

# 12 DAYS NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS



## DAY-01: WELCOME TO AUCKLAND.

Arrive at Auckland International Airport. Welcome to Auckland, New Zealand!

You will be meet & greet at the airport and you will be transferred into your Auckland City Hotel. Check in to the hotel. The rest remainder of today is free at your own leisure. By walk only from your hotel, enjoy your buffet dinner at Fortuna Restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Buffet Dinner

**Hotel:** SkyCity Hotel Auckland or similar

## DAY-02: AUCKLAND – WAITOMO – MATAMATA – ROTORUA.

After breakfast from your hotel, your journey to Waitomo, Matamata and the Rotorua will start.

Note: By walk only to the pick-up point/bus stop.

Experience magical glowworms and world-famous limestone formations at Waitomo Caves. Leaving Matamata, we travel through the lush farmland of the Waikato and King Country regions. Your experienced local driver guide will provide

entertaining commentary and point out historical sites of interest.

On arrival in the small town of Waitomo, enjoy a 45-minute guided tour through the world-famous **Waitomo Glowworm Caves** with their amazing stalactites, stalagmites, towering caverns, and other rock formations. Formed from limestone over 30 million years ago, the caves were first discovered in 1887 and are now one of New Zealand's most popular tourist destinations. Your tour finishes with a short but magical boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto – an underground cavern illuminated by the twinkling lights of thousands of tiny glowworms.

Picnic Lunch is included. After your lunch, we continue our journey to Matamata for Hobbiton Movie Set Tour.

A very special New Zealand destination – the Hobbiton Movie Set, constructed on a beautiful 1,250-acre farm near Matamata. Take a guided tour of Hobbiton and learn how this working farm was transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth for the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies.

Your guide will show you locations like Hobbit holes, the Green Dragon Inn, and

the Mill – and maybe even let you in on some secrets from filming! After the movie set tour, we head on to Rotorua.

Arrive in Rotorua. By walk only to your hotel and check in. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Picnic Lunch

**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Rotorua or similar

## DAY-03: ROTORUA HIGHLIGHTS.

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel restaurant. Commence your Rotorua Sights Tour today by visiting Redwoods, the Agrodome, Skyline Rotorua and Te Puia.

**Redwood Tree walk.** Walk high amongst giant 120-year-old redwood trees and open your eyes to the natural beauty of our forest. A peaceful haven for you to discover above the forest floor, surround yourself with gentle giants, native fauna and sweeping silver ferns.

**Agrodome.** Get up close and personal with a range of furry friends on the Agrodome Farm Tour follows by the Farm Show.

After the Agrodome show, you will then transfer to **Skyline Rotorua**. Enjoy Gondola Ride up to Mount Ngongotaha to Skyline Rotorua Complex where you can see 180-degree views of Lake Rotorua, the city and surrounding district follows by Buffet Lunch.

After lunch return to your hotel. You will be transferred to Te Puia in late afternoon for Te Po Experience.

The Te Pō Indigenous Experience begins with our mouth-watering buffet at our world famous Pātaka Kai Restaurant, Bar and Café. Following this, you will be lead to view an exhilarating cultural performance which takes place in our beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Transfer back to hotel by Te Puia transportation after the show. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Buffet Lunch, Te Po Buffet Dinner

**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Rotorua or similar

#### DAY-04: ROTORUA – AUCKLAND FREE DAY.

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel restaurant. Check out from the hotel and continue your journey back to Auckland.

Note: This is a bus transfer and has no commentary. Upon arrival in Auckland, by walk only going to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** SkyCity Hotel Auckland or similar

#### DAY-05: AUCKLAND CITY TOUR.

Enjoy your breakfast at hotel restaurant.

Discover first-hand why Auckland is regarded as one of the best places in the world to live, with a sightseeing tour of its scenic highlights.

