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# 13 Day Outstanding New Zealand

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**TOUR ITINERARY**



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### DAY 1

Destination	Auckland  Rotorua
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Auckland to Rotorua including Waitomo Caves with GreatSights Enjoy a tour from Auckland to Rotorua including a guided tour of the fascinating Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Leaving Auckland in the morning, your experienced local driver guide will provide a commentary as you travel to Waitomo and point out sites of interest in the Waikato and King Country regions. On arrival in the small town of Waitomo enjoy a guided tour through the world famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves, with a silent boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto - a subterranean cavern lit up by the lights of thousands of tiny glowworms. Continue your tour this afternoon by driving to Rotorua, passing through the beautiful Fitzgerald Glade where the roadside trees arch overhead to form a tunnel of natural greenery.

Tamaki Maori Village Cultural Tour and Hangi Dinner Journey back in time to a Pre-European lifestyle experience of customs and traditions. Enjoy the night's festivities with the people of Tamaki Maori Village as you are treated to a banquet of succulent foods cooked the traditional Maori way. Rediscover the Maori village as it comes alive to the sound and activities of tribal songs, dances, myths and legends and browse throughout the largest after hour's tribal marketplace in Rotorua. Includes dinner.

### DAY 2

Destination	Rotorua
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Rotorua Sights: Te Puia, Rainbow Springs and Agrodome with GreatSights Discover three of Rotorua's best visitor attractions on this morning Rotorua sightseeing tour. Gain an insight into New Zealand's Māori culture at Te Puia. You'll see Te Puia's woodcarving and weaving schools and see how these ancient Māori art forms are being passed on to a new generation of master artists. Experience Rotorua's famous geothermal activity with a tour of Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley, then onto the Agrodome, a working organic farm where you can learn about farming life in New Zealand. Finally, visit Rainbow Springs Nature Park, where you can get up close to all kinds of native flora and fauna including the famous kiwi, a flightless native bird.

Explore more of Rotorua and surrounds With so much to do in Rotorua, you really need this second day to fit in all the sights and activities on offer. If you missed out on an encounter with New Zealand's unique Maori culture, be sure to add this into today's itinerary. Staring down the challenge of a Maori warrior's haka is spine tingling and the soulful melodies of ancient Maori waiata are mesmerising. If you're after adrenaline rushes, then consider one of the many thrills on offer,

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from white water rafting to luging to zorbing, there's something to exhilarate young and old alike. The Rotorua Lakes are worth exploring if you have the time and are a must if you want to try your hand at fly fishing. Rotorua is surrounded by sixteen lakes and eleven of these can be fished. The major fishing lakes are Rotorua, Rotoiti, Tarawera, Okataina and Rotoma. Lake Okataina also has the attraction of sandy shores and clear water making it a great picnic and swimming spot. If all of this just sounds like hard work you can always spend the day soaking in one of the many geothermal pools that are scattered across the city.

### DAY 3

Destination	Rotorua 🚗 Wellington
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Rotorua Accommodation to Rotorua Intercity Depot You will be collected from your accommodation and transferred to Rotorua Intercity Coach Depot.

Rotorua to Wellington by InterCity Coach Your coach journey from Rotorua to Wellington takes you via the township of Taupō and New Zealand's largest lake. The lake itself is actually a gigantic volcanic caldera formed during one of the worlds largest ever eruptions. Skirting Tongariro National Park, one of New Zealand's three world heritage sites and clouds permitting you can see the 2,500 metre peak of the still volcanically active Mt. Ruapehu. Heading south you pass through the rural towns of Taihape, Mangaweka and Bulls before arriving on the Kapiti Coast, which leads into Wellington, New Zealand's capital.

Private transfer Wellington train station to hotel You will be met on arrival into Wellington train station and transferred to your hotel.

### DAY 4

Destination	Wellington
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Wellington City Sights & Coastline Tour with Hammonds The perfect introduction to Wellington City! See Wellington through the eyes of a local on this tour. Experience the best attractions and must see landmarks of this vibrant city and get off the tourist trail. Gain a 360° view of the city from Mount Victoria, experience the rugged south coast seas and explore interesting quaint villages throughout the city. Take a ride on the famous cable car (optional at own cost) but most of all sit back and enjoy Wellington at its finest.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Wellington ✈️ Christchurch
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Private transfer Wellington hotel to Airport You will be collected from your Wellington hotel and transferred to the airport.

Air New Zealand flight Wellington to Christchurch Fly from Wellington Airport to Christchurch Airport.

Private transfer Christchurch Airport to your accommodation On arrival, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your Christchurch accommodation.

### DAY 6

Destination	Christchurch 🚆 Greymouth 🚆 Franz Josef
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Christchurch to Greymouth Your early morning departure is rewarded with incredible scenery today onboard the TranzAlpine Scenic Train, considered one of the world's great train journeys. It travels between Christchurch and Greymouth, from one coast of New Zealand to the other. From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Your train then climbs into the Southern Alps before descending through the lush beech rain forest to the West Coast town of Greymouth - a great base for visits to Punakaiki and the West Coast glaciers.

Greymouth to Fox Glacier with GreatSights Your coach to Franz Josef Glacier departs from the Greymouth Railway Station. The journey to the Glaciers is southward through the lush bush covered landscape at the base of the Southern Alps. A refreshment stop in Hokitika allows you to stretch your legs around the town centre. Further along, travelling down the West Coast enjoy the beautiful landscape of vast rainforests, gushing waterfalls and snow-capped mountains before arriving in the small village of Fox Glacier.

