

13 DAY RAIL JOURNEYS OF NEW ZEALAND

DESTINATIONS

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QUEENSTOWN
FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER
CHRISTCHURCH
AUCKLAND



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Peppers Beacon Queenstown, or similar

Welcome to Queenstown! On arrival, please make your way to the starting point hotel. After check-in, you can head out and explore town.

Check in & arrival information.

Queenstown airport is located approximately 9kms from town. A taxi or Uber to your hotel should cost approximately NZD 35-40.

You can opt to increase your car rental to 6 days and collect your vehicle today at the airport. Please consider that traffic and parking in Queenstown can be troublesome - particularly in the warmer months. Car parking is available at the hotel at NZD 24 per day (payable directly to the hotel if required)

Hotel check in is at 2pm. Should you arrive earlier than this, hotel staff will do all possible to check you in as soon as possible. If your room is not available before check-in time, you are welcome to leave your luggage in storage and explore the surrounding area.

DAY 2

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Peppers Beacon Queenstown, or similar

Today is at your leisure to do as little or as much as you want. With literally hundreds of activities to choose from, Queenstown will sure have something to offer you. From helicopter rides, to hiking, fishing, winery visits, cycling...cycling through wineries and so on you will find it hard to settle for just one of them.

MILFORD SOUND DAY TOUR

Travel by luxury coach on an unforgettable journey from Queenstown into Milford Sound. Located within the World Heritage Fiordland National Park, this region is rich with dense rainforest, lakes and waterfalls cascading from rugged mountain peaks. Travel through the Southern Alps via the Homer Tunnel, a 1.2km tunnel drilled through a solid mountain of rock. Upon arrival at Milford Sound, board your Gem of The South vessel for a spectacular cruise in New Zealand's most famous waterway. Return by coach to Queenstown. Picnic Lunch is included during your cruise today.

WINE & FOOD SAMPLER

This half day wine and food experience delivers an unforgettable taste of Central Otago's wine region, showcasing its superb local produce. Your winery lunch consists of several tasting dishes each perfectly matched by the Chief Winemaker and Head Chef, using estate wines and fresh local produce. Enjoy wine tasting and presentations at 3 wineries, generally visiting one larger well-known winery and two boutique style wineries. An underground wine cave tour & tastings gives you inside information about our great wines and the Central Otago wine industry.

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HALF DAY BIKE THE WINERIES TOUR

This half day **self-guided** tour begins with an afternoon pick up from our shop at 9 Duke Street in central Queenstown and a scenic transfer to the Kawarau Suspension Bridge, the home of bungy and the beginning of the Gibbston Wine Region.

After bike fitting, helpful winery and trail information from your knowledgeable driver, you're free to set off riding the Gibbston River Trail at your leisure using our informative trail map with exclusive offers to visit as many of the amazing wineries, a cheesery and brewery linked throughout this section of easy riding trail.

We will pick you up from the Gibbston Tavern (or another pre-arranged point in the valley) for your relaxing vehicle transfer back to Queenstown. Total biking distance is 5-12 kms depending on how many wineries you wish to visit.

DAY 3

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Peppers Beacon Queenstown, or similar

Today is free for you to explore Queenstown at your own pace.

DAY 4

Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Franz Josef Glacier
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier, or similar

Today, collect your vehicle and start the driving portion of your holiday as you drive 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.

This afternoon you may want to consider the below helicopter ride over Fox Glacier & Mount Cook. This activity starts from the town of Fox Glacier, which is approximately 37km (45'-1hr drive) from the town Franz Josef - your final destination tonight. These activities require a minimum of 3 travellers to run and are weather dependent. Your flight time may vary from 4pm this afternoon to 9am tomorrow morning.

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

Car Hire Pick Up.

Up to 31 December 2021 - Collect your car from Hertz downtown office, located on 1-7 Earl Street, St Peter's Close. Phone: +64 3-442 4106) from 9am to 12pm

From 1 January 2022 - Collect your car from Budget downtown office, located 68/70 Stanley Street. Phone: +64 3-442 9274) from 8am to 12pm.

