

14 DAY NEW ZEALAND RAIL EXPERIENCE

DESTINATIONS

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WELLINGTON
CHRISTCHURCH
AUCKLAND



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Auckland
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Copthorne Auckland City, or similar

Welcome to Auckland. On arrival, please make your way to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with this vibrant city.

If you would like to take part of the below optional activity you will need to arrive in Auckland a day before. We can help you arrange that extra night of accommodation if needed.

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Experience the best sights of Auckland City in the morning combined with an afternoon Wilderness Experience – a day of contrasts. See the best of New Zealand’s biggest city on an Auckland City highlights tour which includes Queen Street and the Harbour Bridge with its views of the harbour and yacht marina. See Mt Eden (360 degrees views) and the Domain, Parnell Village, Paratai Drive - the most exclusive homes in Auckland - and the waterfront. Continue on the Wilderness Experience tour and discover Auckland’s largest regional park, the Waitakere Ranges only 30kms from the city. Visit the Arataki Centre with its spectacular views of both coasts and magnificent Maori carvings. Continue to Black Sand Beach where the guide will explain local history, flora and fauna of the region, then visit a dense rainforest with giant tree ferns, Kauri trees and waterfalls before returning to Auckland.

Includes, pick up and drop off from your accommodation and light snacks.

Starts: 09.00am

Finishes: 17.30

DAY 2


Destination	Auckland 🚌 Hobbiton 🚌 Waitomo 🚌 Auckland
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Copthorne Auckland City, or similar

Today you will be collected from your hotel to join a guided tour of Hobbiton and Waitomo. Travel south from Auckland over the Bombay Hills to the rich farmland of the Waikato region. Your journey takes you through undulating green hills reminding you that you are approaching The Shire. Your guide will give you commentary on the way to Hobbiton with insights into the areas you are travelling through, along with some background to the movies.

On arrival at Shire’s Rest you embark on your Hobbiton movie set tour. This location is the largest “green set” in the world and the only part of the set remaining in New Zealand. You see 44 hobbit holes, the Mill and the Party Tree. At this stunning location you can take a photo at the gate to Bilbo’s house, “Bag End”, looking out over the whole set to the hills in the distance. You will be treated to a sumptuous buffet lunch in the marquee. There is time for shopping before your tour continues to Waitomo. (Drive time 1 hr 20min). On arrival in Waitomo, join a 45 minute guided tour of the incredible Waitomo Glow Worm caves. Discover an ancient world 30 million years in the making. Enjoy the delicate cave formations and be wowed in the Cathedral, before taking the iconic boat ride through the glow worm grotto (subject to water levels). Marvel in silence at thousands of magical glow worms, which are unique to New Zealand before exiting the cave. Upon conclusion you will be returned to your hotel in Auckland.

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DAY 3

Destination	Auckland  Wellington
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Distinction Wellington, or similar

Today make your way to Auckland central station to board the Northern Explorer. New Zealand's longest running passenger service, the Northern Explorer is a long distance scenic train service running between Auckland and Wellington, stopping at Palmerston North, Ohakune, National Park and Hamilton. This iconic train journey allows you to experience the extremes of New Zealand's scenery, from the fertile farmlands of Waikato to the volcanic peaks of the Central Plateau and the sparkling Kapiti coast.

The train has panoramic windows, open-air view carriage, a fully licenced cafe plus commentary allowing you to connect with the histories, legends and myths of New Zealand.

On arrival in Wellington, disembark your scenic train and make your way to your hotel. We recommend a short taxi service which can be found easily when exiting the station.

DAY 4

Destination	Wellington
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Distinction Wellington, or similar

This morning, you'll be collected from your hotel to join a half day city sights tour of Wellington. An intimate tour looking at the unique aspects of the World's Coolest Little Capital. Drive through Courtenay Place and Oriental Parade and head up Mt Victoria for spectacular views of the City and Harbour. Then travel the stunning, rugged coastline, now a marine reserve, stopping along the way to taste some famous Wellington coffee. Return to the central city for a drive through the quirky Cuba Street district and along Lambton Quay, the main shopping street, for a chance to ride the famous Wellington Cable Car. We finish the tour with stops at Parliament and Old St Paul's Cathedral. The tour concludes at your hotel around 1:30pm where the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 5

Destination	Wellington  Picton  Christchurch
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Ibis Hotel Christchurch, or similar

A big day of stunning landscapes is ahead of you today. This morning, make your way to the central wharf to board the Interislander ferry to Picton. Connecting the North Island and South Island together since 1962, the Interislander ferry service is New Zealand's original Cook Strait ferry. Sailing between Wellington and Picton several times a day, the Interislander journey is considered one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world and one of New Zealand's most iconic experiences and connects seamlessly with the Coastal Pacific train which is the next leg of your journey.