Travel through the city centre, including Auckland's famous Queen Street, Karangahape Road with its chequered past and eclectic vibe and fashionable Ponsonby. Cross over the Auckland Harbour Bridge, enjoy views of the Hauraki Gulf and city skyline, and visit the Viaduct Harbour and the revitalised Silo Park waterfront precinct. See historic buildings around the University of Auckland before continuing over Grafton Bridge to the Auckland Domain.

The Domain is the city's oldest park and, at 75 hectares, one of its largest. Developed around an extinct volcano, it features tropical gardens, duck ponds and public art, and is also home to the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Check in to your hotel.

After the half day city tour, free at own leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** SkyCity Hotel Auckland or similar

#### DAY-06: AUCKLAND - QUEENSTOWN.

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel restaurant. Prepare to check out and then, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Queenstown.

**Flight:** A local flight is included on Air New Zealand in this part of the itinerary.

Welcome to Queenstown! The adventure and winter destinations of New Zealand. You will be met & greet at the airport and will be transferred to hotel for check in. In the late afternoon, you will be transferred into Skyline Queenstown Complex. Enjoy the Gondola Ride and Stratosphere Buffet Dinner.

You will be transfer back to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Buffet Dinner

**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Queenstown or similar

#### DAY-07: MILFORD SOUND EXPERIENCE.

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy your full day Milford Sound Experience.

Take an unforgettable journey into the heart of Milford Sound, New Zealand's most famous tourist destination. You'll experience the world-famous fiord in all its natural glory – surrounded by dense rainforest, glacier-carved valleys, and beautiful waterfalls. Leaving Queenstown, travel in comfort along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and into southern farmland to Lake Te Anau, the largest lake in the South Island. Travel along the lake and into Fiordland National Park. Enter the picturesque Eglinton Valley, a place of ancient alpine forest and gushing waterfalls and one of only a few road-accessible glacier valleys in New Zealand, and take advantage of the photo opportunities on offer along the Milford Road, like the stunning Mirror Lakes, where on calm day the surrounding mountain ranges are perfectly reflected in the still waters, and Knobs Flat, where glaciers have carved their mark on the terrain.

At **Milford Sound**, board your 1-hour 45-minute cruise and set off to explore the region that Rudyard Kipling called the 'eighth wonder of the world'. Travel the length of the fiord and out to the Tasman Sea, gliding past glacier-scarred rock walls and waterfalls that tumble into the sea. Lush native forest clings to steep cliffs, while wildlife including seals, penguins, and dolphins are regular visitors to the icy waters. Mountain ranges

surround the fiord, including Mitre Peak which rises dramatically from the depths to a height of 1,692 meters above sea level.

Obento Lunch will be served on board (included in your tour). Along the way, your captain will provide lively and informative commentary.

After your cruise, return to Queenstown. You will be dropped off at your hotel. The rest of the day is free at your own leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Obento Lunch

**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Queenstown or similar

#### DAY-08: WALTER PEAK FARM TOUR & QUEENSTOWN HIGHLIGHTS.

After breakfast from your hotel, it will be your free morning to walk around Queenstown Mall.

Then, commence your Walter Peak and Queenstown Highlights Sightseeing Tour.

Cruise aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw across to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Once at the lakeside Colonel's Homestead Restaurant savour the delicious aromas as our chef has the best of local produce sizzling away on the grill. Overlooking Lake Whakatipu and Queenstown's alpine scenery, the Colonel's Homestead at Walter Peak High Country Farm is the perfect place to spend a few hours. Its colonial architecture and sweeping grounds evoke the elegance of a bygone era.

Our lunch menu has been refreshed with the introduction of our new executive chef. They've enhanced the seasonal menu with new salads, vegetables and a variety of succulent meats cooked on the wood-fired BBQ. We do not offer seafood for lunch, but vegetarian options are available and there are delectable desserts to make room for too.

An entertaining farm demonstration is also included or you can explore the beautiful lakeside gardens.

Return by ferry to Queenstown and commence your Queenstown Tour. See the contrast of smooth glacier rounded hills, and jagged mountain summits that reach high above the ancient ice floor. Local story has it, that the gold prospectors of the 19th century pronounced the town as "fit for any Queen", and so she was called Queenstown.

