

**New Zealand Getaway
12 days / 11 nights
Auckland, Waitomo, Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington, Cook Strait, Christchurch, Fox Glacier,
Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Dunedin, Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo
Nature, Ecology, Culture, Discovery**

**This program may be operated for individuals or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary**

Do you want to learn more about Maori culture and traditions? Note that 90% of New Zealanders of Maori origin live on the North Island. Among others, you should not miss the regions of Northland, Rotorua and East Cape. For enthusiasts, it is also in the cities of Auckland and Wellington, both to the north, that the main museums are located, making a large place in Maori history. It goes without saying that nature is omnipresent on the whole of New Zealand territory. However, nearly 3 in 4 inhabitants live on the North Island, making the south a much-wilder natural area. Many regions remain intact, such as Fjordland, which has only a few dozen inhabitants a year! For lovers of wide-open spaces dominated by the highest peaks in the country, head for the South Island!

Day 1: Auckland

Upon your arrival at Auckland you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Relax prior to dinner. [D]

Day 2: Auckland, Waitomo, Rotorua

Leaving Auckland after breakfast, travel to Waitomo, home to the famous glow worm caves where thousands of tiny **luminescent** creatures radiate an unmistakable glow and discover its magical natural spectacle. Continue to the geothermal capital of New Zealand, Rotorua. Visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier cultural center, and enjoy a guided tour of the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute. You will also see the Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley and witness the phenomenal natural spectacle of erupting geysers and bubbling mud pools. For tonight's feature dinner, enjoy a Maori Hangi Feast with performances of song and dance at Te Puia. Delight in the opportunity to dine and interact with locals who will enchant you with their customs and cheerful hospitality. [B/D]

Day 3: Rotorua

Rotorua captures the essence of New Zealand with its geothermal geysers, fascinating Maori culture and rich heritage. The city is positioned on the Pacific Rim of Fire, and is therefore one of the world's most active geothermal areas. Your sightseeing continues with a visit to one of New Zealand's best-loved attractions, the Agrodome, with its entertaining sheep shearing demonstration, dog trials and animal nursery. Later, perhaps enjoy an optional helicopter flight for views over the active White Island volcano - own expense. [B]

Day 4: Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington

Farewell Rotorua and enjoy the scenery as you travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Lake Taupo - the largest freshwater lake in Australasia - and thundering Huka Falls. Continue south across the vast volcanic plateau of World Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park to Wellington. The evening has been left free for you to explore the vibrant dining scene independently. From seafood cafes to cosy wine bars and spectacular fine-dining restaurants, you will see that New Zealand's wild and fresh produce is showcased on a plate here in Wellington. [B]

Day 5: Wellington, Cook Strait, Christchurch

Travel to Christchurch via Kaikoura today. Enjoy one of the world's most scenic voyages as the Inter-islander ferry traverses Cook Strait through the Marlborough and Queen Charlotte sounds. Weave through islands and admire coastlines defined by tiny coves on the way to Picton. Dinner at your hotel in Christchurch. [B/D]

Day 6: Christchurch, Fox Glacier

Absorb the rural scenery from aboard your coach before beginning the ascent into the Main Divide. Then, sit back and enjoy the vistas as you journey through the Southern Alps. Be sure to keep watch for the icy crests of Fox and Franz Josef glaciers as you travel through Westland Tai Poutini National Park. Over thousands of years, these natural wonders have created immense glacial valleys. Today, their rivers of ice can be seen cascading down through the lush rainforests. [B/D]

Day 7: Fox Glacier, Queenstown

Travel past the rugged peaks of the Southern Alps this morning. Journey through spectacular Haast Pass, skirting the tranquil shores of lakes Wanaka and Hawea to the alpine resort of Queenstown on Lake Wakatipu. This evening, during time at leisure, you may like to dine at one of the many restaurants in the town center. Settle in for a two-night stay overseeing the calming blue waters of Lake Wakatipu, all the while admiring the dramatic backdrop of towering mountains. [B]

