

# AUSTRALIA





## AUSTRALIAN CONTINENT

Australia, or officially the Commonwealth of Australia (English: Commonwealth of Australia), is a continental country located in the Southern Hemisphere. It lies between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

**SURFACE AREA**  
8.600.000 km<sup>2</sup>



**POPULATION**  
36.000.000

**NUMBER OF COUNTRIES**  
3



### DO YOU KNOW THIS?

Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world today. 90% of Australians live on beaches. The Great Barrier Reef, one of the seven wonders of the world, is on this continent.

# DISCOVER OCEANIA

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## East Coast Luxury Adventure



Arrive in the culturally rich and artistic city of Melbourne and explore the neighbouring wildlife hotspot Phillip Island, before taking a day to journey west along the famous Great Ocean Road. Fly north to Cairns, the tropical city where rainforest meets sea, set amongst World Heritage areas.

Explore the vibrant Great Barrier Reef, lush Daintree Rainforest and crystal waters of Cape Tribulation. Journey back south to experience the electricity of Australia's largest city, Sydney, and spend a day inland in the breathtaking Blue Mountains wilderness region.



Starts in: Melbourne  
Finishes in: Sydney  
Length: 10 days / 9 nights  
Accommodation: Luxury Hotels  
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport  
Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving, instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)  
Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App  
Included activity: Private transfer from accommodation to Sydney Airport  
Included activity: Great Ocean Road Day Tour with Oceania Tours  
Included activity: Private transfer Cairns Airport to your accommodation  
Included activity: Premium Daintree & Cape Tribulation Day Tour with Discover Tours Australia  
Included activity: Private transfer Sydney Airport to your accommodation  
Included activity: Blue Mountains Deluxe Day Tour with AEA Luxury Tours

Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations  
Includes: 24/7 support while touring in New Zealand

Included activity: Private transfer Melbourne Airport to your accommodation  
Included activity: Phillip Island and Moonlit Sanctuary Tour with Oceania Tours & Safaris  
Included activity: Private transfer from accommodation to Melbourne Airport  
Included activity: Reef Cruise and Helicopter Flight with Down Under Cruise & Dive  
Included activity: Private transfer from accommodation to Cairns Airport

Included activity: Panoramic Sydney Sights Tour and Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise: 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches



## Day 1



### Arrive into Melbourne

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### Phillip Island and Moonlit Sanctuary Tour with Oceania Tours & Safaris

Your tour will commence with a visit to Moonlit Sanctuary Conservation Park where you are guaranteed plenty of close encounters with an array of Australian native animals like kangaroos, wombats and echidnas. Next, you will head to Phillip Island where time/season permitting, you will take to Woolamai Surf Beach to catch a glimpse of the awesome waves and die-hard surfers. Following this, you then travel over to the dramatic west coast of the island. At the Nobbies, you will stroll along the boardwalk to experience the waves crashing along this dramatic coastline and perhaps spot a few seals and some penguin nests. Finally, your Phillip Island tour is not complete without its black tie gala event: the Penguin Parade. You will firstly head to the Visitor Centre to shop and have a coffee. Included is the penguin plus viewing which allows you to view the penguins on a separate platform to one side of the beach, its a more intimate viewing enabling you a better view of little penguins waddling ashore, decked out in their tuxedos as they hurry off to find their burrows.

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### Phillip Island

Phillip Island is just 90 minutes from Melbourne. It is home to white-sand beaches, captivating coastlines, fun family activities, and world-class events, such as the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix. See Little Penguins return to their burrows on sunset, watch inquisitive seals play at sea, go in search of whales, and be in awe of natural scenery on a coastal walk. You can also visit Phillip Island Chocolate Factory and taste delicious chocolate treats and even make your own chocolate creation on the spot.

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Meals included: Breakfast



## Day 3



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Meals included: Breakfast



## Day 4



### Private transfer from accommodation to Melbourne Airport

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### Domestic Flight - Melbourne to Cairns

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### Cairns

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Spirit of Cairns Dinner Cruise

A Cairns dinner cruise is the perfect way to end a perfect day in paradise. Board the sailing catamaran and enjoy an evening of calm water cruising on Trinity Inlet, taking in the sights and sounds of this tropical port city and its surrounds as they transition from day to night.

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Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 5



### Reef Cruise, Snorkel and Helicopter Flight with Down Under Cruise & Dive

Cruise onboard luxury superyacht, Evolution, to the Outer Great Barrier Reef from Cairns. Over 4 and a half hours of reef time, you will visit two exclusive reef sites, providing plenty of time to snorkel, relax and sunbathe on one of Evolution's three spacious deck levels.

Snorkel or join a Semi-Submersible tour with live commentary from a marine expert or take advantage of Evolutions extensive lounging areas to simply relax or soak up some tropical sun. Your day includes a delicious freshly cooked Aussie BBQ lunch consisting of fish, steak, a variety of salads and tasty ocean prawns. On the return trip to Cairns, you will board a helicopter, where your highly skilled pilot will share their local knowledge of the region while on the lookout for Turtles, Dolphins, Manta Rays, large schools of pelagic fish and even majestic Humpback Whales (Jul-Sep).

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## Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the 7 natural wonders of the world, a World Heritage listed reef system comprising over 3000 individual reefs. This hugely biodiverse ecosystem is home to an abundance of marine life, coral cays and tropical islands surrounded by sun-drenched golden beaches. It has become one of the most highly sought after tourist destinations in the world, so there is no shortage of activities available to help you explore the stunning area, including snorkelling, diving, scenic flights, cruises and whale watching voyages. The Great Barrier Reef is usually accessed via the main ports of Airlie Beach in the Whitsundays and the tropical city of Cairns, although the coast of Far North Queensland harbours many other beautiful towns that provide tours to the reef.

Your accommodation: **Crystalbrook Riley**

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



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## Day 6





## Premium Daintree & Cape Tribulation Day Tour

This premium full-day tour includes the Daintree Rainforest, Cape Tribulation, Mossman Gorge, and Port Douglas. It takes in the best bits of lush tropical rainforest, cascading rivers, and the iconic Cape Tribulation beach, the only place on earth where two natural World Heritage-listed sites, the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics Rainforest, exist side by side. This tour is great value and also includes a Daintree River Cruise, morning tea, and a quality restaurant lunch. You'll travel with a small group in a comfortable air-conditioned, late model vehicle, with free WIFI onboard.

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### Daintree

The world's oldest rainforest by an impressive 10 million years, surviving cataclysmic events that wiped out the dinosaurs, the Daintree exudes ancient energy to those who visit. The traditional custodians of the area, the Kuku Yulanji, have been living in complete harmony with their environment for 50,000 years. Encompassing approximately 1200 square kilometres stretching from the Daintree River to the sea's edge, north to Cooktown and west to the Great Divide, this World Heritage-listed area is the single largest block of tropical rainforest in Australia. With creeping vines, emerald tree canopies and winding rivers below, there are memorable experiences to be gained for all. One of the most well-known natural features of the Daintree is Mossman Gorge, promising breathtaking scenery, unique wildlife and lush rainforest steeped in history and legends that have been passed down generations. Whether you are seeking luxury, immersive cultural experiences, or something more adventurous, the Daintree has it all.

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### Your accommodation: **Crystalbrook Riley**

Meals included:            Breakfast, Lunch



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## Day 7



### Private transfer from accommodation to Cairns Airport

You will be picked up from your Cairns accommodation and taken to the Cairns Airport.

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### Domestic Flight - Cairns to Sydney

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### Private transfer Sydney Airport to your accommodation

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## Sydney

Sydney is Australia's largest city and the vibrant capital of New South Wales. The city was founded in 1788 with the arrival of the first fleet of convicts and soldiers, although the area has been inhabited by indigenous Australian ancestors who came to Australia between 15,000 and 45,000 years ago. Today, Sydney is a major international capital of culture and business, and also a key tourist destination recognised across the globe. Most famed for the unique Sydney Opera House, the city is also known for its beautiful surrounding beaches and as a gateway to popular sightseeing regions such as the Central Coast, the Blue Mountains and the Hunter Valley.

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### The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney - suggested activity

Located on the lands of the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney stands as Australia's oldest scientific institution and one of the earliest botanic gardens in the Southern Hemisphere. Positioned on the historic site of first contact between the Eora and Europeans, this lush garden is nestled between Circular Quay, the Sydney Opera House, and the Art Gallery of New South Wales, offering breathtaking views over Sydney Harbour.

The garden is home to thousands of plant species and a diverse array of wildlife, including vibrant birds, fruit bats, and water dragons. Visitors can explore various themed areas, such as the Cadi Jam Ora: First Encounters Garden, which shares the story of the Gadigal people through indigenous plants and interpretive displays. Another highlight is The Calyx, a cutting-edge horticultural display center that hosts ever-changing exhibitions focused on botany and environmental awareness.

For those seeking relaxation, the garden, and restaurant offer delightful dining experiences with stunning vistas, providing the perfect spot to unwind after a day of exploration.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Evening Dinner Cruise with Guaranteed Window Seating on Sydney Harbour

Sydney harbour is like a sunset painting in progress. The aquamarine colours of Summer give way to the warm orange hues of Autumn before deepening to a magical Winter twilight blue. Year-round, sun-up or sun-down and everything in between, the colours of Sydney Harbour will welcome you onboard the evening Dinner Cruise. This is the perfect start to an evening or stunning end to an amazing day in the greatest city in the world.

Your accommodation: **Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

Meals included: Breakfast



### Day 8



## Panoramic Sydney Sights Tour and Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise

Visit the historic Rocks area and hear of early convict history. Marvel at 18th century sandstone architecture such as NSW Parliament House, Rum Hospital, Hyde Park Barracks and St Marys Cathedral. Head to Mrs. Macquaries Point, to enjoy magnificent views of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Continue through Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, home to the rich and famous. Travelling along the coves and shores of one of the world's most impressive harbours, You will pass through areas such as Kings Cross, Double Bay, and Rose Bay before arriving at Watsons Bay. Here, you will have the option of a short coastal walk with views of the South Pacific Ocean and the entrance to Sydney Harbour. Visit the Bondi beachfront promenade, put your toes in the sand, enjoy a coffee or cool drink (at your own cost). See bronzed Aussie lifesavers and surfers riding the waves of Bondi. Continue on to Tamarama and Bronte beaches before returning to the city via Centennial Park and Paddington, a trendy district with its elegant terrace houses and boutique shops along Oxford Street. Finishing in Darling Harbour, you will board your Sydney Harbour lunch cruise. Enjoy a buffet-style Aussie BBQ lunch onboard including salad and vegetables - and all this with great views of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

## Barangaroo - suggested activity

One of Sydney's most recent and ambitious renewal projects, Barangaroo belies very little of its former life as an industrial container terminal. Weaving along the waters edge, the precinct is bursting with incredible eateries, parklands, exciting shopping, cultural experiences, and the six-star Crown Hotel. Coming from Walsh Bay, begin your exploration by dipping into Barangaroo Reserve.

This large landscaped green space provides beautiful vantage points, lovely lawns, and the purpose-built Cutaway event space. Not to be missed is the important audio-visual artwork Wellama, which welcomes visitors to Gadigal country, and the multimedia Indigenous experience Ngangamay, embedded in the sandstone and accessed via a downloadable app, that honours Barangaroo, the powerful Aboriginal woman after whom the precinct is named.

Your accommodation: **Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



### Day 9



### Blue Mountains Deluxe Day Tour, including lunch, with AEA Luxury Tours

The Blue Mountains National Park is one of seven national parks that make up the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. This wonderland of sandstone outcrops, deep ravines and hazy blue eucalypt forests boasts luxury retreats and stunning views. This guided day tour will take you off the beaten track to visit remote lookout locations and discuss the history, flora, and fauna of this magnificent region.

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### Blue Mountains

The World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains is a wilderness area showcasing ancient rock formations, vast canyons and waterfalls plummeting into valleys below. The breathtaking views over the region stretch to the hazy blue horizon, while the historic village towns nestled amongst the rainforest are dotted with tea rooms, cellar doors and breweries hosted by local producers. There is no shortage of adventure in the Blue Mountains with the rugged sandstone escarpments, underground caves and deep canyons providing the perfect playground for rock climbing, abseiling, canyoning and more. Of course, relaxation is also on the cards with a number of resorts, boutique guesthouses and day spas throughout.

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Your accommodation: **Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

Meals included:            Breakfast, Lunch



### Day 10



### Private transfer from accommodation to Sydney Airport

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### Farewell from Australia

Farewell Australia today. If there is more of Australia or New Zealand you would like to explore, talk to your sales consult about planning your next stop!

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Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Independent daily departures
Starts:	Melbourne
Finishes:	Sydney
Tour length:	10
Accommodation:	Luxury 5* Hotels
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary

Day 1	The Ritz-Carlton
Day 2	The Ritz-Carlton
Day 3	The Ritz-Carlton
Day 4	Crystalbrook Riley
Day 5	Crystalbrook Riley
Day 6	Crystalbrook Riley
Day 7	Four Seasons
Day 8	Four Seasons
Day 9	Four Seasons



PRICE STARTING AT USD 7 900 PER PERSON



## From Melbourne to Sydney, A Journey Through Quintessential Australia



Embark on an unforgettable 12-day journey through the diverse landscapes of Australia's key destinations, starting with the vibrant cultural tapestry of Melbourne. Immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring beauty of the Great Ocean Road, a scenic marvel leading to the heart of the continent, where the majestic Uluru and Kata Tjuta await exploration. Indulge in moments of relaxation amidst the tropical paradise of Cairns, where the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef beckon.

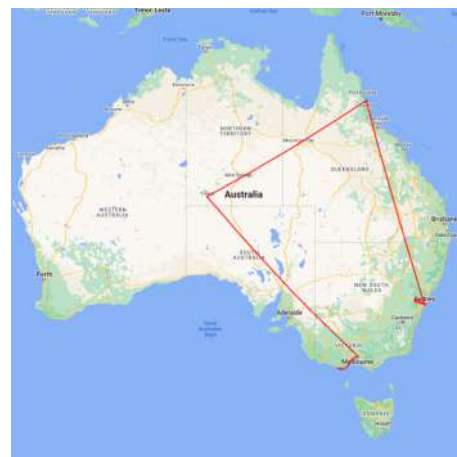
Discover Sydney's iconic landmarks before venturing into the untamed beauty of the Blue Mountains. This carefully crafted itinerary gives varied experiences, blending adventure, culture, and natural wonders to create lasting memories.



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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - River Gardens Tour with Melbourne River Cruises

Within moments of Melbourne's cultural Arts precinct, you are cruising through Melbourne's picturesque gardens, parklands and some of the city's famous sporting arenas.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Hidden Bars of Melbourne Walking Tour with Depot Adventures

The Melbourne hidden bar culture is a unique part of Australia's cultural capital. The difficult thing is just that they're hidden! This city makes you work to find its best bits, which is why you'll find some of the best bars behind other venues, underneath laneways, or tucked into repurposed spaces.

Join an experienced guide and uncover four of these fascinating venues in one afternoon, and learn what makes each one special over a drink, or four. Speak with talented bartenders during this small-group experience, making sure to chat with them about what kinds of drinks you like to personalise your Melbourne Hidden Bars Tour even more.

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## Day 4



### Private transfer from accommodation to Melbourne Airport

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### Own Arrangements Domestic Flight - Melbourne to Yulara (Ayers Rock Airport)

This cost for this flight is additional to your tour, we can book this flight for you.

### Yulara

Yulara is the resort township situated 10 minutes drive from the entry to Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park. This small outpost is the central hub that supports tourism around Uluru, but also helps to protect the fragile ecosystem and spiritual centre of Australia from modern human impact. Yulara hosts approximately 250,000 visitors each year in its range of accommodation ranging from glamping to poolside resorts. Take the opportunity during your visit to walk the path through desert vegetation to Imalung Lookout in the very centre of the village, providing stunning, uninterrupted views of Uluru.

### Transfer from Ayers Rock Airport to Accommodation

After collecting your luggage, simply follow the courtesy hotel transfers signs. Locate the AAT Kings coach displaying your resort name and hop on board. Your driver will then deliver you directly to your accommodation, just a short 10-minute journey away.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - A Night at Field of Light with Voyages Indigenous Tourism

This exclusive dining experience combines the award-winning Sounds of Silence dinner under the outback sky with the once-in-a-lifetime Field of Light art installation.

With magnificent views of Uluru at sunset, a three-course bush tucker menu, premium selection of Australian wines and beers, fascinating star talk and a self-guided walk through the Field of Light art installation.

Your accommodation: **Sails in the Desert**

Meals included: Breakfast



## Day 5



### Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

More than just a photo opportunity, this national park holds the wisdom of ancient lands and their custodians - a living cultural landscape where the earth and its people exist as one. It is, of course, home to the awe-inspiring rock formation, Uluru. This natural feature is famous for the way the light plays on it during spectacular sunrises and sunsets and can be viewed from specially created viewing areas depending on the time of day you visit. If exploring geological marvels is a highlight for you, the domes of Kata Tjuta are just as spectacular as Uluru. The Anangu, the traditional owners of this land, believe that the physical landscapes of Uluru-Kata Tjuta were shaped by ancestral beings who still exist here today. At the entrance of the park you will find the Cultural Centre, a free-form structure built entirely from locally-made mud bricks. Here you can learn about the Anangu, their culture and the area's natural environment. You can also marvel at traditional and contemporary art at the park's galleries, or check out the stunning art installation that overlooks the park, the Field of Light, after dark.

### Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks Pass

The Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks Pass allows entry to explore these universally recognised natural wonders. You will be required to show your Uluru-Kata Tjuta Parks Pass at the park entry gates before entering Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Please have your pass ready to be scanned prior to arriving at this location.

### Desert Awakenings Breakfast Voyages Indigenous Tourism

Experience the tranquillity of the pre-dawn land under a canopy of stars. Watch the amazing transformation of colours and life as the desert awakens with Uluru and Kata Tjuta as your backdrop. In the company of your expert guide, Desert Awakenings is designed to introduce you to the natural and cultural landscapes of this remarkable region.

### Sunset Camel Experience

Travel for one hour on friendly camels in the spectacular desert landscape. Bringing you closer to nature, the skilled cameleers share stories of the Territory.

Enjoy stunning views of Uluru and Kata Tjuta as you watch the colour change while the sun sets from atop a sand dune. Return to the farm at twilight to relax and enjoy Australian beer, wine, champagne and outback bush foods including their famous freshly baked beer bread damper.

Your accommodation: **Sails in the Desert**

Meals included: Breakfast



## Day 6



### Transfer from Accommodation to Ayers Rock Airport

Return transfers to the airport depart from outside your hotel approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes prior to your scheduled flight departure. Please check with reception for exact departure times.

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Meals included:        Breakfast



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### Reef Cruise, Snorkel and Helicopter Flight with Down Under Cruise & Dive

Cruise onboard luxury superyacht, Evolution, to the Outer Great Barrier Reef from Cairns. Over 4 and a half hours of reef time, you will visit two exclusive reef sites, providing plenty of time to snorkel, relax and sunbathe on one of Evolution's three spacious deck levels.

Snorkel or join a Semi-Submersible tour with live commentary from a marine expert or take advantage of Evolutions extensive lounging areas to simply relax or soak up some tropical sun. Your day includes a delicious freshly cooked Aussie BBQ lunch consisting of fish, steak, a variety of salads and tasty ocean prawns. On the return trip to Cairns, you will board a helicopter, where your highly skilled pilot will share their local knowledge of the region while on the lookout for Turtles, Dolphins, Manta Rays, large schools of pelagic fish and even majestic Humpback Whales (Jul-Sep).

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### Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the 7 natural wonders of the world, a World Heritage listed reef system comprising over 3000 individual reefs. This hugely biodiverse ecosystem is home to an abundance of marine life, coral cays and tropical islands surrounded by sun-drenched golden beaches. It has become one of the most highly sought after tourist destinations in the world, so there is no shortage of activities available to help you explore the stunning area, including snorkelling, diving, scenic flights, cruises and whale watching voyages. The Great Barrier Reef is usually accessed via the main ports of Airlie Beach in the Whitsundays and the tropical city of Cairns, although the coast of Far North Queensland harbours many other beautiful towns that provide tours to the reef.



