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Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

NEW ZEALAND

2021-2022 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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

 **BEST BUYS** 8-21 day Flexible Guided Holidays

New Zealand Magic

📅 17 DAYS

📍 CHRISTCHURCH → AUCKLAND

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16 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

HIGHLIGHTS



FLEXIBLE HOLIDAYS

Travel to the very top of the North Island or just relax by the resort pool – its up to you!



ICONIC SITES

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



TIME FOR YOU

Enjoy a full day to explore Queenstown at your own pace. Why not try one of the optional activities on offer?



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Lunch is supplied through Eat My Lunch, an organisation that has given over 1.5 million lunches to Kiwi kids.



● START

● END

1 Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops



Māori wood carving

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WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP:

- Experience the majestic rainforest and mountains of Milford Sound
- Visit the world-renowned fairyland of Waitomo Caves
- Ride the TranzAlpine train for an unforgettable journey
- The Tamaki experience will immerse you in Māori culture

1 Welcome to Christchurch

You'll have time to relax before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Franz Josef

Travel on the iconic TranzAlpine train, passing through magnificent landscapes on your way to Arthur's Pass. At Hokitika, stop to learn about New Zealand greenstone (jade) before continuing to the town of Franz Josef. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Graham Wing. B D**

3 Franz Josef – Queenstown

Drive over the spectacular Haast Pass and past a trio of lakes. Stop at Cromwell and enjoy the tastes of its delicious stone fruit. Next you'll visit the historic gold mining settlement of Arrowtown. An orientation tour of Queenstown completes your day. **Hotel: Cophorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B**

4 Queenstown Free Time

Explore exciting Queenstown your way today. This evening, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner at The Colonel's Homestead. **B HD**

5 Queenstown – Te Anau

Travel the iconic stretch of highway known as the Devil's Staircase and along the shores of serene Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau. On your way to cruise on Milford Sound you'll be awestruck by the towering native rainforests and rugged mountains. Drive through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel and see the Mirror Lake, Pop's Lookout, Cleddau Valley, the Chasm, Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

6 Te Anau – Dunedin

Journey through lush green sheep-grazing country on your way to Dunedin. After a city tour the afternoon is yours. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin – Oamaru

Set out for Oamaru, with its elegant tree-lined streets and celebrated white limestone buildings. Later, pass the monumental Waitaki Hydro Power Scheme and Benmore Dam on your way to Oamaru. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Oamaru – Christchurch

Journey through Aoraki Mt. Cook National Park. See Lakes Pukaki and Tekapo, and stop to view the Church of the Good Shepherd before traversing the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. **Hotel: Ibis. B D**

9 Christchurch – Picton

Travel along the rugged Pacific Ocean coast this morning to Kaikoura, where an optional whale-watching flight is available. Pass the pink-tinged crystallisation ponds of the Lake Grassmere Salt Works, then travel to the pretty seaside village of Picton. **Hotel: Picton Beachcomber Inn. B D**

10 Picton – Wellington

Cruise tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound this morning, then cross the Cook Strait to Wellington. Take a city tour before enjoying some free time, and later visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**

11 Wellington – Rotorua

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 along the scenic Kapiti Coast today through lush dairy-farming country to Tongariro National Park and snow-capped Mt. Ruapehu. Panoramic views of Lake Taupo will unfold around every corner. View mighty Huka Falls and pass the Wairakei Geothermal Power Station. This evening, a very entertaining cultural experience awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. Experience a powerful Haka challenge, witness a concert showcasing Māori culture, and dine at a traditional Māori Hangi feast Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B L HD**

12 Rotorua Free Time

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

13 Rotorua – Auckland

Travel through lush Waikato farmland to the fabulous Waitomo Caves. See the amazing underground Glowworm Grotto by boat, and walk through limestone caverns. Later you'll follow the noble Waikato River into Auckland. **Hotel: VR Queen Street. B**

14 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and head to Paihia in the Bay of Islands. This afternoon discover the stories, people and events that shaped the past, present and future of Aotearoa New Zealand at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. During your tour you will view the world's largest ceremonial war canoe, the historic Treaty House and carved Meeting House. Stand on the spot where New Zealand's founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi, was signed in 1840. **Hotel: Cophorne Resort, Garden View, 2 nights. B D**

15 Bay of Islands Free Time

Experience the beauty of the Bay of Islands in your own way. Perhaps take a coach trip to Cape Reinga via idyllic 90 Mile Beach or enjoy a day of sailing on a tall ship. **B**

16 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Enjoy a leisurely morning before travelling through lush farmland as you return to Auckland. Take an orientation tour of the city before joining your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: VR Queen Street. B FD**

17 Farewell from Auckland

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



Christchurch



Franz Josef



Queenstown



Te Anau



Dunedin

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