On arrival in Picton, walk from the ferry wharf to the train station which are separated by only metres. (Your luggage will be checked in from Wellington ferry through to Christchurch). The location is well sign posted. The Coastal Pacific train takes you along rugged coastlines, across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, on a timeless journey of breathtaking beauty. On arrival in Christchurch, disembark your scenic train and make your way to your hotel. We recommend a short taxi service which can be found easily when exiting the station.

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Itinerary note. Coastal Pacific schedule hasn't been released yet for the season commencing on 1st October 2021. Should Coastal Pacific train not run on this day, the trip between Picton and Christchurch will be travelled by bus instead.

DAY 6

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Ibis Hotel Christchurch, or similar

This morning you will be collected from the hotel to enjoy a half-day guided tour of Christchurch. Your guide will explain both the history of the city and the effects of the earthquake, you will see for yourself both the destructive powers of nature and the rebuild taking place. On leaving the inner city, the tour travels to Mona Vale a historic homestead and gardens. We then travel to the Sign of the Takahe, an historic building with a lookout providing spectacular views over the city, Canterbury Plains and to the Southern Alps. The tour then travels via the Port Hills and Lyttleton Harbour by way of the Sign of the Kiwi and Governors Bay to the Port of Lyttleton. The tour proceeds through the Lyttleton harbour tunnel to the seaside suburb of Sumner and cave rock before returning to your hotel where the tour will conclude. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 7

Destination	Christchurch 🚗 Mt Cook National Park
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Mt Cook Lodge, or similar

Today the driving portion of your holiday begins! New Zealand is a drivers paradise, stunning scenery, leisurely speeds and easy navigable roads. Please make your way to the city Hertz office to collect your vehicle. The car includes unlimited kilometres in a mid-sized Group D vehicle.

Leaving Christchurch, begin the drive south. Watch the scenery and skyline becomes jaw-dropping with the Southern Alps towering over the horizon.

Mt Cook, locally known as Aoraki is the highest mountain in New Zealand at 3,754m. The drive takes approximately 4.5hrs from Christchurch. At the foot of the mountain sits the village of Mount Cook - a comfortable haven in one of the most unforgiving parts of New Zealand. On every side, the Southern Alps scrape the sky. On arrival check in to your hotel and enjoy the alpine village. The nearby Hooker River is accessible to see huge glacier carved icebergs.

DAY 8

Destination	Mt Cook 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Heartland Hotel Queenstown, or similar

Leaving Mt Cook this morning, continue your drive south to Queenstown. It seems impossible the scenery can get any better, but today's drive takes you even deeper into the majesty of New Zealand.

On arrival in Queenstown make your way to your hotel for check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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DAY 9

Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Milford Village 🚗 Milford Sound 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today drive 288km (approximately 3hr 30 min) to Milford Sound Visitor Terminal in time to join your 1.30pm cruise.

Sit back and relax as your 2 hour cruise departs from Milford Sound Wharf, and makes its way out past the iconic Mitre Peak. Cruise the length of the 16km fiord, out past St Annes Point Lighthouse, while listening to informative commentary from our skipper who will highlight points of interest along the way including the mighty Lady Bowen Falls, Lion Mountain, Copper Point, Seal Rock and Stirling Falls.

Whether you choose to keep warm with a complimentary tea/coffee seated inside our lounge or want to get outside and breathe in the pristine sea air, you are going to be inspired by the majesty of the region.

This cruise has strictly limited passenger numbers, rewarding you with an intimate experience of Milford Sound while allowing for unobstructed photo opportunities from our outdoor viewing decks.

Be sure to keep an eye out for seals basking in the sun, pods of dolphins or rare Fiordland Crested Penguins that can be found seasonally within the region.

Drive back to your accommodation in Queenstown.

DAY 10

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Heartland Hotel Queenstown, or similar

Enjoy a free day at leisure to explore Queenstown at your own pace.

HALF DAY 4WD SKIPPERS CANYON

Join a Skippers Canyon adventure is a half-day heritage tour that follows the rugged and once treacherous Skippers Road. Travel the road that was hacked by hand into the sheer cliff sides of the Shotover River Valley making this an exciting adventure the whole family will enjoy. As your guide navigates this awe-inspiring canyon you will visit many historic sites such as the Skippers Suspension Bridge and the township of Skippers. Visit the restored school house where you will gain a real insight into the local heritage through photos and histories of life in this tough environment. British Automobile Association voted Skippers Canyon Road as one of the 25 most scenic roads in the world. Hotel pick up and drop off included.