Your accommodation: **Crystalbrook Riley**

Meals included: Breakfast



## Day 8



### Explore Cairns - Free Day

Cairns is known as the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, and Queensland's tropical north. It is a laid-back town with a relaxed way of life, ideal for people who enjoy the outdoors and tropical nature. Have a stroll along Cairns esplanade, discover open-air markets, and grab a coffee in one of the brilliant alfresco cafes. After that, you can cool off in the sparkling Esplanade Lagoon. This saltwater pool is lined with parks, shady banyan trees, boardwalks, and barbecues. If you feel active and energised, you can join free outdoor exercise classes, such as yoga, zumba, pilates, or beach volleyball, held six mornings a week along the Esplanade. In the afternoon, you can visit Cairns Botanic Gardens, with their spectacular plant collection. The gardens feature rainforest vegetation and many interesting species of flowers. You can bring your own snacks for the picnic or grab a snack in the cafeteria. You should also explore the Cairns Aquarium, which is dedicated to local species and habitats, with over 16,000 specimens on display. It is home to incredible sea creatures, from sharks to snakes. In the evening, enjoy fresh seafood in one of the gourmet restaurants or a refreshing cocktail in a waterfront bar with its amazing ocean views and great vibes.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Wildlife Experience with Kuranda Scenic Railway

Experience this scenic journey on the Kuranda Scenic Railway to the 'village in the rainforest'. Your day begins in Cairns as you board the train for a morning departure. Travel through unsurpassed views of World Heritage-listed rainforest and waterfalls, including Stoney Creek Falls and the breathtaking Barron Gorge. You will wind your way through 15 tunnels and over 37 bridges on your journey before reaching Kuranda, where you will have several hours to explore the village. Visit the award-winning attractions Birdworld, Kuranda Koala Gardens and the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary. In the afternoon you will board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for a journey up and over the rainforest canopy, back to the Skyrail terminal where you will be transported back to the Cairns railway station.

Your accommodation: **Crystalbrook Riley**

Meals included: Breakfast



## Day 9



### Private transfer from accommodation to Cairns Airport

You will be picked up from your Cairns accommodation and taken to the Cairns Airport.

### Domestic Flight - Cairns to Sydney

This cost for this flight is additional to your tour, we can book this flight for you.

### Private transfer Sydney Airport to your accommodation

On arrival, you will be met by a private driver outside baggage carousel and delivered to your Sydney accommodation.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Sydney & The Rocks Historic Walking Tour with The Rocks Walking Tours

There is no better way to get up close and personal with the living history and heritage of Sydney than on foot with Sydneys most experienced tour guides on a 90-minute leisurely walk around Sydneys historic Rocks district. Hear the story of Sydney from the beginning as you stroll along the shoreline of sparkling Sydney Harbour with views of the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, past Campbells Cove, and Cadmans Cottage. Wander down hidden alleyways, into shady courtyards, and along cobbled lanes. Discover the nooks and crannies and get up close and personal with the living history and heritage of Australias first British settlement. Be amazed by stories of the First Fleet 1788, Nurses Walk, the Rum Rebellion 1808, Suez Canal, the Argyle Cut 1840, the plague 1900, the Sydney Harbour Bridge 1920s, the diabolical 1970s plan to demolish The Rocks, and the green bans that saved it. And of course, hear of the characters and rogues who called it home. Today, The Rocks is renowned for having the oldest streets in Sydney which are dotted with beautifully restored nineteenth-century buildings.

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### Your accommodation: **Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

Meals included:            Breakfast



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## Day 10



### Explore Sydney

Often mistaken as Australia's capital city, Sydney is a vibrant coastal city with plenty to see and do. Starting in Circular Quay you will catch your first views of the two big icons, Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. From here you can catch one of the quintessential harbour ferries over to Manly Beach or Taronga Zoo, catching a glimpse of Kirribilli House, the Prime Minister's official Sydney residence, on the way over. Kirribilli is also home to one of Sydney's oldest markets at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre twice a month. It is known for its stalls of vintage clothing, arts, delicious street food and its lively community atmosphere - so if you are in town on a market day, you can't miss it. For a relaxing end to your day of exploration, your dinner options are aplenty. From high-end restaurants around Circular Quay that offer amazing views, to the Chinatown food courts and a broad range of eateries at Barangaroo, you will be spoiled for choice.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Sydney Opera House Tour

Step inside an iconic landmark. The Sydney Opera House is one of the worlds most recognisable landmarks and this is your chance to truly get up-close. Run your hands over the world-famous shell tiles, take a seat in the elegant custom-made white birch timber chairs and marvel at the vaulted ceilings. Visit areas off-limits to the public and capture photographs from rare vantage points. Watch unforgettable moments from past Concert Hall performances, learning about the history and future of this world-famous hall in an immersive digital experience. Experience the future within a purpose-built venue that boasts heritage-inspired interiors, and state-of-the-art technology, including 270-degree visuals and surround sound.

From the jaw-dropping sweep of the sails to our soaring cathedral interiors, it is impossible to complete a tour of the Sydney Opera House without being compelled to look up.

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## The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney - suggested activity

Located on the lands of the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney stands as Australia's oldest scientific institution and one of the earliest botanic gardens in the Southern Hemisphere. Positioned on the historic site of first contact between the Eora and Europeans, this lush garden is nestled between Circular Quay, the Sydney Opera House, and the Art Gallery of New South Wales, offering breathtaking views over Sydney Harbour.

The garden is home to thousands of plant species and a diverse array of wildlife, including vibrant birds, fruit bats, and water dragons. Visitors can explore various themed areas, such as the Cadi Jam Ora: First Encounters Garden, which shares the story of the Gadigal people through indigenous plants and interpretive displays. Another highlight is The Calyx, a cutting-edge horticultural display center that hosts ever-changing exhibitions focused on botany and environmental awareness.

For those seeking relaxation, the gardens cafe and restaurant offer delightful dining experiences with stunning vistas, providing the perfect spot to unwind after a day of exploration.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Summit with Bridgeclimb Sydney

Experience the breathtaking 360-degree panoramic views of Sydney, whilst scaling the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge on BridgeClimbs original Climb experience. Feel on top of the world as you journey along the upper arch to the peak of an Australian icon, soaking in the stories from your expert Climb Leader and the sights of the Harbour and the City skyline that surround you.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Evening Dinner Cruise with Guaranteed Window Seating on Sydney Harbour

Sydney harbour is like a sunset painting in progress. The aquamarine colours of Summer give way to the warm orange hues of Autumn before deepening to a magical Winter twilight blue. Year-round, sun-up or sun-down and everything in between, the colours of Sydney Harbour will welcome you onboard the evening Dinner Cruise. This is the perfect start to an evening or stunning end to an amazing day in the greatest city in the world.

Your accommodation: **Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

Meals included: Breakfast



## Day 11



### Blue Mountains Deluxe Day Tour, including lunch, with AEA Luxury Tours

The Blue Mountains National Park is one of seven national parks that make up the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. This wonderland of sandstone outcrops, deep ravines and hazy blue eucalypt forests boasts luxury retreats and stunning views. This guided day tour will take you off the beaten track to visit remote lookout locations and discuss the history, flora, and fauna of this magnificent region.

### Blue Mountains

The World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains is a wilderness area showcasing ancient rock formations, vast canyons and waterfalls plummeting into valleys below. The breathtaking views over the region stretch to the hazy blue horizon, while the historic village towns nestled amongst the rainforest are dotted with tea rooms, cellar doors and breweries hosted by local producers. There is no shortage of adventure in the Blue Mountains with the rugged sandstone escarpments, underground caves and deep canyons providing the perfect playground for rock climbing, abseiling, canyoning and more. Of course, relaxation is also on the cards with a number of resorts, boutique guesthouses and day spas throughout.

Your accommodation: **Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

Meals included: Breakfast



## Day 12



### Private transfer from accommodation to Sydney Airport

You will be picked up from your Sydney accommodation and taken to the Sydney Airport.

### Farewell from Sydney

Your tour comes to an end today, but if you are itching to explore more amazing sights, we can customise your holiday to include more days or additional destinations. Our trusted travel specialists can book transfers to your onward flight, and even assist in booking these flights for you. Our team can't wait to help you design your ultimate getaway!

Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Independent daily departures
Starts:	Melbourne
Finishes:	Sydney
Tour length:	12
Accommodation:	Luxury 5* Hotels
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary

Day 1	The Ritz-Carlton
Day 2	The Ritz-Carlton
Day 3	The Ritz-Carlton
Day 4	Sails in the Desert
Day 5	Sails in the Desert
Day 6	Crystalbrook Riley
Day 7	Crystalbrook Riley
Day 8	Crystalbrook Riley
Day 9	Four Seasons
Day 10	Four Seasons
Day 11	Four Seasons



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## Luxe Queensland: The Ultimate Beach Hopper Getaway



The Sunshine Coast boasts stunning stretches of beach fringed by trendy eateries and boutique stores, so spend your first day exploring Mooloolaba before venturing into the hinterland to sample some of the region's best wine & produce. Then it's time to take off to the tropical paradise of the Whitsundays. Nestled on Long Island awaits your luxury eco retreat where your only worry will be deciding whether to start your day with yoga or a lie-in. Explore the Great Barrier Reef from above in your private helicopter and beachcomb on the pristine sands of Whitehaven Beach.

Return to the mainland and venture north to sail the outer reef, where the wildlife is abundant and the coral gardens flourish. Lap up the luxury of your beachfront boutique hotel and the signature experiences on offer, or perhaps enjoy an early morning hot air balloon experience over the tropics.



Starts in: Sunshine Coast  
Finishes in: Cairns  
Length: 9 days / 8 nights  
Accommodation: Luxury Lodges  
Can be customised: Yes



This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport  
Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving, instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)  
Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App

Included activity: Sunshine Coast Hinterland Scenic Food & Wine Day Tour with Coast to Hinterland Tours - Includes Lunch  
Included activity: Boat Transfer Shute Harbour to Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat  
Included activity: Boat Transfer Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat to Shute Harbour

Included activity: Private transfer from Cairns Airport to Palm Cove with Exemplar

plus much more...

Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations  
Includes: 24/7 support while touring in New Zealand

Included activity: Private Transfer from Sunshine Coast Airport to your accommodation with UltiMate Executive Transfers

Included activity: Private Transfer from Proserpine Airport to Shute Harbour with Heart of Reef Shuttles

Included activity: Whitehaven Beach Private Helicopter Tour with Beach Landing from Elysian

Included activity: Private Transfer from Shute Harbour to Proserpine Airport with Heart of Reef Shuttles

Included activity: Mackay Cay Outer Reef Cruise with Sailaway Port Douglas - Lunch and Palm Cove Transfers Included

## Day 1



### Mooloolaba

Located in the Sunshine Coast, Mooloolaba is adorned for its white beaches and sparkling blue waters. During whale migration, Mooloolaba is a popular departure location for scenic humpback experiences. Visit Sea Life Sunshine Coast to get a closer look at the marine mammals that reside in the nearing Pacific Ocean including sharks, jellyfish, turtles, and seals. Cafes, restaurants, and shops dot the esplanade, satisfying the foodies and making for the perfect location to explore after a day spent on the sand.

### Private Transfer from Sunshine Coast Airport to your accommodation

On arrival, a private transfer will collect you from the Sunshine Coast Airport and transfer you to your accommodation.

### Your accommodation: Sea Pearl Mooloolaba

Located in the heart of Mooloolaba, Sea Pearl Mooloolaba offers self-contained accommodation within short walking distance to cafes, restaurants, and the beautiful Mooloolaba Beach. This hotel features an outdoor pool, balconies in each apartment and an outdoor barbecue area. Perfect for couples or small families, Sea Pearl Mooloolaba is your own slice of paradise.



## Day 2



### Sunshine Coast Hinterland Scenic Food & Wine Day Tour with Coast to Hinterland Tours - Includes Lunch

This Sunshine Coast Hinterland Day Tour combines the stunning scenery of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland with some of the regions finest local produce. Taste your way through the region with a local cheese tasting in Maleny, a fabulous 2-Course lunch, cellar door wine tasting and a visit to the quaint Hinterland village of Montville, and finally a touch of luxury with a sample box of handmade Belgian Chocolate.

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Meals included: Lunch



## Day 3



### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Own Arrangements Domestic Flight - Sunshine Coast Airport to Proserpine Airport

The cost for this flight is additional to your tour. We can book this flight for you.

### Private Transfer from Proserpine Airport to Shute Harbour with Heart of Reef Shuttles

You will be met at Proserpine - Whitsunday Coast Airport and transferred to Shute Harbour.



## Boat Transfer Shute Harbour to Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat

Your luxury island getaway begins with this 30-minute boat ride over to Long Island, home of Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat.

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### Long Island, QLD

Even though the cluster of Whitsunday islands are close to the mainland, escaping to Long Island still feels like you are a world away. Covered largely by Molle Islands National Park, the island boasts lush tropical vegetation, native wildlife, and approximately 17km of walking trails. Surrounded by pristine coral reefs and secluded bays, the island showcases ideal snorkelling locations and beaches to lay back on.

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### Your accommodation: Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat

The most secluded all-inclusive island retreat in the Whitsundays and the first 100% solar-powered resort on the Great Barrier Reef. With only 10 free-standing private villas and a maximum of 20 adult guests, this blissful escape has everything you could want.

Meals included:            Dinner



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## Day 4



### Included activities at Elysian Luxury Eco Retreat

#### Yoga

Yoga classes run twice daily so you can awaken your body & mind with calm, flowing movements, and end your day with a tranquil meditation to bring your body back to a state of relaxation after the day's adventures.

#### Snorkelling

Use of snorkelling equipment is unlimited throughout your stay so that you can explore the stunning and secluded beaches.

#### Paddleboarding & Kayaking

Paddle through the tranquil waters and keep an eye out for the green turtles within the sheltered bay. There are even double kayaks so that you can share your adventure! Guest Library

Books, board games and art supplies are available to rest and rejuvenate your mind on a quiet evening.

#### Sunset Cocktails & Canapes

Enjoy a beautiful sunset over Conway National Park with complimentary canapes from 6pm on the deck next to the resort pool or around the firepit.

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Meals included:            Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 5



### Whitehaven Beach Private Helicopter Tour with Beach Landing from Elysian

Departing from Elysian, soar in your private helicopter to the world-renowned Whitehaven Beach. You'll feel like you're in a dream as you gaze over breathtaking vistas of the Whitsunday Islands and the swirling azure waters of Hill Inlet as you come in to land. Arriving on the beach in sheer style, you will have 1.5 hours to beachcomb and relax on the pristine white sands, before your chariot returns you to your luxury retreat to continue your rejuvenating vacation.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 6



### Boat Transfer Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat to Shute Harbour

Bid farewell to Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat and return to Airlie Beach on this 30-minute journey.

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### Private Transfer from Shute Harbour to Proserpine Airport with Heart of Reef Shuttles

You will be met at Shute Harbour and transferred to Proserpine - Whitsunday Coast Airport

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Own Arrangements Domestic Flight - Proserpine Airport to Cairns

This cost for this flight is additional to your tour, we can book this flight for you.

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### Private transfer from Cairns Airport to Palm Cove with Exemplar

A private transfer will meet you on arrival at the airport and transfer you to your Palm Cove accommodation.

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## Your accommodation: Reef House Boutique Hotel Spa

Located just 25 minutes north of Cairns in the secluded Palm Cove of the Northern Beaches, The Reef House offers a warm, personalised luxury experience. As an adults-only property, it is the perfect getaway location for couples seeking romantic bliss, or simply a holiday in sheer relaxation.

Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 7



### Mackay Cay Outer Reef Cruise with Sailaway Port Douglas - Lunch and Palm Cove Transfers Included

Immersed in the northern frontier of Great Barrier Reef, this is the perfect snorkelling and sailing adventure for a conservation-minded visitor. Ideally suited to those who can swim and have a spirit of fun and adventure. Enjoy an inspiring full-day experience at the absolutely stunning Mackay Coral Cay on the Great Barrier Reef in the most sustainable way, including guided snorkelling and a glass-bottomed boat tour.

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## Your accommodation: Reef House Boutique Hotel Spa

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch





## Day 8



### Cairns Classic Ballooning with Hot Air

This morning you will be collected from your accommodation before dawn and taken to the launch site to begin your adventure. Watch on as the balloon inflates and be amazed at its sheer size. Your guide will have you in the balloon ready for launch as the sun begins to rise, setting the scene for your breathtaking experience as you gaze out the views of the Atherton Tablelands and the Great Barrier Reef that greet you. As the flight is coming to an end, your pilot will slowly guide the balloon back to the landing point where the fun continues. Once you have landed, experience the pack down of the balloon and come together with the pilot and crew to share a toast with a glass of bubbly to celebrate your unforgettable experience.

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### Signature Inclusions at The Reef House Boutique Hotel & Spa

Your stay at the Reef House Boutique Hotel & Spa is inclusive of these revitalising & luxurious experiences: Luxury Concierge Drink on arrival Daily breakfast overlooking the Coral Sea Daily poolside sorbet Daily punch & canapes Wine appreciation class with a sommelier Beachfront yoga Stretch & Breathe classes twice weekly Aqua aerobics classes twice weekly Aboriginal Dreamtime interpretation Poolside butler services Bicycles to explore the town Yoga mats & blocks in-room Reef conservation talk by marine biologist Board games & library Tranquility & mineral pools Heated spa

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Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 9



### Private transfer from Palm Cove to Cairns Airport with Exemplar

A private transfer will meet you at reception and transfer you to Cairns Airport.

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### Farewell from Cairns

Farewell Cairns today. If there is more of Australia you would like to explore, talk to your sales consultant about planning your next stop!

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Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Independent daily departures
Starts:	Sunshine Coast
Finishes:	Cairns
Tour length:	9
Accommodation:	Luxury Lodges
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary

Day 1	Sea Pearl Mooloolaba
Day 2	Sea Pearl Mooloolaba
Day 3	Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat
Day 4	Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat
Day 5	Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat
Day 6	Reef House Boutique Hotel Spa
Day 7	Reef House Boutique Hotel Spa
Day 8	Reef House Boutique Hotel Spa



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## Luxury Australia: From Iconic Landmarks to Natural Beauty



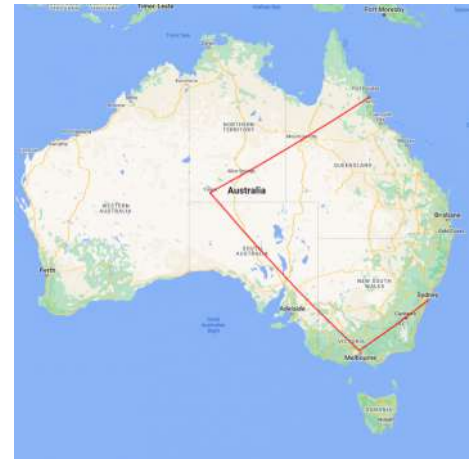
Venture on a journey through Australia's most iconic sights. Experience the ancient Gondwana Rainforests of Northern Australia, the majestic Uluru in the spiritual Red Centre, and the iconic harbour city of Sydney.

Please note: Internal flights are included in the cost of this tour.



Starts in: Cairns  
Finishes in: Sydney  
Length: 13days / 12nights  
Accommodation: Luxury Hotels  
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom Australia itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport  
Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations  
Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving, instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)  
Includes: 24/7 support while touring in Australia  
Included activity: Inspiring Australia Flight Information  
Included: Bruce Munro's Field of Light  
Included: Sounds of Silence Dinner  
Included: Sydney Harbour Sightseeing Cruise  
Included: Sydney Opera House Tour  
Included: Uluru Sunset Experience  
Included: Guided Aboriginal Walk OR Pub Walking Tour  
Included: Yarra Valley Chocolaterie Masterclass  
12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners, 2 special dinners





## Day 1



Welcome to Tropical Far North Queensland. This afternoon meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at Reef House Restaurant, nestled under Melaleuca trees.

Staying in:

- The Reef House (1 night)
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## Day 2

Join your Aboriginal guide on an exclusive experience to discover the ancient Daintree Rainforest and gain an insight into the deep relationship the local Kuku Yalanji people have with their land. Depending on the tide, learn about cultural traditions, taste bush foods and sample traditional medicine of the Aboriginal people.

Staying in:

- The Reef House (1 night)
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## Day 3

Today you can explore tropical Cairns in your own style with an Included Choice option. Either board a Quicksilver wave piercing catamaran and cruise to the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef. The professional crew will take you to an underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of colour and brilliance. Or if breathtaking rainforest speaks to you, your day begins on the Scenic Railway. Winding your way up to the quaint village of Kuranda. There's time to explore the 'village in the Rainforest', including the Heritage Markets, before returning on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.

Staying in:

- The Reef House (1 night)
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## Day 4

Today we fly from Cairns to the heart of the Red Centre, Uluru. This afternoon you're off to the domes of Kata Tjuta, where you'll join your Journey Director for a guided walk through Walpa Gorge. Later sparkling wine while you watch Uluru change colour as the sun sets below the horizon.

Staying in:

- Sails in the Desert Hotel (1 night)
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## Day 5

Rise early to experience the renowned Field of Light by artist Bruce Munro, where 50,000 glass spheres in colours of ochre, deep violet, blue and gentle white, have been installed within sight of Uluru. Wander through the paths and then, from the dune-top, watch as the dawn creeps across the desert plain and lights up the Red Centre. After breakfast you will have the opportunity to take a walk around part of the base of Uluru and hear timeless stories, see rock art, and visit Mutitjulu Waterhole. This evening enjoy a Local Dining Experience under the sparkling outback sky at the award-winning Sounds of Silence Dinner.

Staying in:

- Sails in the Desert Hotel (1 night)





## Day 6

Start the day with an unforgettable experience as you watch the sun rise over Uluru. After this, fly to the vibrant city of Melbourne where you will be treated to a delicious Welcome Dinner.