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### DAY 7

Destination	Franz Josef
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

**Fox Glacier** The mighty Fox is the largest and longest of the magnificent West Coast glaciers. Remarkably, it ends in temperate rainforest, 250 metres above sea level only twelve kilometres from the sea.

There are more peaks at the head of the Fox Glacier than in any other valley in New Zealand.

The Fox Glacier, like all glaciers, advances and retreats. Evidence of the latest surge forward can be seen in the bulging lower ice fall. Alpine Guides has access onto the lower part of the glacier via a secret track that climbs through regenerating native forest. From the track, you will have stunning views into the upper parts of the glacier. Fox Glacier township is the more "laid back" of the twin Glacier Country townships of Fox and Franz Josef, and people often comment on having chosen Fox for its relaxed atmosphere.

An excellent selection of cafés and a wide range of accommodation complement are available. The township enjoys breathtaking views of New Zealand's highest peaks - Mount Cook and Mount Tasman. Lake Matheson, the famous reflection lake, is a five minute drive west of Fox Township and historic Gillespie's Beach, known for its crashing surf and distant snow capped mountains, is only 25 minutes west by car.

### DAY 8

Destination	Franz Josef 🚗 Wanaka 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Fox Glacier to Queenstown with GreatSights Travel from the remote splendour of Fox Glacier to the exciting adventure playground that is Queenstown on this journey. Journey through the Haast Pass, the southernmost pass between the South Island's two coasts, surrounded by native beech forest, waterfalls and crystal-clear rivers. On the other side of the Southern Alps, enjoy picture-postcard views of vibrant blue glacier-fed lakes like Lake Hawea, Lake Wanaka and Lake Dunstan. Your day tour concludes late afternoon in world famous Queenstown.

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### DAY 9

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Free day in Queenstown Although celebrated as New Zealand's 'adventure capital' Queenstown offers far more than a fast paced action-packed holiday. Settled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu beneath a soaring panorama of the Remarkables Mountain Range, this alpine town is surrounded by a plethora of historic, gastronomic and scenic wonders.

### DAY 10

Destination	Queenstown 🚌 Milford Sound 🚌 Te Anau
Meals included	Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Real Journeys Milford Sound day tour and Nature Cruise Luxury coach transport from Queenstown to Milford Sound, with an extended 2.5 hour Nature Cruise along the full length of the fiord. On boarding a Real Journeys luxury glass-roofed coach in Queenstown, you will enjoy a relaxing trip along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and through the rolling countryside to Te Anau. The coach driver provides an informative commentary. After a morning tea break in Te Anau, where you have the option of purchasing refreshments, the coach continues along the spectacular Milford Road. There is time for photo stops and short walks along the way. On reaching Milford Sound, you board the Milford Mariner for a leisurely extended cruise of the fiord. The cruise provides excellent viewing opportunities and plenty of time is available to enjoy waterfalls, rain forest, mountains and wildlife with extensive commentary by the on board nature guide. Return to Te Anau.

### DAY 11

Destination	Te Anau 🚌 Dunedin
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Te Anau to Dunedin with InterCity This morning depart Te Anau on an InterCity Coach for Christchurch. The Hokonui Hills used to be the hiding place of whisky distillers. The countryside becomes greener and more productive as you near Gore, a centre of the Southland sheep farming industry and this environment continues right through to Milton and Lake Waiholo before the "Edinburgh of the South" the city of Dunedin.

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Dunedin Coach Stop to Accommodation Transfer with Iconic On arrival into Dunedin you will be met from your coach and transferred to your accommodation.

### DAY 12

Destination	Dunedin 🚗 Christchurch
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Dunedin Accommodation to Coach Stop Transfer with Iconic You will be collected from your accommodation and transferred to the coach stop in time for your departure.

Dunedin to Christchurch by InterCity Coach The drive follows the Otago Coastline as you head north from Dunedin. Pass through the unique town of Oamaru, famous for its buildings constructed with the unique locally quarried white stone. The port town of Timaru is next and then the vast Canterbury Plains. Crossing New Zealand's longest bridge at Rakaia you can view some great examples of the South Island's famous braided rivers.

### DAY 13

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Private transfer accommodation to Christchurch Airport A private transfer will collect you from your accommodation and transfer you to Christchurch Airport in time for your departing flight.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

12 nights in 3 star hotel accommodation  
All coach tour transport as specified in this tour package  
Air New Zealand Airfare Wellington to Christchurch  
TranzAlpine Train from Christchurch to Greymouth  
Queenstown Skyline Gondola with dinner  
Real Journeys Milford Sound nature cruise

### Fine Print

#### EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares  
Personal Expenses  
Travel Insurance  
Optional activities  
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional  
Tipping/Gratuities

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$1717 subject to availability.

#### Triple Share

Not available.

#### Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

#### Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### HOTEL LIST

Rotorua: Sudima Lake Rotorua or similar  
Wellington: Distinction Wellington Century City Hotel or similar  
Christchurch: Heartland Hotel Cotswold or similar  
Franz Josef: Heartland Fox Glacier or similar  
Wanaka: Copthorne Hotel or similar  
Queenstown: Copthorne Hotel or similar  
Te Anau: Distinction Luxmore Hotel or similar  
Dunedin: Heritage Dunedin Leisure Lodge or similar

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$850 deposit per person. You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)  
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected  
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests  
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab  
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment.  
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking  
Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

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