21 Day Total New Zealand (Christchurch/Christchurch)

Day 1 : Christchurch to Picton / Wellington
We leave Christchurch this morning for an express trip to Picton and Wellington. Enjoy the beautiful Marlborough Sounds and some great harbour shots of our capital city Wellington from the ferry. (B)

Day 2 : Wellington to Auckland
Today is an express journey from Wellington to Auckland. We will stop on the way to have lunch in Taupo for a short walk and for you to see New Zealand's largest lake. (B)

Day 3 : Auckland
Today is free to explore New Zealand's biggest city. Enjoy one of the many harbour sailing trips, head up the Sky Tower for panoramic views or just relax. (Meals at own expense)

Day 4 : Auckland to Hahei (Coromandel)
We head south east to the 'Coromandel region' enjoying views of Waikato farmland. From our remote beach area we hike to the stunning Cathedral Cove, and have a chance to bathe in the natural hot pools of Hot Water Beach (tide dependent). We stay in our exclusive campsite at the beach and enjoy a BBQ. Quad share cabins only. (D)

Day 5 : Hahei to Rotorua
Travelling along the Coromandel Coast we stop for some great walks then arrive at our Maori cultural stop at Whakarewarewa. Set amidst geothermal activity, thermal hot springs and bubbling mud pools, we take part in a tailored experience including a down-to-earth cultural show and a hangi lunch, cooked traditionally in the steam from the natural hot pools! The afternoon is free to explore Rotorua with optional activities including walks (free) and white water rafting (additional cost). (BL)

Day 6 : Rotorua to Whakahoro
We leave early this morning, stopping for a swim in a natural hot river and to see Huka Falls. We then go deep into the wilderness to our exclusive environmental award-winning stop at Blue Duck Lodge; an old homestead nestled on the edge of Whanganui Naitonal Park. You can kayak the last 8kms or take an historical walk. We cook a traditional bush dinner over an outdoor wood fire, while learning about early settlement history and the owner's huge efforts to restore the local plants and birdlife to their former glory. (BD)

Day 7 : Whakahoro to National Park
Today we travel back towards the volcanoes of Tongariro National Park with the chance to hike the Tongariro Crossing, rated as New Zealand's best one day walk. For those less active there will be shorter walks and a visit to the Volcanic Centre Museum. Tonight we stay at our exclusive alpine lodge 'The Park'. (BD)

Day 8 : National Park to Wellington
Following the great day we have had in National Park we head to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. We have the afternoon to explore "Te Papa", NZ's national museum and strongly recommend the walk along 'Oriental Parade' and/or up Mt Victoria to get the best view of the city. We stay in central Wellington accommodation tonight. (B)

Day 9 : Wellington / Picton to Abel Tasman
Today we catch the inter-island ferry to the port of Picton for the trip through to Marahau. We stop for a wine tour of NZ's premier wine region, world-famous for its Sauvignon Blanc then head across to Nelson and out to the Tasman region for the picturesque beaches and bays of the Abel Tasman National Park. We stay in our exclusive campsite located adjacent to the national park. Dinner tonight includes a taste of the local seafood. (BD)

YOUR TRIP DETAILS

Confirmation Number

Departure Date

Departure Location

Finish Date

Local Payment Amount

THINGS TO REMEMBER

You need to reconfirm your tour on +64 9 52 62 149 at least 48 hours before departure.

Your luggage MUST be kept to a maximum of 15kgs.

Drink lots of water, wear a hat and sunscreen.

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is participating!

Tour Code: TNZ21

TERMS & CONDITIONS

LUGGAGE: Luggage must be kept to a MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, film, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

MEALS: Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. We cater for vegetarian and gluten intolerance – please advise at time of booking.

FITNESS & PARTICIPATION: Our tours are active and most require a reasonable level of fitness. Tours graded '3 boots' are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children. If you have any doubts about the suitability of your clients please check with our reservations team as we reserve the right to assess suitability to participate at check-in. Passengers are expected to help with the preparation of food, washing of dishes and general assistance to the guide as directed.

INSURANCE: Travel insurance is NOT included. We strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings and not being able to travel on the confirmed departure date.

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Highlights

- Cathedral Cove and Hot Water Beach
- Traditional Maori Hangi Meal and Cultural Experience
- Waiotapu & Huka Falls
- Eco-Wilderness Region
- Kayaking
- Tongariro Crossing
- Te Papa National Museum
- Abel Tasman National Park
- Hanmer Springs Hot Pools
- Kahurangi National Park & Kaikoura
- Tranzalpine Train Journey (optional)
- Franz Josef Glacier
- Mount Aspiring National Park
- Two Free Days in Queenstown
- Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- Central Otago Historic Mining Area
- Otago Rail Trail Mountain Biking

Day 10 : Abel Tasman

An entire day to explore the Abel Tasman National Park. We have included a boat transfer out of the park so you can walk this famous coastal track, incorporating some of the New Zealand's best beaches. Your guide will take you on a walk and may wish to include one of the other great options including sea kayaking or sailing on offer (additional cost). We self-cater tonight with BBQ facilities available and stay again at our campsite right beside the national park. (B)

Day 11 : Abel Tasman to Hanmer Springs

Today we set off early passing through two more national parks en-route to the tranquillity of Hanmer Springs. The Kahurangi and Nelson National Park's boast fabulous scenery and some great small hikes with craggy mountain ranges draped with forest to the lake's edge. We arrive at Hanmer Springs in the afternoon and have a relaxing soak in the hot pools. We go for a group meal tonight. (BD)

