Pure New Zealand Adventure

AUCKLAND ● QUEENSTOWN ● ROTORUA

The Offer

From the neon-blue glow of subterranean caves to the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps, this 17-day journey across New Zealand is a masterclass in natural wonder. Spanning the full length of the country from Auckland to Queenstown, this itinerary weaves together the North Island's geothermal marvels, including the legendary Tongariro Alpine Crossing, with the South Island's wild West Coast and the sun-drenched shores of Abel Tasman National Park.

Meet us in vibrant Auckland before heading south to the luminous Waitomo Caves and the cultural heart of Rotorua. You'll venture off the beaten track to Lake Aniwhenua and the remote Blue Duck Station, then conquer the volcanic terrain of Tongariro National Park en route to Wellington. After crossing the Cook Strait to Picton, the trail leads through the golden sands of Abel Tasman (Marahau), down the wild West Coast to Hokitika and Franz Josef Glacier, finally winding through Wanaka to the grand finale in Queenstown.

This is an intrepid adventure designed for those who want to feel the pulse of the land rather than just view it through a window. Perfect for the active explorer, the itinerary features rewarding treks of up to 20 kilometres through diverse landscapes. Whether you are exploring past emerald volcanic lakes or exploring the 'Adventure Capital' of Queenstown, this expedition offers a raw, immersive look at the real New Zealand.

To truly showcase the best of Aotearoa's stunning landscapes, your 16 nights of accommodation include a mix of 3 and 4-star hotels and unique specialty lodges. These hand-picked eco-stays showcase New Zealand's off-the-grid experience. Plus enjoy 18 meals including a traditional Maori hangi, transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles and more.

Travel Planning: Return international airfares aren't included in this package, so you have the flexibility to choose your own. See Important Information before booking.

The Map

Auckland
Rotorua
PACIFIC OCEAN
Waitomo Caves
Tarawera Trail
& Hot Water Beach
Blue Duck Station
Lake Aniwhenua
TASMAN SEA
Picton
Marahau
(Abel Tasman)
Tongariro Alpine Crossing
& Ruapehu
NEW
ZEALAND
Hokitika
Wellington
Queenstown
Franz Josef Glacier
LAND
FERRY

The Itinerary

Day 1 Meet us in Auckland, New Zealand

Meet us in Auckland, New Zealand, to begin your holiday.

Arrive at any time today and take the opportunity to explore at your leisure, enjoy lunch at the Viaduct Harbour, grab a coffee in Britomart, or browse the shops at Commercial Bay (own expense).

Hotel check-in is available from 15:00. For guests arriving earlier, luggage storage is provided free of charge.

Please note: Guide services commence the following day.

Please note:

Flights are not included in this package and should be purchased independently, once minimum numbers have been met. Please refrain from booking flight arrangements until confirmation that minimum numbers have been met.

This is an adventure package including longer treks that require a moderate to high level of fitness, as well as unique eco or specialty accommodation that showcases the best of New Zealand.

Please note that some properties may offer shared facilities, such as bathrooms. We recommend carefully reviewing the itinerary details prior to purchase to ensure the experience is well suited to your preferences and fitness level. This tour is operated on a shared basis with other travellers who may have booked through providers outside of TripADeal, including guests from Australia, New Zealand, and international markets.

Overnight: Oaks Auckland Hotel or similar
Meals included: None

Day 2 Auckland - Day at Leisure

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Auckland. Stroll along the waterfront, relax at Mission Bay, or visit the Auckland Domain and Wintergardens. Culture lovers may wish to visit the Auckland Art Gallery.

You could arrange a ferry to Devonport, a harbour cruise, dolphin and whale watching, hiking Rangitoto Island, or wine tasting on Waiheke Island.

This evening, meet your guide and fellow travellers at 18:00 before heading out for an optional welcome dinner (own expense).

Please note: The activities mentioned above are suggestions and are not included. Additional charges may apply.

Overnight: Oaks Auckland Hotel or similar
Meals included: None

Day 3 Auckland - Waitomo Caves - Rotorua

This morning, depart Auckland and travel south to Waitomo, famous for its limestone caves lit by thousands of glowworms.