Day 8: Queenstown

With an entire day to spend as you please, you have the freedom to simply relax amid the beautiful lakeside setting or pursue your interests and choose one of Travelmarvel's exciting optional experiences. You may wish to step aboard the 100-year-old TSS Earnslaw steamship for a relaxing cruise to Walter Peak Station, or perhaps take a scenic gondola ride to the top of Bob's Peak for spectacular panoramic views over Queenstown - both at own expense. [B]

Day 9: Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau

Enter Fiordland National Park along the Milford Road. Board a boat and cruise the full length of Milford Sound, a magnificent fiord with views of cascading waterfalls, dense rainforest, sheer cliffs and the surrounding mountains of this World Heritage-listed area. Continue to your hotel in Te Anau and enjoy dinner. [B/D]

Day 10: Te Anau, Dunedin

Today you will journey through rolling Southland countryside before arriving in Dunedin. Enjoy a guided tour and then head to the nearby hills to take an intriguing tour of Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle. Steeped in scandal and tragedy, it is filled with magnificent antiques and offers breathtaking views. Enjoy some time at leisure before dinner this evening. [B/D]

Day 11: Dunedin, Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo

See the Moeraki Boulders and visit Oamaru to see some of New Zealand's finest 19th-century architecture. Journey through Mt Cook National Park to view Australasia's highest mountain Aoraki - Mt Cook. Continue to Lake Tekapo. Tonight, dine on fresh local produce at your hotel's restaurant during a memorable Farewell Dinner. [B/D]

Day 12: Lake Tekapo, Christchurch, USA

Awake to vistas of Lake Tekapo just beyond your window. Pay a visit to the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd. Transfer to Christchurch airport, arriving at 3pm. You must book your international flights to depart after 5pm, or 4pm for domestic flights. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner



Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- 11 nights' accommodation
 - Auckland – 1 night
 - Rotorua - 2 nights
 - Wellington - 1 night
 - Christchurch - 1 night
 - Fox Glacier - 1 night
 - Queenstown - 2 nights
 - Te Anau - 1 night
 - Dunedin - 1 night
 - Lake Tekapo - 1 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfasts daily
 - 7 dinners
- Visit the glow worm caves at Waitomo
- Immerse yourself in the Maori way of life
- Indulge in a traditional Maori Hangi feast in Rotorua
- Board the Lakeland Queen for an exclusive breakfast cruise
- Take a scenic cruise on the Inter-islander ferry across Cook Strait
- Enjoy a full-length cruise along magnificent Milford Sound
- Traverse Mt Cook National Park
- Be enchanted by the beauty of Franz Josef Glacier
- Visit the Bay of Islands, the geothermal geysers
- Get acquainted with the Maori culture of Rotorua
- Admire the snow-capped mountains of the South Island
- All sightseeing, excursions and entrance fees as outlined
- Travel aboard a spacious, luxurious coach
- Dedicated Tour Director and professional Driver
- Additional services of expert local guides in select locations
- After Hours Emergency Travel Assistance

Price does not include:

- International or Domestic airfares
- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Recommended Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Auckland	Rydges Auckland	4
Rotorua	VR Rotorua Lake Resort	4.5
Wellington	Doubletree By Hilton	4.5
Christchurch	Rydges Latimer	4.5
Fox Glacier	Fox Glacier Lodge	4
Queenstown Lakeview	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside	4
Te Anau	Arran Motel	4.5
Dunedin	Scenic Hotel	4
Lake Tekapo	Peppers Bluewater Resort	3.5
Deluxe		
Auckland	Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour	4.5
Rotorua	Black Swan Lakeside Boutique Hotel	4.5
Wellington	InterContinental Wellington	4.5
Christchurch	The Establishment Boutique	5
Fox Glacier	Misty Peaks	4.5
Queenstown Lakeview	Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa	4.5
Te Anau	Te Waka Lodge	4.5
Dunedin	The Birches Bed & Breakfast	5
Lake Tekapo	Tekapo Heights	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.