Please note a NZD \$50 - Budget One Way Fee applies from 1 January 2022 and payable on collection

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FOX GLACIER & MOUNT COOK HELICOPTER RIDE FROM FOX GLACIER

Fly over the legendary Fox Glacier and snowfields and discover the crevasses and ice forms being exposed below you. Land in the snow above the icefalls of the glacier and experience the magnitude of the scenery surrounding you. Then let the impressive presence of Aoraki/Mount Cook amaze you as you explore its majestic west face, before descending into the valleys below.

DAY 5

Destination	Franz Josef Glacier 🚗 Punakaiki
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Punakaiki Resort, or similar

Today continue driving north to Punakaiki and explore the Pancake Rocks and blowholes Punakaiki is famous for.

Approximate driving distance: 222kms, 4hrs

TWIN GLACIER HELICOPTER RIDE FROM FRANZ JOSEF

Fly over two of New Zealand's most famous glaciers and land at the head of either the Franz Josef or Fox Glacier. View the incredible natural phenomenon of the glacier as it winds slowly down the carved valleys from its origin in the mountains high above you.

Duration: 30 minutes

DAY 6

Destination	Punakaiki 🚗 Greymouth 🚆 Christchurch
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Rydges Latimer Christchurch, or similar

Start with an easy drive south until arriving in Greymouth. On arrival in Greymouth, drop your car before boarding the TransAlpine train to Christchurch. Car hire depots are located next to the train station.

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.

Approximate driving distance: 50km, 1.5hrs

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DAY 7

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Rydges Latimer Christchurch, or similar

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

CITY SIGHTSEEING - DISCOVER CHRISTCHURCH MORNING TOUR

Experience the grand architecture, beautiful gardens and scenic view points on a half-day city tour of Christchurch.

The tour commences in the central city of Christchurch and covers the area which was completely devastated by the Christchurch earthquakes in February 2011. The 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 the central city where the tour will conclude.

This sightseeing tour of Christchurch offers complimentary pick ups and drop off anywhere within Christchurch City

Tour Duration: 3 hours

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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TRAM RESTAURANT FOUR COURSE DINNER

Experience the luxury of our 36 seater air-conditioned, colonial style dining tram and be treated to the finest service, cuisine and beverages New Zealand has to offer. Incorporate fabulous dining with a sightseeing tour showcasing Christchurch's inner city vibrancy and heritage – truly a mix of the old and the new. The Christchurch Tramway Restaurant dinner tour is a unique activity not to be missed.

Departs from Tram Stop 1 in Cathedral Junction at 7:00pm March - October and 7:30pm November - February

Includes: Welcome drink, four-course meal, tea or coffee, tram ride

Duration: 2.5 hours

DAY 8

Destination	Christchurch  Picton  Wellington
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay, or similar

A big day of stunning landscapes is ahead of you today. This morning, make your way to Christchurch train station by 06.30am to take The Coastal Pacific train to Picton. A taxi ride from the hotel to the train station should cost approximately NZD 40. The Coastal Pacific train takes you along rugged coastlines, across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, on a timeless journey of breathtaking beauty.

Upon arrival at Picton, make your way to the central wharf which is only metres away from the train stop (your luggage will be checked in from Christchurch through to Wellington) and board the Interislander ferry to Wellington. Connecting the North Island and South Island together since 1962, the Interislander ferry service is New Zealand's original Cook Strait ferry. Sailing between Picton and Wellington 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.

Itinerary note. Coastal Pacific schedule hasn't been released yet for the season commencing on 2nd May 2022. Should the Coastal Pacific train not run on this day, the trip between Christchurch and Picton will be travelled by bus instead.

