

NEW ZEALAND

**Auckland, Rotorua, Waitomo Caves,
Queenstown**

Pick your date!

An 8-Day Experience:

Your journey includes round-trip airfare, tourist and superior first class hotels, deluxe motor coaches, daily breakfast, lunch and dinner as outlined, guided tours.

Getting To See:

- Discover why Auckland is nicknamed "The City of Sails".
- Explore the incandescent Waitomo Glowworm Caves.
- Immerse yourself in Māori culture at a hāngi dinner and cultural performance.
- Cruise the stunning fjordlands of Milford Sound.
- Stay at a handpicked selection of quality accommodations.
- Unwind at a curated selection of premium accommodations.

ITINERARY DAYS 1-2

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND

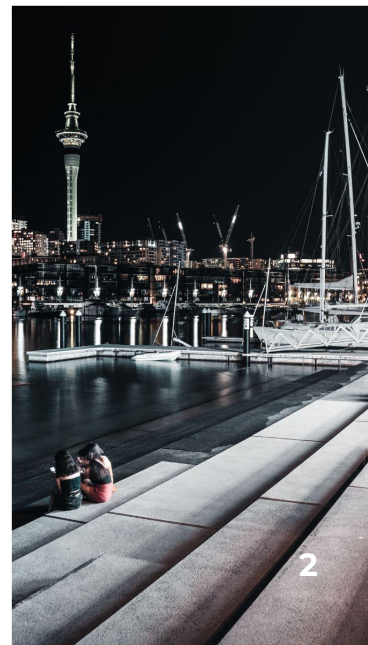
You will receive a welcome package on arrival which will include a welcome letter, detailed itinerary, vouchers for each service, supplier contact list as well as various brochures of the destinations you will be visiting. This will be available at your first service.

Meet your private driver for a transfer between the airport and your hotel.

DAY 2 | AUCKLAND // SIGHTS AND INSIGHTS

Meet your private guide at your city hotel to begin an exclusive half-day walking tour into the heart of Auckland. Nicknamed the "City of Sails" for its abundance of yacht marinas and its rich maritime history, Auckland is New Zealand's largest and most bustling city, often confused for its capital. Along with your guide, you'll not only discover the city's history, sights, and sounds, but you'll also experience a glimpse into daily Aucklander life. Discover Princes Wharf, once a commercial wharf on the city's waterfront, has now been re-developed into a dazzling hub of bars and eateries, looking out to Waitemata Harbor. Visit the NZ Maritime Museum and learn of the early arrivals to the country, from early Polynesians to the Europeans. Meander through the entertainment district of Viaduct Harbor, home to buzzing nightlife and gourmet experiences. Stroll through Auckland's entertainment district, Wynward Quarter for gorgeous skyline views and head just a few minutes east to explore the city's famous Laneways and the Britomart Pavilions, a chic hub for fashion and eateries, ideal for treating your palette to a sweet treat or adding a new accessory to your wardrobe. Your walking tour concludes with a return to your Auckland hotel.

After arriving in New Zealand from North America, guests often find that jet lag begins to set in by the afternoon. Today, recharge for the days to come with a half-day at leisure. Should you be feeling energetic, Auckland is a vibrant city that is easily explored on foot.





ITINERARY DAY 3

DAY 3 | AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA TO WAITOMO CAVES

This morning you will meet your private driver guide in the lobby of your hotel and begin your scenic journey from the city of Auckland to Rotorua. En-route the transfer will visit the Waitomo Caves that are famous for their glowworms. Lunch and entrance fees are not included. The transfer takes nine hours, depending on the type of touring in Waitomo.

Admire the shimmering spectacle of Footwhistle Cave, home to a stunning glowworm display within the largest cave found in Waitomo. Led by your knowledgeable private guide, you'll enter this fascinating cave and learn of its rich history while viewing a magnificent display of the bio-luminescent insects, some mere inches away from you. Meander around the cave's corner to discover the remains of one of New Zealand's lost treasures - the ancient Moa, once the country's largest bird that fell extinct almost 600 years ago. Experience the soothing sounds of the cave's stream flowing below you in the darkness, as low lights cast a warm glow over stunning limestone formations of stalactites and stalagmites. After enjoying a relaxed stroll through the cave, you'll take a seat in Footwhistle's cathedral for a short but breathtaking show as the cave is illuminated by a dazzling magnesium torch. Just outside of the cave's entrance, a traditional Ponga hut offers a special tea tasting featuring kawakawa, a special herb to the Maori often used as a health tonic. A memorable experience for all, this glowworm cave adventure offers a relaxed atmosphere in which you can see how nature truly shines.