Begin your immersive cave experience with a short yet spectacular walk to the Mangawhitikau Glowworm Cave. Here, you'll have up to an hour to explore, including a serene 20-minute glowworm boat ride beneath a canopy of shimmering lights. After a brief pause, continue with a scenic walk to the Cave of Spirits, where you can further marvel at this extraordinary natural wonder. Afterwards, continue on to Rotorua, the North Island's geothermal hotspot and great place to experience Maori culture. Arrive in the early evening and check-in to the hotel, with the evening at leisure.

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Travel duration:

- Auckland to Waitomo, approximately 2 hours 30 mins
- Waitomo to Rotorua, approximately 2 hours

Overnight: Distinction Rotorua Hotel or similar
Meals included: None

Day 4 Rotorua - Hot Water Beach

After breakfast, travel through Rotorua's stunning landscapes, passing the vibrant Blue and Green Lakes en route to Lake Tarawera, where the impressive Mt Tarawera rises on the horizon. From here, continue by aqua taxi to Te Rata Bay, home to the region's unique Hot Water Beach (please note, this is not the Hot Water Beach near Hahei), where natural thermal springs flow into the lake.

Enjoy time at leisure or for those seeking adventure, enjoy a brief soak before setting off on the Tarawera Trail, a rewarding 15-kilometre hike (approximately 4.5–5 hours) offering spectacular views over Lakes Rotomahana and Tarawera. Alternatively, unwind in the warm geothermal waters, relax on the sandy shores, and take in this tranquil setting before returning to Rotorua after lunch.

In the afternoon, you will be transferred back to the city. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy, perhaps take part in an optional zipline eco-tour through the forest canopy or relax at a geothermal spa (not included, extra charges apply). For a free geothermal experience, visit Kuirau Park to see bubbling mud pools and steaming lakes.

Overnight: Distinction Rotorua Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Rotorua - Lake Aniwhenua

After breakfast, depart Rotorua and journey to a more remote and culturally rich-part of New Zealand. Leaving behind the busy tourist hubs, travel to the peaceful shores of Lake Aniwhenua, where you'll be welcomed at Kohutapu Lodge, a lakeside retreat owned by a local Maori family deeply connected to their heritage and community.

Upon arrival, receive a traditional welcome to the tribal lands before learning about the region's history, culture and stories.

Throughout the afternoon, take part in a range of interactive activities such as weaving, haka, and traditional Maori stick games, followed by a relaxed afternoon tea featuring freshly made fried bread. You'll also have the opportunity to see the preparation of a traditional hangi, where food is slow-cooked underground using heated stones.

In the evening, sit down to enjoy a delicious hangi feast with dessert, often considered a highlight of any visit to New Zealand. End the day with storytelling around the fire pit, sharing in the warmth and spirit of this unique cultural experience.

Note: This evening's accommodation features shared bathroom facilities.

Travel duration: Approximately 2 hours

Overnight: Kohutapu Lodge or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

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Day 6 Lake Aniwhenua - Blue Duck Station

After breakfast, farewell your hosts at the lakeside lodge and begin the journey toward Taupo. Along the way, visit Australasia's largest lake, Lake Taupō, and witness the powerful Huka Falls, where rushing waters create a spectacular natural display.

Continue inland to Blue Duck Station, a remote and immersive high-country experience set on a working sheep and cattle farm. Surrounded by the dramatic landscapes of Whanganui National Park, the journey into the station feels like stepping into another world, with rugged terrain and untouched wilderness.

Blue Duck Station is renowned for its strong focus on conservation and sustainability, working to protect the native environment and the rare whio (blue duck) that inhabits the region. On arrival, settle in and learn about life on the station, its history, and the important environmental initiatives led by the team.

In the evening, enjoy a hearty home-cooked meal before unwinding around the campfire under the stars.

Note: This evening's accommodation features shared bathroom facilities

Travel duration: Approximately 3 hours 45 mins (excluding stop at Lake Taupo)

Overnight: Blue Duck Station or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 7 Blue Duck Station 4WD Adventure

Wake up to the tranquillity of the New Zealand countryside and enjoy a continental breakfast before setting out on a guided 4x4 adventure through native bush. Travel to the "Top of the World," where, on a clear day, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views of Mount Ruapehu, Mount Tongariro, and Mount Ngauruhoe. Along the way, learn about the station's history and take in the incredible surrounding landscapes.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. You may wish to explore more of the station on foot, including a walk to Kaiwhakauka Waterfall, or keep an eye out for the rare whio (blue duck) in its natural habitat.

