

DAY 1

Arrive Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Grand Millennium Hotel Auckland

DAY 2

Auckland, Bay of Islands

Cross Auckland's Harbour Bridge and travel along the Hibiscus Coast. Stop at Matakohē's Kauri Museum for an insight into the rich pioneering history of the Northland region. Continue to the Bay of Islands where you will enjoy a visit to the historic Treaty House and ceremonial War Canoe at Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where New Zealand's founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi, was first signed in 1840.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands Paihia

DAY 3

Bay of Islands

See the spectacular Bay of Islands region on a cruise. Afterwards, the afternoon is free for you to further explore.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a catamaran cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock. Meander through the inner islands, admiring the sandy beaches and rocky outcrops.

Meal Plan Breakfast

DAY 4

Bay of Islands, Auckland

Travel to Auckland before selecting from our Freedom of Choice activities. Back at your hotel this evening, enjoy a delicious Pacific-themed dinner.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE SIGHTSEEING

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 a 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 Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Grand Millennium Hotel Auckland

DAY 5

Auckland, Waitomo Caves, Rotorua

Travel to 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 Māori 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 pōwhiri (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 6

Rotorua

Spend this morning on your Freedom of Choice activity. Afterwards, the afternoon and evening are free for you to explore.

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 7

Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington

Follow the Thermal Explorer Highway to the heart of New Zealand's North Island this morning. View the Wairakei Steam Valley, then visit Huka Falls and Lake Taupo, before travelling across the plateau of Tongariro National Park to Wellington.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner
Duration 2 Nights
Accommodation InterContinental Wellington

DAY 8

Wellington

After breakfast, set off on a sightseeing tour of Wellington's best-loved landmarks and sights, including Mt Victoria, the waterfront area and New Zealand's national museum -- Te Papa Tongarewa. The rest of the day will be yours at leisure to further explore this coastal city and perhaps dine at a local restaurant.

Meal Plan Breakfast

DAY 9

Wellington, Christchurch

This morning, travel to the South Island, to the quaint fishing town of Kaikoura before continuing along the central east coast all the way to Christchurch.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Step aboard the Interislander ferry to cruise across Cook Strait and through the stunning waters of Marlborough and Queen Charlotte sounds to Picton.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner
Duration 1 Night
Accommodation Commodore Hotel Christchurch Airport

DAY 10

Christchurch, TranzAlpine Train, Franz Josef

Pass through epic river valleys and past awesome mountain ranges on the TranzAlpine Train, then disembark at Arthur's Pass and travel to Hokitika, where you will see pounamu (jade) being carved into pieces of jewellery. Continue to Franz Josef.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

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

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

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 11

Franz Josef, Queenstown

Enjoy a day of breathtaking scenery as you travel along the Haast River Valley to Queenstown. Tonight, enjoy a Freedom of Choice Dining evening.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE DINING

On a Freedom of Choice Dining evening, perhaps take a scenic gondola ride to the Skyline Restaurant for dinner with a view. Alternatively, you may prefer a cruise aboard the TSS Earnslaw, a vintage steamboat, or dine amid the stylish surrounds of the Elements Restaurant.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner
Duration 2 Nights
Accommodation Novotel Queenstown Lakeside

DAY 12

Queenstown

Enjoy flexibility in how to spend your day with a range of Freedom of Choice activities on offer.

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 13

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

Enjoy a cruise that explores the full length of the pristine fiord of Milford Sound.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Tonight, enjoy a Taste of Fiordland Dinner, and savour local delights such as salmon and lamb.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Distinction Hotel and Villas Te Anau

DAY 14

Te Anau, Dunedin

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

FREEDOM OF CHOICE SIGHTSEEING

Perhaps visit Olveston Historic Home, or discover the enchanting Larnach Castle, nestled on the stunning Otago Peninsula. Those who enjoy a beer may choose to visit Speight's Brewery for a tasting.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Distinction Dunedin

DAY 15

Dunedin, Aoraki Mt Cook

Drive north and stop to view the Moeraki Boulders on Koekohe Beach. Continue to Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, where you choose your activity.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Visit Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to see New Zealand's highest mountain.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, or the planetarium for a stargazing session. 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 16

Aoraki Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch

Travel to Lake Tekapo and pay a visit to the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at your hotel.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Distinction Hotel Christchurch

DAY 17

Depart Christchurch

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Meal Plan Breakfast