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# 19 Day New Zealand Showcase



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## NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

### PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum\*
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds\*
- Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour & Lunch
- 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
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Cruise & Lunch
- Larnach Castle\*
- Haggis Ceremony & Gift
- City sights tour of Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Dunedin & Christchurch

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

### TOURING

- 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
- 18 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 4 two night stays
- Hotel portage
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack

### MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 16 sumptuous dinners including 4 specialty dinners: Maori Hangi & Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin; Farewell Dinner, Christchurch
- 2 lunches including a Shire's buffet lunch: Hobbiton
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle

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

## 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 and transferred to your hotel.

**Hotel** Skycity Hotel Auckland

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

Depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakoho, then 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 or similar (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,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. Travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This afternoon includes

a visit to Sky Tower at your leisure, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions.

**Hotel** Skycity Hotel Auckland

### DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

Today enjoy a city sights tour of Auckland. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle Earth.

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

### 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 - Napier - Masterton (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where a city tour will showcase an impressive collection of art deco buildings.



Enjoy some free time to explore the fascinating architecture before travelling through the Wairarapa, an emerging cool-climate wine region.  
**Hotel** Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park

**DAY 8: Masterton - Greytown - Wellington (B,D)**

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day before travelling to Greytown where you see the most complete example of original Victorian wooden architecture. Drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington, where you will enjoy a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here.

**Hotel** James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Lambton Room)

**DAY 9: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim (B,D)**

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. This afternoon board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board your coach for the short journey to Blenheim.

**Hotel** Scenic Hotel Marlborough

**DAY 10: Blenheim - Kaikoura - Christchurch (B,D)**

Tour through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine, then travel to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch.

**Hotel** Distinction Christchurch

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

This morning board the TransAlpine, 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 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)



**MUST DO OPTION**



**VOLCANIC AIR**

During your time in Rotorua, experience a flight in either a floatplane or helicopter to experience the stunning lakes district, vibrant geothermal reserves and remarkable volcanoes. Volcanic Air have an option for everyone!

**DAY 12: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)**

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue 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 and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

**Hotel** Mercure Queenstown Resort (Lakeview Room. 2 nights)

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

Today is a free day. There are plenty of sightseeing options and your Coach Captain and Tour Guide are available to assist. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon or get up close to a Kiwi bird. 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 as you cruise back to Queenstown.

**DAY 14: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)**

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

**Hotel** Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Deluxe Rooms. 2 nights)



LEFT TO RIGHT: Enjoy a tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set; Waitangi Treaty Grounds; cruise the spectacular Milford Sound.

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

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua - Shadowland, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

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

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South' and enjoy an informative city tour. Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will 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. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift.

**Hotel** Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

**DAY 17: Dunedin - Mt Cook - Twizel (B,D)**

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay.

**Hotel** MacKenzie Country Hotel

**DAY 18: Twizel - Christchurch (B,SD)**

Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and see the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving into Christchurch for an informative city tour. 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.