A brief sightseeing tour of Queenstown visiting Arrowtown and Kawarau Bungy Bridge (viewing deck only).

Visit the award-winning Gibbston Valley Winery, founded by a pioneer of the Central Otago wine industry, and sample a selection of wines produced on site. You can also browse the winery's well-stocked gift shop and the region's only cheesery.

Have your camera at the ready as you are transported into Middle-earth at the Kawarau Gorge, film location for the 'Pillars of the Kings' in The Lord of the Rings. Then discover beautiful Arrowtown's captivating history and colonial architecture. Highlights are the Lakes District Museum and the Chinese miners' settlement, as well as plus boutique shopping, great cafés and restaurants. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch  
**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Queenstown or similar

### DAY-09: QUEENSTOWN SHOTOVER BOAT RIDE & NOMAD SAFARI/GLENORCHY TOUR.

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy your Half Day adventure tour of Queenstown.

The only way to experience our Canyons, see their beauty and feel their power, is to come on a journey with the world's most exciting jet boat ride. A unique combination of beauty and power, it's an experience like no other, blending pristine natural landscape with wall-to-wall canyon action from start to finish!

Proudly owned by Ngāi Tahu, the Māori people of this land, our connection to the Kīmiākau (Shotover River) goes back centuries. As the home of our tīpuna (ancestors), this place is part of us. Only we have access to the spectacular Shotover Canyons.

A true 4x4 off road adventure which explores the historic gold mining town of Macetown.

Long since abandoned after the gold rush Macetown has now been transformed into a Department of Conservation reserve. Ride the rugged road in the safety of our 4x4 that ensures excitement and adventure crossing the Arrow River some 25 times each way.

Immerse yourself in the history of this precious region by panning for gold and letting our knowledgeable guides teach you about the hardship and exhilaration these miners faced.

Lunch and dinner are own arrangement. Overnight at the hotel. (B)

### DAY-10: QUEENSTOWN - MT. COOK - CHRISTCHURCH.

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel restaurant. Your day trip from Queenstown to Mt. Cook will commence after your breakfast.

Pick up by Cheeky Kiwi starts in the stunning city of Queenstown. As we drive out of the city your guide will not only set the scene for your adventurous day but also point out and guide you past some of the areas top highlights.

Travel north, with a scenic trip from Mount Cook to Christchurch through the lush farmland of the Canterbury Plains to **Lake Tekapo**, where you can see the iconic **Church of the Good Shepherd** as it stands in solitude next to the vibrant blue waters.

Lunch is own arrangement

Before leaving Tekapo, see the Mackenzie Dog and we continue into the Southern Alps towards Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park, home to New Zealand's tallest mountain. Along the way, your driver-guide will keep you entertained and informed with commentary on the area's history and sites of interest. Arrive Christchurch in the late afternoon. Dinner is own arrangement. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast  
**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza Hotel Christchurch or similar

### DAY-11: CHRISTCHURCH CITY TOUR & INTERNATIONAL ANTARTIC CENTER.

Your breakfast will be served at the hotel restaurant. Enjoy your half day Christchurch City Tour and International Antarctic Tour.

Experience the grand architecture, beautiful gardens and scenic view points on a half-day city tour of Christchurch.

Wander the Monavale Gardens with pretty ponds and water features, drive through the city centre once with its historic buildings and architecture now heavily destroyed and badly damaged by the Earthquake hitting the city in February 2011. See for yourself both the destruction of the central city and the rebuild that is taking place.

You will view the botanical gardens in the central city and the seaside suburb of Sumner.

Travel to the Sign of the Takahe to admire the spectacular views over the Canterbury Plains and Southern Alps. The tour then moves on to The International Antarctic Centre. This features a recreation of the atmosphere of Antarctica with a snow and ice experience, the blue penguin encounter, a 4-D Movie experience and an exhilarating Hagglund ride.