Staying in:

- Intercontinental Melbourne (1 night)
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## Day 7

Indulge your senses in the Yarra Valley with a chocolate tasting and winery masterclass followed by lunch at a local winery, serving dishes made from locally sourced produce.

Staying in:

- Intercontinental Melbourne (1 night)
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## Day 8

The morning is yours. Why not explore Melbourne's world-famous laneways or treat yourself to some shopping at the local stylish boutique stores? Explore all the sites Melbourne has to offer with a city orientation tour, then enjoy lunch at Big Esso by Mabu Mabu, where you will fill your belly with delicious native Australian bush flavours before jetting off to Sydney.

Staying in:

- The Langham Hotel Sydney (1 night)
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## Day 9

Enjoy a Sydney sightseeing tour including a visit to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair for panoramic views over the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Midmorning offers you an Included Choice activity so you can see more of the Harbour City. Escape to a world long ago, before colonial settlement and be touched by the most ancient human culture on earth. Join an Aboriginal guide for a 90-minute leisurely walkabout through the Rocks District, hear dreamtime stories passed down from Elders and discover how Aboriginal people existed by the harbour. For a different pace, say 'cheers' to your local guide from Dave's Tours on a historic walking tour of some of Sydney's oldest pubs. Tread in the footsteps of the convicts, larrikin gangs & locals of the past as you share a drink in four of Sydney's oldest pubs. Between watering holes, your guide will take you through the alleys & cobbled streets of the Rocks as they share the gossip, shouts, and stories of Australia's first European settlement. This afternoon, depart Sydney for the Hunter Valley wine region.

Staying in:

- voco Kirkton Park Hunter Valley (1 night)
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## Day 10

Spend the day exploring the amazing Hunter Valley Wine Region. It includes good food, great wine and beautiful scenery. Indulge in exclusive private wine tastings at boutique vineyards and sit down to an exceptional tasting lunch. There will be time to explore a cheese shop, chocolatier, and more before spending the evening at leisure. You may like to relax on your balcony with a good book and bottle of wine or treat yourself to one of the dining options.

Staying in:

- voco Kirkton Park Hunter Valley (1 night)
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## Day 11

Return to Sydney in time to cruise magical Sydney Harbour. Cruise around the glistening harbour while you savour a delicious lunch with a strong focus on local produce and wines. Relax on the spacious deck as you sail past the harbour's iconic sights like the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and small secluded coves surrounded by multi-million-dollar waterfront homes. This evening is free for you to explore and discover one of Sydney's local restaurants.

Staying in:

- The Langham Hotel Sydney (1 night)

## Day 12

Wake up to free day in the harbour city of Sydney. There are so many sights to experience. You may choose to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge, take the ferry to Manly Beach, or explore some of the lesser-known interesting pockets of Sydney to see how the locals live. Late afternoon, join a VIP guided tour of the Sydney Opera House before a Celebration Dinner at Peter Gilmore's iconic Bennelong restaurant under the famous 'sails', the perfect location to celebrate this inspiring journey.

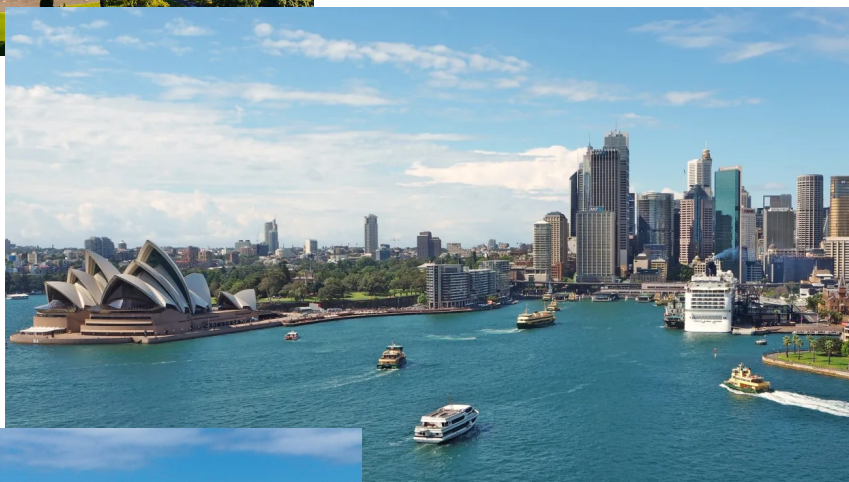
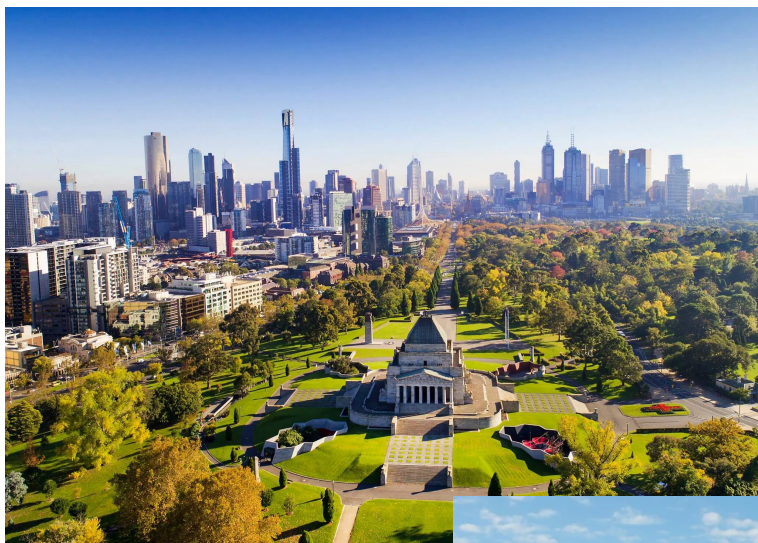
Staying in:

- The Langham Hotel Sydney (1 night)
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## Day 13

Bid farewell to the Harbour City as you are transferred to Sydney Airport for your onward flight.

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Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Small Group or Private
Starts:	Cairns
Finishes:	Sydney
Tour length:	13
Accommodation:	Luxury Hotels
Car/transport type:	

Included activities

Includes	All breakfasts
Includes	5 dinners
Includes	Airport transfers
Includes	Redwoods Treetop Walk
Includes	Entrance to Rainbow Springs
Includes	Waitomo Glow Worm Caves
Includes	Huka Falls Taupo
Includes	Auckland City Sights Tour



PRICE STARTING AT USD 9 900 PER PERSON





## Wine, Wildlife, and the Southern Charm Experience



This truly unforgettable experience will take you to two of Australia's most prominent luxury lodges, and provide the opportunity to witness the incredible natural beauty of both Kangaroo Island and the Barossa Valley. Sit back, relax and indulge - the hardest decision you will have to make is whether to enjoy a relaxing sleep-in or wake to watch the spectacular sunrise over the Great Australian Bight. Home of the spectacular Southern Ocean Lodge, Hanson Bay is in the wild, untouched west of the island.

Nearby Flinders Chase National Park is a haven for native fauna, where you can expect to see kangaroos grazing by day, and elusive echidnas by night. Depart your island paradise and be chauffeured to the iconic Barossa Valley to embark on a discovery of award-winning wineries, galleries, artisan producers and of course, spectacular sunsets.

Starts in: Adelaide  
Finishes in: Adelaide  
Length: 6 days / 5 nights  
Accommodation: Luxury Lodges  
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport  
Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations  
Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving, instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)  
Includes: 24/7 support while touring in New Zealand  
Included activity: Private transfer Adelaide Airport to your accommodation  
Included activity: Qantas Domestic Flight - Adelaide to Kingscote, Kangaroo Island  
Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App  
Included activity: Qantas - Kingscote (Kangaroo Island) to Adelaide  
Included activity: Uncork the Barossa with Small Batch Wine Tours - Lunch Included  
5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners

## Day 1



### Arrive into Adelaide

The vibrant heart of the Festival State, Adelaide is a beautiful and easily accessible city fringed by lush parklands, and a short distance from sandy beaches, world-renowned wine regions, and unique riverland vistas. Explore the surrounding areas, or immerse yourself in the artistic laneways, hidden gems, and highly acclaimed museums and galleries of the inner city.

### Private transfer from Adelaide Airport to your accommodation

On arrival, you will be met by a private driver outside your baggage carousel and delivered to your Adelaide accommodation.

### Your accommodation: Eos by SkyCity

Always personalised, Eos by SkyCity encompasses the finest in modern hospitality. From signature restaurants and entertainment, to opulent suites and spa experiences, EOS is for the pleasure-seekers. This is a precise alchemy designed with you at the centre. Step in or step out: each distinct delight is delivered with a deft touch.



## Day 2



### Qantas Domestic Flight - Adelaide to Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

General terms and conditions of carriage for this airfare are specified by Qantas. [View here.](#)

### Transfer from Kangaroo Island Airport to Southern Ocean Lodge

Following your short flight over the Gulf of St Vincent to land on Australia's third-largest island, a Southern Ocean Lodge vehicle and guide will be waiting for you. Discover the diverse and breathtaking landscapes of this slice of untouched paradise on your way to the lodge.

### Your accommodation: Southern Ocean Lodge

Immerse yourself in the luxurious views of the southern Ocean. Nestled in the private sanctuary of calm landscape the suites sit along the Kangaroo Island Coastline- the perfect spot to relax and unwind!

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 3



## Signature Experiences with Southern Ocean Lodge

Kangaroo Island is home to diverse native flora and fauna, and spectacular landscapes. Explore the wild wonders of the island with Southern Ocean Lodge's collection of Signature Experiences. The activity itinerary is designed daily to offer you the chance to become one with the island - wander amongst sunbathing sea lions, discover the iconic Remarkable Rocks, or stroll along coastal clifftops.

The experiences available for you to take part in during your stay may include a combination of the following:

### Wonders of Kangaroo Island

Venture west from the lodge to explore the marvels of Flinders Chase National Park. Stop at Admiral's Arch for a photo opportunity and stroll along the boardwalk to the resident fur seal colony frolicking in the waves. Continue to see the Remarkable Rocks, a gathering of windswept limestone rocks painted with orange lichen - another photo opportunity you won't want to miss.

### Seal Bay

Protected since 1954 and established as a conservation park in 2002, Seal Bay is home to Australia's third-largest sea lion colony. Here you can safely visit this endangered species in close quarters, wandering into the heart of the colony as seal pups play around you and their mums restfully soak up the sunshine. Learn about their unique breeding cycle and the ongoing research programs implemented to protect this special species.

### Coastal Clifftop Walk

Start on the lodge's doorstep and embark on a walk traversing the pristine limestone clifftops of Hanson Bay. This easy, guided walk treats you to southern vista views of cliffs covered in hardy local flora with turquoise waves crashing below. Realising that nothing stands between you and Antarctica but the big blue ocean is a memorable moment you will home take with you.

### Southern Sundowners

Depart the lodge by car to take a twilight trip to the historic island property known as Grassdale. Here the kangaroos meander for their meal, feeding on grass as you sip on premium South Australian wines and sample tasty snacks. As you breathe in the fresh air, mesmerized by the serenity of the bush, the dusky glow sweeping the landscape instills a quiet moment of reflection - frozen in time as a memory you will come back to for years to come.

### Nocturnal Explorer

Be immersed in a secret world that comes to life after dark at the Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. Wander beneath southern skies as you search for the most elusive members of the wildlife community, including owls, bats and echidnas. Encounter kangaroos and wallabies up close, and spot notable star constellations eons away in the unspoiled night sky.

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## Day 4



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### Qantas - Kingscote (Kangaroo Island) to Adelaide

Farewell Kangaroo Island and fly to Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia.

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### Private Limousine Transfer from Adelaide Airport to The Louise

Arriving back in Adelaide, your chauffeur awaits you in the arrivals hall to take you on the next part of your adventure. Enjoy your private limousine to the famed Barossa Valley, surrounded by rolling hills and vineyards. On arrival at The Louise, you will be greeted with welcome drinks from local producers and shown to your luxury suite.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Taste Your Birth Year Tour with Seppeltsfield Winery

Dive into the immersive experience of the Centennial Cellar, the jewel in the crown at Seppeltsfield Winery. Walk alongside the longest lineage of single vintage wines in the world with your private host before having a taste direct from the barrel of your birth year! These vintages date back to 1878 when Benno Seppelt, the son of the original founder selected a puncheon of his finest wine and instructed it to not be bottled for 100 years. The tradition of laying down a barrel of the finest wine from every vintage was continued and continues to this day. Truly a bucket list experience!

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### Your accommodation: The Louise Barossa Valley

Ideally situated in the heart of Barossa wine country in South Australia, you'll find absolute luxury and inspired design with private spaces, generous ensuites and breathtaking vineyard views. Located a short 10 minute drive from the Tanunda township.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 5



### Barossa Valley Region

The Barossa Valley is an internationally-acclaimed wine region encompassing the towns of Seppeltsfield, Tanunda, Angaston and Nuriootpa. With over 80 cellar doors, you can sample some of the most awarded wines in the world and taste sumptuous local produce. Cycle through picturesque villages and historic vineyards, experience fine arts and local artisans, or relax in a hot air balloon at sunrise - the Barossa has something for everyone.

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### Uncork the Barossa with Small Batch Wine Tours - Lunch Included

Uncork the historic Barossa, discovering boutique wineries that are big on character. With a flexible tour itinerary and a very small group of up to six guests, you'll avoid the crowds and taste the premium wines the region has become so well-known for. See, taste, smell and learn the difference between wine varieties like Shiraz and Grenache, or different styles of Riesling. Learn about the importance of winemaking techniques like oak aging or minimal intervention. Discover the history of the Barossa visiting world renowned wine destinations, and enjoy a stellar lunch at Harvest Kitchen, all part of one of the most sought after wine tours in Australia. No matter your level of expertise, your professionally trained wine guide will be sure to create a unique and intimate experience.

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## Day 6



### Private Limousine Transfer from The Louise to Adelaide Airport

Sit back and relax in style on your return journey to Adelaide, as you reminisce about your unforgettable trip across the beautiful South.

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### Farewell from Australia

Farewell Australia today. If there is more of Australia or New Zealand you would like to explore, talk to your sales consult about planning your next stop!



Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Independent daily departures
Starts:	Adelaide
Finishes:	Adelaide
Tour length:	6
Accommodation:	Luxury Lodges
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary

Day 1	Eos by SkyCity
Day 2	Southern Ocean Lodge
Day 3	Southern Ocean Lodge
Day 4	The Louise Barossa Valley
Day 5	The Louise Barossa Valley



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## Cities, Volcanoes and Vineyards Luxury Tour

Explore Central North Island's jewels. You'll be met by your private transfer at Auckland Airport and whisked to meet your ferry to the idyllic Waiheke Island, the perfect spot to recover from a long flight. The essence of Waiheke wine tour will introduce you to the delights of this charming island. Returning to Auckland you pick up your car and travel south to Rotorua and Solitaire Lodge. Here you'll encounter the fascinating Maori culture and enjoy a fabulous day trip to the volcanic Mt Tarawera by helicopter. Next stop is Lake Taupo, where you try your hand at trout fishing. The final stretch of your North Island experience takes you to the Hawkes Bay, New Zealand's oldest wine region and the impeccable Farm at Cape Kidnappers, here you have time to explore the wineries or play a round of golf or simply relax. You'll be flown back to Auckland to meet your departing international flight.

Starts in: Auckland  
Finishes in: Auckland  
Length: 11days / 10nights  
Accommodation: Luxury Lodges  
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

Includes: Late model rental cars

Includes: Unlimited kms

Includes: Airport & ferry terminal rental car fees

Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)

Included activity: Private transfer Auckland Airport to Fullers Ferry Terminal with Tourcorp

Included activity: Fullers Ferry Auckland to Waiheke Island (Return)

Included activity: Private Transfer Auckland Airport to Auckland accommodation with Tourcorp

Included activity: Essence of Waiheke Wine Tour with Ananda

plus much more...

Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance (excess may apply)

Includes: GPS navigation

Includes: Additional drivers

Includes: 24/7 support while touring New Zealand

Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App

Included activity: Air New Zealand flight Napier to Auckland

Included activity: Private Transfer Auckland accommodation to Auckland Airport with Tourcorp

Included activity: Fullers Ferry Waiheke Island to Auckland



## Day 1



### Private transfer Auckland Airport to Fullers Ferry Terminal with Tourcorp

A private transfer will meet you on arrival at the airport and transfer you to the Fullers Ferry Terminal.

### Fullers Ferry Auckland to Waiheke Island

Take a scenic approximately 45-minute cruise through the Hauraki Gulf between the Auckland down town ferry terminal and Matiatia Wharf on Waiheke Island.

### Explore Waiheke Island

Waiheke Island is the most visited island in the gulf. A delightful 45 minute ferry ride from downtown Auckland will find you standing at Matiatia Wharf set to enjoy a multitude of diverse attractions. The island is home to around 7,000 people but during the summer weekends there can be as many as 35,000 people enjoying the vineyards, restaurants, cafes, arts and the idyllic scenery. Among the two dozen or so vineyards on the island, Mudbrick, Goldwater Estate, Stoneyridge and Te Whau are some of the best known. The beaches are pristine and the countryside provides many interesting walks. Most notable is the trip to Stoney Batter where you can enjoy breathtaking views of the Hauraki Gulf. The area also has the remains of gun emplacements and a series of tunnels and chambers, protected by the historic places trust.

### Your accommodation: The Boatshed

This chic boutique luxury hotel embodies everything that Waiheke Island is, a relaxed intimate island style luxury hotel. Designer suites, each with panoramic views, are luxurious and spacious; an elegant and contemporary take on the classic seaside retreat.

Meals included: Dinner



## Day 2



### Essence of Waiheke Wine Tour with Ananda

Known as New Zealand's Island of Wine Waiheke has become home to a dedicated group of award-winning wine producers. With a unique micro-climate and the winemakers philosophy of small is beautiful. Waiheke has produced some of New Zealand's most prestigious wines. On this tour, you will visit three of Waiheke's top vineyards and sample a range of their wines. Along the way enjoy a commented scenic drive, learning about the Island history, geography, people and culture from your knowledgeable local guide. After your wine tasting experience sit back, relax and finish the day with a lunch and a glass of Waiheke wine or beer at a local favourite.

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## Day 3



### Fullers Ferry Waiheke Island to Auckland

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### Private Transfer Auckland City Cruise Terminal to Auckland City car depot with Tourcorp

You will be met at the Auckland Cruise Terminal by the driver and transferred to your Auckland car hire depot.

### Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

### Auckland to Rotorua

The drive south from Auckland takes you past the Bombay Hills and into the rolling farmland and rich dairy pastures of the Waikato. The Bombay Hills mark the outer boundary of greater Auckland area and it's here you turn inland to central Waikato. You'll soon go through the town of Matamata where you can visit the fully intact Hobbiton film set used in the shooting of the Lord of The Rings and Hobbit trilogies. Continuing on, you'll pass several small farming communities before telltale signs of steam and other geothermal activity signal your arrival into Rotorua.

### Solitaire Lodge

Nestled on the shores of lake Tarawera, Solitaire Lodge offers guests the ideal blend of indulgence and adventure from a picture perfect setting. Luxurious and elegantly appointed with floor to ceiling windows and stunning panoramic views across the lake, guests can choose to relax in front of an open fire with a book from the library, enjoy the bar facilities or take a stroll in the expansive herb garden. Nearby is the Lodge private jetty with complimentary use of the lodge kayaks, motorised dinghies and trout fishing gear.

Each of the suites are styled for comfort and feature panoramic views of the lake and volcano. Bringing the outdoors in, you are invited unwind and soak up the peace and quiet of this tranquil setting.

### Your accommodation: Solitaire Lodge

Solitaire Lodge Rotorua, one of New Zealand's premier luxury lodges, enjoys breathtaking views over Lake Tarawera, with lush natural bush and volcanic landscape backdrop. The subtle design brings the outdoors in, inviting you to unwind and soak up the peace and quiet of this tranquil setting. Minutes from this iconic resort you will discover a multitude of activities.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 4



### Te Puia: Te Ra Guided Experience, Cultural Experience and Hangi Buffet Lunch

Embark on a guided tour through the heart of Māori craftsmanship and heritage at the New Zealand Māori Arts Crafts Institute. Explore the renowned schools of greenstone carving, wood carving, and flax weaving, where master artisans and students bring ancient techniques to life. Your journey continues at Rotowhio Pā, a living Māori village, and the Kiwi Conservation Centre, where you'll get a rare glimpse of New Zealand's iconic and endangered Kiwi bird. As you delve into Te Whakarewarewa geothermal valley, marvel at the dramatic landscapes shaped by geothermal activity, including the awe-inspiring Pōhutu Geyser, the largest active geyser in the Southern Hemisphere. After your explorations, indulge in Te Puia's world-famous hāngī buffet lunch, served in Pātaka Kai Restaurant, Bar Cafe. Enjoy a delectable array of traditional Māori cuisine, though menus are subject to change to highlight seasonal specialties. The cultural highlight of your visit will take place in the beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Here, you'll be welcomed with a pōhiri (traditional welcome), followed by a captivating cultural performance featuring waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant), poi, and the powerful haka. This immersive experience at Te Puia offers a deep connection to Māori culture, artistry, and the natural wonders of New Zealand.