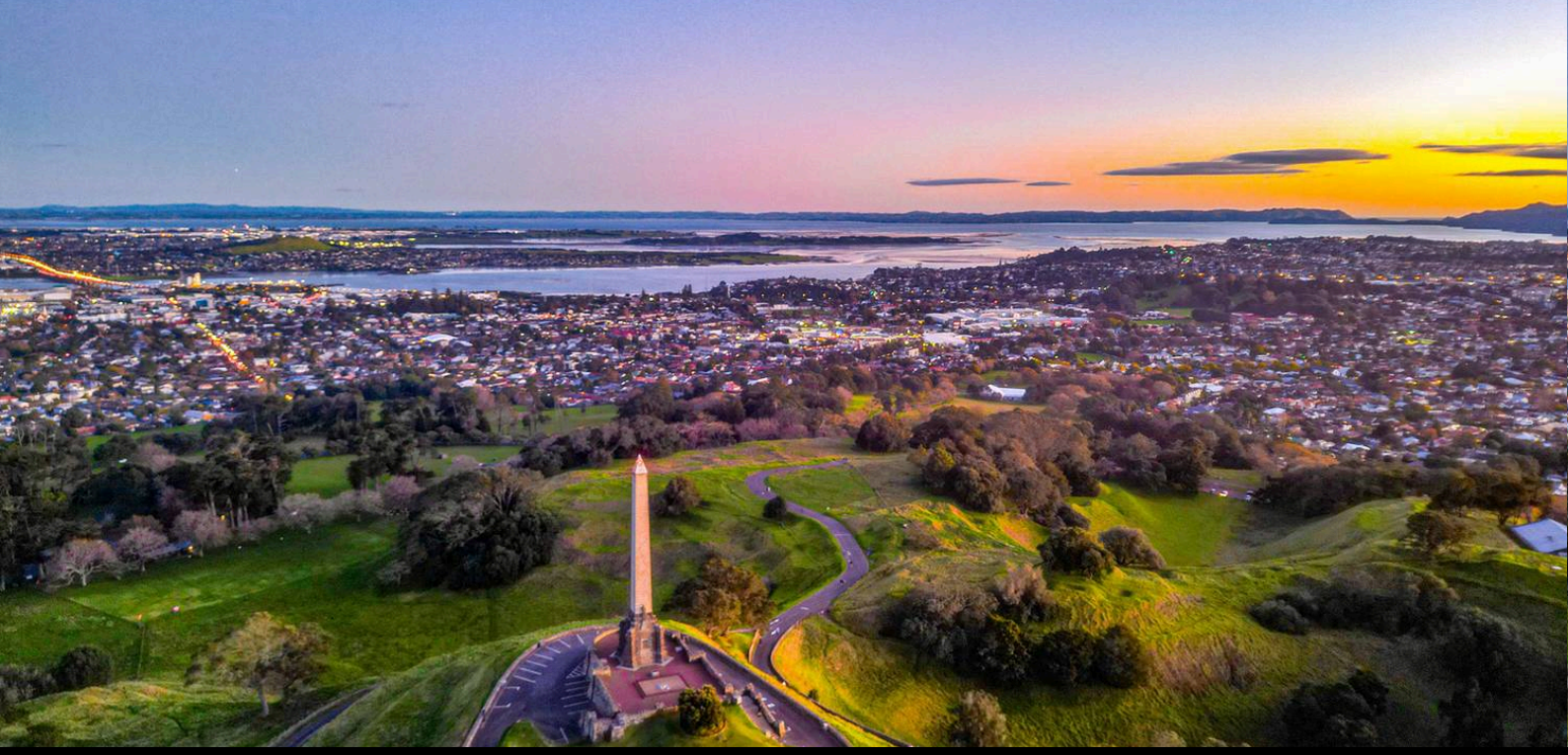
This evening, relax back at the lodge, perhaps join in with games, unwind by the campfire, or enjoy making s'mores under the stars.

Note: This evening's accommodation features shared bathroom facilities.

