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25 Day New Zealand Vista by Coach & Cruise









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TRAVEL SERVICES

- Tour Guide
- Flight from homeport to Christchurch^
- Internal flight from Queenstown to Auckland^
- Airport to hotel transfer in Christchurch, Day 1
- GST (Goods & Services tax)
- · Port taxes
- Comprehensive Documentation Pack

Note: The airfare and transfer from Sydney to your homeport on Day 25 is not included. Please make your own arrangements.

SCENIC COACH TOUR (DAY 1 - 10)

Professional Coach Captain

 Modern coach travel with 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows

- 10 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 3 two night stays
- Hotel porterage
- 10 cooked breakfasts including a specialty
- breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 8 sumptuous dinners including 1 specialty
- dinner: Maori Hangi & Concert, Rotorua
- 1 Shire's buffet lunch: Hobbiton

PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Sky Tower
- Kauri Museum*
- Footprints Waipoua Forest Tour

>> ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner. Port arrival and departure times may vary.

DAY 1: Arrive Christchurch (D)

On arrival into Christchurch you will be met by a representative and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch Airport Hotel

DAY 2: Christchurch - Arthurs Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

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 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) or similar

DAY 3: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B,D)

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast to Fox Glacier. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year round resort situated on the

- Waitangi Treaty Grounds*
- Hamilton Gardens*
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Skyline Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools & geysers*
- Tamaki Maori Experience
- · City sights tour of Auckland
- *Guided tour is included with 1 guide per 24 travellers.

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CELEBRITY SOLSTICE CRUISE (DAY 11 - 25)

- BONUS US\$50 onboard credit per stateroom
- Deluxe Balcony Cabin
- World-class dining in a range of unique venues (Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily)
- Awesome entertainment
- Inspiring activities such as cooking classes and wine tasting
- Ports of call:
- Auckland, 'City of Sails'
- Tauranga, Bay of Plenty
- Wellington, Coolest Little Capital
- Akaroa, French inspired village
- Dunedin, Edinburgh of the South
- Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sound, Fiordland National Park
- Hobart / Melbourne free time to explore
- · Gratuities on board

shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights) or similar

DAY 4: Queenstown (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. There are plenty of sightseeing options and your Tour Guide and Coach Captain are available to assist. This evening is also free and you may choose to dine high above Queenstown at the Skyline Restaurant or board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu for a gourmet barbecue at Walter Peak Station (optional).

DAY 5: Queenstown - Auckland (B,D)

Travel to Queenstown Airport where you will board a local flight to the 'City of Sails', Auckland, located in the North Island. Meet your North Island Coach Captain and enjoy an informative city tour. This afternoon includes a visit to Sky Tower at your leisure, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions.

Hotel Skycity Hotel

DAY 6: Auckland - Hokianga - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Depart Auckland and travel to Matakohe to enjoy an informative talk at the Kauri Museum. After lunch travel to the unforgettable Footprints Waipoua encounter, home to some of the largest remaining kauri trees in the world. A local guide



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will explain how these trees are inter-twined with the lives of local Maori and the important role they play in the eco-system that is the Waipoua Forest. Continue to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands (2 nights) or similar

DAY 7: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B,D)

Today is free to choose from the many optional activities available. You may like to take a coach trip to Cape Reinga via Ninety Mile Beach, the Hole in the Rock Cruise, or a spectacular scenic flight. The choice is yours and your Tour Guide & Coach Captain will be available to assist.

DAY 8: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B)

This morning enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British. Farewell the Bay of Islands and drive south via Whangarei, Wellsford and Warkworth to Auckland for some free time. This evening is also free to dine at one of the many fine restaurants. Hotel Skycity Hotel

DAY 9: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

Travel to Waikato's most visited attraction, the Hamilton Gardens. Your guide will share the story of how the Gardens were transformed into a Garden of International Significance. Visit Hobbiton for lunch followed by an experience of the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set. A guide will recount the fascinating details of how the set was created. Continue to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua.

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

DAY 10: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a Gondola ride to the Stratosfare Restaurant where a buffet breakfast and spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a luge ride! Next stop is the Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Travel to Te Puia for a tour of the boiling mud pools and awesome Gevsers that Rotorua is famous for. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to a Maori Village for an interactive and educational experience which culminates with a cultural performance and traditional hangi feast.

DAY 11: Rotorua - Auckland (B,D)

Travel to Auckland where you will board the Celebrity Solstice to commence your 14 night cruise around New Zealand and back to Australia. **Overnight** Celebrity Solstice Port Times Depart 20:00

DAYS 12 - 13: Tauranga (B,L,D)

Known as the Bay of Plenty, Tauranga is located at the entrance to one of the largest natural harbours in New Zealand. Overnight in port. Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 18:00

DAY 14: Cruising (B,L,D)

Relax and enjoy the comforts of this stunning superliner. While at sea enjoy the on board facilities, world-class cuisine and the entertainment not to mention your deluxe balcony cabin.

DAY 15: Wellington (B,L,D)

Locals are particularly proud of the National Museum of New Zealand - Te Papa Tongarewa. The museum is one of the world's largest and most progressive (optional). Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 18:00

DAY 16: Akaroa (B,L,D)

Nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano, Akaroa

is rich with beautiful bays and home to the rarest and smallest marine dolphin.

Port Times Arrive 07:00 Depart 18:00

DAY 17: Dunedin (B,L,D)

Situated on the magnificent Otago coastline, explore Dunedin's historic architecture and beautiful botanic gardens. Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 17:00

DAY 18: Dusky, Doubtful & Milford Sounds (B,L,D)

Sail into the narrow fiords of Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sounds. Your ship will seem to shrink in comparison to the towering cliffs topped by lush mountain terrain. Scenic cruising.

DAYS 19 - 20: Cruising (B,L,D)

Cruise across the Tasman Sea and enjoy time at sea to further explore this luxurious ship.

DAY 21: Hobart (B,L,D)

Docking in Hobart gives you immediate access to Mount Wellington and its incredibly beautiful surroundings. From there you can look out over the busy harbour, which plays host to yachts from all over the world.

Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 18:00

DAY 22: Cruising (B,L,D)

The Celebrity Solstice offers an unparalleled wealth of dining, from The Main Restaurant to casual dining at the Ocean View Café or the specialty dining experiences where each restaurant offers a unique culinary journey.

DAY 23: Melbourne (B,L,D)

Arrive into Melbourne, where a short tram ride will take you into the city. At its centre is the strikingly modern Federation Square with many bars and restaurants.

Port Times Arrive 08:00 Depart 18:00

DAY 24: Cruising (B,L,D)

From morning until night, there are hundreds of different activities happening onboard your cruise ship, your Tour Guide is on hand to assist you.

DAY 25: Sydney (B)

Time to say goodbye after a memorable New Zealand holiday.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS





TOP TO BOTTOM: Tane Mahuta, the Lord of the Forest; board the TranzAlpine scenic rail journey; explore the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

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