## Explore Rotorua

Peppered with natural hot springs, boiling mud pools and steaming geysers, Rotorua sits within one of the world's most active volcanic regions. Geothermal landmarks aside, this city of sulphur has a rich indigenous history. Home to several prominent Maori tribes, a visit to one of the Maori Villages should be high on your agenda, as should an excursion to the Polynesian Spa for an invigorating soak in its natural mineral hot springs.

Spike your adrenaline at Velocity Valley Adventure Park on stomach-dropping attractions such as static skydiving, or a giant swing reaching 130 km per hour. Alternatively, head up the Rotorua Gondola for soaring lake views, and ride the luge at night for an extra thrill.

Fans of Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit should drive to nearby Matamata and experience the actual movie set, Hobbiton. Make the most of your time in Rotorua with an excursion through the Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, one of the area's most colourful volcanic attractions.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland

Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland is a spectacular showcase of New Zealand's most colourful and unique geothermal elements sculpted by thousands of years of volcanic activity. You are introduced to a uniquely different natural landscape, the key to what you see lies below the surface one of the most extensive geothermal systems in New Zealand, extending over 18-sq. km. Enjoy viewing unique volcanic features as you walk at your own pace along well-defined tracks. Relax in the first-class Visitor Centre, home to the Gift Shop and Cafe facilities. Visit the Mud Pool, the largest in New Zealand, it was originally the site of a large mud volcano which was destroyed through erosion in the 1920s. See the history and beauty of the Lady Knox Geyser at 10:15 am every day. Lady Knox Geyser provides a unique opportunity to see an eruption to heights of 10 to 20 metres.

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### Your accommodation: Solitaire Lodge

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 5



### Mount Tarawera & Orakei Korako Thermal Explorer by Helicopter

Combine the thrill of landing on Mount Tarawera with a flight that includes spectacular aerial views of Rotorua's stunning crater lakes, the renowned Tarawera Falls and the vibrant Waimangu and Wai-O-Tapu geothermal reserves.

Leaving Wai-O-Tapu, descend to follow the Waikato River to the hidden valley of Orakei Korako. Once landed, you will ferry across the river and begin your land-based tour. Experience hot springs, gushing geysers and the natural beauty of this geothermal wonderland. The return flight takes in views of farmland and the Paeroa mountain range before flying over Rotorua City and returning to the lakefront pier.

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## Day 6





## Rotorua to Taupo

Today drive through the heart of the Central North Island volcanic plateau. Visit the geothermal regions Wai O Tapu Thermal Wonderland and Waimangu Volcanic Valley, before arriving into the town of Taupo, which sits on New Zealand's largest lake - Lake Taupo. Just north of the town are the Huka Falls and a short detour to view is highly recommended, as is a visit to the nearby Craters of the Moon geothermal reserve.

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### Your accommodation: The Kinloch Manor

Set in the tranquil 254ha grounds of the Kinloch Club Golf Course, The Kinloch Manor sits on the shores of Lake Taupo; the scenic hub of the North Island. This luxury lodge presents dramatic framed vistas of the championship golf course and beyond to Lake Taupo.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 7



### Half Day Lake Taupo Fishing Charter

Fish for Trout on lake Taupo with the experts. Chris Jolly Outdoors have been taking clients fishing in Taupo for more than 30 years. Lake Taupo offers excellent trout fishing all year round; there is no closed season. Most fishing takes the form of trolling either lures or flies. You do not need any experience or fishing gear, your experienced hosts are there to help. Trout averages about 4 pounds and a typical excursion on the Lake will see your crew prepare your catch for a delicious snack either barbequed or sashimi style. You can even have your catch smoked and couriered to your destination in New Zealand at a small cost. Your half day charter includes a 4 hour private charter on stunning Lake Taupo. fishing licences and a delicious luncheon on board with wine and beverages. Try your hand at trout fishing and stop and see the Maori rock carvings - only accessible by water. Swimming is available during the summer months and clay target shooting is available on request if conditions are suitable. It is important you read and understand the risks associated with this activity. For more information see [here](#).

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## Day 8



## Taupo to Napier

The road from Taupo climbs high onto the plateau crossing the Ahiminawa Range before arriving onto the Pacific Coast just north of the world's finest art deco city of Napier.

Napier, the city by the sea, is renowned for its 1930s Art Deco architecture, events such as the Art Deco Weekend in February, stately Norfolk pines, surrounding wineries and local fresh produce. Supported by a Mediterranean climate and over 2,200 hours of sunshine a year this popular year-round destination boasts a vibrant cafe culture amongst the splendour of the Art Deco buildings. Around 30 cafes are within walking distance of the central city area, while Ahuriri, just over Bluff Hill, is home to a further cluster of up market establishments. Marine Parade overlooks the Pacific Ocean and out towards Cape Kidnappers, home to the world's largest mainland gannet colony. A full day can be taken visiting Ocean Spa hot pools and swimming complex, the Hawke's Bay Museum and the National Aquarium of New Zealand.

A landmark of Napier is Bluff Hill, which is home for many Napier residents and provides views of the town, beaches of Perfume Point and Westshore and out towards Whirinaki. Bluff Hill also overlooks the Port of Napier, one of New Zealand's busiest ports, transporting timber, local fruit and meat products to worldwide destinations.

In 1931, New Zealand's greatest natural disaster struck Hawke's Bay. At 10.47am on Tuesday February 3rd, an earthquake of magnitude Richter 7.8 struck. In a minute and a half, in two separate shocks, the centre of Napier was almost totally destroyed. Fires quickly broke out and reduced to ashes or gutted what the tremors had left standing. Damage in Hastings was also devastating, although the fires were contained. Wairoa and the smaller towns to the south as far as Dannevirke were affected. There were 258 deaths, 162 in Napier, 93 in Hastings and 3 in Wairoa along with many injuries. The reconstruction of Napier and Hastings were costly but the benefit was two modern cities and the Ahuriri Lagoon, or Inner Harbour as it was usually known, was raised over 2 metres, creating the land, which Napier desperately needed to expand.

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## The Farm at Cape Kidnappers

With spectacular panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, nestled among 6,000 acres of rugged coastal farmland, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers offers a multitude of activities within a five-star luxury setting. Offering many comfortable spaces to relax and unwind, including an intimate snug, stylish lounges, outdoor conservatory areas - there is no better way to take in this picturesque landscape.

Choose from a range of leisure facilities such as: a heated infinity pool and jacuzzi, spa treatments with beautiful forest and ocean views, a world class golf course and clubhouse and a fully equipped gym, offering yoga, pilates, golf specific fitness and personal training. The Farm is also home to some of the best trails in the north island, from independent forest walks to ocean stroll or guided farm tours - pack a picnic and set off on an afternoon of outdoor fun. Also on offer are mountain, bikes, quad bikes and horse treks for the more adventurous traveller.

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## Your accommodation: Rosewood Cape Kidnappers Hawkes

Located in Hawke's Bay, one of New Zealand's most important wine districts, Cape Kidnappers has a rich history. The Farm is a five-star experience set on a 6,000-acre sheep and cattle farm which encompasses land reminiscent of Montana but plunges 800 feet straight into the sea. A championship golf course designed by Tom Doak is just one reason to experience The Farm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 9



## Explore Napier and the Hawke's Bay

With its Mediterranean climate and Art Deco style, Hawke's Bay is an attractive holiday prospect. As the nation's first winemaking region, a visit to one of its 30 wineries is a must. A trip to Mission Estate touted as the birthplace of NZ wine can't be missed. For the truly enthused head out on a tour of the vines. Those into Gatsby will enjoy the chance to view prominent Art Deco landmarks on a 1930s Vintage Car Tour. Passengers will spend just over an hour learning about the history of the city's architecture including the Napier Municipal Theatre, one of the top ten Art Deco Buildings in the world. If you're after some fresh air, hire a bike and take your pick of one of over 200km of cycling trails or head on down to one of the many beaches that ring the area. Ocean or Waimarama beach are good choices and both are patrolled by surf lifeguards during the summer. Indulge in some local produce and head out on a cheese, chocolate, honey or orchard tour.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 10



Air New Zealand flight Napier to Auckland

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### Private Transfer Auckland Airport to Auckland Accommodation

You will be met at the Auckland airport by the driver and transferred to your Auckland accommodation.

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### Explore Auckland City

Perched on the edge of a large natural harbour, New Zealand's City of Sails offers the best of both worlds. Sandy beaches, native bush and lush rainforests give way to a vibrant urban culture, humming with life. Spend time in the Viaduct Harbour, try your hand at sailing an Americas Cup yacht or take the ferry to nearby Waiheke Island for a gourmet food and wine experience.

If you're looking for a lovely hike, walk (if you're that way inclined) to the top of Auckland's highest volcano, Mt Eden, and take in soaring views of the gulf. Immerse yourself in nature's beauty at the expansive Auckland Botanic Gardens, sprawled across 156 acres of lush land and native forest on Hill Road. Pack a picnic, soak up the sunshine, and delight in the melodious birdsong during a peaceful lunch. Head up the Sky Tower, standing at just over 300m tall (about 1,000 feet) and have a meal in the 360 degree revolving restaurant. Scale the outermost perimeter of the Harbour Bridge or test your stomach and bungy off both. To end your day, catch a cab to Ponsonby Road and sample some upmarket culinary delights.

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### Your accommodation: Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour

Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour is located in the heart of Auckland on the unique and vibrant Viaduct Harbour and close to the new Wynyard Quarter.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 11



### Private Transfer Auckland accommodation to Auckland Airport with Tourcorp

You will be met at your Auckland accommodation by the driver and transferred to the airport.

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## Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	North Island Self Drive
Starts:	Auckland
Finishes:	Auckland
Tour length:	11
Accommodation:	Luxury Lodges
Car/transport type:	

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## Included activities

Includes	All breakfasts
Includes	All dinners
Includes	Private airport transfers
Includes	Air New Zealand Airfare Napier to Auckland
Includes	Essence of Waiheke Wine Tour
Includes	Maori food trail Soda Springs tour
Includes	Half Day Lake Taupo Fishing Charter

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## Accommodation summary

Day 1	The Boatshed
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Day 3	Solitaire Lodge
Day 4	Solitaire Lodge
Day 5	Solitaire Lodge
Day 6	The Kinloch Manor
Day 7	The Kinloch Manor
Day 8	Rosewood Cape Kidnappers Hawkes
Day 9	Rosewood Cape Kidnappers Hawkes
Day 10	Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour



**PRICE STARTING AT USD 7 900 PER PERSON**



## Fiords, Glaciers & Mountains: Self-Drive Adventure

This 10 day tour takes you to the icons of the South Island, with extra nights at The George Hotel in Christchurch, at Fiordland Lodge and Queenstown's Matakauri Lodge you'll have time to discover the charms of each destination. You begin with a journey past the mountains of the Southern Alps and turquoise waters of alpine lakes before arriving into Mt. Cook National Park. Next you venture further south to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland National Park. Here you'll explore the pristine wilderness on a Milford Sound nature cruise. In Queenstown, the Adventure Capital, there's time to enjoy the scenery and endless activities on offer before returning to Christchurch via the magnificent West Coast Glaciers.

Starts in: Christchurch  
Finishes in: Christchurch  
Length: 10days / 9nights  
Accommodation: Luxury Lodges  
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

Includes: Late model rental cars

Includes: Unlimited kms

Includes: Airport & ferry terminal rental car fees

Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)

Included activity: Private transfer Christchurch International Airport to your accommodation

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Included activity: Milford Sound Cruise and picnic lunch with RealNZ

Included activity: Private Transfer Christchurch Train Station to your accommodation

Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance (excess may apply)

Includes: GPS navigation

Includes: Additional drivers

Includes: 24/7 support while touring New Zealand

Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App

Included activity: Fiordland Lodge

Included activity: TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Greymouth to Christchurch

: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 9 dinners

## Day 1



### Private transfer Christchurch International Airport to your accommodation

On arrival, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your Christchurch accommodation.

### Welcome to Christchurch City

Christchurch New Zealand's garden city is steadily being transformed into a vibrant urban destination. Encompassing a large green belt, it is known for its wide tree lined avenues and lush gardens. A great way to explore the city or easy way to see the sights or ride the historic trams across town to the renowned botanic gardens and the unique cardboard Transitional Cathedral, that's right it is built of cardboard!

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Christchurch Triple Pass - Tram, Punting and Gondola

Experience three of Christchurch's iconic attractions in one day: the Christchurch Tram, Christchurch Gondola, and Punting on the Avon River. The historic tram is a delightful way to explore the evolving inner city, taking in the various sights with the hop-on hop-off pass and learning about the city from the live commentary. You'll also enjoy a bird's eye view of Christchurch and the Canterbury region including the distant peaks of the Southern Alps when you ride the gondola cableway to the top of the Port Hills in Heathcote Valley. Punting on the Avon River takes you through the city's green belt: a relaxing way to explore what is affectionately known as the 'Garden City'.

### Your accommodation: The George Hotel

The George is the essence of supreme comfort. The award-winning 5 star hotel is opposite Hagley Park and just a few minutes stroll from the Botanic Gardens. It also has an award-winning restaurant, 50 Bistro onsite.

Meals included:          Dinner



## Day 2



### Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

### Explore Christchurch City

Following the 2011 earthquake that razed its center and much of the outlying suburbs, Christchurch is well into a billion-dollar makeover. In the middle of the Canterbury Plains, bordering the pacific ocean, New Zealand's newest city is an ideal gateway to exploring the middle of the South.

Go punting on the Avon River, take a historic tram ride, catch the gondola to the rim of an extinct volcano or do all three! See the world's only Cardboard Cathedral and for nature enthusiasts - wander the renowned Christchurch Botanic Gardens, or head to Oxford Terrace in the city to find a great spot to eat or drink.

Drive an hour in any direction to ski, mountain bike, wine taste, whale-watch, bungee jump or play golf. Take the winding Port Hills road to the French settlement of Akaroa and tour the vines in Waipara for an authentic New Zealand wine-tasting experience.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Hot Air Balloon Ride

Escape to a world of peace and tranquillity. Hot Air Ballooning is a magical experience and a flight with Ballooning Canterbury offers panoramic views across the fertile Canterbury Plains to the Southern Alps. There is nothing quite so romantic and exciting as floating effortlessly over an ever changing landscape.

Before leaving the ground, the pilot will give you a briefing. During your flight you will experience spectacular views and have fantastic photo opportunities. Chilled champagne, orange juice and a light snack then be served. Hot air ballooning is a hands-on experience and you will be encouraged to assist with the setup and pack away of the balloon itself.



## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Discover Christchurch Afternoon Tour

A half day sightseeing tour of Christchurch highlighting both the damage to the city inflicted by several large earthquakes in 2010 and 2011 and the rebuild which is currently in progress, together with the surviving beauty of the city and the historical landmarks. Experience the grand architecture, beautiful gardens and scenic viewpoints on a half-day city tour of Christchurch.

The tour commences in the central city of Christchurch and covers the area which was completely devastated by the Christchurch earthquakes in February 2011. The guide will explain both the history of the city and the effects of the earthquake. On leaving the inner city, the tour travels to Mona Vale a historic homestead and gardens. Then you will travel to the Sign of the Takahe, a historic building with a lookout providing spectacular views over the city, Canterbury Plains and to the Southern Alps. The tour then travels via the Port Hills and Lyttleton Harbour by way of the Sign of the Kiwi and Governors Bay to the Port of Lyttleton. The tour proceeds through the Lyttleton harbour tunnel to the seaside suburb of Sumner and cave rock before returning to the central city where the tour will conclude.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 3



### Christchurch to Aoraki Mt Cook National Park

Today you'll drive through the heart of the South Island, crossing the vast Canterbury plains. Catch your breath in Geraldine before continuing through Fairlie. Ascending Burkes pass you'll come to the picturesque lakeside town of Tekapo.

Follow the road and take in the view of Aoraki Mt Cook (New Zealand's tallest mountain) from the shores of Lake Pukaki, known for its glacier fed turquoise blue colour. Continue along the lake to your final destination Mt Cook Village.

Please note: There are no food shops at Mt Cook, and dinner options are limited to one restaurant. If you wish to self-cater, you must stock up before arriving in Mt Cook, or make dinner reservations in advance.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Glacier Explorers Mt. Cook

Experience 500 year old icebergs up-close on the Mt Cook terminal lake. The Glacier Explorers tour is the only one of its kind in New Zealand and one of only three in the world! Very few glaciers terminate into lakes and even fewer of them are accessible. See towering ice cliffs and floating icebergs from the safety of a specially designed boat. These boats provide a safe way to view unseen and inaccessible areas of New Zealand's largest glacier The Tasman.

### Your accommodation: Hermitage Hotel, Aoraki Wing Premium Plus

Experience the best views in the park from the spacious top floor rooms of the magnificent Hermitage Hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 4



## Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to Te Anau

Twizel, just south of Aoraki Mt Cook was the location of many Lord of the Rings movie scenes and a little further on is Omarama, the gliding capital of New Zealand. Wrinkly Rams is a local cafe with great coffee and fresh homemade food. The Lindis Pass is one of New Zealand's highest roads with the summit reaching 971 metres. The tussock covered hills offer an unusual contrast as you pass from the Mackenzie Basin and into Central Otago. The first Central Otago settlement you reach is the quaint village of Tarras, which has a number of boutique stores and a lovely cafe. A short drive, further along, is the historic and scenic Bendigo Reserve, which was one of Otago's original gold mining settlements. Well marked paths will guide you to the remains of stone cottages and other buildings from this bygone era. Cromwell sits at the head of the Kawarau Gorge and the historic old town is well worth the visit, the buildings are now home to quaint shops and cafes. The old town buildings were relocated from the valley that now sits deep under Lake Dunstan. Continue on through the sheer cliffs of the Kawarau Gorge as they guide you towards Gibbston, one of New Zealand's premier wine-growing regions. At the famous historic Kawarau Bridge, you can take a bungee jump or sit back and enjoy the drama as visitors hurtle off the bridge. Approaching Queenstown the impressive Remarkables mountain range comes into view and then beautiful Lake Wakatipu as you head south. The lake guides you into Southland through its rich farming pastures and into Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland National Park.

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### Fiordland Lodge

Set on a superb site with commanding views out across Lake Te Anau this is a rural setting with rolling grass lands surrounding the Lodge, Lake Te Anau being a mere ten-minute walk away. Across the lake to the west lie the mountains of Fiordland National Park, an area of over three million acres of untouched wilderness and part of the much larger South West New Zealand World Heritage Area. The enjoyment of food and wine is integral to the experience on offer at Fiordland Lodge and the use of quality ingredients being seasonal and regional and largely organic are fundamental to their cuisine philosophy. Food is a focal point and you'll be hard pressed to find something on the menu that isn't homemade or locally grown. Fresh organic vegetables, greens, herbs and eggs are harvested daily from the huge onsite vegetable garden, so each season nature offers a new palette for the kitchen team to create dishes. A changing evening menu also means that you get to experience as much of New Zealand's wonderful food as possible. There are numerous activities available from Fiordland Lodge such as guided fly fishing and nature walks also the conservation gold sponsor experience where you will join a local volunteer to work on a conservation project for the day.

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### Your accommodation: Fiordland Lodge

Set in a World Heritage area Fiordland Lodge offers the discerning traveller comfort and privacy. The elegance and splendour of the Lodge is mirrored in the breathtaking views of Lake Te Anau and Fiordland. Private and serene, the Lodge is perfect for relaxation, or as a base for your Fiordland experience.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 5



### Te Anau to Milford Sound and return to Te Anau

The road to Milford Sound offers some of the most beautiful and iconic scenery in the country. From crystal clear lakes and towering mountains to lush glacier formed meadows, this area is dramatic and unyielding. Stretch your legs on the Chasm Walk, a short stroll through native beech forest to see several powerful waterfalls. Continue on through the Homer Tunnel, an engineering marvel at 1219 metres long. Arriving into the village of Milford, you will be greeted with an amazing view of Mitre Peak. A day cruise into the heart of the sound is not to be missed. You'll learn about how this magnificent area was formed and experience the wonder of the falls that line the Fiord before back-tracking the way you came.

Please note: Make sure to allow 2.5hrs to Milford Sound, this takes into account the current road works on the Milford Road.

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### Milford Sound Cruise with RealNZ

Get up close and personal with Milford Sound on a leisurely cruise of this spectacular fiord. From thundering waterfalls to sky-high mountains to lush rainforests, Milford has it all. Experience the spray of a waterfall as you cruise close to sheer rock faces. Informative, participative and relaxed, this is the perfect way to experience Milford Sound to the fullest.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Milford Premium Cruise with RealNZ

Get up close and personal with Milford Sound on a leisurely cruise of this spectacular fiord aboard the M.V Sinbad, an exclusive vessel for a premium experience. From thundering waterfalls to sky-high mountains to lush rainforests, Milford has it all. Experience the spray of a waterfall as you cruise close to sheer rock faces. With a glass of bubbles on arrival and canapes provided throughout the journey, this is the perfect way to explore Milford Sound. At a capped capacity of 40 people and a roaming nature guide providing informative commentary throughout the extended cruise, this experience allows guests to enjoy the Fiord at a relaxing pace.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 6



### Te Anau to Queenstown

Today you'll cross vast tussock lands on your way to Queenstown. Pass through Mossburn, the deer capital of the nation. Continue on through the Southland countryside where the road begins to hug the lake edge and the Remarkables mountain range towers over your approach into the adventure capital of New Zealand.

