



FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL 
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

Spirit of New Zealand

21 DAYS

CHRISTCHURCH → AUCKLAND

LCQB

15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

HIGHLIGHTS



FLEXIBLE HOLIDAYS

Explore beautiful Abel Tasman National Park on a full-day walk or a half-day cruise on optional experiences in Nelson.



ICONIC SITES

Stay overnight in magical Milford Sound where you will get the chance to spot wildlife.



TIME FOR YOU

Enjoy a great mix of included activities and free time that'll truly make you feel like you're on holiday.



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

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

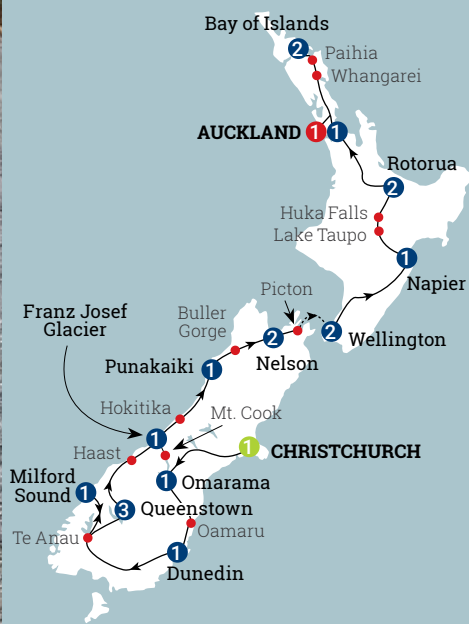


START

END

1 Number of night stays

Sightseeing stops



Tamaki Māori Village



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WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP:

- Enjoy the most two-night stays of our NZ range
- Experience a once-in-a-lifetime overnight cruise on Milford Sound
- Tour the Art Deco town of Napier with a local expert
- Discover the luminous shimmer of thousands of magical glowworms

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 – Omarama

Tour the city this morning, then travel over the Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo and view the Church of the Good Shepherd before continuing to Omarama in the heart of the Mackenzie Country, Mt. Cook National Park. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Omarama – Dunedin Free Time

Travel via Oamaru to Dunedin for an orientation tour followed by time at leisure. **Hotel: Kingsgate. B**



4 Dunedin – Milford Sound

 Journey through rainforests, alluvial flats and meadows. Stop at Mirror Lakes and then on through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel to one of the world's most dramatic alpine drives, down through the Cleddau Valley and the Chasm to Milford Sound. Your magical overnight cruise meanders down the sound, taking in the Bowen and Stirling Falls and the sheer pinnacle of Mitre Peak. **Cruise: Overnight Milford Sound. B D**


5 Milford Sound – Queenstown

Depart this morning for Lake Te Anau. Explore the famous Te Anau Glowworm Caves by boat, drifting in silent darkness beneath the luminous shimmer of hundreds of glowworms. Later, travel to adventure capital Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 3 nights. B**


6 Queenstown Free Time

 Today is free for you to explore Queenstown at your own pace.  This evening, consider a cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner at the Colonel's Homestead. **B**


7 Queenstown Free Time

 Today, take time to either relax or tailor your own action-packed agenda. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef

Your first destination today is the old gold-mining settlement of Arrowtown. Travel on to witness the serenity of the region's vivid blue lakes, the most famous of which is pristine Lake Wanaka.  Drive over the spectacular Haast Pass and take a rainforest walk to Thunder Creek Falls on your way to the extraordinary Franz Josef Glacier. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Graham Wing. B D**


9 Franz Josef – Punakaiki

 This morning, why not choose an optional experience and see Franz Josef Glacier from the air or take a glacier hike. Travel on to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's famous greenstone, for a factory visit and demonstration before arriving at your eco-friendly resort on the waterfront in Punakaiki. **Hotel: Punakaiki Resort. B D**


10 Punakaiki – Nelson

The Heritage Highway leads you to the Buller Gorge and Kahurangi National Park before arriving in Nelson. **Hotel: Rutherford, 2 nights. B**


11 Nelson Free Time

 Today you'll have the option to journey to the top of the South Island and take a scenic cruise in the Abel Tasman National Park. **B**


12 Nelson – Wellington

Visit the seaside village of Picton then cruise on Queen Charlotte Sound before heading across Cook Strait to the North Island and Wellington, New Zealand's capital.  Enjoy a city sights tour before an evening at leisure. **Hotel: Travelodge, 2 nights. B**

13 Wellington Free Time

 Explore Wellington at your own pace today. **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'. On arrival in Napier a local guide will accompany you on a walking tour of this Art Deco city. Nowhere else in the world can you see such a concentration of buildings in the style of the 1930s. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania. B L**

15 Napier – Rotorua

Today journey to Lake Taupo, then visit Huka Falls on your way to Rotorua. An evening of culture and history awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. Enjoy a cultural performance and an authentic Māori Hangi, steamed underground in the traditional way. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

16 Rotorua Free Time

 Today is free for you to explore at leisure. **B**


17 Rotorua – Auckland

Travel through the dairy-farming land of Waikato en route to Auckland. **Hotel: VR Queen Street. B**

18 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Travel through Northland to the Bay of Islands Tour the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where New Zealand's founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. **Hotel: Copthorne Resort, Garden View, 2 nights. B D**

19 Bay of Islands Free Time

 Today is free for you to explore at leisure. **B**

20 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Drive through lush farmland scenery on your return to Auckland. This evening, join your Travel Director and travelling companions for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: VR Queen Street. B FD**

21 Farewell from Auckland

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



Christchurch



Omarama



Dunedin



Milford Sound



Queenstown

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