experience the thrill of travelling by steam train as you meander through beautiful rural countryside on a vintage train hauled by one of the lovingly restored steam locomotives. Settle into the immaculate wood carriages and as you listen to the panting steam engine.



COASTAL PACIFIC

Begin your journey from the coastal port of Picton, travel through the picturesque Marlborough Wine Region and the East Coast providing vistas of the Pacific Ocean and the coastal mountains. You may see amazing wildlife including dolphins, seals and penguins before arriving at Kaikoura.



SILVER FERN SEASIDER

Departing from Dunedin's Historic Edwardian Railway Station travel along the Otago Harbour to climb the cliff tops to emerge from the bush and onto the picture perfect scenery of the Pacific Ocean and the incredible view over the dazzling Blueskin Bay.



THE TRANZALPINE

One of the great train journeys of the world. Depart Christchurch and travel through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, view alpine scenery, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps.



DAY 9: Wellington - Kaikoura - Christchurch (B,D)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey that showcases the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side and the rugged scenic coastline on the other. Travel through numerous tunnels and across several bridges before departing the train in Kaikoura. Travel south by coach through some of the finest farmland area's to the garden city of Christchurch.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch (2 nights)

DAY 10: Christchurch (B)

Today visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at your leisure, one of Christchurch's leading attractions. This evening is free to explore the local cuisine.

DAY 11: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, 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 arriving at the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

DAY 12: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south 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 to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel and Resort Lakefront (2 nights)

DAY 13: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown. Your Tour Guide and Coach Captain are available to assist with the many options available. 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 on your return cruise.

DAY 14: Queenstown - Milford Sound Overnight Cruise (B,D)

This morning travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via Te Anau to Milford Sound and board the Milford Mariner for your amazing overnight cruise. There is plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife - you're bound to encounter seals and if you're lucky maybe dolphins and penguins. As evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared freshly by the onboard chef.

Overnight Milford Mariner

DAY 15: Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,D)

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) to explore more of the fiord. Return back to the wharf to meet your coach and enjoy the scenic drive to Te Anau. This afternoon enjoy a cruise across Lake Te Anau to visit the Glow Worm Caves where you will admire the incredible limestone caverns, waterfalls and mystery of the Glow Worm Grotto.

Hotel Distinction Luxmore (Deluxe Room)

DAY 16: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,SD) 

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin. After time for lunch board the Silver Fern railcar for a journey along spectacular clifftops overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Blueskin Bay. On return to Dunedin's historic Edwardian Railway Station, board the coach for an informative city tour. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, Haggis Ceremony and gift.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross (2 nights)

DAY 17: Dunedin (B,D)

This morning travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Return to the city for some free time. You might choose to board The Taieri Gorge Limited for a journey through spectacular scenery only accessible by rail (optional).



>> RAIL JOURNEY OPTION

THE TAIERI GORGE LIMITED

The Taieri Gorge scenic journey will travel through some of New Zealand's most spectacular and iconic scenery. The train will make its way through ten tunnels and over countless bridges and viaducts. The natural wonders combined with the challenge of man-made engineering will leave you amazed.

DAY 18: Dunedin - Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning visit Olveston Historic Home, containing treasures from a bygone era before travelling to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your new found friends.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

DAY 19: Depart Christchurch (B)

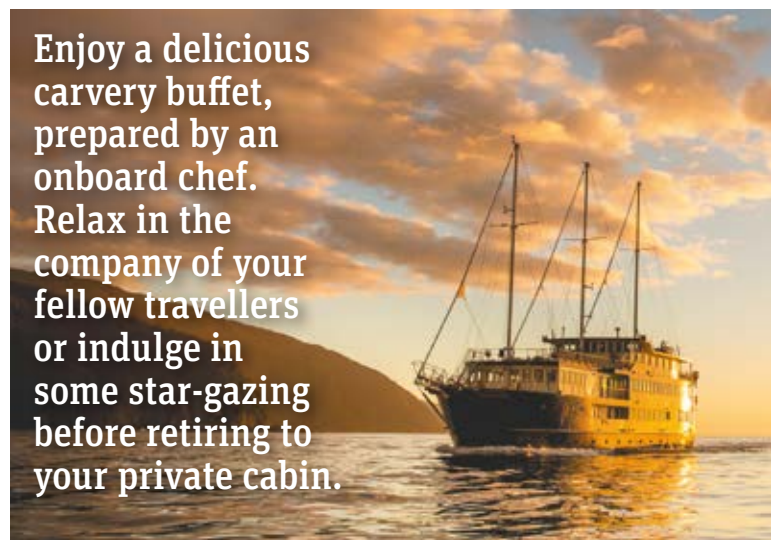
Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

+ MILFORD SOUND OVERNIGHT CRUISE



THE MILFORD MARINER

For a majestic experience, spend the night on board the Milford Mariner. Cruise the full length of Milford Sound with commentary by a specialist nature guide. You will view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife - you're bound to encounter seals and if you're lucky maybe dolphins and penguins. As evening falls, enjoy a delicious carvery buffet, prepared by an onboard chef. Relax in the company of your fellow travellers or indulge in some star-gazing before retiring to your private cabin. In the morning, indulge in a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) and exploring more of the breathtaking fiord.



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