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## Matakauri Lodge

Spectacularly situated on Lake Wakatipu, Matakauri Lodge offers stunning panoramic views of the Remarkables, Cecil and Walter Peak mountain ranges. Just a short seven minute drive for the centre of Queenstown, Matakauri Lodge is a relaxing alpine retreat tucked into one of the world's most beautiful landscapes. The main lodge consists of a spacious lounge, dining and living areas complimented by large open fires. It also has a large patio, library and courtyard - all comfortable spaces to relax in. You can also take a swim in the pool or relax in the Jacuzzi, both offering spectacular views of the lake and mountainside.

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## Your accommodation: Rosewood Matakauri Queenstown

Spectacularly situated on Lake Wakatipu, Matakauri Lodge offers stunning views from every angle of the Remarkable, Cecil and Walter Peak mountain ranges. Just seven minutes from Queenstown the lodge provides an alpine lakeside retreat nestled in one of the world's most serenely beautiful landscapes.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 7



### Explore Queenstown

Well-known as New Zealand's adventure , Queenstown is home to a range of adventures, from the world's first and most famous bungy jumps to jet boat thrills, white-water rafting, and skydiving. However, Queenstown offers far more than a fast-paced, action-packed holiday. Settled on the shores of beautiful Lake Wakatipu beneath a soaring panorama of the Remarkables Mountain Range, this alpine town is surrounded by a plethora of historic, gastronomic, and scenic wonders. Take a stroll through the beautiful lakefront parks and gardens, browse through market stalls on weekends, dine in wonderful al-fresco restaurants, or ride on the 100-year-old historic Steamship - TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station. Take the Queenstown Gondola up to Bob's Peak and soak up the panoramic views of the magnificent lake and mountain ranges. And after all of that, if you do want the adrenaline rush, Queenstown is known for taking your pick from the Shotover Jet, Canyon Swing, Zipline, Luge, or Heli-ski.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Ultimate Paradise Picnic Private Helicopter Flight with Heliworks

Relax and enjoy the beauty of Queenstown, as you are flown to a beautiful location on Cecil Peak for a gourmet picnic accompanied by wine or bubbles. The perfect opportunity to indulge!



## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Appellation Private Boutique Wine Tour

For the more discerning wine lover, or simply people who prefer the flexibility of a private tour. Join one of Appellation's senior wine guides on a wine tasting journey to some of New Zealand's most memorable vineyards, at your own pace. Your guides local knowledge and familiarity with the vineyards of Central Otago is at your disposal for an intimate half day wine experience in a thriving wine region. Packages are tailor made for you, and you are encouraged to advise of any varietal or vineyard preferences when booking.

The private boutique wine tour includes tastings at four vineyards, typically two in the Gibbston/Queenstown region and two in the Bannockburn/Cromwell region. You'll enjoy a delightful platter lunch at Carrick Winery with a glass of premium matched wine. You'll also explore the history and scenery of the region with a stroll through Old Cromwell Town and a stunning drive through the Kawarau Gorge. Tours last approximately 5 hours.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 8



### Queenstown to Franz Josef Glacier via Wanaka

From Queenstown you'll cross the Crown Range, the highest sealed road in New Zealand to arrive in the Alpine town of Wanaka, gateway to Mt Aspiring National Park. Skirting the shores of both Lake Wanaka and Hawea, you will enter the small town of Makarora. Stop at Blue Pools for a 1-hour return walk through the native beech forest to a glacier-fed swimming hole. Continue on through the remote seaside settlement of Haast before heading up the wild West Coast highway you pass through ancient temperate rainforests while getting sneak peeks of the wild coast beaches occasionally. Paringa Salmon Farm is worth a stop to stretch your legs, feed the fish, and stop for lunch and refreshments. Keep heading North and be sure to enjoy the view of the ever-changing towering snowcapped Southern Alps Mountain Range. Fox Glacier welcomes you first, then comes your destination for the night Franz Josef township.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Twin Glacier Scenic Helicopter Flight with The Helicopter Line

Take a spectacular scenic flight over two of New Zealand's most famous glaciers. Land at the head of one and view the incredible sight of this frozen river as it winds its way through ancient carved valleys. Should weather not be suitable to take this flight you are able to transfer your booking onto a similar tour on any of the Helicopter Line's operations in Queenstown or Mt Cook.

### Your accommodation: Te Waonui Forest Retreat

Nestled amongst native West Coast rainforest at Franz Josef is a very special five-star retreat. Designed with utmost care of its precious environment, guests at Te Waonui Forest Retreat will find themselves encircled by rainforest and accommodated in natural and sustainable luxury.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 9



## Franz Josef to Greymouth Train Station

Today head north along the mighty West Coast highway you pass through ancient temperate rainforests while getting sneak peeks of the wild coast beach occasionally. Whataroa is the next town where you can see one of the world's rarest birds, the New Zealand white heron or Kotuku nest at the Waitangi Roto Nature Reserve, and guided tours from October to March will take you there.

Ross is the site of an old gold mining town and some of the old buildings and workings remain. In fact, Ross is still home to one of the few working gold mines left in New Zealand and the local information center offers you the chance to pan for gold.

Hokitika is a great place to explore craft and gift stores and head to the coast and take in the endless sea views. The Jade or Greenstone on offer in Hokitika is probably some of the best you will see in the country. The Hokitika Gorge is located 45 minutes inland and offers turquoise waters flowing through a narrow gorge. A great short walk will deliver you to this piece of paradise.

Continue on to Greymouth, the largest town on the West Coast and the starting point for the next leg of your journey the TranzAlpine Scenic Train. Drop your rental car at the Greymouth Train Station depot located at the train station building before boarding your train to Christchurch.

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## TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Greymouth to Christchurch

Considered one of the world's great train journeys, the TranzAlpine Scenic Train takes you from Greymouth to Christchurch. You'll travel across the South Island from the west to the east coast through Arthur's Pass National Park. From the comfort of your carriage see lush beech forest, deep river valleys and the spectacular peaks of the Southern Alps. Descend to the windswept Canterbury Plains before arriving in the city of Christchurch.

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## Private Transfer Christchurch Train Station to your accommodation

On arrival at the Christchurch train station, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your accommodation.

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## Your accommodation: The George Hotel

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Meals included:            Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 10



## Private transfer accommodation to Christchurch Airport

A private transfer will collect you from your accommodation and transfer you to Christchurch Airport in time for your departing flight.

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Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	South Island Self Drive
Starts:	Christchurch
Finishes:	Christchurch
Tour length:	10
Accommodation:	Luxury Lodges
Car/transport type:	

Included activities

Includes	All dinners
Includes	All breakfasts
Includes	Private train station transfers
Includes	Private airport transfers
Includes	TranzAlpine Train from Greymouth to Christchurch
Includes	Real Journeys Milford Sound Cruise

Accommodation summary

Day 1	The George Hotel
Day 2	The George Hotel
Day 3	Hermitage Hotel, Aoraki Wing Premium Plus
Day 4	Fiordland Lodge
Day 5	Fiordland Lodge
Day 6	Rosewood Matakauri Queenstown
Day 7	Rosewood Matakauri Queenstown
Day 8	Te Waonui Forest Retreat
Day 9	The George Hotel



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## Luxury Escape: 7 Days from Auckland to Wellington

A highlights tour travelling from Auckland to Rotorua, Hawkes Bay and Wellington. Experience the luxury of 5 star hotels in Auckland and Wellington, a spectacular lakeside lodge in Rotorua and The Farm at Cape Kidnappers.

Starts in: Auckland  
 Finishes in: Wellington  
 Length: 7days / 6nights  
 Accommodation: Luxury Lodges  
 Can be customised: Yes

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 Included activity: Private Transfer Auckland Airport to Auckland accommodation with Tourcorp  
 Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App  
 Meals included: 6 breakfasts, 6 dinners

## Day 1



### Private Transfer Auckland Airport to Auckland Accommodation

You will be met at the Auckland airport by the driver and transferred to your Auckland accommodation.

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### Welcome to Auckland

Auckland, New Zealand's self-proclaimed "City of Sails" is the country's largest metro area. Resting between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea, this urban paradise has something for everyone. Surrounded by native bush, rainforests, and an abundance of beaches, Auckland is a playground for both the city savvy and those with an eye for adventure. Explore the central museums and galleries on foot, or get out onto the water to experience the best views of the city.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Harbour Sailing Cruise with Explore

Enjoy the City of Sails from the water on a relaxed harbour sailing yacht. This cruise offers a uniquely local experience experiencing the harbour under sail with a small vessel with an intimate and engaging atmosphere. View the stunning city sights while sailing on the inner Waitemata Harbour. Sail where the wind takes us while enjoying Auckland's city highlights; including sailing under the Harbour Bridge and other well-known landmarks along the harbour's edge. The crew's local knowledge will give you the best harbour sailing experience Auckland has to offer. Become the crew and help participate with the sailing experience take the helm while you carve through the water, or if you prefer just sit back and relax above deck.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Wētā Workshop Unleashed

Explore worlds of horror, sci-fi and fantasy in the making. An exciting, realistic, and authentic experience, with three fully developed and original film concepts: A nail-biting horror Fauna, a fantasy epic Age of the Ever-Clan, and the mind-bending sci-fi Origins. A 90-minute guided experience through fully themed environments, including immersive horror, fantasy, and sci-fi story worlds. Be immersed by a specially-created unique sweeping cinematic soundtrack, animatronic creatures, physical and digital interactives, hyper-realistic sculpted giants and characters, a horror house experience, and much more.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - All Blacks Experience

See what it takes to make, shape and be an All Black. Experience first-hand the excitement and emotion of game day. Discover the stories behind some of world rugby's most famous players, moments and matches.

This guided experience introduces you to the game of rugby before being lead through state-of-the-art displays combining sound, images, interactive technology and hands-on activities. Discover New Zealand's deep passion for our national sport, experience the full force of the All Blacks haka, tackle interactive zones where you can try out your kicking, catching, line-out and accuracy skills against legendary All Blacks.

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### Your accommodation: The Hotel Britomart Auckland

Soulful, smart and contemporary, The Hotel Britomart welcomes guests to Britomart, the vibrant centre of downtown waterfront Auckland. Still and calm, the rooms and suites at The Hotel Britomart pair simple elegance with the luxury of tactile materials. The Hotel Britomart is at the centre of a dynamic nine-block precinct of plant-lined streets, historic warehouses and the city's best shopping and eating.

Meals included:            Dinner



## Day 2



### Collect your rental car

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## Auckland to Rotorua

The drive south from Auckland takes you past the Bombay Hills and into the rolling farmland and rich dairy pastures of the Waikato. The Bombay Hills mark the outer boundary of greater Auckland area and it's here you turn inland to central Waikato. You'll soon go through the town of Matamata where you can visit the fully intact Hobbiton film set used in the shooting of the Lord of The Rings and Hobbit trilogies. Continuing on, you'll pass several small farming communities before telltale signs of steam and other geothermal activity signal your arrival into Rotorua.

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### Solitaire Lodge

Nestled on the shores of lake Tarawera, Solitaire Lodge offers guests the ideal blend of indulgence and adventure from a picture perfect setting. Luxurious and elegantly appointed with floor to ceiling windows and stunning panoramic views across the lake, guests can choose to relax in front of an open fire with a book from the library, enjoy the bar facilities or take a stroll in the expansive herb garden. Nearby is the Lodge's private jetty with complimentary use of the lodge's kayaks, motorised dinghies and trout fishing gear. Each of the suites are styled for comfort and feature panoramic views of the lake and volcano. Bringing the outdoors in, you are invited to unwind and soak up the peace and quiet of this tranquil setting.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Hobbiton Movie Set tour from Shires Rest

Become immersed in the The Lord of the Rings and Hobbit films when you visit the actual Hobbiton movie set. Located just outside of Matamata in the heart of the lush Waikato farming region, your tour will begin with a drive through a picturesque sheep farm. You'll then be taken through Hobbit Holes, the Green Dragon Inn, the Mill and the Party Tree while your guide shares behind-the-scenes tales and insight into the making of the films. Spend time wandering through Bagshot Row before being led inside a Hobbit Hole to view the detailed interiors, designed to provide an authentic glimpse into the dwelling of a Hobbit.

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### Your accommodation: Solitaire Lodge

Solitaire Lodge Rotorua, one of New Zealand's premier luxury lodges, enjoys breathtaking views over Lake Tarawera, with lush natural bush and volcanic landscape backdrop. The subtle design brings the outdoors in, inviting you to unwind and soak up the peace and quiet of this tranquil setting. Minutes from this iconic resort you will discover a multitude of activities.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 3



### Explore Rotorua

Peppered with natural hot springs, boiling mud pools and steaming geysers, Rotorua sits within one of the world's most active volcanic regions. Geothermal landmarks aside, this city of sulphur has a rich indigenous history. Home to several prominent Maori tribes, a visit to one of the Maori Villages should be high on your agenda, as should an excursion to the Polynesian Spa for an invigorating soak in its natural mineral hot springs.

Spike your adrenaline at Velocity Valley Adventure Park on stomach-dropping attractions such as static skydiving, or a giant swing reaching 130 km per hour. Alternatively, head up the Rotorua Gondola for soaring lake views, and ride the luge at night for an extra thrill.

Fans of Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit should drive to nearby Matamata and experience the actual movie set, Hobbiton. Make the most of your time in Rotorua with an excursion through the Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, one of the area's most colourful volcanic attractions.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Orakei Korako Hidden Valley with Volcanic Air Safaris by floatplane

From above Mount Tarawera impressive views include vast volcanic rifts, distant national parks and our treasured lakes. Flying south on a floatplane, you will gain an appreciation of what local Maori refer to as the Sisters of Fire. Here, volcanic activity has pierced the earth surface across the fault-line forming the reserves of Waimangu and Wai-O-Tapu which, when viewed from above, display a spectacular palette of nature's most vibrant colours. Landing at Orakei Korako, the Hidden Valley, is an amazing opportunity to experience hot springs, gushing geysers and the natural beauty of this geothermal wonderland.

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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland

Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland is a spectacular showcase of New Zealand's most colourful and unique geothermal elements sculpted by thousands of years of volcanic activity. You are introduced to a uniquely different natural landscape; the key to what you see lies below the surface; one of the most extensive geothermal systems in New Zealand, extending over 18-sq. km. Enjoy viewing unique volcanic features as you walk at your own pace along well-defined tracks. Relax in the first-class Visitor Centre, home to the Gift Shop and Cafe facilities. Visit the Mud Pool, the largest in New Zealand, it was originally the site of a large mud volcano which was destroyed through erosion in the 1920s. See the history and beauty of the Lady Knox Geyser at 10:15 am every day. Lady Knox Geyser provides a unique opportunity to see an eruption to heights of 10 to 20 metres.

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## Day 4



### Rotorua to Napier

This drive will take you through the thermal region just south of Rotorua. Home to a plethora of unique geothermal attractions including boiling mud pits, natural hot springs and steaming geysers, this area is a must do before you move on to Napier. Notable attractions are Wai-O-Tapu, Waimangu and Craters of the Moon.

Continue on to Taupo and marvel at the lake, a giant crater formed following a volcanic eruption in the year 180 CE. As you approach the city, be sure to stop at Huka Falls to view the spectacular sight of hundreds of cubic metres of water spilling every second down the narrow 11 metre drop.

For an extra thrill take a jet-boat ride to the base of the falls. Leaving Taupo, follow the road as it climbs the rugged Ahimanawa Range before descending back down the Pacific Coast to art deco Napier.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Huka Falls Jet Boat Ride

The Huka Jet is 30 minutes of pure fun and exhilaration, skimming close to cliffs, sliding past trees, feeling the adrenalin of full 360 degree spins. The excitement continues right up to the base of the foaming Huka Falls, where you get a spectacular water level view to New Zealand's most visited natural attraction. Nothing compares to watching 220,000 litres per second tumbling over the cliff face towards you.

The water from the mighty Huka Falls runs down the Waikato River through a series of Hydro Power Stations. You'll get a view of the Wairakei Geothermal Power Station in the comfort of a powerful Chevrolet V8 jet boat. This unique Geothermal Power Station uses underground geothermal activity to produce hot steamy water. The Waikato Rivers beautiful environment is varied and unique and is New Zealand's longest river flowing north from our largest lake, Lake Taupō.

### The Farm at Cape Kidnappers

With spectacular panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, nestled among 6,000 acres of rugged coastal farmland, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers offers a multitude of activities within a five-star luxury setting. Offering many comfortable spaces to relax and unwind, including an intimate snug, stylish lounges, outdoor conservatory areas - there is no better way to take in this picturesque landscape.

Choose from a range of leisure facilities such as: a heated infinity pool and jacuzzi, spa treatments with beautiful forest and ocean views, a world class golf course and clubhouse and a fully equipped gym, offering yoga, pilates, golf specific fitness and personal training. The Farm is also home to some of the best trails in the north island, from independent forest walks to ocean stroll or guided farm tours - pack a picnic and set off on an afternoon of outdoor fun. Also on offer are mountain, bikes, quad bikes and horse treks for the more adventurous traveller.

### Your accommodation: Rosewood Cape Kidnappers Hawkes

Located in Hawke's Bay, one of New Zealand's most important wine districts, Cape Kidnappers has a rich history. The Farm is a five-star experience set on a 6,000-acre sheep and cattle farm which encompasses land reminiscent of Montana but plunges 800 feet straight into the sea. A championship golf course designed by Tom Doak is just one reason to experience The Farm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 5



### Explore Napier and the Hawke's Bay

With its Mediterranean climate and Art Deco style, Hawke's Bay is an attractive holiday prospect. As the nation's first winemaking region, a visit to one of its 30 wineries is a must. A trip to Mission Estate touted as the birthplace of NZ wine can't be missed. For the truly enthused head out on a tour of the vines. Those into Gatsby will enjoy the chance to view prominent Art Deco landmarks on a 1930s Vintage Car Tour. Passengers will spend just over an hour learning about the history of the city's architecture including the Napier Municipal Theatre, one of the top ten Art Deco Buildings in the world. If you're after some fresh air, hire a bike and take your pick of one of over 200km of cycling trails or head on down to one of the many beaches that ring the area. Ocean or Waimarama beach are good choices and both are patrolled by surf lifeguards during the summer. Indulge in some local produce and head out on a cheese, chocolate, honey or orchard tour.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Gannet Safaris

Drive along the scenic coast from Napier to Te Awanga and join Gannet Safaris Overland and the world's largest, most accessible gannet colony at Cape Kidnappers. Gannet Safaris has been guiding visitors over Cape Kidnappers for over 35 years and their safaris are the only way to be driven right to within a few feet of these remarkable birds. You will travel in comfort in air-conditioned 4 x 4 wheeled vehicles, through Cape Kidnappers Station - traversing riverbeds, broad rolling pastures, stands of native bush, steep gullies and breath-taking inclines. There is a stop on the way at a spectacular cliff top with panoramic views of Hawke Bay right across to Mahia peninsular. The 36km, three hour trip includes a commentary by your tour guide/driver on the farming operation on Cape Kidnappers Station and an introduction to the gannets. On arrival at the gannets you can stretch your legs and take in the scenery from your position at the brink of the cliff's edge, 100 metres above the ocean!

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Grape Escape half day Hawke's Bay Wine tour

This wine tasting tour is designed for casual imbibers and wine aficionados. Meet like-minded people and share an appreciation of Hawke's Bay's fantastic wines. Taste great wines made with passion and learn of the areas unique growing conditions. Take home outstanding wines and wonderful memories. Join a fun filled wine tasting afternoon in the sun driving through absolutely stunning scenery. Meet like-minded people and share an appreciation of this region's fantastic wine. Visit four to five wineries and enjoy a cheese platter on the grounds of the Ngatarawa Vineyard beside the lily pond.

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## Day 6



### Napier to Wellington City via Masterton

The rolling countryside of the Hawke's Bay leads you into some of New Zealand's richest farmland, located around the Manawatu region. Passing along the Manawatu Gorge the Wairarapa welcomes you. Masterton is home to the golden shears sheep shearing competition while just further south Greytown boasts the largest concentration of historic wooden buildings in the country. Nearby Martinborough is home to dozens of boutique wineries. The route takes you over the Rimutaka Range and along the magnificent natural harbour that the capital city of Wellington sits upon.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Zealandia By Night Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

Taking a night tour of Zealandia wildlife eco-sanctuary is an unforgettable experience and one that comes highly recommended. A conservation success and safe haven for some of New Zealand's rarest native animals, Zealandia is home to many remarkable species of birds, reptiles and insects living wild within a beautiful 225 hectare (one square mile) valley, just 10 minutes from the central city.