ITINERARY DAYS 4-5

DAY 4 | ROTORUA // CULTURAL IMMERSION

After an early morning pick-up, journey through the forests and farmlands outside of Rotorua en route to Wai-o-Tapu, host to New Zealand's largest boiling mud pool, colorful hot springs, and the world-famous Lady Knox geyser, which – with luck – you'll watch erupt before your eyes. Next, you'll set off to Waimangu Thermal Valley where your experienced guide will provide details relating to the massive eruption of Mount Tarawera in 1886 and its long-lasting effects on the local environment while exploring the exotic, seemingly lunar landscape. This tour departs at 8:00 am, takes approximately four hours and 30 minutes to complete, and operates with a maximum of 15 guests.

A representative of Te Puia will pick you up from your hotel this evening for a Maori Hangi dinner and cultural concert. Begin the experience with Te Po; an intimate time for sharing knowledge while enjoying food, culture, and friendship. Taking place at Te-Heketanga-a-Rangi (The Heavenly Origins), which is an area comprising of twelve monumental carvings reaching skywards – each one representing a Maori deity – you'll hear the stories of the past and see how these traditions live on today. Feeding guests is regarded by Maori as an honor and a sign of a tribe's Mana (standing), and as a result, you can expect a lavish banquet meal during the evening. This meal combines contemporary cooking techniques with traditional Hangi (earth-cooked oven meal), where Kai (food) is steam-cooked by hot rocks in the earth, giving it a delicious smoky flavor. Following dinner, you will be returned to your hotel.

DAY 5 | ROTORUA TO QUEENSTOWN

A privately driven vehicle will provide a transfer between the airport and hotel today.

Board a flight in Rotorua with service to Queenstown. Please note that your flight will require a connection. Approximate flight duration is three hours and 35 minutes. This flight is not included in the price and must be purchased separately. Meet your driver for a private airport transfer.

This evening, consider dining at one of Queenstown's many excellent establishments. For a fine dining experience, we recommend Botswana Butchery, Rata or Eichardt's Bar. For something quick and casual, Ferburger is a local favorite.





ITINERARY DAY 6-8

DAY 6 | QUEENSTOWN // CHASING WATERFALLS

Today you will be picked up from your hotel and travel from Queenstown along the shores of Lake Wakatipu, through the scenic rolling countryside to Te Anau. After a short break at Te Anau, continue via the spectacular Milford Road to Milford Sound. Here you'll board a vessel that hosts up to 150 guests, features three viewing decks, and embark on a relaxing cruise of Milford Sound. The cruise provides excellent opportunities to take in the incredibly scenery of waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife, all while an on-board naturalist guide provides insights into the region throughout the journey. After the cruise, settle in for a coach transfer to Milford Airport to board a twin-engine aircraft for the return flight to Queenstown (weather permitting). During this 35-minute scenic flight, take in panoramic views of the spectacular alpine scenery as you return to Queenstown.

DAY 7 | QUEENSTOWN // A WELL-EARNED BREAK

Widely considered the world's adventure capital, Queenstown is the epicentre of activity in New Zealand. We would be pleased to assist with arranging further day tours in advance ranging from jet boat rides to wine tasting. Alternatively, soak up the scenery from the comfort of your hotel.

If you have planned to visit Milford Sound by helicopter or light aircraft, this leisure day offers buffer time to re-schedule the flight in the event of inclement weather.

DAY 8 | QUEENSTOWN // UNTIL NEXT TIME

A private vehicle will provide a transfer between the airport and your hotel.



TRIP DETAILS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners.
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing.
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person.
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver.
- Hotel tips, restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes.
- A group airport transfer on the first and last day of your guided holiday.
- Handpicked, high quality hotels, all tried and trusted.
- Gratuities to Travel Director, Coach Drivers, and Local Experts.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- No early check in / late check out.
- International or domestic air.
- Travel insurance, visas, and items of a personal nature.

PRICING

Full Tour	Varies
Land Only	Varies
Single Supplement	Varies
Deposit	Varies

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- Deposit payment of \$750 per person to hold space.
 - Final payment due
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