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**TOUR ITINERARY**

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination Auckland  Rotorua

Meals included

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.

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### 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 Intercity Depot. Please note that this is a shared transfer, there may be 2-3 extra stops along the way.

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 airport to your accommodation You will be met on arrival at Wellington airport and transferred to your accommodation.

### DAY 4

Destination Wellington ✈️ Christchurch

Meals included

Accommodation N/A

Wellington City Wellington, home to New Zealand's centre of government has a largely cosmopolitan feel. Often referred to as 'mini-Melbourne', this (self described) windy city is a melting pot of art, culture, food and fashion. Quirky laneway bars, underground art shows, and hipster eateries make up its inner city vibe, while a host of sandy beaches outside the urban bustle bring a cheerful holiday feel.

Head to Te Papa Museum for a history lesson and a ticket to one of its many international exhibitions or jump aboard the Wellington Cable Car at Lambton Quay - the only running funicular railway in the country. For those with an eye for boutique fashion wander through Cuba St to sample some of the city's best vintage stores. Break for coffee at a hipster cafe and be sure to snap a pic outside the 'Beehive,' New Zealand's parliamentary debate chamber.

Go behind the scenes at Weta Workshop, the Oscar Award Winning design studio behind Lord Of The Rings, The Hobbit, and Avatar. We recommend a 45 minute guided tour through both the Workshop and Weta Cave. If you're a foodie at heart, a two hour round trip to Martinborough is a must do. Take your time as you wind through spectacular

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wine country, and be sure to stop in at Martinborough Wines or Ata Rangi Martinborough. For a educational day out, learn about New Zealand's native species at Zealandia - the world's first fully fenced eco-sanctuary and home to over 40 types of endangered and native birds.

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 5

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| Destination    | Christchurch 🚌 Mt Cook [Bus Queenstown |
| Meals included | Lunch                                  |
| Accommodation  | N/A                                    |

Christchurch to Queenstown with GreatSights (includes lunch) Leaving Christchurch early, you will travel through the fertile farmland of the Canterbury Plains to glacier-fed Lake Tekapo, where you can view the solitary Church of the Good Shepherd and take in the sights of the spectacular Southern Alps. Then continue to the location of New Zealand's tallest mountain, Aoraki / Mount Cook. Here you will enjoy lunch at the famous Hermitage Hotel. After lunch you'll have time to explore the village and soak up the view. The tour continues south, past Lake Pukaki and through the tawny tussock of the Mackenzie Country. Your tour concludes in the evening upon reaching Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand.

### DAY 6

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

Milford Sound Nature Cruise with return luxury coach transfers from Queenstown Return luxury coach transport from Queenstown to Milford Sound, with an extended two hour Nature Cruise along the full length of the fiord. On board 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

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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 onboard nature guide. Includes picnic boxed lunch.

### DAY 7

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| Destination    | Queenstown |
| Meals included |            |
| Accommodation  | N/A        |

Explore Queenstown and surrounds 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 8

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| Destination    | Queenstown 🚌 Wanaka 🚌 Franz Josef |
| Meals included |                                   |
| Accommodation  | N/A                               |

Queenstown to Franz Josef with GreatSights Leaving Queenstown, travel by luxury coach through the stunning scenery of the South Island. Your driver guide will provide entertaining commentary and point out sites of interest as you pass by the crystal-clear waters of Lake Dunstan, Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea. After a morning tea break in Makarora on the border of Mount Aspiring World Heritage Park, you'll travel through the Haast Pass, journeying through native beech forest and over the Southern Alps, before emerging on the West Coast, arriving in the afternoon at the small village of Franz Josef. From here you can explore the world famous Franz Josef Glacier.

Glacier Valley Shuttle You will be met at your accommodation by a representative from Glacier Shuttles and taken on a short tour to view the glacier. Your shuttle vehicle will transfer you up the Franz Josef valley to the road end. Here you will have the opportunity to walk to view the glacier from a viewing platform. Or enjoy one of the short walks available in this area. You will be returned to your accommodation by the Glacier Valley Shuttles.

### DAY 9

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| Destination    | Franz Josef 🚌 Greymouth 🚌 Christchurch |
| Meals included |  |
| Accommodation  | N/A                                    |

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**Franz Josef to Greymouth Train Station with GreatSights** This morning travel north through the small townships of Whataroa and Harihari. Stop at the Bushman's Centre for refreshments and a chance to experience a bit of West Coast humour. Continue through the township of Ross, which in the late 1800s was the centre of one of New Zealand's richest alluvial goldfields. On arrival in Hokitika there is time to purchase lunch and explore the town centre. Continue onto Greymouth Railway Station from where you catch the world famous TranzAlpine train across the Southern Alps to Christchurch.

**TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Greymouth to Christchurch** Considered one of the world's great train journeys, the TranzAlpine Scenic Train takes you from Greymouth to Christchurch. You'll travel across the South Island from the west to the east coast through Arthur's Pass National Park. From the comfort of your carriage see lush beech forest, deep river valleys and the spectacular peaks of the Southern Alps. Descend to the windswept Canterbury Plains before arriving in the city of Christchurch.

**Private Transfer Christchurch Train Station to your accommodation** On arrival at the Christchurch train station, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your accommodation.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 nights in motel accommodation
- All coach tour transport as specified in this tour package
- Private airport transfers
- Shuttle to Glacier Valley (may not be available May-Sep)
- Air New Zealand Airfare Wellington to Christchurch
- TranzAlpine Train from Greymouth to Christchurch
- Agrodome Show and Farm Tour
- Tamaki Maori Village show and dinner, Rotorua
- Te Puia Maori Arts & Crafts
- Discover Rotorua Morning sights tour
- Entrance to Rainbow Springs
- Waitomo Glow Worm Caves
- Queenstown Skyline Gondola
- Real Journeys Milford Sound Cruise with Lunch

### 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 \$1455 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.

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$700 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. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)  
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!

### HOTEL LIST

Rotorua: Bella Vista or similar  
Wellington: Distinction Wellington or similar  
Christchurch: Amore Motor Lodge or similar  
Queenstown: Bella Vista Queenstown or similar  
Franz Josef: Bella Vista Franz Josef or similar

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