Your tour begins with an interactive exhibition before you walk through the gates of Zealandia predator-exclusion fence into the sanctuary. Your guide will then lead you on a torch-light walk through the native New Zealand bush. Possible sights include Kiwi foraging on the forest floor, tuatara hunting for food, glowworms shining, tiny Maud Island frogs in their enclosure, pateke (brown teal) ducks feeding at night and kaka (parrots) coming in to roost. Zealandia is one of the best places to see kiwi in the wild. Over 100 of these nocturnal birds live freely in their natural environment inside the safety of the sanctuary valley, so your chances of seeing one are high!

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### Your accommodation: Bolton Hotel Wellington

The Bolton Hotel offers contemporary apartment-style accommodation in the heart of Wellington. Just steps from the Parliament buildings and central business district, Bolton Hotel is conveniently close to the best of the city's shops, cafes and restaurants and is within walking distance of Wellington's vibrant waterfront.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 7



### Depart Wellington today

Choose to explore more of Wellington's sights before dropping your rental car at the airport depot and continuing your onward journey.

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Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	North Island Self Drive
Starts:	Auckland
Finishes:	Wellington
Tour length:	7
Accommodation:	Luxury Lodges
Car/transport type:	

Included activities

Includes	All breakfasts
Includes	All dinners
Includes	Private airport transfers

Accommodation summary

Day 1	The Hotel Britomart Auckland
Day 2	Solitaire Lodge
Day 3	Solitaire Lodge
Day 4	Rosewood Cape Kidnappers Hawkes
Day 5	Rosewood Cape Kidnappers Hawkes
Day 6	Bolton Hotel Wellington



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## New Zealand Southern Extravaganza, 21-Day Essential Journey

This tour is a celebration of the beautiful places, natural wonders and outstanding lodge retreats that the South Island is home to. In remote and unspoilt locations you'll discover what makes this part of the world so special and why our luxury lodges are so well regarded. With many amazing inclusions from breath-taking hot air balloon flights to glaciers and cruises through the azure blue waters of Abel Tasman National Park, you'll have something to look forward to every day. In the evenings you'll dine and relax at welcoming lodges situated in unique and wondrous locations.



Starts in: Queenstown  
 Finishes in: Queenstown  
 Length: 21days / 20nights  
 Accommodation: Luxury Lodges  
 Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

Includes: Late model rental cars

Includes: Unlimited kms

Includes: Airport & ferry terminal rental car fees

Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)

Included activity: Private Transfer Queenstown Airport to your Accommodation

Included activity: Seals, Beach Cruise and Walk  
 Includes Lunch

Included activity: Private Transfer Christchurch Train Station to your accommodation

Included activity: The Panorama Room, Hermitage Hotel, Mt Cook

Included activity: Castle to Cruise Tour and Penguin Place

Included activity: Fiordland Lodge

plus much more...

Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance (excess may apply)

Includes: GPS navigation

Includes: Additional drivers

Includes: 24/7 support while touring New Zealand

Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App

Included activity: TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Greymouth to Christchurch Scenic Plus with Great Journeys NZ

Included activity: Glacier Explorers

Included activity: Dinner at Camp Estate, Larnach Castle

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Included activity: Cruise Milford Sound on the Milford Adventurer - Picnic Lunch Included



## Day 1



### Private Transfer Queenstown Airport to your Accommodation

On arrival you will be met by a private driver and delivered to your Queenstown accommodation.

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### Welcome to Queenstown

Renowned for its adrenaline inducing activities Queenstown is synonymous with adventure. Parked on the shores of Lake Wakatipu this small alpine town is nestled below soaring vistas of The Remarkables Mountain Range. While arguably the brightest gem in New Zealand crown, Queenstown offers far more than an action-packed getaway. Spend time on the Gibbston wine trail and end with a meal at Michelin star chef Josh Emmett restaurant, Rata. Take a trip down memory lane on a 100 year old steamship the TSS Earnslaw. Soak in the scenery on your walk around the lake, or venture further afield into Fiordland National Park. Head over the hill to resort town Wanaka, or re-live scenes from Lord Of The Rings by four wheel drive. But - if you really do want that rush - head out on the Shotover Jet, dive off the Nevis Bungy, freefall on the Canyon swing or Zip line the Gondola. Just be sure it's done on an empty stomach and dont say we didnt warn you!

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### Matakauri Lodge

Spectacularly situated on Lake Wakatipu, Matakauri Lodge offers stunning panoramic views of the Remarkables, Cecil and Walter Peak mountain ranges. Just a short seven minute drive for the centre of Queenstown, Matakauri Lodge is a relaxing alpine retreat tucked into one of the world most beautiful landscapes. The main lodge consists of a spacious lounge, dining and living areas complimented by large open fires. It also has a large patio, library and courtyard - all comfortable spaces to relax in. You can also take a swim in the pool or relax in the Jacuzzi, both offering spectacular views of the lake and mountainside.

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### Your accommodation: Rosewood Matakauri Queenstown

Spectacularly situated on Lake Wakatipu, Matakauri Lodge offers stunning views from every angle of the Remarkable, Cecil and Walter Peak mountain ranges. Just seven minutes from Queenstown the lodge provides an alpine lakeside retreat nestled in one of the world's most serenely beautiful landscapes.

Meals included:            Dinner



## Day 2



### Sunrise Balloon Adventures

Experience sunrise over the lakes and mountains from the serenity of a hot air balloon. You'll float gently with the breeze, enjoying incredible panoramic views and your flight is followed by a champagne style breakfast at your landing spot. Flights are at dawn when the air is cool and calm and in the right conditions you can expect to see views of Coronet Peak and The Remarkables ski areas, Mount Aspiring in the Southern Alps and Mount Tutoko in Fiordland National Park. You can also see Lake Wakatipu, Lake Hayes, the Shotover and Kawarau rivers. Additionally a bonus for many are the views of some Lord of the Rings scenes such as The Ford Of Bruinen, Dimrill Dale, The Gates of Argonath and The Pillars Of The Kings. Also visible is Mount Earnslaw, one of the great mountains seen in Isengard; The flight is for approximately 1 hour and you will be standing for the duration of the flight.

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### Explore Queenstown

Well-known as New Zealand's adventure capital, Queenstown is home to a range of adventures, from the world's first and most famous bungy jumps to jet boat thrills, white-water rafting, and skydiving. However, Queenstown offers far more than a fast-paced, action-packed holiday. Settled on the shores of beautiful Lake Wakatipu beneath a soaring panorama of the Remarkables Mountain Range, this alpine town is surrounded by a plethora of historic, gastronomic, and scenic wonders. Take a stroll through the beautiful lakefront parks and gardens, browse through market stalls on weekends, dine in wonderful al-fresco restaurants, or ride on the 100-year-old historic Steamship - TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station. Take the Queenstown Gondola up to Bob's Peak and soak up the panoramic views of the magnificent lake and mountain ranges. And after all of that, if you do want the adrenaline rush, Queenstown is known for taking your pick from the Shotover Jet, Canyon Swing, Zipline, Luge, or Heli-ski.

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## Day 3



### Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

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### Queenstown to Wanaka

Leaving Queenstown you'll drive over New Zealand's highest sealed road, the Crown Range before arriving into the resort town of Wanaka.

### Your accommodation: Tin Tub Luxury Lodge

Experience the Tin Tub Luxury Lodge in Wanaka, an alpine hideaway you won't want to leave. Enjoy the magnificent views while you relax in the heated swimming pool or from your personal balcony.

Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 4



### Wanaka Wine Tours Boutique Central Otago Wine Trail

This small group wine tour (maximum 8) offers a relaxed and personal introduction to the wines and scenery of the Central Otago region. This tour is a great way to explore award-winning vineyards hidden amongst the rugged landscape of Central Otago. Visit and enjoy tastings at 4 Central Otago vineyards including a delicious mid-afternoon platter to enjoy with your tastings. You'll also discover the history of the region with a visit to Old Cromwell Town, a charming heritage precinct that has been revitalised into a boutique arts and crafts village.

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## Day 5



### Wanaka to Franz Josef Glacier

The route follows the shores of Lakes Wanaka and Hawea before you enter the village of Makarora, the gateway to Mt. Aspiring National Park. The Blue Pools, just outside Makarora, are a wonderful 30-minute walk through pristine native beech forest. Descending into Mt. Aspiring National Park and towards the Haast Pass, crashing rivers and waterfalls are around every corner. Crossing the Haast River you are now truly on the wild West Coast, a 600-kilometre stretch of bush, rainforest, and podocarp forest. Paringa Salmon Farm is a great halfway stop to stretch your legs, feed the fish, and stop for lunch or refreshment. First Fox Glacier welcomes you to the glacier region and Franz Josef township is just a further 45 minutes' drive over the impressive Fox Hills.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Siberia Experience with Southern Alps Air

The Siberia Experience is a 4 hour wilderness adventure in Mt. Aspiring National Park. Leaving from Makarora at the head of Lake Wanaka you will enjoy some of New Zealand's untouched scenery from the air, on land and from the water. Mountains, rivers, glaciers, alpine lakes, rain forest, waterfalls and more - this is your chance to see it all. This unique adventure incorporates a 25 minute unforgettable scenic flight with Southern Alps Air, a 2 1/2 hour walk beginning in the remote Siberia Valley in Mt. Aspiring National Park and a 30 minute exciting Jet Boat ride with Wilkin River Jets.

### Your accommodation: Te Waonui Forest Retreat

Nestled amongst native West Coast rainforest at Franz Josef is a very special five-star retreat. Designed with utmost care of its precious environment, guests at Te Waonui Forest Retreat will find themselves encircled by rainforest and accommodated in natural and sustainable luxury.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 6



### Twin Glacier Scenic Helicopter Flight with The Helicopter Line

Take a spectacular scenic flight over two of New Zealand's most famous glaciers. Land at the head of one and view the incredible sight of this frozen river as it winds its way through ancient carved valleys. Should weather not be suitable to take this flight you are able to transfer your booking onto a similar tour on any of the Helicopter Line's operations in Queenstown or Mt Cook.

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## Day 7





## Franz Josef to Arthur's Pass National Park

Driving north on State Highway 6 you pass through many small West Coast towns. Hari Hari is the township that Guy Menzies decided to land in (or rather crash land) as he became the first person to fly solo across the Tasman. Ross is the site of an old gold mining town and some of the old buildings remain. You can even pan for gold. The craft and gift stores in Hokitika are excellent with a great range of locally made items and if you want to explore further here then the Hokitika Gorge is worthy of a detour.

State Highway 73 is the main road between the West Coast and Christchurch and the scenery is spectacular, even in the rain and there is a pretty good chance of rain in the high alpine mountains. With hundreds of waterfalls cascading down the bush-clad hillsides, it's not a road to be rushed. Originally the road was a pass used by Maori as they made their seasonal passage to look for the greenstone abundant in the West Coast mountains. When the gold rush hit the West Coast in the late 1800's then a road was quickly developed and not soon after the train. Today the main use for the track is transporting coal to Lyttelton Harbour but once a day the now world famous TransAlpine Scenic Train takes a few hundred tourists and visitors between the two oceans.

The Otira Gorge on the Western side of Arthur's Pass features a remarkable piece of engineering with the road passing high on a viaduct through this large valley. This is a recent addition to the route as the old road was washed away in a rock fall a few years ago. There are numerous lookout points giving great views of the valley and its engineering feat but watch out for the local residents, the kea. this bird is the world's only alpine parrot and can be extremely cheeky.

Arthur's Pass Township is a bustling place in the peak season with many walkers and adventurers using it as a base for the forays into the mountains of Arthur's Pass National Park. The Department of Conservation centre here has an excellent display of the local history and is a great source of information for the many short walks in the area.

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### Your accommodation: Wilderness Lodge, Arthurs Pass

Wilderness Lodge sits on it's own 3,000-hectare nature reserve and merino sheep farm and is surrounded by the mountains of Arthur's Pass National Park. Join nature guides to walk, canoe and discover kea parrots, giant buttercups, pygmy forests, alpine flower gardens and waterfalls.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 8



### Walking tracks in Arthurs Pass National Park

Within Arthur's Pass there are many short walks to suit all ages and abilities. Located in the Arthur's Pass Village is a Department of Conservation information centre where you can get updates on track conditions and track suitability as well as learn about the natural history of the area and its people.

Listed below is a selection of short walks.

1. Millennium Walk - Time: 10 minutes return
2. Devils Punchbowl Waterfall Walk - Time: One hour return
3. Arthur's Pass Walking Track - Time: One hour 20 minutes (one way)
4. Dobson Nature Walk - Time: 30 minutes return
5. Old Coach Road Walk - Time: 30 minutes return
6. Cockayne Nature Walk - Time: 30 minutes return

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## Day 9





## Arthur's Pass to Kaikoura

Travelling from the Southern Alps to the Coast, this drive offers spectacular views of braided river valleys. You'll travel through Castle Hill Scenic Reserve, dotted with remarkable rocky outcrops, popular for hiking.

Descending onto the Canterbury Plains, you'll travel through the rich farmland surrounding Christchurch before turning North through the small towns of Rangiora and Oxford. You'll then travel on State Highway 1 through the Waipara Valley. If you have plenty of time be sure to stop at Hanmer Springs for a soak in the hot mineral pools.

The road hugs the coast for the final stretch of this drive, before arriving at your destination, Kaikoura. Keep a lookout for dolphins as they are often seen swimming just off the coastline as well as New Zealand fur seals basking by the roadside.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Ocean's Cabin with Whale Watch Kaikoura

Experience New Zealand's only marine based whale watching company. Whale Watch Kaikoura offer a once-in-a-lifetime, up close encounter with the giant Sperm Whale. You are also likely to encounter New Zealand fur seals, dusky dolphins and albatross. Depending on the season you may also see pilot, blue and southern right whales as well as migrating humpbacks. Often orcas can be spotted here and the world's smallest dolphin, the Hector's, occasionally make an appearance.

Cruise in style on modern catamarans, specifically designed for whale watching, featuring large passenger cabins and outside viewing decks. Passenger numbers for each tour are kept below the vessel carrying capacity to ensure your tour experience remains a personal one.

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### Your accommodation: Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses

Hapuku Lodge was built to give guests a great night's sleep in one of the most beautiful places in the world. The Lodge sits tight between the mountains and the ocean, on a deer stud and olive farm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 10



### Kaikoura to Blenheim

Heading north from Kaikoura, the road hugs the shore for approximately 50 kilometres and offers many opportunities to view the native wildlife such as seabirds and New Zealand fur seals. One of the best seal watching locations is Ohau Point (25km north of Kaikoura), where you can observe the adults on the shoreline and the pups frolicking in the water, just a short walk from the road (signposted). As you drive you will have turquoise waters of the South Pacific Ocean to your east and to the west the towering Kaikoura Ranges. Crossing the dry hills of the Marlborough ranges you head towards Marlborough, New Zealand's largest wine producing region. Blenheim sits right at the heart of Marlborough and is ideally located to enjoy an afternoon sampling the local produce. A great way to do this is to take a guided wine tour with Sounds Connection Wine Tours.

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### Your accommodation: The Marlborough Boutique Hotel & Vineyard

The Marlborough Boutique Hotel is located right in the heart of the Marlborough wine region, close to the township of Blenheim and just 25 minutes from the Marlborough Sounds. Providing the ultimate retreat to indulge in New Zealand's gourmet province.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 11



## Blenheim to Abel Tasman National Park via Queen Charlotte Drive

Take a short drive to the small port of Picton where the Interislander ferry connects with Wellington. A bustling seaside destination, Picton is well equipped with shops, cafes and is also the starting point for the famous Queen Charlotte Walk. You'll travel along Queen Charlotte Drive, traversing the length of the Marlborough Sounds coastline. Magnificent views are abundant so be sure to make time to stop and enjoy the scenery as you go.

Continue through the small port town of Havelock, home to a variety of cafes and restaurants. The highway between Nelson and Picton crosses the pelorus river, and at this junction you'll find the famous pelorus bridge. From here there are a number of forest walks, the most popular a 30 minute loop through beech, rimu, and totara forest. Traverse Tasman Bay passing through Motueka to arrive on the outskirts of Abel Tasman National Park.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Half Day Guided Kayaking in the Marlborough Sounds

The half day guided sea kayak trip is an ideal opportunity to fit a little kayaking adventure into a busy holiday itinerary. After a short safety briefing you'll be in the water, allowing you maximum time to enjoy the tranquil waters of the Queen Charlotte Sound. Starting at Ngakuta Bay you then paddle out of the bay and into Grove Arm. The sound is surrounded by bush-clad shorelines and sandy beaches. There will be a short stop to enjoy a light refreshment break along the way before returning to Picton. It is important you read and understand the risks associated with this activity. For more information click [here](#).

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### Your accommodation: Te Koi the Lodge at Bronte

Luxury accommodation nestled in a tranquil, natural waterfront setting on Nelson's historic Bronte Peninsula. Surrounded by extensive mature gardens, orchards and vineyard, the elegant spacious suites have their own private patio and spa bath for relaxing. In the main garden enjoy the heated pool, tennis and petanque or explore further afield by bike or canoe.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 12



### Seals, Beach Cruise and Walk

Experience the best of Abel Tasman on this combined beach cruise and walk tour. Cruise into the Tonga Island Marine Reserve and pause to watch the antics of the Resident Fur Seal Colony. After landing at the historic Tonga Quarry Beach, take a two hour, fifteen minute walk over forested land and around the spectacular Bark Bay Estuary, renowned for its cascading waterfalls. Rejoin the cruise at the sheltered golden cove on Medlands Beach.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 13



## Marahau to Punakaiki

The drive today takes you along the Buller Gorge and offers some wonderful scenery as you follow this magnificent river. The town of Murchison is a quiet place and a great lunch stop. Underneath its sleepy farming facade is an adventurers' paradise with white water rafting, kayaking, 4WD trips, and some great trout fishing.

The first major town (by this region's standard) is Inangahua and a small museum tells of the earthquake that hit the region in 1968 leaving 70% of the buildings damaged or inhabitable. Further along the river one of the must-stop places is Whites Creek and New Zealand's longest swing bridge. Crossing the river you get magnificent views of the gorge and once on the other side, there are short bush walks, jet boat rides, and some of the historic gold mining remnants.

The port town of Westport is the largest on the Northern West Coast. A history of gold mining, logging, fishing coal mining gives the town a hard-working feeling. And to reward the hard workers the town has an extraordinary amount of pubs.

There are plenty of activities here such as caving, bush walks, and surfing but one of the most popular is to take a trip to Tauranga bay and the seal colony. Just 15 kilometres south at Cape Foulwind (named by Captain Cook for the difficult sailing conditions and not the smell of the seals!), you will find a breeding colony of New Zealand fur seals. A well-marked and easy 10-minute walking track takes you to the colony where you can see the creatures lazing around or swimming in the ocean.

The spectacular West Coast coastline guides you to Paparoa National Park and to Punakaiki where a walk along the paths around the pancake rocks is a must. Please note there is no supermarket facilities in Punakaiki.

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### Your accommodation: Scenic Hotel Punakaiki

Scenic Hotel Punakaiki is a modern, award-winning hotel complex, architecturally designed to harmonious with the local environment. Nestled in the foothills of Paparoa National Park the resort has spectacular views of the Wild West Coast beaches while all rooms have rainforest and/or ocean views.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 14



### Punakaiki to Greymouth

You have plenty of time to explore Punakaiki this morning and to enjoy the scenic drive back along the coast to Greymouth to catch the TranzAlpine Scenic Train to Christchurch. Just south of the town of Greymouth is Shantytown a replica gold rush town with lots of great displays from yesteryear and a great place to spend a few hours. Drop your rental car at the Greymouth Train Station depot located inside the train station building before checking in for your train journey.

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### TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Greymouth to Christchurch Scenic Plus with Great Journeys NZ

Great Journeys New Zealand's Scenic Plus carriage provides comfort and vast panoramic views, making our TranzAlpine scenic train journey the perfect way to explore coast-to-coast through the 'Great Divide' and the indomitable spine of mountains that partitions New Zealand's South Island. Scenic Plus offers an all-inclusive experience on the unique TranzAlpine scenic rail journey to invigorate all the senses! Feast your eyes on epic scenery while you savour regionally inspired cuisine paired with sumptuous wine and beer all from the comfort of your luxurious seat a hosted dining experience like no other. Quite simply, we have done everything we can to ensure you feel at peace as you sink back in your seat and soak up the scenery.

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### Private Transfer Christchurch Train Station to your accommodation

On arrival at the Christchurch train station, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your accommodation.

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### Your accommodation: The George Hotel

The George is the essence of supreme comfort. The award-winning 5 star hotel is opposite Hagley Park and just a few minutes stroll from the Botanic Gardens. It also has an award-winning restaurant, 50 Bistro onsite.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner





## Day 15



### Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

### Christchurch to Aoraki Mt Cook National Park

Today you'll drive through the heart of the South Island, crossing the vast Canterbury plains. Catch your breath in Geraldine before continuing through Fairlie. Ascending Burkes pass you'll come to the picturesque lakeside town of Tekapo.

