

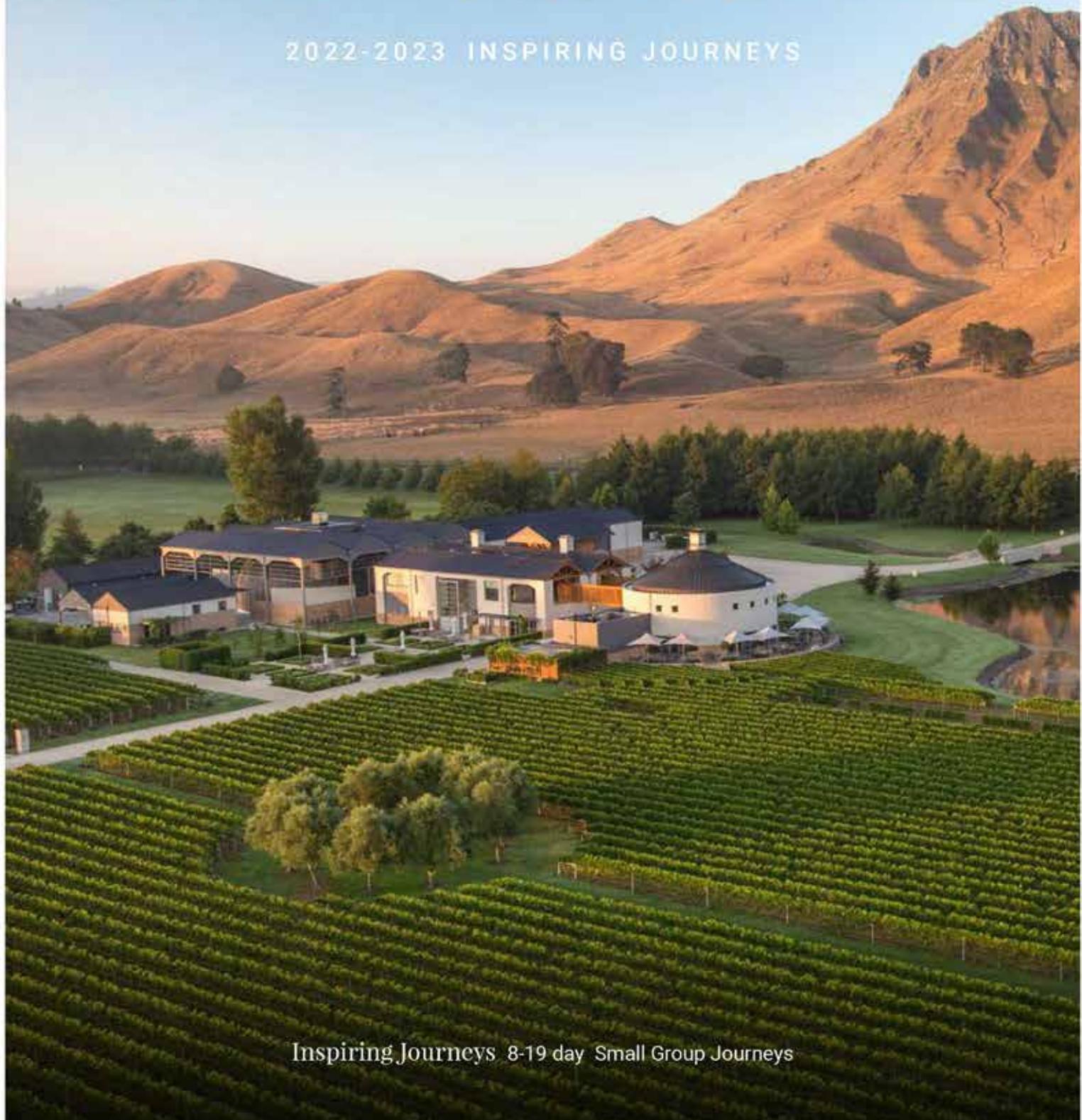
FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL



Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

NEW ZEALAND

2022-2023 INSPIRING JOURNEYS



Inspiring Journeys 8-19 day Small Group Journeys

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.



Milford Sound Cruise

After a taste of the world-famous Milford Track, it's all aboard your cruise in the comfort of a small boat. Cruise the length of the fiord and experience the beauty of Milford Sound in all its grandeur.

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.

The George

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.

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 – Oamaru – Timaru – Christchurch

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

🏠 The George

🍳 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.

🏠 QT 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.

🏠 QT Auckland

🍳 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

2022		2023	
Oct	10	Jan	02, 09, 30
Nov	07	Feb	06
		Mar	06

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Oct 2023 at inspiringjourneys.com/nzj or contact your local agent. 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

