

15 DAY NEW ZEALAND RAIL ADVENTURE

DESTINATIONS

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AUCKLAND
CHRISTCHURCH
QUEENSTOWN
WELLINGTON
ROTORUA
TE ANAU
DUNEDIN
LAKE TEKAPO
FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Auckland
Meals included	Dinner
Hotel	Rydges Auckland Hotel, or similar

Arrive in the 'City of Sails' and be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a special Welcome Dinner as you get to know your fellow travellers.

DAY 2

Destination	Auckland 🚗 Glenbrook 🚗 Pukeoware Depot 🚗 Glenbrook 🚗 Auckland
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Rydges Auckland Hotel, or similar

This morning travel to Glenbrook and board the Glenbrook Vintage Steam Train.

Take a journey through the beautiful rural Franklin countryside before stopping at the Pukeoware Depot to explore the workshop, view other historic locomotives, and enjoy a morning tea.

Re-board and travel back to Glenbrook before returning to Auckland by coach.

DAY 3

Destination	Auckland 🚗 Rotorua
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Sudima Rotorua, or similar

After breakfast, board your coach and head towards the Mamaku Ranges near Rotorua.

Enjoy a unique self-drive Rail Cruising experience. In a hybrid vehicle, you will have a front row seat to the view of the ranges with an audio guide to educate you on the region as well.

In Rotorua, visit Te Puia Cultural Centre, and tour the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute before enjoying a traditional Hāngī Feast and a Māori cultural performance.

DAY 4

Destination	Rotorua
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Sudima Rotorua, or similar

Rotorua captures the essence of New Zealand with its geothermal geysers, fascinating Maori culture and rich heritage.

Your sightseeing continues with a visit to one of New Zealand's best-loved attractions, the Agrodome, and then enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore further or simply relax.

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HOBBITON MOVIE SET & FARM TOUR

Enjoy a scenic drive to The Shires Restaurant Cafe, where a guide will escort you through the site, visiting buildings created for the Lord of the Rings movies.

DAY 5

Destination	Rotorua 🚗 Okahune 🚗 Wellington
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Travelodge Wellington, or similar

Board the Northern Explorer Train for a captivating journey, past a variety of different landscapes.

Continue through to Ohakune where you will travel by coach to Wellington.

DAY 6

Destination	Wellington
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Travelodge Wellington, or similar

After breakfast today, set off on a sightseeing tour of the city's best-loved landmarks and sights, including New Zealand's national museum - Te Papa Tongarewa. This innovative and interactive museum celebrates the treasures of the country.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore the city. Perhaps get a panoramic view of the city and harbour at the Mount Victoria Lookout. You may prefer to simply take a leisurely walk around the waterfront.

DAY 7

Destination	Wellington 🚢 Picton 🚗 Kaikoura 🚗 Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Quality Hotel Elms, or similar

This morning, step aboard the Interislander ferry to cruise from Wellington Harbour across Cook Strait and through the Marlborough and Queen Charlotte sounds to Picton.

Board the Coastal Pacific Train and enjoy a thrilling journey past the picturesque landscapes of the enchanting South Island's rugged east coast.

After your Coastal Pacific journey re-board your coach to travel to Christchurch.

DAY 8

Destination	Christchurch 🚗 Greymouth 🚗 Fox Glacier
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier, or similar

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This morning after breakfast, board the renowned TranzAlpine train for what is considered to be one of the world's greatest rail adventures.

Journey along the Waimakariri River and travel across the Southern Alps within Arthur's Pass National Park.

Upon arrival at Greymouth, you will disembark and travel by coach to the incredible natural surrounds at Franz Josef and Fox glaciers.

DAY 9

Destination	Fox Glacier 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Copthorne Hotel and Apartments Queenstown Lakeview, or similar

Enjoy a day of truly beautiful scenery as you travel to the alpine resort of Queenstown. Known as the country's 'adventure capital'. Queenstown is also renowned for its world-class culinary scene.

This evening you may like to sample some of the region's fresh flavours at one of the many restaurants in walking distance from your hotel. (own expense).

DAY 10

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Copthorne Hotel and Apartments Queenstown Lakeview, or similar

Today you have the freedom to simply relax or choose one of TravelMarvel's exciting Select Experiences.

For the adventurous, perhaps head out on a jet boat ride. The Shotover Jet Boat roars through dramatic river canyons within centimetres of sheer rock walls.

SKYLINE GONDOLA

Ride the gondola 450 metres above Queenstown to the top of Bob's Peak for a buffet dinner at Stratosfare Restaurant. (Transfers not included).

DAY 11

Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Te Anau 🚗 Milford Sound 🚗 Te Anau
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau, or similar

Follow The Remarkables mountain range and Lake Wakatipu to Fiordland National Park.

Cruise Milford Sound, a magnificent fiord with views of waterfalls, dense rainforest and sheer cliffs.

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DAY 12

Destination	Te Anau 🚂 Pukerangi 🚂 Dunedin
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Scenic Hotel Dunedin City, or similar

Travel through the spectacular Southland countryside to Pukerangi where you will board the Taieri Gorge Railway, one of the world's greatest train trips.

The train snakes through incredible landscapes to the city of Dunedin.

DAY 13

Destination	Dunedin 🚂 Waitaiti 🚂 Oamaru 🚂 Mt Cook 🚂 Lake Tekapo
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Peppers Bluewater Resort, or similar

Board the Seaside Train today and travel along the edge of the Otago Harbour, and along the Pacific Coast.

Rejoin your coach to Oamaru and discover some of New Zealand's finest 19th-century architecture.

Journey north to view the unusual Moeraki Boulders scattered along a stretch of Koekohe Beach.

Head into Aoraki Mt Cook National Park and marvel at your surrounds.

DAY 14

Destination	Lake Tekapo 🚂 Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ The Commodore Hotel, or similar

Today visit the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd. Later, head back to Christchurch where you will enjoy a Farewell Dinner.

DAY 15

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your tour concludes after breakfast with a transfer to the airport.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Arrival and departure transfers with guide assistance
- 14 nights accommodation
- All Transportation - train, cruise and coaches
- Meals: 23 as per itinerary
- Group size: 48 maximum
- 1 English speaking tour leader – Will accompany the group throughout
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional
- Comfortable, dedicated private coach throughout
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

Fine Print

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$200 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1,036 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 100 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 position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

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EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre and post-tour accommodation

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$130 per person per night for twin share (room only)
- Post-tour accommodation: \$120 per person per night for twin share (room only)

Arrival and departure airport shuttle transfers (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Arrival Transfer: included
- Departure Transfer: included

Please note, the transfers are not private and you may be grouped with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability. Alternatively, you may purchase 1 pre or post-night accommodation + transfers, at time of booking.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities:

- Hobbiton Movie Set & Farm Tour (Day 4) - \$120
- Skyline Gondola (Day 10) - \$95

Costs are per person. Tour descriptions are in the day-by-day itinerary.

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

EXCLUSIONS

- Return airfares
- Laundry
- Food not on regular menu
- Excess baggage
- Fuel surcharges
- Optional excursions
- Visas (if applicable)
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

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Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package.

You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

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

Single supplement is \$1,850 per person, in addition to the twin-share price.

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of your return.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://smartraveller.gov.au> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 42 days prior to travel.

Group Size

A maximum of 48 people

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Children

Children must be 12 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

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