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DAY 11

Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Wanaka
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Lake Wanaka Bella Vista, or similar

Today, make the short drive to Wanaka. The suggested route is via Cardrona Road along the Crown Range. The Crown Range road climbs to high altitudes and crosses a mountain chain the Cromwell route doesn't. While the Crown Range Road is a shorter distance to journey between Queenstown and Wanaka, travel time is longer and the road is more challenging than the usual route through Cromwell. You should also allow time to stop and admire the massive views, which are often accompanied by amusing encounters with kea (mountain parrots). On arrival in Wanaka make your way to your hotel for check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 12

Destination	Wanaka 🚗 Franz Josef Glacier
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Franz Josef Glacier Punga Grove, or similar

Leaving Wanaka, make your way up the western coast of New Zealand. This trip tracks down the West Coast through the breathtaking Haast Pass and to Glacier country. Fox Glacier and Franz Josef allow you to see two glaciers in one day. The Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers are unique relics of the last ice age. Mighty rivers of solid white, tumbling down ice-hewn rock valleys, they are classically beautiful in the glacial sense. Nowhere else in the world have glaciers advanced so close to the sea at this latitude. On arrival in Franz Josef make your way to your hotel for check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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Destination	Franz Josef Glacier 🚗 Greymouth 🚆 Christchurch
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Ibis Hotel Christchurch, or similar

Continuing driving the West Coast until arriving in Greymouth. On arrive in Greymouth, drop your car at the Hertz office before boarding the TransAlpine train to Christchurch.

Considered one of the world's greatest train journeys, this journey you'll see epic vistas, travel the edges of the ice-fed Waimakariri River, traverse the Southern Alps, and see miles of native beech forest.

The train has panoramic windows, open-air view carriage, a fully licenced cafe plus commentary allowing you to connect the scenery all around you.

On arrival in Christchurch, disembark your scenic train and make your way to your hotel. We recommend a short taxi service which can be found easily when exiting the station.

DAY 14

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Your holiday concludes this morning or make your own arrangements to continue your journey.

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You may wish to extend your stay in Christchurch and book the below optional activity. We can assist you book an extra night of accommodation if needed.

AKAROA DAY TOUR INCLUDING HARBOUR CRUISE AND LUNCH

Visit the beautiful unspoilt old French whaling depot of Akaroa. Stop at the Hill Top to experience panoramic views of Akaroa Harbour and visit the Cheese Factory at Barry's Bay to sample some fine New Zealand cheeses. In the afternoon enjoy a 2 hour harbour cruise on the Canterbury Cat, sightseeing dolphins, penguins and seals.

Duration: This tour departs at 09.00am and returns at 05.00pm.

Inclusions: Hotel pick up and drop off; Harbour Cruise and lunch.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, visit Waitomo and Hobbiton, travel on some of the world's most scenic rail journeys, cruise the waters of spectacular Milford Sound and visit New Zealand's famous glaciers and national parks
- 13 nights accommodation in hotels and motels
- Travel on board the TranzAlpine, Northern Explorer and Coastal Pacific trains (*see Day 5 itinerary note for train schedule)
- Cruise between Wellington and Picton on the Interlander scenic ferry
- Cruise Milford Sound, New Zealand's most stunning natural attraction
- Included sightseeing throughout
- Enjoy the flexibility of independent travel
- 7 days Hertz Group D car rental

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- See Hobbiton, the original set from the multi-award winning Lord of the Rings trilogy
- Venture in to Waitomo Caves where the darkness comes alive with mesmerising glow worms
- Take the iconic Northern Explorer train from Auckland to Wellington and experience the extremes of New Zealand's scenery
- Take a tour looking at the unique aspects of the World's Coolest Little Capital, Wellington
- Catch the Interislander Ferry from Wellington to Picton, considered one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world
- Ride the Coastal Train from Picton to Christchurch (**see Day 5 itinerary note for train schedule*)
- Experience Christchurch and see how it has been rebuilt from the devastation of earthquakes
- Drive to the highest point in New Zealand, the iconic Mt Cook
- Continue the drive to Queenstown, driving the mesmerising Crown Range.
- Spend time in Queenstown, the adventure capital
- Cruise the spectacular waters of Milford Sound
- See two glaciers in one day, Franz and Fox Glaciers
- Travel on board the TranzAlpine. Considered one of the world's greatest train journeys

TRAIN INFORMATION

Northern Explorer, between Auckland and Wellington

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The train company will automatically reserve your seat(s). Your seat number(s) will be on your Boarding Pass, which we print the day before travel ready for your arrival.

All seats are the same. They are large, they are comfy, they are reclined - and they all have amazing views!

All seats have New Zealand 3-pin power sockets and a headphone socket for listening to the onboard commentary (headphones are supplied).

Coastal Pacific Train, between Picton and Kaikoura

Scenic Class carriage experience combines comfort and panoramic views, making our trains the perfect way to explore New Zealand.

At the heart of our Scenic Class experience are spacious reclined seats, panoramic windows, glass shelves and skylights. These details bathe our carriages in light and bring New Zealand's famous landscapes to your seat.