Follow the road and take in the view of Aoraki Mt Cook (New Zealand's tallest mountain) from the shores of Lake Pukaki, known for its glacier fed turquoise blue colour. Continue along the lake to your final destination Mt Cook Village.

Please note: There are no food shops at Mt Cook, and dinner options are limited to one restaurant. If you wish to self-cater, you must stock up before arriving in Mt Cook, or make dinner reservations in advance.

### Glacier Explorers Mt. Cook

Experience 500 year old icebergs up-close on the Mt Cook terminal lake. The Glacier Explorers tour is the only one of its kind in New Zealand and one of only three in the world! Very few glaciers terminate into lakes and even fewer of them are accessible. See towering ice cliffs and floating icebergs from the safety of a specially designed boat. These boats provide a safe way to view unseen and inaccessible areas of New Zealand's largest glacier The Tasman.

### The Panorama Room, Hermitage Hotel, Mt Cook

Since first opening its doors in 1969, The Panorama Room has gained a reputation as being one of the best restaurants in New Zealand. This reputation is reflected in the numerous awards the restaurant has received over the years. A simple philosophy of using just the freshest, local ingredients, in particular from New Zealand's South Island, is still the secret to its success today. The menu has a strong international influence and reflects both the establishment's taste and the fact that most of the chefs have travelled and worked widely throughout the world.

### Your accommodation: Hermitage Hotel, Aoraki Wing Premium Plus

Experience the best views in the park from the spacious top floor rooms of the magnificent Hermitage Hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 16



### Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to Dunedin

Today you'll leave Aoraki Mt Cook National Park and travel past Twizel, one of the locations for the Lord of the Rings films. Go through Oamaru, the gliding capital of New Zealand, be sure to stop at The Wrinkly Ram, a quirky local cafe and souvenir store. Driving through the Waitaki Valley follow the hydro power generating system towards the east coast. Stretch your legs in Oamaru, known for its white stone buildings constructed with the local Oamaru Stone. If you were a little late off the mark this morning you may get the chance to see the blue penguins come ashore at dusk.

Continue south down the coast to Moeraki, and take a detour towards the beach to see the Moeraki Boulders, a unique geological feature well worth a look. As you arrive in Dunedin, take in the city's Edwardian and Scottish heritage reflected in the buildings around the city centre The Octagon.

### Dinner at Camp Estate, Larnach Castle

Keeping with the historical setting of Larnach Castle, a four-course dinner is offered in a grand Castle Dining Room. This is a trust-the-chef experience where you may indulge in incredible meals and meet other guests. The menu reflects local meats and vegetables, served in a traditional New Zealand-style cuisine with the opportunity to pair with regional wines.

### Your accommodation: Camp Estate at Larnach Castle

A luxurious country house built from blue stone and features a spectacular marble staircase. The modern rooms are all double glazed and the reception rooms are all heated by open fires and underfloor heating. Staying at Camp Estate includes entry to Larnach Castle and the grounds.

Meals included: Breakfast, Speciality Dinner



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## Day 17



### Castle to Cruise Tour and Penguin Place

Today you'll explore the wildlife and history of the Otago Peninsula. You'll be welcomed to the MV Monarch for a wildlife cruise around Taiaroa Head, home to the world's only mainland nesting site for royal albatross. Scattered along the rocks you'll also see New Zealand fur seals basking in the sun and possibly New Zealand sea lions on the beach. In the water you may also see penguins, dolphins and other marine birds. Back on land you'll take a guided tour of New Zealand's only castle, Larnach Castle built in 1871. Learn of the scandals and history of the castle and explore the beautiful garden of international significance. Your final stop of the day is to The Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance (formally Penguin Place), a natural nesting site for the rarest penguin in the world, the Yellow Eyed Penguin.

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## Day 18



### Dunedin to Kaka Point (The Catlins)

The journey between Dunedin and Invercargill travelling via The Catlins is one that should not be rushed. Taking the eastern half of the Southern Scenic Route the road offers some great Southland and coastal scenery and some fantastic walking opportunities. Kaka Point is located on Molyneux Bay. Nugget Point, just a short drive along the coast road offers spectacular Southern Ocean views with fur seals and sea lions basking on rocks, while Cannibal Bay, just a few kilometers from the main road is a great place to walk the secluded beach and to look for hooker sea lions. There are countless opportunities for short walks to interesting places and all are well signposted.

## Catlins (Kaka Pt) to Te Anau

The drive to Te Anau takes you along the beautiful Southern Scenic Route. First stop along the way is the township of Owaka which hosts a museum telling the history of the region while just a short detour from the main road and an easy 20-minute walk will deliver you to the Purakaunui Falls, a popular photo stop. Curio Bay (well signposted from the main road) is home to one of the world's most extensive and best-preserved examples of a Jurassic fossilised forest (best viewed at low tide). There is also a small population of the rare and endangered yellow eyed penguins here and occasionally the rare hectors dolphins can also be spotted. Take your time on this drive to explore the many bays, beaches and wonderful scenery. Continue along to Invercargill, the capital city of the Southland Region. The drive from Invercargill to Te Anau passes through some wonderful and often overlooked regions of Southland. Riverton is Southland's oldest community established by whalers in the 1830's and many of the original cottages have survived throughout the town. The Riverton Early Settlers Museum tells the story well. Orepuki on the coast was once 'almost' a gold town but the fine dust proved too hard to extract commercially. You can still sometimes see gold dust in the beach sand at Monkey Bay. The early sawmilling settlement of Tautapere is next, known as the 'hole in the bush' the town features an attractive domain. A little further north is the Clifden suspension bridge which dates back to 1899. The Blackmount Road offers some great side trips if you have the time and one, in particular, is the 50-kilometre round trip to Lake Haruoko, New Zealand's deepest lake. The Blackmount Road continues to the small township Te Anau which is the gateway to Fiordland National Park.

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## Fiordland Lodge

Set on a superb site with commanding views out across Lake Te Anau this is a rural setting with rolling grass lands surrounding the Lodge, Lake Te Anau being a mere ten-minute walk away. Across the lake to the west lie the mountains of Fiordland National Park, an area of over three million acres of untouched wilderness and part of the much larger South West New Zealand World Heritage Area. The enjoyment of food and wine is integral to the experience on offer at Fiordland Lodge and the use of quality ingredients being seasonal and regional and largely organic are fundamental to their cuisine philosophy. Food is a focal point and you'll be hard pressed to find something on the menu that isn't homemade or locally grown. Fresh organic vegetables, greens, herbs and eggs are harvested daily from the huge onsite vegetable garden, so each season nature offers a new palette for the kitchen team to create dishes. A changing evening menu also means that you get to experience as much of New Zealand's wonderful food as possible. There are numerous activities available from Fiordland Lodge such as guided fly fishing and nature walks also the conservation gold sponsor experience where you will join a local volunteer to work on a conservation project for the day.

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## Your accommodation: Fiordland Lodge

Set in a World Heritage area Fiordland Lodge offers the discerning traveller comfort and privacy. The elegance and splendour of the Lodge is mirrored in the breathtaking views of Lake Te Anau and Fiordland. Private and serene, the Lodge is perfect for relaxation, or as a base for your Fiordland experience.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 19



## Te Anau to Milford Sound and return to Te Anau

The road to Milford Sound offers some of the most beautiful and iconic scenery in the country. From crystal clear lakes and towering mountains to lush glacier formed meadows, this area is dramatic and unyielding. Stretch your legs on the Chasm Walk, a short stroll through native beech forest to see several powerful waterfalls. Continue on through the Homer Tunnel, an engineering marvel at 1219 metres long. Arriving into the village of Milford, you will be greeted with an amazing view of Mitre Peak. A day cruise into the heart of the sound is not to be missed. You'll learn about how this magnificent area was formed and experience the wonder of the falls that line the Fiord before back-tracking the way you came.

Please note: Make sure to allow 2.5hrs to Milford Sound, this takes into account the current road works on the Milford Road.

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## Cruise Milford Sound on the Milford Adventurer includes Picnic Lunch

Escape the crowds and experience the magnificence of Milford Sound on board the Milford Adventurer. This intimate cruise with a maximum of just 70 passengers means you'll get the best vantage point for the many waterfalls and amazing wildlife that visit the fiord, including the resident fur seals. The smaller vessel size means the Milford Adventurer can get closer to waterfalls and wildlife and your captain will share their local knowledge of Fiordland, Milford Sound and the flora and fauna. On board you can enjoy the complimentary coffee, tea and biscuits and lunch can also be ordered in advance.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 20



### Te Anau to Queenstown

Today you'll cross vast tussock lands on your way to Queenstown. Pass through Mossburn, the deer capital of the nation. Continue on through the Southland countryside where the road begins to hug the lake edge and the Remarkables mountain range towers over your approach into the adventure capital of New Zealand.

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### Your accommodation: Rosewood Matakauri Queenstown

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 21

### Depart Queenstown today

Drop your rental car at the Queenstown airport today.

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## Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	South Island Self Drive
Starts:	Queenstown
Finishes:	Queenstown
Tour length:	21
Accommodation:	Luxury Lodges
Car/transport type:	

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## Included activities

Includes	10 dinners
Includes	All breakfasts
Includes	TranzAlpine Train from Christchurch to Greymouth
Includes	Abel Tasman Seals and Beach walk
Includes	Glacier Explorers Tour, Mt Cook National Park
Includes	Otago Peninsula Wildlife Premier tour including Larnach Castle
Includes	Ultimate Paradise Picnic Scenic Helicopter Flight, Queenstown
Includes	Boutique Half Day Wanaka Wine Tour
Includes	Real Journeys Milford Sound Cruise
Includes	Twin Glaciers Scenic Helicopter Flight, Franz Josef
Includes	Entry to Glacier Hot Pools
Includes	Dinner at Fiordland Lodge

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## Accommodation summary

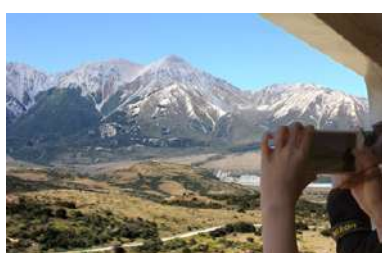
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Day 10	The Marlborough Boutique Hotel & Vineyard
Day 11	Te Koi the Lodge at Bronte
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## South Island Wine Explorer

Discover two of the South Island's highly regarded boutique wine regions while exploring the magnificent scenery of the Southern Alps, Southern Lakes and West Coast on this 9 day adventure tour.



Starts in: Christchurch  
 Finishes in: Christchurch  
 Length: 9days / 8nights  
 Accommodation: Luxury Lodges  
 Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

Includes: Late model rental cars

Includes: Unlimited kms

Includes: Airport & ferry terminal rental car fees

Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving instructions, map/guidebooks, brochures)

Included activity: Private transfer Christchurch International Airport to your accommodation

Included activity: Glacier Explorers

Included activity: Franz Josef Glacier Helihike

Included activity: Private Transfer Christchurch Train Station to your accommodation

: Meals included: 8 breakfasts, 8 dinners

Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance (excess may apply)

Includes: GPS navigation

Includes: Additional drivers

Includes: 24/7 support while touring New Zealand

Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App

Included activity: Appellation Private Boutique Wine Tour

Included activity: TransAlpine Scenic Train: Greymouth to Christchurch

Included activity: Private transfer accommodation to Christchurch Airport



## Day 1



### Private transfer Christchurch International Airport to your accommodation

On arrival, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your Christchurch accommodation.

### Welcome to Christchurch City

Christchurch New Zealand's garden city is steadily being transformed into a vibrant urban destination. Encompassing a large green belt, it is known for its wide tree lined avenues and lush gardens. A great way to explore the city or easy way to see the sights or ride the historic trams across town to the renowned botanic gardens and the unique cardboard Transitional Cathedral, that's right it is built of cardboard!

### Your accommodation: The George Hotel

The George is the essence of supreme comfort. The award-winning 5 star hotel is opposite Hagley Park and just a few minutes stroll from the Botanic Gardens. It also has an award-winning restaurant, 50 Bistro onsite.

Meals included:            Dinner



## Day 2



### Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

### Waipara region

The Waipara Valley is situated only 40 minutes drive north of Christchurch City. The fastest growing wine region in New Zealand, it is home to around 80 vineyards covering more than 1,200 hectares of plantings. Tucked at the base of the Teviotdale hill, it is sheltered from cool easterly winds but open to warming north west winds. The valley has three general sites, valley floor, hill slopes or river terraces. The soil types include; gravely deposits on flats and terraces in the central and west of the valley, limestone derived clays on hillsides and valley floor to the eastern side and gravely loams over alluvial subsoil in the southern part of the region. The north facing sloping terrain provides an ideal sun trap for fruiting vines.

This gives each vineyard unique characters that contribute to a range of wine styles. The Terroir combined with the long hot autumn period helps produce unique richer, spicier Pinot Noirs and Rieslings regional specialities. Other varieties of note include Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards of note include Pegasus Bay with its award winning restaurant and Mud House which also has a cafe linked to the cellar door.

Another great local attraction is The Weka Pass Railway. This historic rural railway uses both vintage steam and diesel-electric locomotives on 12.8 km of scenic line through the unique limestone beauty of the Weka Pass out of Waipara, where superior weather patterns provide crystal clear air and high sunshine hours. Open most Sundays and public holidays during the summer months.

### Akaroa & the Banks Peninsula

The Banks Peninsula lies just around 1 hour from Christchurch city centre. Formed by ancient volcanic eruptions the regions first settlers were Maori who recognised its potential for shelter and food. The sealers and whalers followed them and European colonists founded and settled Akaroa, Little River and Lyttelton and many of the Peninsula's other bays. Abounding with wildlife and history it's a great place to spend the day exploring.

The jewel is Akaroa which lies just over 70 kilometres from central Christchurch and the drive to this picturesque harbour town is a wonderful experience in itself as it can either take you via the port of Lyttelton and along the bays or over the Summit Road of the Port Hills.

The well-signposted tourist routes will guide you on a loop around the peninsula and through some spectacular and rugged farmland scenery. As you approach the small settlement of Duvauchelle you are greeted by New Zealand's oldest hotel.

The town of Akaroa has rather a French feel with many flags flying and cottages and streets with distinctly non-kiwi names. The reason being that 63 Frenchmen arrived here to settle the Banks Peninsula under the French Flag only to find the British had beaten them by 5 days. Their influence on architecture combined with a Victorian seaside feel make the town a delightful place to spend an afternoon. There are many activities such as nature cruises and swimming with dolphins.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 3



### Christchurch to Aoraki Mt Cook National Park

Today you'll drive through the heart of the South Island, crossing the vast Canterbury plains. Catch your breath in Geraldine before continuing through Fairlie. Ascending Burkes pass you'll come to the picturesque lakeside town of Tekapo.

Follow the road and take in the view of Aoraki Mt Cook (New Zealand's tallest mountain) from the shores of Lake Pukaki, known for its glacier fed turquoise blue colour. Continue along the lake to your final destination Mt Cook Village.

Please note: There are no food shops at Mt Cook, and dinner options are limited to one restaurant. If you wish to self-cater, you must stock up before arriving in Mt Cook, or make dinner reservations in advance.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 4



### Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to Queenstown

Leaving the alpine region of Aoraki Mt Cook, you'll travel through the lakeside town of Twizel, then a little further to Omarama the gliding capital of New Zealand. Continue on over the Lindis Pass, one of New Zealand's highest roads with a summit of 971 metres. Arrive in the quaint village of Tarras, then continue on a short way to the historic Bendigo Reserve, one of Otago's original gold mining settlements.

Follow the road to Cromwell, and keep going through the sheer cliffs of the Kawarau Gorge towards Gibbston, one of New Zealand's premier wine growing regions. See the historic Kawarau Bridge where you can bungy jump or relax and watch others take the plunge. Approaching Queenstown, the Remarkables mountain range comes into view as you arrive into the adventure capital of New Zealand.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Ultimate Paradise Picnic Private Helicopter Flight with Heliworks

Relax and enjoy the beauty of Queenstown, as you are flown to a beautiful location on Cecil Peak for a gourmet picnic accompanied by wine or bubbles. The perfect opportunity to indulge!

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 5



### Appellation Private Boutique Wine Tour

For the more discerning wine lover, or simply people who prefer the flexibility of a private tour. Join one of Appellation's senior wine guides on a wine tasting journey to some of New Zealand's most memorable vineyards, at your own pace. Your guides local knowledge and familiarity with the vineyards of Central Otago is at your disposal for an intimate half day wine experience in a thriving wine region. Packages are tailor made for you, and you are encouraged to advise of any varietal or vineyard preferences when booking.

The private boutique wine tour includes tastings at four vineyards, typically two in the Gibbston/Queenstown region and two in the Bannockburn/Cromwell region. You'll enjoy a delightful platter lunch at Carrick Winery with a glass of premium matched wine. You'll also explore the history and scenery of the region with a stroll through Old Cromwell Town and a stunning drive through the Kawarau Gorge. Tours last approximately 5 hours.

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## Day 6



### Queenstown to Franz Josef Glacier via Wanaka

From Queenstown you'll cross the Crown Range, the highest sealed road in New Zealand to arrive in the Alpine town of Wanaka, gateway to Mt Aspiring National Park. Skirting the shores of both Lake Wanaka and Hawea, you will enter the small town of Makarora. Stop at Blue Pools for a 1-hour return walk through the native beech forest to a glacier-fed swimming hole. Continue on through the remote seaside settlement of Haast before heading up the wild West Coast highway you pass through ancient temperate rainforests while getting sneak peeks of the wild coast beaches occasionally. Paringa Salmon Farm is worth a stop to stretch your legs, feed the fish, and stop for lunch and refreshments. Keep heading North and be sure to enjoy the view of the ever-changing towering snowcapped Southern Alps Mountain Range. Fox Glacier welcomes you first, then comes your destination for the night Franz Josef township.

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### Your accommodation: Te Waonui Forest Retreat

Nestled amongst native West Coast rainforest at Franz Josef is a very special five-star retreat. Designed with utmost care of its precious environment, guests at Te Waonui Forest Retreat will find themselves encircled by rainforest and accommodated in natural and sustainable luxury.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner





## Day 7



### Franz Josef Glacier Helihiike

After a thrilling scenic flight, high above the rugged terrain, you will land on the glacier, ready to undertake a 2.15 hour guided glacier hike. Your friendly guide will lead you through some of the most pristine and awe-inspiring glacial scenery in the world. Your guide will choose your route carefully as you go and, with an eye for the most spectacular ice formations, you'll soon be making your way through an extraordinary landscape of towering peaks and glistening blue ice. It is important you read and understand the risks associated with this activity prior to travel. For more information please see [here](#).

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 8



### Franz Josef to Greymouth Train Station

Today head north along the mighty West Coast highway you pass through ancient temperate rainforests while getting sneak peeks of the wild coast beach occasionally. Whataroa is the next town where you can see one of the world's rarest birds, the New Zealand white heron or Kotuku nest at the Waitangi Roto Nature Reserve, and guided tours from October to March will take you there.

Ross is the site of an old gold mining town and some of the old buildings and workings remain. In fact, Ross is still home to one of the few working gold mines left in New Zealand and the local information center offers you the chance to pan for gold.

Hokitika is a great place to explore craft and gift stores and head to the coast and take in the endless sea views. The Jade or Greenstone on offer in Hokitika is probably some of the best you will see in the country. The Hokitika Gorge is located 45 minutes inland and offers turquoise waters flowing through a narrow gorge. A great short walk will deliver you to this piece of paradise.

Continue on to Greymouth, the largest town on the West Coast and the starting point for the next leg of your journey the TranzAlpine Scenic Train. Drop your rental car at the Greymouth Train Station depot located at the train station building before boarding your train to Christchurch.

### TranzAlpine Scenic Train: Greymouth to Christchurch

Considered one of the world's great train journeys, the TranzAlpine Scenic Train takes you from Greymouth to Christchurch. You'll travel across the South Island from the west to the east coast through Arthur's Pass National Park. From the comfort of your carriage see lush beech forest, deep river valleys and the spectacular peaks of the Southern Alps. Descend to the windswept Canterbury Plains before arriving in the city of Christchurch.

### Private Transfer Christchurch Train Station to your accommodation

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### Your accommodation: The George Hotel

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Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 9



### Private transfer accommodation to Christchurch Airport

A private transfer will collect you from your accommodation and transfer you to Christchurch Airport in time for your departing flight.

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## Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	South Island Self Drive
Starts:	Christchurch
Finishes:	Christchurch
Tour length:	9
Accommodation:	Luxury Lodges
Car/transport type:	

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## Included activities

Includes	All dinners
Includes	All breakfasts
Includes	Private airport transfers
Includes	Private train station transfers
Includes	TranzAlpine Train from Greymouth to Christchurch
Includes	Glacier Explorers Tour, Mt Cook National Park
Includes	Private Queenstown Boutique half day wine tour
Includes	Franz Josef Glacier Helihike

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## Accommodation summary

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Not only does New Zealand have stunning scenery, superb lodges and hotels but we are also lucky enough to have nearly 400 golf courses.

On this itinerary you get to play some of the country's best courses, stay in some of the finest locations and experience some thrilling activities.