Overnight: Blue Duck Station or similar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Blue Duck Station - Tongariro Alpine Crossing

Rise early this morning and travel to Tongariro National Park, home to what is widely regarded as one of the world's best one-day hikes, the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. This unforgettable 19-kilometre trek takes you through a dramatic volcanic landscape of rugged peaks, expansive craters, and striking turquoise alpine lakes, offering some of New Zealand's most iconic scenery.



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The Crossing is accessible year-round; however, during periods of snow or ice (typically May to October, though possible at any time), a qualified alpine guide and specialised equipment are required (additional cost may apply). Weather conditions are carefully monitored for safety, and if the Crossing is not suitable, alternative shorter walks within the national park will be offered.

After a rewarding day exploring this remarkable landscape, return to your accommodation and unwind in the outdoor spa while taking in the surrounding mountain views, the perfect way to relax and reflect on your day's adventure.

Please note: This day's walking is not guided. However, the tour leader will provide all relevant information.

This activity requires a moderate to high fitness level, please read the Important Information section for details.

Overnight: The Park Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Tongariro National Park - Wellington

After breakfast, depart for Wellington, New Zealand's vibrant capital city.

The afternoon is at your leisure, you might enjoy a craft beer at a local brewery, hike to the top of Mt Victoria for panoramic city views, stroll along the waterfront, or simply savour what many consider the best coffee in New Zealand, as Wellington takes its coffee culture very seriously. We recommend starting your visit with the Te Papa National Museum (not included, extra charges apply) to explore the country's art, history, and culture.

Travel Duration: Approximately 6 hours

Overnight: Ibis Wellington or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Wellington - Picton - Marahau (Abel Tasman)

This morning, catch an early Bluebridge Ferry across the Cook Strait to New Zealand's South Island. If the weather is clear, head out to the viewing deck for breathtaking vistas of the Marlborough Sounds.

Upon arrival in Picton, travel through the scenic Marlborough region and continue to Marahau, a charming gateway to the stunning Abel Tasman National Park. Make a brief stop to discover the vineyards, perhaps partake in a wine tasting (not included, extra charges apply)) before continuing on to Marahau. Spend the evening relaxing in this beautiful setting, unwinding around the campfire and admiring the star-filled sky.

Note: This evening's accommodation features shared bathroom facilities. There will be a stop at a grocery store for those wishing to self-cater for the next part of the trip (The Barn features shared kitchen facilities).

Overnight: The Barn or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Abel Tasman - Day at Leisure

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the stunning Abel Tasman National Park. From your accommodation, you can hike directly into the park, no water taxi required and follow the Abel Tasman Coastal Track up to Anchorage Bay.

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The park is filled with lush native bush, golden sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters, offering plenty of opportunities to swim, relax, and explore at your own pace. The walk to Anchorage Bay takes approximately four hours each way, though you may choose to return by water taxi if you'd like extra time to soak in the scenery.

Note: This day is unguided, however the tour leader will provide all relevant information to best enjoy your time in the Abel Tasman.

Note: This evening's accommodation features shared bathroom facilities. We recommend to pack a lunch to take with you today.

Overnight: The Barn or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Marahau (Abel Tasman) - Hokitika

Today, travel down New Zealand's wild West Coast, a region celebrated for its untamed beaches, lush rainforest, and dramatic scenery. This drive has been named one of the top in the world by Lonely Planet, offering breathtaking views throughout the journey.

Along the way, stop at the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and blowholes to explore this unique coastal formation. Continue on to Hokitika, a town renowned for its vibrant arts scene and greenstone (pounamu).

We highly recommend visiting Sunset Point to see the Tambo shipwreck, enjoy sweeping views of Hokitika Beach with Aoraki / Mt Cook in the distance, and watch the sun set over the horizon.

After dark, take a stroll to the glowworm dell to see the sparkling lights above before returning to your accommodation for a restful night.

Travel duration: Approximately 8 hours (including stops)

Overnight: Hokitika Beachfront Hotel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Hokitika - Franz Josef Glacier

Today, enjoy a short drive to the charming village of Franz Josef, as the scenery transitions from rugged coastline to lush rainforest, another day showcasing the unforgettable New Zealand landscapes (make sure your camera is fully charged!).

