


NEW ZEALAND

2020-2021



 **FIRST CHOICE**

3-18 day
Fully Guided Experiences

 **BEST BUYS**

8-21 day
Flexible Guided Experiences

 **Inspiring Journeys**

8-19 day
Small Group Journeys

New Zealand Uncovered

📅 17 DAYS

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HIGHLIGHTS



Discover New Zealand's horse-racing traditions, visiting a former famous jockey's farm in the picturesque Hinuera Valley.



Explore Milford Sound on a nature cruise with a specialist guide, and discover the area's spectacular wildlife and natural landscapes.



Delve into New Zealand's national identity, exploring an expansive collection related to this country's culture and history at Te Papa.



Contribute to AAT King's Sustainable Tourism Commitment to planting indigenous trees in the wildfire-affected Port Hills.



- START
- END
- 1 Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



TranzAlpine Train

FIRST LIGHT TRAVEL

Your South Pacific Travel Specialists



CHOOSE THIS TRIP IF YOU'D LOVE TO:

- Experience New Zealand's amazing sights and delights
- Witness Milford Sound's waterfalls and Mitre Peak
- Connect with locals for lunch on their Waikato Dairy Farm
- Explore Tamaki Māori Village & Walter Peak Sheep Station

1 Welcome to Auckland


On arrival in Auckland you'll have time at leisure to explore or relax. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception and dinner with your Travel Director.

Hotel: Stamford Plaza, 2 nights. DW

2 Auckland

After a city sights tour enjoy time at leisure. **B**

3 Auckland – Tauranga

 You're invited to a Be My Guest lunch at the Red Barn on the Waikato farm of Lance and Bridgette O'Sullivan, New Zealand horse racing royalty. Later, travel to Tauranga, in the Bay of Plenty. **Hotel: Trinity Wharf. B BG DW**

4 Tauranga – Rotorua

Travel through Te Puke to visit Kiwifruit Country, then on to Rotorua for an orientation tour.  This afternoon explore Te Puia Thermal Reserve. Then an evening of culture, history and a Hangi feast Highlight Dinner awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B HD**


5 Rotorua Included Choice

Embark on one of your Included Choice sightseeing experiences. Glide through the Waitomo Glowworm Grotto, take an ancient forest zipline adventure with Canopy Tours, visit the Hobbiton Movie Set, or explore Rotorua and its lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. **B**

6 Rotorua – Wellington

Journey through forests and farmland to the turquoise torrent known as Huka Falls. The road unfolds in a broad panorama of stunning Lake Taupo. Continue south and along the Kapiti Coast to the capital city, Wellington. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**



7 Wellington – Blenheim

 Explore Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. This afternoon cruise the Cook Strait into tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound. The village of Picton is next, then it's on to Blenheim for a city sightseeing tour. Tonight, enjoy a 3-course Highlight Dinner celebrating local produce and the wines of the Marlborough region. **Hotel: Chateau Marlborough. B HD**

8 Blenheim – Christchurch

Travel to Kaikoura, where sperm whales can often be seen not far from shore. Travel along the Pacific coast and across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. **Hotel: Distinction. B**

9 Christchurch – Twizel

 This morning, join our Sustainable Tourism Commitment by planting a native tree in the Port Hills of Christchurch, an area recovering from wildfire.  Next, visit the home of Angie and Stan Taylor at Lake Tekapo, for a Be My Guest afternoon tea and to learn about a lifetime spent farming. Later, view the little stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd on your way to Twizel. **Hotel: MacKenzie Country Inn. B BG DW**


10 Twizel – Dunedin Included Choice

Journey along the Waitaki River, with a photo stop at the Waitaki Hydro Power Scheme and Benmore Dam. Travel through to Oamaru and on to Dunedin. Choose an Included Choice sightseeing experience. Take a wildlife cruise out to Otago Peninsula, visit the famous Speight's Brewery or ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B DW**

11 Dunedin – Te Anau

After free time, travel through lush sheep-farming land. Then the rolling, grassy hills turn back into forested, rugged mountains, as you meander your way up into Fiordland National Park to Te Anau. **Hotel: Distinction B DW**

12 Te Anau – Queenstown

 You will take the scenic journey through the rainforests, beech forests and meadows of Fiordland National Park and out to Milford Sound to cruise on this natural wonder. Afterwards, travel to Queenstown for an orientation tour. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**


13 Queenstown Included Choice

Choose an Included Choice sightseeing experience. Ride the Shotover Jet, take a gondola to Bob's Peak and visit Kiwi Birdlife Park or a minibus tour through Skippers Canyon. This evening, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner. **B HD**


14 Queenstown – Franz Josef

Visit the gold mining settlement of Arrowtown. From here you will travel to Cromwell to taste delicious stone fruit at a local orchard. It is a day of gorgeous lakes, as you travel further into Central Otago. Cross over the Haast Pass as the landscape changes from alpine scenery to the rainforest marvels of the wild West Coast. Your destination is the extraordinary Franz Josef Glacier. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing). B DW**

15 Franz Josef – Punakaiki

 Visit Hokitika, home of the native greenstone for a factory visit and jewellery demonstration. Later, travel to Punakaiki to view the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes. You'll spend the night in an eco-friendly resort right on the waterfront. **Hotel: Punakaiki Resort. B DW**

16 Punakaiki – Christchurch

 Travel to Greymouth to visit the iconic Monteith's Brewery and taste some of their innovative brews before a pub-style lunch. Later you will journey aboard the TranzAlpine train to Christchurch. This evening, join your Travel Director and new-found friends for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Distinction. B L FD**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday concludes after breakfast. **B**



Auckland



Tauranga



Wellington



Blenheim

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