DAY 9

Destination	Wellington
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay, or similar

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

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LORD OF THE RINGS FULL DAY TOUR

Starting on Mt Victoria with a visit to the lookout then onto locations used in the Trilogy like the Outer Shire, Hobbiton Woods & Dunharrow. Then out to the Hutt Valley to Kaitoke Regional park, the location of Rivendell. Along the way visiting Isengard, Fords of Isen, the River Anduin and past the quarry where Helms Deep & Minas Tirith were filmed. The Full day tour also includes an Orc sized picnic lunch or café lunch plus a visit to the famous Weta Cave and now including the Weta Workshop tour.

Duration: This tour starts at 08.30am and returns at 04.30pm

Inclusions: Hotel pick up and drop off and lunch.

DAY 10

Destination	Wellington
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay, or similar

Today is free for you to continue to enjoy Wellington at leisure.

DAY 11

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

Today make your way to Wellington 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. 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 Auckland, 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 and costs approximately NZD 45.

DAY 12

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

Today, enjoy Auckland at your own pace.

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DAY 13

Destination	Auckland
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today your Rail Journey of New Zealand tour comes to an end! At the appropriate time today make your way to the airport or continue your onward journey.

Alternatively, contact us if you wish to extend your stay in Auckland as we can help you make arrangements for additional accommodation.

Check out & departure information.

A taxi or Uber from your hotel to Auckland costs approximately NZD 45-50 per car. Hotel check out is at 11am. You are welcome to leave your luggage in storage and explore the surrounding area if departing later.

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Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend time in Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand
- Drive through spectacular mountain and coastal sceneries of New Zealand's South Island
- Enjoy breathtaking views of New Zealand's Alpine region at Punakaiki
- Travel on board the TranzAlpine. Considered one of the world's greatest train journeys
- Experience Christchurch and see how it has been rebuilt from the devastation of earthquakes
- Ride the Coastal Train from Christchurch to Picton
- Catch the Interislander Ferry from Picton to Wellington, considered one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world
- Take the iconic Northern Explorer train from Wellington to Auckland and experience the extremes of New Zealand's scenery
- Enjoy me-time in Auckland to discover this vibrant city at your own pace

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, travel on some of the world's most scenic rail journeys, drive at your own pace through spectacular mountain and coastal sceneries of New Zealand's South Island
- Travel on board the TranzAlpine, Northern Explorer and Coastal Pacific trains (*see Rail Schedule note under Important Information)
- Cruise between Wellington and Picton on the Interislander scenic ferry
- 12 nights accommodation at 4 star hotels
- 3 days Toyota Corolla car rental (automatic, unlimited kilometres)
- Enjoy the flexibility of independent travel

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TRAIN INFORMATION

TranzAlpine, between Greymouth and Christchurch

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.

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

Coastal Pacific Train, between Christchurch to Picton

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Northern Explorer, between Wellington to Auckland

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).

Rail schedule

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CAR HIRE INFORMATION

For rental car collection up to 31 December 2021

Driver License Requirements

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

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apply to all renters aged between 18-20 years.
This will be capped at 10 days in every 30-day rental.
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](#)

For rental car collection from 1 January 2022

Driver License Requirements

All drivers must be 21 years old or over and hold a Full, current non probationary drivers licence (with an English translation shown on the driver licence) for their home country. If the licence is not issued fully (i.e. every single endorsement) in English, it must be accompanied by either an international driver permit or an approved translation. There is no maximum age for hiring a vehicle in New Zealand.

- Additional Authorised Driver have to be registered on the rental agreement.

Each additional driver will cost \$5+GST NZD per day up to a maximum of \$25+GST NZD for the entire length of rental. Partner / Spouse (not restricted to marriages / relationships between individuals of any gender) are exempt from this fee. All additional drivers must meet the above criteria

Deposit

A credit card issued in the renter's name must be provided at time of collection. A minimum of \$100 NZD pre-authorisation will be charged plus total value of any optional extras elected

Damage Excess Reduction

The excess amount can be reduced to NZD\$350.00 +GST by purchasing Excess Reduction at commencement of the rental. Excess Reduction is NZD\$25+GST per rental day.