Arrive around lunchtime, allowing plenty of time to experience the Franz Josef Glacier, one of the West Coast's most iconic attractions. You can take a shuttle to the start of the track and hike through native bush and glacial streams to reach the glacier's terminal face for amazing photo opportunities. Alternatively, relax in the township and soak in the stunning views.

For a truly memorable adventure, consider a heli-hike to get up close and stand on the glacier itself before climate change alters the landscape (not included, extra charges apply)

Travel duration: Approximately 3 hours (including stops)

Overnight: Franz Josef Motel or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 14 Franz Josef Glacier - Queenstown

Start the day with a leisurely walk around Lake Matheson, famous for its stunning reflections of Aoraki / Mt Cook on calm days. Continue on to the picturesque town of Wanaka, renowned for its crystal-clear lake and dramatic mountain scenery. Enjoy a late lunch (own expense) while taking in the views, and don't forget to snap a photo of the iconic Wanaka Tree.

Afterwards, travel to Queenstown, widely known as the "Adventure Capital of the World." This vibrant town is the birthplace of jet boating and offers endless opportunities for adventure and entertainment. Upon arrival, check in to the accommodation and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Travel duration: Approximately 6 hours (including stops).

Overnight: Mercure Queenstown or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Queenstown - Day at Leisure

After breakfast, enjoy a full day at leisure in Queenstown. Explore the stunning surrounding mountains on one of the many scenic hikes, or choose an activity that suits your sense of adventure.

In the evening, consider sampling the world-famous Fergburger, experiencing the vibrant nightlife, or relaxing on the lakefront with a hot chocolate while listening to live music from local artists.

Please note that these activities are suggestions only. They are not included in your package and can be arranged independently at an additional cost.

Overnight: Mercure Queenstown or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Queenstown - Day at Leisure

Enjoy another full day at leisure in Queenstown. Explore the stunning mountain scenery on one of the many free hikes, such as Ben Lomond, Queenstown Hill, or Bob's Peak, or join an activity of your choice.

For those seeking more adventure, Queenstown offers a variety of paid activities, including bungy jumping, skydiving, jet boating, helicopter tours, or a visit to nearby wineries for tastings and tours.

Please note that these activities are suggestions only. They are not included in your package and can be arranged independently at an additional cost.

Overnight: Mercure Queenstown or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Depart Queenstown

This morning, at the appropriate time, check out of the hotel and make your own onward travel arrangements from Auckland, New Zealand.

Meals included: Breakfast

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore New Zealand's North and South Islands
- Visit Rotorua, Wellington, Queenstown and more
- Explore Waitomo Caves, known for its thousands of glowworms illuminating the limestone caves
- Travel to Rotorua, North Island's geothermal hotspot
- Delve into Maori immersive cultural experience at Kohutapo Lodge
- Savour a delicious hangi, a traditional meal cooked underground
- Marvel at the spectacular cascades of Huka Falls
- Stay lakeside in Lake Aniwhenua, surrounded by the dramatic Whanganui National Park backdrop
- Embark on a guided 4x4 adventure through native bush at Blue Duck Station
- Set off on a self-guide hike of Tongariro Alpine Crossing, widely regarded as one of the world's best one day hikes
- Ferry across the Cook Strait to New Zealand South Island
- Stop in Marlborough, famous for its winemaking industry
- Spend a day at leisure in the Abel Tasman discovering its many hiking trails
- Take the opportunity to follow the Abel Tasman Coastal Track to Anchorage Bay
- Travel along New Zealand's west coast, named as one of the world's top coastal drives
- Explore the unique coastal formation at Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and Blowholes
- Witness the sleeping giant of Franz Josef Glacier
- Soak up the epic beauty of Queenstown at leisure

ACCOMMODATION

16 nights of speciality, 3 and 4-star accommodation

DINING

18 meals included

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

TRANSPORT

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 4 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 100 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund (in the same form as payment was made) will be offered.

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Flights

Return International airfares are not included in this package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent** ; TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique** ; our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible** ; once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package** ; our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable** ; in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 4 May 2027
Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 24 per vehicle.
This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of $1,500 applies.

