


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

Essence of New Zealand

📅 18 DAYS

📍 CHRISTCHURCH → AUCKLAND

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HIGHLIGHTS



FLEXIBLE HOLIDAYS

With 3 nights in Queenstown, you have plenty of time to tailor your holiday with our optional experiences on offer.



ICONIC SITES

Explore the unique culture of the North Island and the stunning scenery of the South Island.



TIME FOR YOU

With more two-night stays than any other New Zealand guided holiday, there is plenty of time to relax.



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Lunch is supplied through Eat My Lunch, an organisation that has given over 1 million lunches to Kiwi kids.



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



Punakaiki Pancake Rocks

FIRST LIGHT TRAVEL 
Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

CHOOSE THIS TRIP IF YOU'D LOVE TO:

- Gain insight into New Zealand's finest destinations
- Explore the wilderness of Abel Tasman National Park
- Spot wildflowers alongside iconic lakes Tekapo and Pukaki
- Tour Art Deco Napier on foot and visit Tamaki Māori Village

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Meet your Travel Director and travelling companions this evening at a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Omarama

Drive over the rich alluvial farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to Lakes Tekapo and Pukaki. 📍 Pause to view the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd before revelling in the alpine landscape of Mt. Cook National Park. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B**

3 Omarama – Dunedin

Travel via Oamaru, with its famous white limestone buildings, to Dunedin, a region of unique landscapes and fascinating cultural history, for an orientation tour. **Hotel: Kingsgate. B**

4 Dunedin – Milford Sound

📍 Be awestruck by the glories of Fiordland National Park. Journey through rainforest, ancient glaciers and mountain ranges, and pass through the monumental Homer Tunnel. See Lake Matheson, Pop's Lookout, Cleddau Valley and the Chasm before arriving in Milford Sound for your overnight cruise (cruise may not operate on 10 Sep 2020 departure. On this date, you can enjoy a day cruise on Milford Sound and accommodation in Te Anau or Queenstown). **Cruise: Overnight Milford Sound. B**

5 Milford Sound – Queenstown

Depart for the majestic Lake Te Anau. Explore the famous Te Anau Glowworm Caves by boat, before travelling to Queenstown, the adventure capital. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 3 nights. B**

6 Queenstown Free Time

📍 Today is yours to explore at your own pace. **B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

📍 While Queenstown wears its 'Global Adventure Capital' badge proudly, it's also the perfect place to relax and explore. The town boasts great shopping with luxury brands, iconic New Zealand design stores, and boutique fashion. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef

Your destination is the wild West Coast of the South Island. Stop to visit the gold mining settlement of Arrowtown. You will then travel over Haast Pass and view the sheer drop of Thunder Creek Falls on your way to the Franz Josef Glacier. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

9 Franz Josef – Punakaiki

Explore this astounding glacier on foot or from the air this morning (both optional). Travel to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's famous greenstone, then on to Punakaiki to view the intriguing Pancake Rocks and Blowholes. You'll spend the night in an eco-friendly resort right on the waterfront. **Hotel: Punakaiki Resort. B D**

10 Punakaiki – Nelson

The Heritage Highway leads you through a scenic wilderness to the plunging Buller Gorge and pristine Kahurangi National Park. **Hotel: Rutherford, 2 nights. B**

11 Nelson Free Time

📍 Today you have free time to relax in Nelson. **B**

12 Nelson – Wellington

Visit the seaside village of Picton with free time to explore. Cruise on tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound before heading across Cook Strait to the North Island and Wellington, New Zealand's capital. 📍 Enjoy a city sights tour before a guided tour of Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. **Hotel: Travelodge, 2 nights. B**

13 Wellington Free Time

Wellington is celebrated as the country's creative and culinary capital and today is yours to explore at your own pace. **B D**

14 Wellington – Napier

📍 Your special packed lunch today won't only be wholesome, it will also feed a Kiwi child who may otherwise go without, through the charity 'Eat My Lunch'. Travel through the Wairarapa region and Hawke's Bay to Napier, a city whose unique concentration of beautiful Art Deco architecture is due to its rebuilding after the 1931 earthquake. 📍 Enjoy a walking tour with a local guide. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania. B L**

15 Napier – Rotorua

Journey to Lake Taupo, the largest lake in New Zealand, and then visit mighty Huka Falls on your way to Rotorua, where a sightseeing tour will include views of Lake Rotorua. 📍 Visit Te Puia, the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute. A tour of Rotorua's active geothermal fields follows. Gain insight into traditional Māori culture this evening while you enjoy a Highlight Dinner at the Tamaki Māori Village **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

16 Rotorua Free Time

📍 Today is yours to explore at your own pace. **B**

17 Rotorua – Auckland

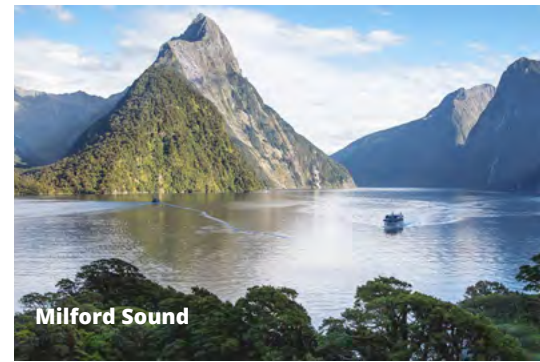
Travel through the lush dairy-farming district of Waikato en route to Auckland, where you'll take a tour of the city. **Hotel: VR Queen Street. B**

18 Farewell from Auckland

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



Dunedin



Milford Sound



Queenstown



Napier

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