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Queenstown



Contrasts of New Zealand

9 DAYS | AUCKLAND TO QUEENSTOWN | IZANB

- Start
- End
- Overnight stays
- Sightseeing stops

Experience the contrasts of New Zealand's distinct islands. From Auckland's sparkling Harbour to Rotorua's geothermal wonderland, from the rugged beauty of the West Coast to the untouched serenity of Milford Sound, new facets of New Zealand's splendour will reveal themselves each day as you explore the Land of the Long White Cloud.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Auckland & cruise on Waitemata Harbour
- Join the O'Sullivan's for lunch on their Waikato farm 🍷
- Immerse yourself in Māori culture at the Tamaki Māori Village 🍷
- Journey over the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine Train
- Visit a jade factory
- See Franz Josef Glacier
- Taste Central Otago stone fruits
- Discover truly spectacular Milford Sound on a lunch cruise
- Frolic in the adventure capital of New Zealand, Queenstown
- Marvel at crystal clear Lake Tekapo
- Enjoy New Zealand wines with all hotel dinners
- Experienced Travel Director and Driver Guide

Day 1: Welcome to Auckland

On arrival your day is at leisure. Later, meet your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and dinner. **Hotel: Stamford Plaza, Auckland, 2 nights. DW**

Day 2: Auckland

Start the day with a sightseeing tour and a cruise on Waitemata Harbour before time at leisure. **B**

Day 3: Auckland – Rotorua

🍷 You're invited to a Be My Guest lunch at the home of Lance and Bridgette O'Sullivan, New Zealand horse racing royalty. Enjoy a sumptuous country-style lunch at the Red Barn on their beautiful Waikato farm. 🍷 This evening enjoy a traditional Hangi Highlight Dinner and cultural performance at the Tamaki Family Marae. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. B BG HD**

Day 4: Rotorua – Christchurch

Explore Rainbow Springs Nature Park, where you'll be able to observe many species of native fauna of New Zealand. You may even spot a kiwi! Visit Te Puia thermal reserve before flying to Christchurch (airfare is not included and must be booked by you or your travel agent). **Hotel: Distinction Hotel, Christchurch. B**

Day 5: Christchurch – Franz Josef

Travel on the TranzAlpine train to Arthur's Pass. Regarded as one of the world's great train journeys, it passes through fertile farmlands to rugged gorges and ice-fed streams and lakes. At Hokitika

visit a greenstone (jade) factory. Take a short walk to view Franz Josef Glacier. **Hotel: Te Waonui Forest Retreat, Franz Josef. B DW**

Day 6: Franz Josef – Queenstown

Climb over the Haast Pass, winding past lakes and along the Kawarau River and Gorge. Visit historic Arrowtown before arriving in Queenstown. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, 3 nights. B**

Day 7: Milford Sound Cruise

Travel over the Devil's Staircase to Te Anau and then through the rainforest of World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, sighting glaciers and mountain ranges. Drive through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel to numerous photo opportunities afforded by the Mirror Lake, Cleddau Valley, the Chasm, Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls, on your way to Milford Sound. Enjoy lunch while you cruise on this natural wonder. Return to Queenstown this evening. **B L**

Day 8: Queenstown Free Time

A full day to explore Queenstown at your leisure. You could take a 4WD minibus excursion through Skippers Canyon. Join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at the Boatshed, with its views of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables. **B FD**

Day 9: Farewell from Queenstown

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **B**



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