The Penguins held here are birds that have been rescued and cared for, some since they were chicks. Lunch and dinner are own arrangement. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast  
**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza Hotel Christchurch or similar

### DAY-12: DEPARTURE CHRISTCHURCH.

Your journey comes to an end after your breakfast this morning.

You will be transferred to Christchurch International Airport for your International flight bound home taking with you the unforgettable and lasting memories of a wonderful New Zealand.

**Meals:** Breakfast

*End of our service, hope to welcome you again!*

### 1) TOUR DATES & PRICES:

**Valid: December 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025**  
**Departures (Min of 2 guests)**

#### Tour Cost Per Person

02 + 0 Twin/twin share	PHP 266,400.00	US\$ 4,440.00
Single room supplement	PHP 81,600.00	US\$ 1,360.00

**Note.** \*Tour price is not valid during Christmas, New Year, Easter, New Zealand National and International Events.

**\*\*Extra night/s in Auckland and Christchurch are available upon request.**

### 2) INCLUSIONS:

- New Zealand Goods and Services Tax
- Air New Zealand air ticket with 1 checked bag (23kg)
- Combination of seat-in-coach and private touring with English speaking driver-guide
- Accommodation with daily breakfast inside the hotel
- Attractions as specified in the itinerary
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Free travel insurance (up to 59yo only)
- Travel Kit

### 3) ITEMS NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfares
- Any extra meals
- Drinks (soft drinks/juices/wine/beers ordered during meals)
- Optional tours and activities are not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Air New Zealand excess checked bag
- New Zealand Airport Departure Tax if any. (At the moment there is none)
- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, pay movies, room services, mini bars laundries, or other expenditures during the tour.
- Daily tipping (Approx NZ\$ 8.00 per person per day)

### 4) HOTEL SELECTIONS:

#### **4 STAR:**

In Auckland – **SkyCity Auckland** or similar - <https://skycityauckland.co.nz/>

In Rotorua – **Millennium Hotel Rotorua** or similar - <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/rotorua/millennium-hotel-rotorua/>

In Queenstown – **Millennium Hotel Queenstown** or similar - <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/queenstown/millennium-hotel-queenstown/>

In Christchurch – **Crowne Plaza Christchurch** or similar - <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/christchurch/chccs/hoteldetail>

### 5) CHILD POLICY:

**\*NOTE: Child = 2 – 11yrs inclusive**

- Infant under 2 years of age: FOC
- Child share room with 1 adult: Upon request
- Child share room with 2 adults with bed: Upon request
- Child share room with 2 adults not occupying a bed: Upon request
- **\*\* For 2 children sharing one twin room, both child will be charged at:** Upon request

### 6) DEPOSIT / TERMS OF PAYMENT:

- Upon confirmation of all services, we require US\$ 500.00 tour deposit per person.
- Full payment is payable four (4) weeks prior to commencement of service.
- For bookings less than four (4) weeks prior to commencement of service and during peak seasons and block out periods shall be considered “book & buy”. Full payment has to be made immediately upon confirmation of all services.

### 7) SURCHARGE:

- Surcharge may apply for tours traveling during New Zealand public holidays and special events period.
- The quoted price is subject to sudden price increases or surcharges imposed by our suppliers that are beyond our control (eg. room surcharge if the original quoted price is not available)

### 8) CANCELLATION POLICY:

We will endeavour to minimize any cancellation charges imposed. However, our general cancellations policy is as follows:

- 61 days or more – Deposit
- 60-30 days prior to arrival – 50% of tour fare
- 29-2 days prior to arrival – 80% of tour fare
- 1-0 days prior to arrival – 100% of tour fare

**Contact us:**

***Please note:*** Information concerning tour inclusions and resort/hotel facilities has been compiled as accurately as possible. However, there may be times when certain amenities, facilities and/or inclusions are not available. Such situations may be dictated by weather conditions, maintenance/ refurbishment, local regulations and national or religious holidays. While we will endeavor to advise clients of any changes to itinerary inclusions, we cannot accept responsibility for any such situations which are outside our control.