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 18 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, 18 years old and over, to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

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Auckland: Oaks Auckland Hotel or similar
Rotorua: Distinction Rotorua Hotel or similar
Queenstown: Mercure Queenstown Resort Hotel or similar
Franz Josef: Franz Josef Motel or similar

3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Waimarino: The Park Hotel or similar
Wellington: Ibis Hotel Wellington or similar
Hokitika: Hokitika Beachfront Hotel or similar

Speciality Properties:

Lake Aniwhenua: Kohutapu Lodge or similar
Retaruke: Blue Duck Station or similar
Marahau: The Barn or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Exclusions

- Arrival and departure flights
- Visa fees and requirements
- Transfers not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tours.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Auckland, New Zealand

Auckland has a mild, subtropical climate with warm, humid summers and mild winters. Between September and May, conditions are generally pleasant, with increasing warmth into summer and gradual cooling into autumn. Spring (September to November) can be changeable, with a mix of sunshine and showers. Summer (December to February) is typically warm, with temperatures averaging between 20°C and 26°C. Autumn (March to May) remains mild and settled, with temperatures ranging from 15°C to 24°C and lower humidity.

Wellington, New Zealand

Wellington has a temperate maritime climate, influenced by its coastal location and known for frequent winds. Spring is often variable, with temperatures between 10°C and 17°C and rapidly changing conditions. Summer is mild and comfortable, ranging from 17°C to 24°C, though winds can persist. Autumn brings cooler, calmer weather, with temperatures between 12°C and 20°C and more stable conditions overall.

Hokitika, New Zealand

Hokitika, located on the West Coast of the South Island, has a temperate oceanic climate with relatively high rainfall throughout the year. Spring is cool and wet, with temperatures between 8°C and 17°C. Summer is mild, typically ranging

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from 16°C to 22°C, with a mix of sunshine and rain. Autumn sees slightly cooler temperatures, between 10°C and 20°C, with frequent rainfall interspersed with clear periods.

Franz Josef, New Zealand

Franz Josef has a temperate rainforest climate, strongly influenced by its proximity to the Southern Alps. Weather can be unpredictable year-round. Spring temperatures range from 8°C to 16°C, with regular rainfall. Summer is milder, with temperatures between 15°C and 22°C, though rain remains common. Autumn brings cooler conditions, ranging from 9°C to 18°C, with a mix of crisp, clear days and wet weather.

Queenstown, New Zealand

Queenstown has a temperate alpine climate with distinct seasonal variation. Spring is cool, with temperatures between 5°C and 18°C and occasional lingering snow on surrounding peaks. Summer is warm to hot, with daytime temperatures ranging from 20°C to 30°C and cooler evenings. Autumn is crisp and settled, with temperatures between 8°C and 22°C and vibrant seasonal foliage.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/ requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
To fully enjoy this itinerary, a moderate to high level of fitness is recommended. This journey is designed around unique accommodation and locations that provide access to some of New Zealand's most rewarding hikes and natural experiences. Travellers can expect a moderately active pace, including guided tours, full days of sightseeing, and extended periods of walking. Activities may involve navigating stairs, inclines, and uneven or sloping terrain, as well as spending time on your feet at various sites.
At times, the itinerary will involve a more active pace, including longer hikes or treks over several hours or consecutive days. Participants should be comfortable managing steep sections, rugged terrain, varying weather conditions, and higher elevations. A good level of endurance, mobility, and overall fitness is required. Travellers should be self-reliant, able to carry their own luggage, and board all modes of transport without assistance. Due to the nature of the terrain and activities, this itinerary is not suitable for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or those requiring ongoing mobility assistance.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Tongariro Alpine Crossing: Active to Challenging

The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is a demanding full-day hike, best suited to travellers with a good to high level of fitness who are comfortable undertaking sustained physical activity. The trek covers approximately 19.4 kilometres and involves steep ascents, descents, and uneven volcanic terrain over 6–8 hours. Conditions can be highly variable due to the alpine environment, with exposure to wind, cold temperatures, and strong sun. Participants should be prepared for long periods of walking, including challenging sections such as the Devil's Staircase and Red Crater ascent.
Recommended for active travellers with prior hiking experience and strong endurance, this iconic trek rewards those who are well-prepared with dramatic volcanic landscapes and spectacular views.

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Visas

A tourist visa is not required for Australian Passport holders travelling to New Zealand.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*

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- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.