

20 DAY ESSENCE OF NEW ZEALAND

DESTINATIONS

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AUCKLAND

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Tonight, see the city sights of Christchurch on board a heritage tram while enjoying drinks and canapes as you step back in time to a grand era of transport.

On arrival, be met at the airport and transfer to your hotel where you have the afternoon to relax.

DAY 2

Destination	Christchurch 🚗 Aoraki Mt Cook
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Discover Australasia's highest peak in Aoraki Mt Cook National Park.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE - Sightseeing

This afternoon, you may join a guided nature walk. Alternatively, during the summer months, board a MAC boat and discover icebergs on the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake. Perhaps visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, including a visit to the planetarium or a stargazing session with an astronomer.

Today you'll traverse the Canterbury plains to visit the Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo, before journeying into Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to view Australasia's highest mountain, Aoraki (Mt Cook).

DAY 3

Destination	Aoraki Mt Cook 🚗 Dunedin
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Set out along the shores of Lake Pukaki to Oamaru. Continue to Koekohe Beach to view the unusual spherical-shaped Moeraki Boulders. Arrive in Dunedin late afternoon and enjoy time at leisure before dinner.

DAY 4

Destination	Dunedin 🚗 Te Anau
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

FREEDOM OF CHOICE - Sightseeing

Perhaps visit Olveston Historic Home, the historic home of a wealthy merchant family built in the early 1900s. Or discover the history of Larnach Castle, nestled on the stunning Otago Peninsula. Alternatively, those who enjoy a beer may choose to visit Speight's Brewery for a tasting.

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Begin your day with your choice of sightseeing activity. Afterwards, absorb the breathtaking scenery as you travel to the lakeside settlement of Te Anau.

DAY 5

Destination	Te Anau
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

FREEDOM OF CHOICE - Sightseeing

Perhaps you may like to explore an underground network of limestone caves, magically lit by thousands of glow worms. Alternatively, you may prefer to set off on an inspiring wilderness cruise on Doubtful Sound. Or, take an exciting jet boat ride along the Upper Waiau River to get the heart pumping.

Waking in Te Anau this morning, decide how to spend your day thanks to our range of Freedom of Choice activities on offer.

DAY 6

Destination	Te Anau 🚗 Milford Sound 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Cruise pristine Milford Sound.

This morning, wind down the Milford Road, through the Eglinton and Hollyford valleys. Continue to Milford Sound where you will cruise along the full length of this fiord deep within Fiordland National Park. After, Queenstown awaits.

DAY 7

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

FREEDOM OF CHOICE - Sightseeing

Movie buffs may like to visit key The Lord of the Rings trilogy filming locations on a Safari of the Scenes tour. Alternatively, set out on a Skippers Canyon adventure following the Shotover River Valley on an exciting 4WD tour. Others may prefer a leisurely cruise on Lake Wakatipu or a wine tour through the wineries of the Central Otago wine region. Later, select from a number of restaurants during a Freedom of Choice Dining evening where you can get a taste for New Zealand's South Island's cuisine.

Today you can discover Queenstown your own way with the included Freedom of Choice sightseeing activities available.

DAY 8

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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Immerse yourself in beautiful Queenstown with a full day at leisure. You may like to take a relaxing stroll along the tranquil shores of Lake Wakatipu, or take part in the thrill of a lifetime in this adventurous city.

DAY 9

Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Franz Josef
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Cross Haast Pass into Westland Tai Poutini National Park, then continue to Franz Josef, where you will take in the dramatic surrounds of the Franz Josef Glacier.

Skirt the shores of lakes Wanaka and Hawea. Arrive later at your luxury eco-resort for a special four-course dinner.

DAY 10

Destination	Franz Josef 🚗 Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Seize the day and board New Zealand's famous TranzAlpine train to experience one of the world's greatest rail journeys. Enjoy stunning views from the open-air viewing platform as you pass by the striking patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, through deep gorges and river valleys.

Follow the Waimakariri River and travel across the Southern Alps all the way to Christchurch.

DAY 11

Destination	Christchurch 🚗 Kaikoura 🚗 Blenheim
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Indulge in the finest flavours as you savour a Highlights of Marlborough Dinner. An exciting experience, the unique fusion of quality produce and ethnic influences have helped shape New Zealand's food and wine culture as amongst one of the best in the world.

This morning, follow the east coast to Kaikoura, before traversing the Marlborough region to Blenheim. Tonight, local chefs will present each dish before you, showcasing superb local artisan produce, perfectly paired with wines from the region.

DAY 12

Destination	Blenheim
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

FREEDOM OF CHOICE - Sightseeing

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Perhaps embark on a tour of the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre; enjoy the sheer beauty of Marlborough Sounds during a greenshell mussel cruise; or choose to visit some of the region's best wineries for wine tastings and lunch in the countryside.

Enjoy your selected sightseeing activity.

DAY 13

Destination	Blenheim 🚗 Picton 🚗 Wellington
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

This morning, cruise across Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry. You'll traverse the stunning waters of Marlborough and Queen Charlotte sounds while taking in breathtaking surrounds.

This afternoon, take part in a fascinating city sights tour of Wellington.

DAY 14

Destination	Wellington 🚗 Napier
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

On arrival, discover the city of Napier on an Art Deco tour.

Today you'll drive through the Rimutaka Ranges en route to Napier.

DAY 15

Destination	Napier 🚗 Taupo 🚗 Rotorua
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Later, travel to Rotorua, where this evening you'll immerse yourself in Māori culture as you enjoy a traditional Hāngī Feast and performance.

Today, journey through Esk Valley and Te Pohue, stopping at the charming town of Taupo.

DAY 16

Destination	Rotorua
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

FREEDOM OF CHOICE - Sightseeing

Perhaps enjoy a sheep show at the Agrodome followed by a visit to Te Puia Thermal Reserve. Choose to visit Wai-O-Tapu or experience Middle-earth during a tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set.

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This morning, it's time to explore Rotorua on your selected sightseeing activity. The evening is yours at leisure to further explore.

DAY 17

Destination	Rotorua 🚗 Auckland
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

FREEDOM OF CHOICE - Sightseeing

Perhaps cruise on Waitemata Harbour; enjoy a unique All Blacks experience; visit Auckland Zoo to discover the native flora and fauna of New Zealand; or immerse yourself in a Make Believe Experience and journey behind the cinema curtain with the Academy Award-winning team at Weta Workshop; or escape the bustle of the city on a tour to Auckland's wild, black sand beaches and lush rainforest.

This morning, travel through Waikato's farmland to Auckland. Afterwards, enjoy your selected sightseeing activity.

DAY 18

Destination	Auckland 🚗 Bay of Islands
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Continue north to the Bay of Islands.

DAY 19

Destination	Bay of Islands
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Meander through the inner islands, admiring the sandy beaches and rocky outcrops on a cruise to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock.

Prepare to discover the Bay of Islands region.

DAY 20

Destination	Bay of Islands 🚗 Auckland
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast, travel to Auckland where your New Zealand adventure concludes. We say goodbye before we transfer you to the airport for your flight.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Experiences in 16 destinations
APT's Freedom of Choice Inclusions in 7 locations
Finest dining - a total of 32 meals
19 nights hand-picked accommodation
APT Tour Director, plus expert local guides
Return airport transfers and portorage

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$200 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1372 per person within 28 days.
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 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.

OPTIONAL TOURS

None

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EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

HOTEL LIST

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 \$3200 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.