Please note: Your internal flight from Napier to Christchurch is included in this tour package.

Starts in: Auckland  
Finishes in: Queenstown  
Length: 17days / 16nights  
Accommodation: Boutique Lodges & Hotels  
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



### Inclusions:

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Included activity: Private Transfer Auckland Airport to Auckland accommodation with Tourcorp

Included activity: Cape Kidnappers Golf Course

Included activity: Mountain High Scenic Flight with The Helicopter Line

Included activity: Millbrook Golf Course

Included activity: Kauri Cliffs Golf Course

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Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance (excess may apply)

Includes: GPS navigation

Includes: Additional drivers

Includes: 24/7 support while touring New Zealand

Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App

Included activity: Air New Zealand flight Napier to Christchurch

Included activity: The Panorama Room, Hermitage Hotel, Mt Cook

Included activity: Milford Sound Heli Cruise

Included activity: Huka Falls Jet Boat Ride

## Day 1



### Private Transfer Auckland Airport to Auckland Accommodation

You will be met at the Auckland airport by the driver and transferred to your Auckland accommodation.

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### Welcome to Auckland

Auckland, New Zealand's self-proclaimed "City of Sails" is the country's largest metro area. Resting between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea, this urban paradise has something for everyone. Surrounded by native bush, rainforests, and an abundance of beaches, Auckland is a playground for both the city savvy and those with an eye for adventure. Explore the central museums and galleries on foot, or get out onto the water to experience the best views of the city.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Wētā Workshop Unleashed

Explore worlds of horror, sci-fi and fantasy in the making. An exciting, realistic, and authentic experience, with three fully developed and original film concepts: A nail-biting horror Fauna, a fantasy epic Age of the Ever-Clan, and the mind-bending sci-fi Origins.

A 90-minute guided experience through fully themed environments, including immersive horror, fantasy, and sci-fi story worlds. Be immersed by a specially-created unique sweeping cinematic soundtrack, animatronic creatures, physical and digital interactives, hyper-realistic sculpted giants and characters, a horror house experience, and much more.

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### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - All Blacks Experience

See what it takes to make, shape and be an All Black. Experience first-hand the excitement and emotion of game day. Discover the stories behind some of world rugby's most famous players, moments and matches.

This guided experience introduces you to the game of rugby before being lead through state-of-the-art displays combining sound, images, interactive technology and hands-on activities. Discover New Zealand deep passion for our national sport, experience the full force of the All Blacks haka, tackle interactive zones where you can try out your kicking, catching, line-out and accuracy skills against legendary All Blacks.

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### Your accommodation: Fable Auckland

Located right on Queen Street the Fable Auckland is boutique and stylish property with an ideal location to enjoy and explore the vibrant heart of the 'City of Sails'.

Meals included:          Dinner



## Day 2



### Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

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### Auckland to Whangaroa and Matakauri Bay

The trip from Auckland to the Bay of Islands takes around 3.5 hours but give yourself some leeway for stops and sightseeing. As you go through Puhoi, take in the bohemian atmosphere of this historical township. Stop for a breath of fresh salty air in Whangarei and take another break at Kawakawa - home to the world famous Hundertwasser toilets. Enjoy the native bush surrounds and marvel at the endless golden beaches as you arrive into the subtropical Bay of Islands region. Continuing north it's just a short drive to Whangaroa Harbour and Matakauri Bay, your destination for the night.

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### Your accommodation: Rosewood Kauri Cliffs

Set on 6,000 acres near Matauri Bay, Northland, The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs affords spectacular 180-degree views of the Pacific Ocean. Cape Brett and the offshore Cavalli Islands are part of the panorama which can be viewed from the verandas, lounge, and dining rooms. A championship golf course also graces the lodge.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 3



### Kauri Cliffs Lodge Experience

Located on 6,000 spectacular acres near Matauri Bay, Northland, The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs is a secluded oasis. With panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, Cape Brett and the Cavalli Islands, guests stay in one of 22 cottage suites, each with their own private porch and open fireplace. While best known for its world-class golf course, Kauri Cliffs has many other activities on offer including horseback riding, cycling, swimming, sailing, a guided farm tour, and access to its day spa - nestled within native Totara forest. Discover New Zealand's pristine shores on one of three private beaches or fish and dive in the clear blue waters.

Ranked the number one hotel in the world in 2014 by Conde Nast, Kauri Cliffs is also home to two astroturf tennis courts, an infinity swimming pool, spa and fully equipped fitness centre. Five-star gourmet à la carte dining is available both indoors and on the veranda outside, as well as informal barbecues and lunch hampers.

### Kauri Cliffs Golf Course

Kauri Cliffs was designed and built by David Harman. The par 72 championship golf course measures 7,119 yards / 6,510 metres and offers five sets of tees to challenge every skill level. Fifteen holes view the Pacific Ocean, six of which are played alongside cliffs which plunge to the sea. The beautiful inland holes wind through marsh, forest and farmland. Kauri Cliffs is currently ranked #39 in the world by Golf Digest Top 100 Greatest Golf Courses in the World.

Kauri Cliffs recently underwent a renovation from world-renowned golf course architect Rees Jones. The 5th hole received a complete redesign and was transformed from a long, uphill, forced carry par-3 to a short "drop shot" par-3. Other notable changes were the addition of tees on the 2nd and 9th holes and a bunker renovation on the 4th hole. The golf complex includes a world-class practice range, putting and chipping greens, a well-stocked golf shop, and ladies and mens locker rooms. Premium ladies and mens rental clubs are available.

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## Day 4



### Matauri Bay to Bay of Islands (Paihia)

Today return south through Kerikeri known for its crafts studios, fruit orchards and artisan products. Home to two of the oldest buildings in the country Mission House and the Stone Store

(both of which encompass materials and artifacts from early European settlers) Kerikeri is a delightful place to learn about New Zealand's early history. Continue on to Paihia, your destination for the night and great a base from which to explore the Bay of Islands.



## Your accommodation: Paihia Beach Resort & Spa

Located in a superb beach position overlooking the Bay of Islands, Paihia Beach Resort & Spa offers stunning ocean views from every balcony and patio. The resort also features a 20 metre heated saltwater pool, large Jacuzzi, private steam and sauna rooms.

Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 5



### Explore the Bay of Islands

Commonly known as the winterless north New Zealand's Bay of Islands is made up of over 140 subtropical atolls. Renowned for its untouched beaches, abundant marine life and idyllic climate, this tropical paradise ticks all the boxes. Spend some time on a remote stretch of beach, or see the dolphins on an ocean safari. If diving is your thing, take the morning to descend the Rainbow Warrior - The Greenpeace flagship sunk by French saboteurs in 1985. Wander around Russell, a whaling port founded in 1843. Learn about our culture in historic Waitangi, the site where The Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840 between the Maori and European settlers dictating the terms by which New Zealand would become a British colony. Alternatively you may like to take a day tour to Cape Reinga, the very top of the North Island.

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### Waitangi Golf Club - suggested activity

The Waitangi Course not only provides an exciting and ever changing challenge to the golfer but also the most tremendous panorama of sea and island views over the Bay of Islands and Russell, river and estuary views over Waitangi and Opua and rolling bush and forest views inland over Mount Bledisloe and Puketona.

These views are complemented by well groomed greens and fairways surrounded by areas of flowering native trees which provide sanctuary for many varieties of native birds. As many visiting golfers, particularly those from overseas, claim Waitangi is truly millionaires country for all to enjoy.

In 1932 the then Governor General of New Zealand, Lord Bledisloe and his wife Lady Bledisloe purchased just over one thousand acres of land on the Waitangi Peninsular and donated it to the inhabitants of New Zealand as a place of historic interest and recreational enjoyment for their benefit and use in perpetuity.

This land is known as the Waitangi National Trust and is now administered and managed under the terms of the original gift by the Waitangi National Trust Board. The Waitangi Golf Club leases the land on which the course has been developed from the Trust.

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## Day 6



### Bay of Islands (Paihia to Auckland via Waipoua Forest)

Today you will leave the Bay of Islands for a scenic return trip to Auckland. Head west, leaving the Pacific Ocean for the wilder seas of the Tasman and Hokianga. Go through the small townships of Omapere and Opononi, each with a great seaside feel.

Your route now goes south through Waipoua Forest, home to the largest and oldest Kauri trees in the country. Make sure you allow time for several of the signposted short walks as you pass - not to be missed is the five minute loop to view the largest of all the trees - Tane Mahuta. As you make your way back down the country you'll pass the Matakohu Kauri Museum with extensive displays on the regions logging, farming and social history. Continuing on, go through Warkworth and the bohemian settlement of Puhoi before crossing the harbour bridge to arrive in Auckland city.

## Your accommodation: Fable Auckland

Located right on Queen Street the Fable Auckland is boutique and stylish property with an ideal location to enjoy and explore the vibrant heart of the 'City of Sails'.

Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 7



### Auckland to Taupo

Heading south from Auckland you'll go through the lush pastures of Waikato king country. Choose to bypass Hamilton or if you've got the time, stop in to visit the renowned Hamilton Gardens - a detour we highly recommend. Continue on, following the Waikato River through the small township of Cambridge to eventually arrive in Taupo, which sits on New Zealand's largest lake - Lake Taupo - and is actually a giant volcanic caldera.

### Huka Falls Jet Boat Ride

The Huka Jet is 30 minutes of pure fun and exhilaration, skimming close to cliffs, sliding past trees, feeling the adrenalin of full 360 degree spins. The excitement continues right up to the base of the foaming Huka Falls, where you get a spectacular water level view to New Zealand's most visited natural attraction. Nothing compares to watching 220,000 litres per second tumbling over the cliff face towards you.

The water from the mighty Huka Falls runs down the Waikato River through a series of Hydro Power Stations. You'll get a view of the Wairakei Geothermal Power Station in the comfort of a powerful Chevrolet V8 jet boat. This unique Geothermal Power Station uses underground geothermal activity to produce hot steamy water. The Waikato Rivers beautiful environment is varied and unique and is New Zealand's longest river flowing north from our largest lake, Lake Taupō.

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## Your accommodation: Acacia Cliffs Lodge

Acacia Cliffs Lodge occupies a simply stunning location with spectacular lake and mountain views along with superb cuisine and secluded luxury yet only minutes from the region's attractions.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 8



### Kinloch Golf Course

Ranked in 2013 in the Top 100 in the World by Golf Course Architecture Magazine, The Kinloch Club was also rated on opening in 2007 as the top new golf course outside North America by the prestigious US Travel and Leisure Golf Magazine. The Golden Bear visited Kinloch to oversee construction of his signature Championship golf course and returned to The Kinloch Club in February of 2008 to play the course for the first time since completion. Jack was extremely happy with how his vision had come to fruition and was greatly impressed with the maturity of the golf course after it's 'grow in' stage. The Kinloch Club (Nicklaus signature golf course) is the only Nicklaus designed golf course in New Zealand.

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## Day 9



### Taupo to Napier

The road from Taupo climbs high onto the plateau crossing the Ahimnawa Range before arriving onto the Pacific Coast just north of the world's finest art deco city of Napier.

Napier, the city by the sea, is renowned for its 1930s Art Deco architecture, events such as the Art Deco Weekend in February, stately Norfolk pines, surrounding wineries and local fresh produce. Supported by a Mediterranean climate and over 2,200 hours of sunshine a year this popular year-round destination boasts a vibrant cafe culture amongst the splendour of the Art Deco buildings. Around 30 cafes are within walking distance of the central city area, while Ahuriri, just over Bluff Hill, is home to a further cluster of up market establishments. Marine Parade overlooks the Pacific Ocean and out towards Cape Kidnappers, home to the world's largest mainland gannet colony. A full day can be taken visiting Ocean Spa hot pools and swimming complex, the Hawke's Bay Museum and the National Aquarium of New Zealand.

A landmark of Napier is Bluff Hill, which is home for many Napier residents and provides views of the town, beaches of Perfume Point and Westshore and out towards Whirinaki. Bluff Hill also overlooks the Port of Napier, one of New Zealand's busiest ports, transporting timber, local fruit and meat products to worldwide destinations.

In 1931, New Zealand's greatest natural disaster struck Hawke's Bay. At 10.47am on Tuesday February 3rd, an earthquake of magnitude Richter 7.8 struck. In a minute and a half, in two separate shocks, the centre of Napier was almost totally destroyed. Fires quickly broke out and reduced to ashes or gutted what the tremors had left standing. Damage in Hastings was also devastating, although the fires were contained. Wairoa and the smaller towns to the south as far as Dannevirke were affected. There were 258 deaths, 162 in Napier, 93 in Hastings and 3 in Wairoa along with many injuries. The reconstruction of Napier and Hastings were costly but the benefit was two modern cities and the Ahuriri Lagoon, or Inner Harbour as it was usually known, was raised over 2 metres, creating the land, which Napier desperately needed to expand.

### Your accommodation: Rosewood Cape Kidnappers Hawkes

Located in Hawke's Bay, one of New Zealand's most important wine districts, Cape Kidnappers has a rich history. The Farm is a five-star experience set on a 6,000-acre sheep and cattle farm which encompasses land reminiscent of Montana but plunges 800 feet straight into the sea. A championship golf course designed by Tom Doak is just one reason to experience The Farm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 10



### The Farm at Cape Kidnappers

With spectacular panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, nestled among 6,000 acres of rugged coastal farmland, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers offers a multitude of activities within a five-star luxury setting. Offering many comfortable spaces to relax and unwind, including an intimate snug, stylish lounges, outdoor conservatory areas - there is no better way to take in this picturesque landscape.

Choose from a range of leisure facilities such as: a heated infinity pool and jacuzzi, spa treatments with beautiful forest and ocean views, a world class &nbsp; golf course and clubhouse and a &nbsp; fully equipped gym, offering yoga, pilates, golf specific fitness and personal training. The Farm is also home to some of the best trails in the north island, from independent forest walks to ocean stroll or guided farm tours - pack a picnic and set off on an afternoon of outdoor fun. Also on offer are mountain, bikes, quad bikes and horse treks for the more adventurous traveller.

### Cape Kidnappers Golf Course

Designed by legendary golf architect Tom Doak, the Cape Kidnappers par 71 golf course measures 7,119 yards (6,510 meters) and will challenge golfers of all skill levels. Completed in 2004, our spectacular New Zealand golf course has been hailed as one of the great modern marvels in golf. Built on a ridge-and-valley landscape and with stunning sea views, Cape Kidnappers Golf Course plays high above the ocean atop dramatic cliffs.

With cliff-edge fairways perched 140 metres above sea level and with a surface that remains firm and fast, this course offers holes unlike anything you find elsewhere in the world. While every hole has a spectacular view of the Bay, some play cautiously alongside deep ravines as others intimidate golfers with deep cliff top bunkers and sheer drops off the very edge of the earth. The golf complex includes a world-class practice range, putting and chipping greens, a well-stocked golf shop, clubhouse and ladies and mens locker rooms. Premium ladies and mens rental clubs are available.



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## Day 11



Air New Zealand flight Napier to Christchurch

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### Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

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### Explore Christchurch City

Following the 2011 earthquake that razed its centre and much of the outlying suburbs, Christchurch is well into a billion-dollar makeover. In the middle of the Canterbury Plains, bordering the Pacific Ocean, New Zealand's newest city is an ideal gateway to exploring the middle of the South.

Go punting on the Avon River, take a historic tram ride, catch the gondola to the rim of an extinct volcano or do all three! See the world's only Cardboard Cathedral and for nature enthusiasts - wander the renowned Christchurch Botanic Gardens, or head to Oxford Terrace in the city to find a great spot to eat or drink.

Drive an hour in any direction to ski, mountain bike, wine taste, whale-watch, bungee jump or play golf. Take the winding Port Hills road to the French settlement of Akaroa and tour the vines in Waipara for an authentic New Zealand wine-tasting experience.

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### Your accommodation: Peppers Clearwater Resort

Peppers Clearwater Resort is a waterfront property set within beautiful grounds overlooking the clear, shimmering Lake Kaikainui. All rooms offer either lake views or views of the championship fairways.

Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 12



### Clearwater Golf Course - suggested activity

The par 72 championship course is home to the HSBC NZ PGA Championship. Designed by John Darby in consultation with New Zealand golfing legend, Sir Bob Charles, the course combines elements of links golf inspired by the great Scottish courses with parkland golf, more reminiscent of Florida. Playable year-round, the course meanders around a succession of spring-fed lakes and trout-filled streams, with uninterrupted views of the spectacular Southern Alps. There are five tee positions to suit players of all abilities. To book, please organise with Clearwater Golf directly here.

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## Day 13



### Christchurch to Aoraki Mt Cook National Park

Today you'll drive through the heart of the South Island, crossing the vast Canterbury plains. Catch your breath in Geraldine before continuing through Fairlie. Ascending Burkes pass you'll come to the picturesque lakeside town of Tekapo.

Follow the road and take in the view of Aoraki Mt Cook (New Zealand's tallest mountain) from the shores of Lake Pukaki, known for its glacier fed turquoise blue colour. Continue along the lake to your final destination Mt Cook Village.

Please note: There are no food shops at Mt Cook, and dinner options are limited to one restaurant. If you wish to self-cater, you must stock up before arriving in Mt Cook, or make dinner reservations in advance.

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### Mountain High Scenic Flight with The Helicopter Line

The premier flight over this amazing alpine region with vast snowfields, glaciers and a spectacular view of New Zealand's highest peak, Aoraki/Mount Cook. Land high above glaciers and experience what it feels like to stand in snow amongst the mountains. Traverse the Southern Alps to view the mighty Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers as they journey slowly down towards the native rainforests and the Tasman Sea on the rugged West Coast. Should weather not be suitable to take this flight you are able to transfer your booking onto a similar tour on any of the Helicopter Line's operations in Queenstown or Mt Cook.

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### The Panorama Room, Hermitage Hotel, Mt Cook

Since first opening its doors in 1969, The Panorama Room has gained a reputation as being one of the best restaurants in New Zealand. This reputation is reflected in the numerous awards the restaurant has received over the years. A simple philosophy of using just the freshest, local ingredients, in particular from New Zealand's South Island, is still the secret to its success today. The menu has a strong international influence and reflects both the establishment's taste and the fact that most of the chefs have travelled and worked widely throughout the world.

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### Your accommodation: Hermitage Hotel, Aoraki Wing Premium Plus

Experience the best views in the park from the spacious top floor rooms of the magnificent Hermitage Hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 14



### Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to Queenstown

Leaving the alpine region of Aoraki Mt Cook, you'll travel through the lakeside town of Twizel, then a little further to Omarama the gliding capital of New Zealand. Continue on over the Lindis Pass, one of New Zealand's highest roads with a summit of 971 metres. Arrive in the quaint village of Tarras, then continue on a short way to the historic Bendigo Reserve, one of Otago's original gold mining settlements.

Follow the road to Cromwell, and keep going through the sheer cliffs of the Kawarau Gorge towards Gibbston, one of New Zealand's premier wine growing regions. See the historic Kawarau Bridge where you can bungee jump or relax and watch others take the plunge. Approaching Queenstown, the Remarkables mountain range comes into view as you arrive into the adventure capital of New Zealand.

### Your accommodation: Millbrook Resort, Arrowtown

This 175 room boutique hotel is situated on 500 acres of golf course and grounds. Surrounded by mountains the resort offers everything you need but is also close enough to Arrowtown and Queenstown to enjoy the region to its fullest.

Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 15



### Millbrook Golf Course

Set in a natural, alpine amphitheatre, against the backdrop of the Remarkables Mountain Range, the golf course at Millbrook exploits the dramatic terrain fully, delivering world-class golf. Designed by Sir Bob Charles and recently upgraded by Greg Turner, this 18 hole, par-72 championship course features 4 different tee positions for complete enjoyment at all levels of playing expertise.

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## Day 16



### Exclusive Milford Sound Heli Cruise

Breathtaking, magnificent and truly spectacular, a Milford Sound Heli Tour is a must do when visiting New Zealand. Descend through carved glacial valleys to Milford Sound where you'll join an informative cruise on the fiord itself. The unique character of Milford Sound is due to the huge volume of rainfall this region receives - resulting in a surreal world of moss, rainforest, lakes, rivers and waterfalls. You'll cruise the waterways carved by glaciers all the way to the wild west coast. On your return flight to Queenstown experience an alpine landing where you can step foot on pristine wilderness rarely seen by people.&nbsp;

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## Day 17





Your final morning in Queenstown before driving to the airport and catching your next flight

Depending on when your flight departs you might have time for one last Queenstown adventure before dropping your car off at the airport and catching your flight.

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## Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Nationwide Self Drive
Starts:	Auckland
Finishes:	Queenstown
Tour length:	17
Accommodation:	Boutique Lodges & Hotels
Car/transport type:	

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## Included activities

Includes	all golf green fees and club hire
Includes	All breakfasts
Includes	7 dinners
Includes	Private airport transfers
Includes	Air New Zealand Airfare Napier to Christchurch
Includes	Huka Falls Jet Boat Tour
Includes	Mt Cook Ultimate Scenic Flight
Includes	Exclusive helicopter tour to Milford Sound including cruise

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## Accommodation summary

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