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# NEW ZEALAND

2021-2022 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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

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

# The Long White Cloud

Be awed as you traverse New Zealand's North and South Islands, from the hot pools of Franz Josef, an exclusive TreadRight experience in Rotorua, to the brave depths of Queenstown, the adventure capital. Explore extraordinary landscapes and ancient heritage, as you encounter exhilarating New Zealand as few have seen it before.



Waimangu Volcanic Valley

Connect with the beating heart of the world's youngest geothermal valley, Waimangu. Set in the pristine New Zealand bush, the valley is an astonishing landscape filled with natural wonders and wildlife.

**19 DAYS** • Christchurch • Queenstown

- Franz Josef Glacier • Milford Sound
- Dunedin • Wellington • Hawke's Bay
- Rotorua • Auckland

## Immerse

Embrace the traditional Māori greeting at Tamaki Māori Village, and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Waimangu.

## Indulge

Enjoy an unforgettable dining experience at Craggy Range Winery in Hawke's Bay, a region blessed with fertile soils.

## Explore

Join a nature guide on the breathtaking Milford Track, and discover the luminous shimmer of the Footwhistle Cave.

## Relax

Wake up to the wonder of fiordland at Milford Sound Lodge, and take a deep breath and unwind at Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

### Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch

On arrival in Christchurch, board a private transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception.

 **Hotel Montreal**

### Day 2: Christchurch – TranzAlpine – Franz Josef

Travel through the Southern Alps aboard TranzAlpine train. From Arthur's Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, and meet a local greenstone (jade) carver. Continue to Franz Josef, where you'll spend two nights in an eco-friendly retreat nestled in the wilderness.

 **Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights**

 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 3: Franz Josef Glacier (Relaxed Start)

This morning, explore Franz Josef, where a local guide explains the history behind the imposing Franz Josef Glacier.

 **Breakfast**

### Day 4: Franz Josef – Arrowtown – Queenstown

Discover the Haast River this morning as you journey its length in a fully enclosed river jet boat. Stop at Makarora, then explore the heritage gold-settlement of Arrowtown, before an orientation of breathtaking Queenstown.

 **Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights**

 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 5 & 6: Queenstown at Leisure

Enjoy two full days to discover Queenstown. Perhaps consider a wine tour, or even an adrenaline-filled activity. On your second night, your Local Dining Experience is in one of Queenstown's exclusive restaurants.

 **Breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

### Day 7: Queenstown – Te Anau – Milford Sound

Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau and then through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park. Tonight, stay at Milford Sound Lodge, with views of the magical Cleddau Valley.

 **Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights**

 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 8: Milford Track Walk & Milford Sound Cruise

Get a taste of the world-famous Milford Track with a half-day walk. Walking in a small group, your nature guide will point out the native fauna and flora and share the fascinating human heritage of the track. This afternoon, enjoy Milford Sound's awe-inspiring scenery from the comfort of a small boat. Cruise the length of the Fiord, view iconic Mitre Peak and get up close to Stirling Falls. With limited numbers, you'll be rewarded with an intimate experience and unobstructed photo opportunities from the outdoor viewing decks. Keep an eye out for seals and maybe a pod of dolphins. The perfect way to round off your day.

 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 9: Milford Sound – Gore – Dunedin

Depart majestic Fiordland National Park for the fertile sheep-dotted pastures of South Otago. Travel through the country music town of Gore, before arriving in Dunedin, the country's southern-most city.

 **Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 2 nights**

 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 10: Dunedin (Relaxed Start)

Join a behind the scenes tour at a state-of-the-art 5000L craft brewery, Emerson's, before joining your hosts for an exclusive **tasting**. This afternoon is at leisure, so perhaps consider an optional experience.

 **Breakfast**

### Day 11: Dunedin – Omarau – Timaru – Christchurch

Travel up the east coast through Omarau and Timaru. **On arrival in Christchurch**, embark on a sightseeing tour of the city.

 **Hotel Montreal**

 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 12: Christchurch – Kaikoura – Wellington

Travel along the Pacific coast to Kaikoura. Continue to the seaside village of Picton and later, cross the Cook Strait to Wellington.

 **Sofitel Wellington, 2 nights**

 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 13: Wellington at Leisure

Today see **Wellington your way**. Why not visit the Weta Workshop, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies or visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.

 **Breakfast**

### Day 14: Wellington – Hawke's Bay

Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier. This evening, enjoy **wine-tasting** and a **Local Dining Experience** at Craggy Range winery, in the shadow of spectacular Te Mata Peak.

 **Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights**

 **Breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

### Day 15: Napier (Relaxed Start)

Join a local guide for a vintage car tour through Napier and surrounds areas. You'll learn about the earthquake that destroyed the city in 1931 and hear stories of the people that led the rebuild in the Art Deco style.

 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 16: Hawke's Bay – Rotorua

Continue your journey, arriving in Rotorua. Visit Waimangu Volcanic Valley, the world's youngest geothermal valley. Cruise around the tranquil waters of Lake Rotomahana to see stunning geothermal activity as well as rare native birdlife.

 **Pullman, 2 nights**

 **Breakfast**

### Day 17: Rotorua

Ascend the **breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk** for an elevated bird's eye view of the 120-year old redwood giants. At Rainbow Springs Nature Park you'll learn about their kiwi hatchery programme that is proudly supported by TreadRight. **Your Local Dining Experience** is a Māori Hangi and cultural performance at the Tamaki Māori Village.

 **Breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

### Day 18: Rotorua – Auckland

Make your way to the famous Caveworld Waitomo for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience in Footwhistle Cave. Later, travel to Auckland. This evening, toast your trip at a Celebration Dinner.

 **Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour**

 **Breakfast, Celebration Dinner**

### Day 19: Farewell from Auckland

Your epic New Zealand journey comes to an end today and you are transferred to Auckland Airport for your onward flight.

 **Breakfast**

## Departures

Start	End	Start	End
2020		2022	
Oct 12	Oct 30	Jan 03	Jan 21
Nov 09	Nov 27	Jan 10	Jan 28
Dec 07	Dec 25	Jan 31	Feb 18
2021		Feb 07	Feb 25
Jan 11	Jan 29	Mar 07	Mar 25
Feb 01	Feb 19		
Feb 08	Feb 26		
Mar 01	Mar 19		
Mar 08	Mar 26		
Mar 22	Apr 09		
Oct 11	Oct 29		
Nov 08	Nov 26		

Departures between 12/10/2020 & 22/03/2021 operate as per the 2020/21 brochure itinerary.

Single traveller must pay the single price.

## Inclusions

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 13+ Unforgettable experiences
- 30 included meals
- 18 Nights premium accommodation

## NZIJ: Christchurch to Auckland

Flights are not included in holiday price.

Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport

Day 19 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

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