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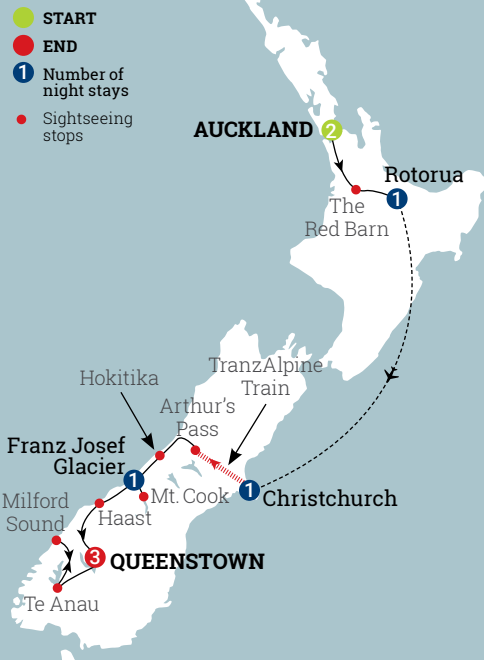
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Kawarau River



Contrasts of New Zealand

9 DAYS

AUCKLAND → QUEENSTOWN

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Auckland • Rotorua • Christchurch • Franz Josef • Queenstown

Experience the contrasts of New Zealand's two 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

- Join a local family for lunch on their Waikato farm
- Immerse yourself in local culture at the Tamaki Māori Marae
- Journey through the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine Train
- Cruise on spectacular Milford Sound
- View extraordinary Franz Josef Glacier
- Visit Te Puia thermal valley to view bubbling mud pools and stunning geysers

Day 1 Welcome to Auckland

After arrival in Auckland you'll have free time to explore. This evening, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and dinner at your hotel.

Hotel: Stamford Plaza, Auckland, 2 nights. DW

Day 2 Auckland

Start the day with a tour of the highlights of this lively multicultural city. Later, take a cruise on the sparkling waters of Waitemata Harbour. **B**

Day 3 Auckland – Rotorua

Follow the trail of the Waikato River to the home of Lance and Bridgette O'Sullivan, of New Zealand horse racing fame, for a Be My Guest experience, a traditional country-style lunch at the Red Barn on their beautiful Waikato farm. A very personal cultural evening awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. Feast on succulent meats and vegetables cooked in a Hangi, the traditional Māori method of cooking in the earth using geothermal steam. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Rotorua. B BG HD**

Day 4 Rotorua – Christchurch

Visit Rainbow Springs to observe many species of New Zealand fauna, including the iconic kiwi. From here you'll visit Te Puia thermal reserve with its bubbling mudpools and stunning geysers. In the afternoon, fly 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

Journey on the TranzAlpine train. Stop at Arthur's Pass and travel to Hokitika, famed for its greenstone (jade). Continue to the town of Franz Josef. **Hotel: Te Waonui Forest Retreat, Franz Josef. B DW**

Day 6 Franz Josef – Queenstown

Drive over the spectacular Haast Pass, passing Thunder Creek Falls and a trio of Lakes. You'll visit the historic gold-mining settlement of Arrowtown. An orientation tour of Queenstown, which sits on the shore of crystal-clear Lake Wakatipu among dramatic mountain ranges, completes your day. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, 3 nights. B**

Day 7 Milford Sound Cruise

Journey along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau, then drive through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel to see Mirror Lake, Cleddau Valley, Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls before reaching mystical Milford Sound for a cruise on this natural wonder. **B L**

Day 8 Queenstown Free Time

Explore exciting Queenstown your way today. This evening, join your travelling companions for an exclusive Farewell Dinner at The Boatshed, with spectacular views over Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables mountain range. **B FD**

Day 9 Farewell from Queenstown

Your New Zealand holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **B**



Auckland



Rotorua



Tranzalpine train

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