

FIRST LIGHT TRAVEL



Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

NEW ZEALAND

2022-2023 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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New Zealand Magic

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

There's nothing quite like an unexpected adventure, whether in Queenstown or the Bay of Islands. We've got tips if you need them.

📍 Iconic Sites

Moving moments await, from natural wonders in Milford Sound to history-shaping sights at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

📷 Time For You

Wine aficionados will enjoy an optional experience sipping through the vineyards surrounding adventure capital Queenstown.

♻ Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE When you eat lunch, we donate another meal to Kiwi kids in need through the Eat My Lunch initiative.

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). Your destination is the extraordinary rivers of ice that make up Franz Josef Glacier. You may like to get up close and personal with the glaciers on an optional experience helicopter flight. **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: Copthorne 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 – Omarama

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 Omarama. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Omarama – 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**



Huka Falls

Departure Dates

2022		2023	
Apr	04, 11	Jan	02, 09, 16, 23, 30
May	02	Feb	06, 13, 20, 27
Sep	05	Mar	06, 13, 20, 27
Oct	03, 17, 24, 31		
Nov	07, 21, 28		
Dec	05, 12, 19, 26		

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your local travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2023 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

16 Full buffet breakfasts B 2 Highlight Dinners HD
1 Lunch L 7 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport
Day 17 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

13 Rotorua – Auckland

This morning you'll travel through the King Country region to Waitomo Caves. Experience the natural beauty underground on a guided tour through the world-famous Waitomo Glowworm Grotto. Descend an illuminated staircase of curving limestone to caverns lit by twinkling blue and green glowworms. This afternoon you'll follow the meandering trail of the Waikato River, New Zealand's longest river, past the lush farmlands of the Waikato Region. As you journey over the Bombay Hills, the landscape changes from green, grassy meadows to the edges of suburbia. When you make your way into the heart of New Zealand's largest city, you will stop at the Auckland War Memorial Museum for views across Auckland City and the Waitemata Harbour. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B D**

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: Copthorne Resort, Garden View, 2 nights. B D**

15 Bay of Islands Free Time

Today is a completely free day for you to experience the beauty of the Bay of Islands. Perhaps take a coach trip to Cape Reinga, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach or experience a day of sailing aboard a historic tall ship. Enjoy wine tasting in Kerikeri or a tour of Russell to learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. **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: Holiday Inn Express. B**

17 Farewell from Auckland

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