Scenic Class carriages deliver extremely wide viewing angles by spacing the seating out. This spaciousness also creates generous amounts of legroom and comfort.

TranzAlpine, between Greymouth and Christchurch

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CAR HIRE INFORMATION

Driver License Requirements

All Renters and any additional drivers must present a full, valid national

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Drivers License that meets the following requirements:

1. The Drivers License for all drivers must be presented at the time of rental
2. Drivers License must be in English
3. If not in English, it must be accompanied by an International Drivers License or Permit by a certified English translation
4. Chinese Driver's Licenses are acceptable, but they must have a China Notarial Certificate (CNC):
 - a. Is valid for driving the vehicle;
 - b. Is not a learner's permit;
 - c. The driver has held for at least twelve consecutive months; and
 - d. Satisfies any other conditions on the Rental Agreement or in any additional terms

Digital Drivers License

A Digital Drivers License is not accepted. Drivers require a hard copy license until further notice.

Deposit

All rentals are subject to a deposit to cover additional costs. A min of NZ\$200 applies if using a credit card in the name of the renter. Cash deposits are NO longer accepted.

Rates Include

Unlimited Kilometres, Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) subject to Accident Damage excess, Admin Fee Recovery (AFR), 24Hr Breakdown Roadside Assistance, Goods & Service Tax (GST)

Rates Exclude

Airport/Ferry Concession Fee Recovery (ACFR), Maximum Cover (MAX) Fuel, One Way Fees, Optional Extras (baby seats, snow chains etc), applicable Locations Fees.

Damage Excess for Cars

Damage Excess @ NZD 4500.00

Reducible to NZD 800.00 on purchase of Accident Excess Reduction (AER) at rental counter @ NZD 30.00 per day

Reducible to NIL on purchase of MAX at the rental counter @ NZD 39.00 per day

Young Renters Fee

A Young Renter Fee of \$20.00 including GST per day, per renter will apply to all renters aged between 18-20 years.

This will be capped at 10 days in every 30-day rental.

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Standard Rental conditions will apply and only a full driver's licence will be accepted.

This fee will apply to all main renters and additional drivers.

Hertz Standard Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#)

Fine Print

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

Flexible Date Change Option

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the

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standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1000 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red '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
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- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm

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all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.

- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities (prices are per person):

- Auckland (Day 1): Best of Both Worlds - \$194
- Queenstown (Day 10): Half Day 4WD Skippers Canyon - \$193
- Christchurch (Day 14): Akaroa Day Tour Including Harbour Cruise and Lunch - \$210

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. We appreciate your understanding.

EXCLUSIONS

- International Flights
- Hotel transfers not mentioned in the itinerary
- No meals, unless stated in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

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.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3".

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

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.

Car Hire and Insurance

Included with your package is Unlimited Kilometres, Loss Damage Waiver (LDW), and 24Hr Breakdown Roadside Assistance. A standard car hire excess of \$2,000NZ will apply. You may wish to lower your car excess, which will be offered to you upon collection of your vehicle and can not be pre-purchased.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$1990 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.

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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.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

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

Group Size

This package is made up of multiple components which will be provided by different operators throughout your trip. As such, group size will differ between operators and can be as intimate as 2 people or as lively as up to 60 people, depending on the activity and advertised inclusions. There may be unique cases where your selected travel date exceeds the expected group size for special events or types of activities, particularly during popular times of travel. For packages that include a train or cruise, you will be travelling with other passengers up to the capacity of this component.

When travelling with a group, no matter the size, we ask you to be understanding of the various needs and preferences of your group - patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience.

Bedding requests

We do our best to meet your bedding preference, however, bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only and cannot be guaranteed. All efforts will be made to meet your preference, however, any changes are beyond our control and limited by the hotel facilities and availability.

Tour Styles - This package is an Independent style.

To meet the needs of various types of travellers, we choose to operate various types of tours and depending on your selected package will mean different services are provided throughout your trip. The following descriptions of each tour style we hope will ensure that each traveller has appropriate expectations before they start their travels:

- Independent - On these packages you will travel from city to city on your own, exploring at your own pace. We have arranged transportation in most cases and day tours for you to see the destination. Enjoy the time and flexibility to linger

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longer or pick up the pace and see as much as possible.

- Partially Escorted - A portion of these packages runs as a group tour where you will be escorted by an expert tour leader. Another portion is independent, whether conducted by rail, cruise or land, and you will travel between destinations on your own, with free time to explore at your own pace.
- Fully Escorted - This tour is fully escorted by an expert English-speaking guide who will accompany you throughout the tour.

Who is operating this package

We have partnered with a wide range of third party operators who assist in fulfilling your booking and delivering an enjoyable on-tour experience. Each package will consist of multiple operators meaning both guides and fellow travellers may change day to day. But don't worry, regardless of the operator, you'll be in good hands to experience the most out of each destination.