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NEW ZEALAND

2021-2022 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



 **FIRST CHOICE** 3-17 day Fully Curated Experiences

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New Zealand Uncovered

📅 17 DAYS

📍 AUCKLAND → CHRISTCHURCH

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20 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

HIGHLIGHTS



LOCAL CONNECTION

Discover the Red Barn - a former jockey's turn of the century stable where stagecoaches changed horses on long journeys.



INSIDER KNOWLEDGE

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



CULTURAL IMMERSION

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



SUSTAINABLE FOOTPRINTS

Contribute to our Sustainable Tourism Commitment to planting indigenous trees in the wildfire-affected Port Hills.



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



Milford Sound Cruise



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WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP:

- It spans both of New Zealand's incredible islands
- Milford Sound's mighty waterfalls are a stunning sight
- Try a traditional Hangi feast and celebrated Marlborough wine
- Journey on the TranzAlpine through the Southern Alps


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: Cordis, 2 nights. DW**


2 Auckland

Head to the New Zealand Maritime Museum for an exclusive America's Cup tour. Then see the sights of Auckland, from the waterfront to Mission Bay. Capture spectacular panoramic views of the skyline, the North Shore and Waitemata Harbour from Bastion Point. **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 Free Time

Perhaps embark on one of our optional experiences. You could glide through the Waitomo Glowworm Grotto 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. 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 an optional whale-watching flight is available. Continue 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 hear 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 Free Time

Journey along the Waitaki River, and travel through to Oamaru with its famous limestone buildings, and on to Dunedin. This afternoon why not choose an optional experience? Perhaps take a wildlife cruise out to Otago Peninsula or visit the famous Speight's Brewery. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B DW**

11 Dunedin – Te Anau

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 and Te Anau. **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau. 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 Free Time

Why not get your final fix of Queenstown today with an optional experience? Ride the Shotover Jet, take a gondola to Bob's Peak 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 its delicious stone fruit. It is a day of gorgeous lakes, as you travel further into Central Otago. Cross over the Haast Pass, where the landscape changes from alpine scenery to the rainforest marvels of the wild West Coast. Your destination is 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



Dunedin

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