

FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL



Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

Luxury Small Group Journeys

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Australia • New Zealand


Inspiring New Zealand

A tale of two great islands, of epic natural beauty and ancient rituals and traditions – yours to explore on this Inspiring Journey across the length and breadth of New Zealand. Embrace the sophistication of its cities and the soulful expanse of its stunning untamed landscapes.



The largest Redwood in Whakarewarewa is approximately 72 metres tall and 169 centimetres in diameter. In its natural habitat of California, these Redwoods grow as tall as 110 metres and the average lifespan is 600 years. However, they can survive for over 2000 years.




 Cruise Doubtful Sound




 The Red Barn




 Learn about Māori culture




 Explore Wellington



 Hobbiton, Matamata

10 DAYS Auckland • Rotorua • Wellington • Waiheke Island • Queenstown • Doubtful Sound

Discover

Stunning Doubtful Sound in the heart of Fiordland National Park 


Beautiful Lake Rotorua

Stunning scenery in "Adventure Capital" Queenstown

Explore


Rainbow Springs Nature Park

Historic goldrush Arrowtown

Queenstown Journey Select experiences 

Immerse


Visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand

Experience Māori culture at the Tamaki Māori Village 

Zealandia, the world's first fully-fenced urban eco-sanctuary

Relax

In cosmopolitan Auckland and Wellington

With Rotorua Journey Select experiences 



“My husband Lance, a retired Champion Jockey, and I, along with our 2 daughters, proudly live on one of New Zealand’s iconic dairy farms in the picturesque Hinuera Valley. 10 years ago, we converted the historical Red Barn into a unique venue where today we host many special events. The best thing about what we do is the quality of our warm hospitality and cuisine that the Red Barn has built its reputation on.”

– Bridgett O’Sullivan, The Red Barn

Day 1: Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand’s invigorating North Island hub. Spend your day at leisure, before joining your Journey Director and fellow travelling companions for a Welcome Reception and dinner.

- 🏨 Sofitel Auckland, 2 nights
- 🍷 Dinner with wine

Day 2: Auckland

Soak up Auckland’s intoxicating charm this morning as you embark on a city sightseeing tour. Then travel by ferry to Waiheke Island for a culinary extravaganza of bold reds. Continue your love affair with Waiheke at Casita Miro, savouring delicious Mediterranean flavours. Today’s final stop is at Mudbrick Vineyard where you’ll enjoy spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf.

- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch

Day 3: Auckland to Rotorua

Your leisurely discovery of New Zealand’s North Island continues as you follow the Waikato River to the **home of Lance and Bridgette O’Sullivan, for a Be My Guest traditional country-style lunch**. Visit the **Tamaki Māori Village** for insights into the local rituals and traditions and then **indulge in the mouthwatering flavours of a Hangi Local Dining Experience**.

- 🏨 Pullman, Rotorua, 2 nights
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 4: Rotorua Journey Select

- ✔️ Embark on one of the **Journey Select sightseeing experiences** today to explore the sacred lands and Māori traditions of Rotorua. Indulge in the Polynesian Spa’s healing waters, tread in the footsteps of Bilbo Baggins in the fantasy-land of Hobbiton or take



At a glance:

TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Wine Tasting on Waiheke Island
2. Food Walking tour in Wellington
3. Cruising Doubtful Sound

DINING

- 9 Full buffet breakfasts
- 2 Lunches
- 4 Dinners with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner



the native forest zipline adventure tour with Canopy Tours.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 5: Rotorua – Wellington

Come face-to-face with New Zealand's indigenous creatures within the lush surrounds of Rainbow Springs Nature Park. **Encounter the local Māori community at Whakarewarewa Living Village** and see New Zealand's largest geyser before you board your flight to Wellington.

🏠 Sofitel Wellington, 2 nights

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

Day 6: Wellington

A foodie extravaganza awaits this morning as you join a local guide to sample the delicious gourmet delights. Explore New Zealand's fascinating culture, nature, heritage and art at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, joining a guide who will reveal the stories behind the exhibitions.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 7: Wellington – Queenstown

Discover the urban eco-sanctuary of Zealandia, admiring the extraordinary efforts of conservationists. Then it's time to fly to Queenstown, New Zealand's adrenalin capital. On arrival, journey to the gold-rush village of Arrowtown. Enjoy an orientation tour of Queenstown.

🏠 Heritage Queenstown, 3 nights

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

Day 8: Doubtful Sound

Journey deep into the heart of Fiordland National Park. From the



silence of the "Sounds" to the ancient rainforests, the beauty and vastness will leave you speechless. **Your day begins in Manapouri, where you'll embark on a cruise across Lake Manapouri.** In Doubtful Sound, take to the waters of this glistening fiord.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 9: Queenstown Journey Select



Today indulge your adventurous side, selecting your **choice sightseeing experiences**: choose from a wine tour, a guided walk through native forest or a minibus tour in Skippers Canyon. As your final day ends, spend the evening enjoying a Celebration Dinner with wine with your Journey Director and new found friends.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 10: Farewell from Queenstown

For now, all that's left to say is a fond farewell as your journey comes to an end after breakfast.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

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