

# 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 Vista

14 DAYS AUCKLAND → CHRISTCHURCH

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## HIGHLIGHTS



FLEXIBLE HOLIDAYS

Choose from a wide variety of sightseeing options – there is something to suit all tastes and travel styles.



ICONIC SITES

Explore famous Milford Sound and the spectacular Fiordland National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



TIME FOR YOU

Feel free to explore, with two nights in Rotorua and Queenstown to wine and dine where you choose.



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



Huka Falls

FIRST LIGHT TRAVEL *Your South Pacific Travel Specialists*

## CHOOSE THIS TRIP IF YOU'D LOVE TO:

- Explore New Zealand's most iconic sights
- Take to the dance floor on the TSS Earnslaw
- Delight in the Waitomo Glowworm Grotto by boat
- Cruise Milford Sound and journey on the TranzAlpine train

### 1 Welcome to Auckland

After settling into your hotel, you'll have time to explore Auckland independently. This evening enjoy a Welcome Reception with your Travel Director. **Hotel: VR Queen Street.**

### 2 Auckland – Rotorua

Begin your day with a city tour, then trace the path of the Waikato River to the Waitomo Caves to explore the amazing Glowworm Grotto. Travel on to Rotorua and take an orientation tour of the city, where you'll enjoy spectacular views of Lake Rotorua. Enjoy an evening of fun and laughter and gain insight into traditional Māori culture followed by a delicious Hangi Highlight Dinner at the Tamaki Māori Village. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

### 3 Rotorua Free Time

 Relax or explore Rotorua at your own pace. **B**

### 4 Rotorua – Wellington

Journey through tall pine forests and verdant farmland to spectacular Huka Falls and serene Lake Taupo. Drive along the shores of New Zealand's biggest lake through the alpine scenery of Mt. Ruapehu, Tongariro National Park and the dairy farms of Manawatu. Next, follow the Kapiti Coast to Wellington for a city orientation tour. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**

### 5 Wellington – Picton

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Wellington, and then visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.  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'. Cruise across the Cook Strait and explore the maze of inlets of Queen Charlotte Sound. Later you'll travel to the seaside village of Picton and take a tour of the city before dinner. **Hotel: Picton Beachcomber Inn. B L D**

### 6 Picton – Christchurch

Travel to Kaikoura, where sperm whales can often be seen not far from shore. Continue along the Pacific Ocean coast, then across fertile farmlands to Christchurch. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

### 7 Christchurch – Omarama

 After a morning at leisure, travel through verdant countryside to serene Lakes Pukaki and Tekapo, and view the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd before continuing to the awe-inspiring Aoraki/Mt. Cook National Park. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

### 8 Omarama – Dunedin

Visit the Waitaki Hydro Power Scheme and the monumental spillway of the nearby Benmore Dam. Then travel to the historic town of Oamaru en route to Dunedin, New Zealand's southernmost city, where your afternoon is at leisure. You may like to take a wildlife cruise, or ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**  
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### 9 Dunedin – Te Anau

 This morning you're free to explore Dunedin at your own pace: you might like to visit stately Larnach Castle. This afternoon, travel through lush green sheep-grazing country on your way to Fiordland National Park and the town of Te Anau. Tonight, why not consider an optional experience and take a boat tour of the mysterious Te Anau Glowworm Caves. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

### 10 Te Anau – Queenstown

  Your experience in magnificent Milford Sound is sure to be one of the highlights of your trip. Travel through tall native rainforests and rugged mountains of Fiordland National Park, then cruise the serene waters of this natural wonder. On the way to Queenstown see Mirror Lake, Cleddau Valley, the Chasm, Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls, then travel along the Devil's Staircase and the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Enjoy an informative orientation tour on arrival. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B**

### 11 Queenstown Free Time

 Explore New Zealand's adventure capital at your own pace today. There are jet boat rides, white water rafting and 4WD safaris for the thrill-seekers, and wine tours or intimate cafés for those who enjoy a more leisurely experience. Later this afternoon, enjoy a cruise across peaceful Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner. **B HD**

### 12 Queenstown – Franz Josef

Your first destination today is the faithfully-restored gold-mining settlement of Arrowtown. Sample luscious stone fruit in Cromwell, and enjoy the serenity of the region's vivid blue lakes.  Drive over spectacular Haast Pass, passing the 96-metre Thunder Creek Falls and stopping for a tranquil rainforest walk on your way to the extraordinary Franz Josef Glacier (an optional scenic flight is available). **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Graham Wing. B D**

### 13 Franz Josef – Christchurch

Travel on this morning to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's famous greenstone. Continue to Arthur's Pass to board the iconic  TranzAlpine train and embark on one of the world's most renowned rail journeys. Pass through magnificent landscapes to the lush pasture-land of the Canterbury Plains. This evening in Christchurch, join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Ibis. B FD**

### 14 Farewell from Christchurch

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



Auckland



Wellington



Picton



Dunedin

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