Day 12 : Hanmer Springs to Christchurch via Kaikoura

The day begins with a small drive to the coast heading to Kaikoura, a stop that offers a sanctuary of marine life. Regardless of what you choose to do you will encounter marine life in many forms. There are seals, dolphins, whales or the king of the skies, the Royal Albatross. There is a fantastic walk starting from the seal colony around the cliff tops where you will get amazing views. We give you time to do even the longest of options here, then we express south to the South Island's largest city of Christchurch. (B)

Day 13 : Christchurch to Franz Josef

We start early for the stunning journey across the Canterbury Plains, over Arthur's Pass and down to the West Coast. Along the way the scenery changes constantly and we break the journey with walks and photo opportunities. We stop in Hokitika, famous for pounamu (jade) and at the Bushman's Centre we learn about the local history. We make our way to Franz Josef and its majestic glacier, where we stay at a lodge surrounded by rainforest. (D)

Day 14 : Full Day at Franz Josef

Today is free for exploring this World Heritage area. There are many great walks but we highly recommend that you take a guided trip (additional expense) which includes the use of specialised equipment which allows you to get further onto the glacier. We Self-cater tonight in the lodge kitchen, or there are great local cafes. (B)

Day 15 : Franz Josef to Makarora

We follow the coast further south today for even more amazing scenery (including New Zealand's most photographed lake), some great walks, waterfalls and a breathtaking alpine pass. We arrive at our wilderness accommodation at the foot of Mount Aspiring National Park by mid-afternoon. The locals provide some of the most spectacular activities from scenic flights to wilderness jet boating (additional expense). Our accommodation tonight is in chalets. (BD)

Day 16 : Makarora to Queenstown

We journey to the adventure capital of the world today, Queenstown, the spiritual home of bungy jumping. On the way we stop in the scenic town of Wanaka for a walk and lunch before heading to the bungy bridge. Everyone has the option of observing or jumping themselves (additional expense). We arrive at our accommodation in the afternoon ready for two days of whatever activities you choose to do, from the relaxing to full-on adrenaline. Your guide will take you on an orientation of the resort when we arrive and a tour of the town's night spots in the evening. (B)

Days 17-18 : Queenstown

Enjoy Queenstown! Optional activities and meals at own expense.

Day 19 : Queenstown to Doubtful Sound

This morning we head into the awe-inspiring Fiordland National Park by bus and a boat transfer. Doubtful Sound is truly an amazing place; one of the most remote and untouched places on earth where you will see fur seals, Fiordland Crested Penguins and dolphins. We spend the day and night on a purpose built boat, which includes a dedicated nature guide and sea kayaks. We overnight in a secluded bay in the fiord. (D)

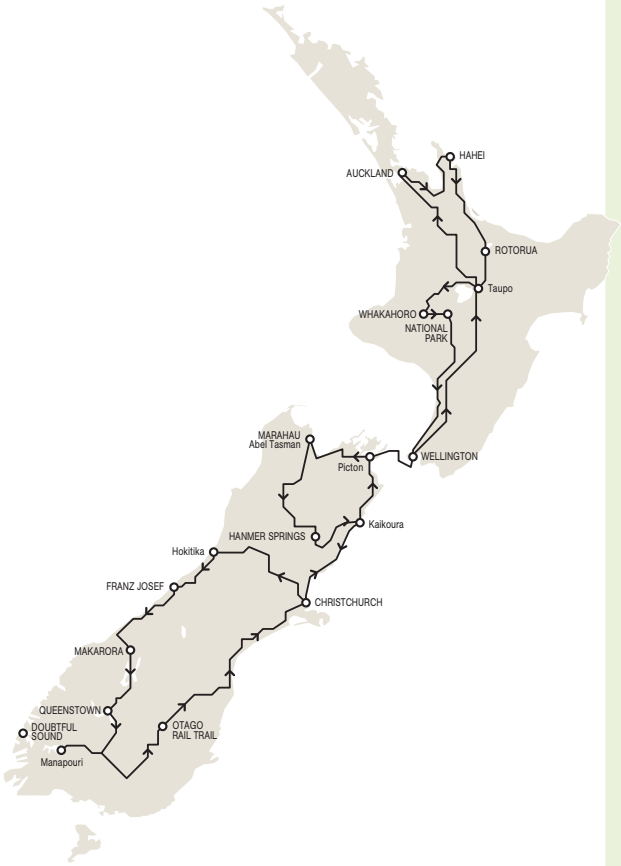
Day 20 : Doubtful Sound to Central Otago

We depart the 'Sound' this morning by boat and board our own mini-coach at midday to travel through the beautiful Otago region. We explore relics of the gold rush, which was responsible for the European settlement of this area. We stay in our own exclusive accommodation in the middle of Otago gold country. You have the option of curling tonight (like bowling but with big stones on an ice rink). We challenge you to try and beat your guide. (BD)

Day 21 : Central Otago to Christchurch

In the morning we grab our mountain bikes and head out to sample part of the old Otago Gold Mining Rail Trail. It is an ideal activity for riders of all abilities and a great way to soak up the incredible scenery and history of the area. We then express our way along the Canterbury Plains flanked by the Southern Alps to Christchurch, the garden city. (B)

Bring: Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), swimming gear, hat and sunscreen, motion sickness tablets, water bottle, towel and toiletries, warm clothing and waterproof jacket, insect repellent and camera.

Included: Experienced tour guide, accommodation transfers, accommodation, meals as indicated including a Maori hangi meal and cultural experience, Te Papa Museum, inter-island ferry, Abel Tasman boat transfer, a winery visit, Hanmer Springs pools, Doubtful Sound overnight cruise (Milford Sound overnight cruise in winter), mountain biking on the Otago Rail Trail and kayak through Whanganui National Park.

Note*: The night in the Coromandel has multi-share accommodation only. Most cabins on the Doubtful Sound are multi-share and therefore private accommodation is limited. We will confirm at time of booking if twin/double/single is available.