Please Note: For Standard rates, \$1400+GST will be charged if a windscreen (front or back) is cracked or broken that requires replacement. For Excess reduced (Inclusive) rates, the excess will be charged, Chip on windscreen will cost \$60+GST

Please Note: Cost of tyre replacement is not covered unless the Road Side Assistance is purchased at the counter.

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Rates Include

Goods and Services Tax (GST), currently at 15%, Unlimited kilometres
Standard Motor Vehicle Damage Waiver

Rates Exclude

NZD \$50 One Way payable on collection, FeeSpecial Request Delivery
Fees, Optional Extras (GPS, child safety seats, etc), Damage Excess
Reduction, Fuel.

These above items are to be paid directly by the clients on car
collection.

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

Fine Print

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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.

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.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$804 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 120 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
- 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 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.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

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

- Queenstown (Day 2): Half Day Bike The Wineries Tour - \$80
- Queenstown (Day 2): Famous Routeburn Track- \$204
- Queenstown (Day 2): Wine & Food Sampler - \$186
- Queenstown (Day 2): Milford Sound Day Tour with Lunch - \$230
- Franz Joseph (Day 5): Twin Glacier Helicopter Ride - \$335
- Franz Joseph (Day 5): Fox Glacier & Mount Cook (departs from Fox Glacier) - \$335
- Christchurch (Day 7): Discover Christchurch Morning Tour - \$70
- Christchurch (Day 7): Tramway Restaurant Dinner - \$126
- Christchurch (Day 7): Akaroa Day Tour, Including Harbour Cruise & Lunch - \$251
- Wellington (Day 9): Lord Of The Rings Full Day Tour - \$408
- Auckland (Day 12): Auckland City Sights & Waiheke Wine Tour - \$207

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.

PRE AND POST HOTEL INFORMATION

You can enhance your holiday by arriving early or staying longer upon conclusion of the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre and post tour accommodation

- Pre-tour accommodation in Queenstown: From \$324 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation in Auckland: From \$247 per room per night for double/twin/single, room only rate

Pre and Post accommodation is subject to availability and pricing may differ based on your season of travel.

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CAR HIRE OPTIONS AND UPGRADES

Upgrade to an Airport collection

You can opt to increase your car rental to 6 days and collect your vehicle at the airport on Day 1 of this trip. Please consider that traffic and parking in Queenstown can be troublesome - particularly in the warmer months. Car parking is available at the hotel at NZD 24 per day (payable directly to the hotel if required). An extra \$163 per person (two person booking) or \$326 (one person booking) applies. This upgrade includes Hertz Maximum Coverage (NIL damage excess including glass & tyres and waives liability for theft or loss to vehicle)

Upgrade to a Hertz Group J vehicle

You may want to upgrade your car hire to a Hertz Group J, Intermediate 4WD, Toyota Rav 4 or Similar for an extra \$212.50 per person (two people booking) or \$425 (one person booking). This upgrade includes airport pick up on Day 1 of the trip and Hertz Maximum Coverage (NIL damage excess including glass & tyres and waives liability for theft or loss to vehicle)

Bring Your Own Vehicle (No Car Rental Included)

You can opt to drive your own vehicle. A total of \$75 per person (two people booking) or \$150 (one person booking) will be reduced from the total price. Please note this option in the Special Request field while booking and the cost will be deducted from your invoice.

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Rail Schedule

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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 "2".

2 – Leisurely Paced Tour: This itinerary will be conducted at a relaxed

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pace. You will typically spend several nights at one location which means less time spent packing and unpacking, and more sightseeing. You will be required to move about unassisted, including getting on and off vehicles, walking up and down stairs and handling your own luggage. While on this itinerary you will need to be able to walk in and out of train stations (Adelaide & Melbourne) carrying your own luggage.

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 \$1910 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.

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,

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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 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.

TOUR ITINERARY

EXCLUSIONS

- International Flights
 - NZD \$50 - Budget One Way Fee. Applicable from 1 January 2022 and payable on collection
 - No meals, unless stated in the itinerary
 - Parking
 - Personal expenses
 - Optional activities
 - Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
 - Travel insurance (highly recommended)
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