

DAY 1

Arrive Auckland

Transfer to your hotel, then set out on your selected Freedom of Choice activity. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Perhaps cruise on Waitemata Harbour; enjoy a unique All Blacks experience; visit Auckland Zoo to discover the native flora and fauna of New Zealand; immerse yourself in an Unleashed - A Weta Workshop Experience and journey behind the cinema curtain with the Academy Award-winning team at Weta Workshop; or escape the bustle of the city on a tour to Auckland's wild, black sand beaches and lush rainforest.

Meal Plan Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Grand Millennium Hotel Auckland

DAY 2

Auckland, Waitomo Caves, Rotorua

Heading out of Auckland you'll make a stop at Waitomo, home to the famous glow worm caves where thousands of tiny luminescent creatures radiate an eerie glow. Discover this natural wonder on a guided boat ride through a grotto lit by these magical creatures, before continuing to Rotorua.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Tonight, enjoy an indulgent traditional Maori feast and performance of Haka, song and storytelling at Te Pa Tu (Maori Village). Over a magical evening, you will be welcomed with a Haka powhiri (cultural welcome) and then treated to further captivating performances while enjoying seasonal canapes, chef selected aperitifs and a seasonal three-course dinner.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation Millennium Hotel Rotorua

DAY 3

Rotorua

Choose to explore Rotorua your way with a variety of included Freedom of Choice Sightseeing options.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE SIGHTSEEING

Perhaps enjoy a sheep show at the Agrodome followed by a visit to Te Puia Thermal Reserve. Alternatively, choose to visit Wai-O-Tapu, or experience Middle-earth during a tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set.

Meal Plan Breakfast

DAY 4

Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington

Follow the Thermal Explorer Highway through the glorious landscapes of the North Island. Gaze out over the thunderous Huka Falls and the tranquil setting of Lake Taupo, before crossing the volcanic plateau of Tongariro National Park on your way to the nation's capital, Wellington.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation InterContinental Wellington

DAY 5

Wellington

Set off on a tour taking you to the city's best-loved landmarks and sights, including New Zealand's national museum - Te Papa Tongarewa. The afternoon and evening have been left free for you to enjoy Wellington at your own pace.

Meal Plan Breakfast

DAY 6

Wellington, Christchurch

This morning, cruise to Picton at the tip of the South Island. Rejoin your coach and travel via the stunning landscapes of Marlborough and Kaikoura to Christchurch.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Step aboard the Interislander ferry this morning and cruise Cook Strait to the tip of the South Island.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Commodore Hotel Christchurch Airport

DAY 7

Christchurch, TranzAlpine Train, Franz Josef Glacier

After a special Signature Experience, disembark at Arthur's Pass and travel by coach to Hokitika. Here, you will see pounamu (jade) being expertly carved into pieces of jewelry. Continue to Franz Josef.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's greatest rail adventures.

Take in the dramatic surrounds of the Franz Josef Glacier Region.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Te Waonui Forest Retreat

DAY 8

Franz Josef, Queenstown

Enjoy a day of truly breathtaking scenery as you travel along the Haast River on your way to Queenstown. Tonight, choose between three restaurants for your dining experience.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE DINING

Perhaps cruise aboard the TSS Earnslaw - a vintage steamboat - or dine amid the stylish surrounds of the Finz Restaurant. As another option, enjoy one of the world's most lauded burgers at Fergburger or enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation Novotel Queenstown Lakeside

DAY 9

Queenstown

Personalize your experience today with our range of Freedom of Choice activities.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE SIGHTSEEING

Perhaps visit several local sites where The Lord of the Rings trilogy was filmed. Alternatively, set out on a Skippers Canyon adventure or a river safari along the beautiful Dart River. A tour of the country's premier wine-producing region is a tempting option, as is a leisurely cruise over the waters of Lake Wakatipu.

Meal Plan Breakfast

DAY 10

Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau

Embark on a scenic drive today as you journey along the Milford Road and into the heart of Fiordland National Park. Wind down the Eglinton and Hollyford valleys, then drive through the Homer Tunnel to be met by the sight

of Mitre Peak, the iconic backdrop to Milford Sound. Continue to Milford Sound. Afterwards, enjoy a picturesque drive to the lakeside settlement of Te Anau.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Cruise the full length of Milford Sound.

In Te Anau, sample authentic regional cuisine of the South Island during a Taste of Fiordland Dinner.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Distinction Hotel and Villas Te Anau

DAY 11

Te Anau, Dunedin

Journey through Southland countryside as you travel to Dunedin, a city known as the "Edinburgh of the South." This afternoon, choose your Freedom of Choice activity.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE SIGHTSEEING

You might like to visit Olveston Historic Home or discover the history behind New Zealand's only castle, Larnach Castle. Alternatively, tour Speight's Brewery and enjoy a tasting.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Distinction Dunedin

DAY 12

Dunedin, Aoraki Mt Cook

Drive north and stop to view the large spherical Moeraki Boulders on Koekohe Beach. Continue to World Heritage-listed Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, where you can select your activity of choice.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Visit World Heritage-listed Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to see New Zealand's highest mountain.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE SIGHTSEEING

Perhaps visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, or enjoy a visit to the planetarium for a stargazing session with an astronomer. Alternatively, during the summer months, board a MAC boat and get up close to icebergs on the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation The Hermitage Aoraki Mount Cook

DAY 13

Aoraki Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch

Travel to Lake Tekapo to visit the Church of the Good Shepherd, erected as a tribute to the early European pioneers of the region. Head to Christchurch for a Farewell Dinner tonight.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Rydges Latimer Christchurch

DAY 14

Depart Christchurch

Transfer to the airport.

Meal Plan Breakfast