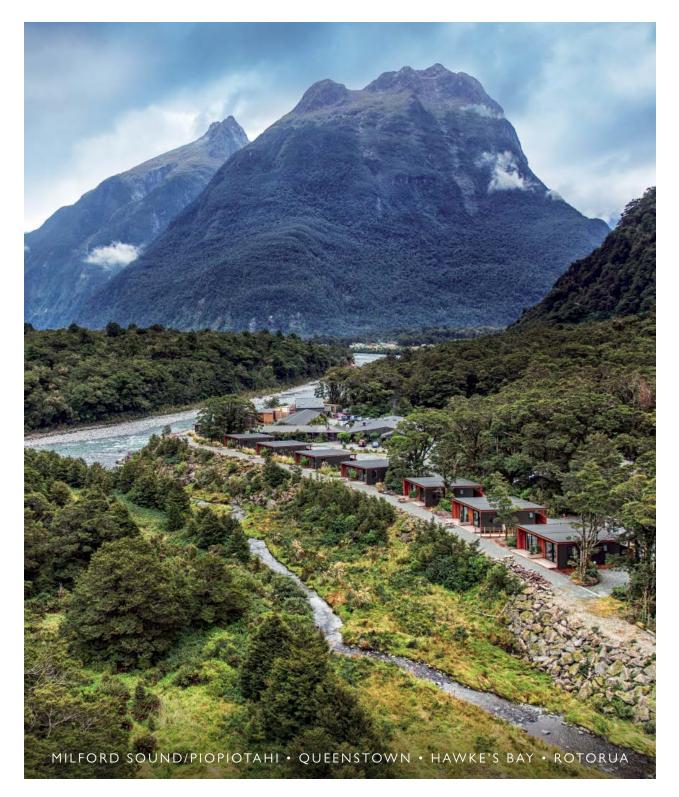


NEW ZEALAND



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THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

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Be awed as you traverse New Zealand's North and South Islands, from the hot pools of Franz Josef/Waiau, 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.

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 Hotel Montreal

Day 2: Christchurch - TranzAlpine - Franz Josef/Waiau

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/Waiau, where you'll spend two nights in an eco-friendly retreat nestled in the wilderness.

HOTEL Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere (Relaxed Start)

This morning, explore Franz Josef/Waiau, where a local guide explains the history behind the imposing Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **MEALS** Breakfast

Day 4: Franz Josef/Waiau - 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 goldsettlement of Arrowtown, before an orientation of breathtaking Queenstown. HOTEL Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights MEALS 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. MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 7: Queenstown - Te Anau - Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

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.

HOTEL Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 8: Milford Track Walk & Milford Sound/Piopiotahi 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/Piopiotahi 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.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 9: Milford Sound/Piopiotahi – 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.

HOTEL Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 2 nights MEALS 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. MEALS 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 Hotel Montreal
 MEALS 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.

HOTEL QT Wellington, 2 nights **MEALS** 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. **MEALS** 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. HOTEL Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights MEALS 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. MEALS 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.

HOTEL Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights MEALS Breakfast

Day 17: Rotorua

- Ascend the breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk for an elevated bird's eye view of the 120-year old redwood giants. At the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, passionate conservationists reveal how they are saving the
- kiwi population, one incubated egg at a time. Your Local Dining Experience is a Māori hangi and cultural performance at the Te Pā Tū Māori Experience.

MEALS 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 tour at a Celebration Dinner.
 HOTEL QT Auckland

MEALS 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. **MEALS** Breakfast

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DEPARTURES

2022	2023		2024	2024	
Oct 10	Jan	02, 09, 30	Jan	01, 08, 29	
Nov 07	Feb	06	Feb	05	
	Mar	06	Mar	04	
	Oct	09			
	Nov	06			

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Oct 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/nzij 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

NOTES

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

