



NEW ZEALAND SPLENDOUR

23 DAYS - CHRISTCHURCH TO AUCKLAND

13 Nights South Island | 9 Nights North Island



YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Discover Aoraki Mt Cook National Park
- Cruise pristine Milford Sound
- Take in idyllic surrounds at Franz Josef
- Embark on an impressive rail adventure aboard the TranzAlpine train
- Delight in regional flavours during a special Taste of Marlborough Dinner
- Cruise across Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry
- Enjoy sweet and savoury treats at an Art Deco High Tea
- Immerse yourself in Māori culture at a Hāngī Feast in Rotorua
- Enjoy a dolphin-watching cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock

KEY

- SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Dining
- (B) Breakfast (D) Dinner

ARRIVE IN CHRISTCHURCH

Day 1. Arrive Christchurch.

Arrive in Christchurch where you will be met by your APT Tour Director and transferred to your hotel. After settling in, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch.

MARVELLOUS MT COOK

Day 2. Christchurch, Mt Cook.

Traverse the Canterbury plains to visit the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd. Journey into Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to view Australasia's highest mountain, Mt Cook, and admire the sublime alpine scenery.

This evening, get to know your Tour Director and fellow travellers during a special Welcome Dinner with drinks.

Two Night Stay: Mt Cook, The Hermitage Hotel, in a room with alpine views. BD

Day 3. Mt Cook.

This morning, enjoy a range of sightseeing options. You may join a guided nature walk of Aoraki Mt Cook National Park and discover the native flora and fauna. Alternatively, during the summer months,

board a MAC boat and get up close to icebergs on the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake. Perhaps visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, including a visit to the planetarium and a stargazing session with an astronomer. After your selected activity, enjoy leisure time. BD

Day 4. Mt Cook, Dunedin.

Set out along the shores of Lake Pukaki to Oamaru. Continue to Koekohe Beach to view the unusual spherical-shaped Moeraki Boulders. Arrive in Dunedin this afternoon and enjoy time at leisure before dinner.

Stay: Distinction Dunedin Hotel. BD

Day 5. Dunedin, Te Anau.

This morning, choose your Freedom of Choice activity. Perhaps tour Larnach Castle and visit Olveston House, or ride the Taieri Gorge Railway. Those who enjoy a beer might like to tour Speight's Brewery. Alternatively, visit an albatross colony, or take an off-road tour of the Otago Peninsula. After continue to Te Anau.

Two Night Stay: Te Anau, Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas. BD

Day 6. Te Anau.

Perhaps today you will explore an underground network of limestone caves, lit by thousands of glow worms. Maybe set off on an incredible wilderness cruise on Doubtful Sound, or take an exciting jet boat ride along the Upper Waiau River. Equally tempting is the option to sit back and relax with a glass of wine while you enjoy a film featuring Fiordland's beautiful landscapes. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. B

PICTURE PERFECT QUEENSTOWN

Day 7. Te Anau, Milford Sound, Queenstown.

Witness an array of landscapes today as you experience one of the world's most spectacular alpine drives along Milford Road. Wind down the Eglinton and Hollyford valleys, then travel through the Homer Tunnel to be met by Mitre Peak. Continue to Milford Sound where you'll cruise along the full length of this beautiful fiord deep within Fiordland National Park. Your journey continues as you travel to Queenstown.

Three Night Stay: Queenstown, Millennium Hotel. BD



Choose to take in the incredible geothermal activity at Wai-O-Tapu

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY	DESTINATION	INCLUDED HIGHLIGHT	DAY	DESTINATION	INCLUDED HIGHLIGHT
1	Christchurch	Arrival	12	Blenheim	Taste of Marlborough Dinner
2	Mt Cook	Lake Tekapo	13	Blenheim	Freedom of Choice
3	Mt Cook	Freedom of Choice	14	Wellington	Interislander ferry
4	Dunedin	Moeraki Boulders	15	Wellington	Freedom of Choice
5	Dunedin	Freedom of Choice	16	Napier	Art Deco High Tea
6	Te Anau	Freedom of Choice	17	Rotorua	Traditional Hāngī Feast
7	Queenstown	Milford Sound cruise	18	Rotorua	Freedom of Choice
8	Queenstown	Freedom of Choice	19	Bay of Islands	Pacific Ocean Drive to Paihia
9	Queenstown	Leisure time	20	Bay of Islands	Freedom of Choice
10	Franz Josef Glacier	Westland Tai Poutini National Park	21	Auckland	Cape Brett cruise
11	Christchurch	TranzAlpine train	22	Auckland	Freedom of Choice
			23	Auckland	Farewell

Day 8. Queenstown.

  Today presents the opportunity to indulge all of your interests. *The Lord of the Rings* fans will be keen to visit filming locations, while thrill-seekers may enjoy a ride on the Shotover Jet Boat, a Skippers Canyon adventure or a river safari along the Dart River. Others may prefer a leisurely cruise along Lake Wakatipu, the third largest lake in New Zealand bordered on all sides by striking alpine scenery. Maybe tour the country's premier wine-producing region or enjoy a bird walk through the wilderness. This evening, select from our Freedom of Choice dining inclusions. Seafood lovers will be tempted by Finz, while the panoramic views from the Skyline Restaurant, reached by gondola, are hard to beat. Cruise aboard a vintage steamer to Walter Peak High Country Farm, or dine at your hotel restaurant. BD

Day 9. Queenstown.

Enjoy an undisturbed day to experience all that Queenstown with its majestic natural surrounds and lively city centre has to offer. Immerse yourself in the beautiful city as you enjoy a full day at leisure exploring this exciting destination. You may like to use this time to stroll along the lightning bolt shaped shores of Lake Wakatipu. Wander along this tranquil lake, which is steeped in Māori legend. Because of its unusual shape, the lake's tide is linked to the legend that this phenomenon is the heartbeat of a slumbering monster. Perhaps you'll spend the day browsing through the stores in the bustling central shopping district, or maybe, if you're feeling particularly courageous, take advantage of being in the country's adventure capital, and indulge in the thrill of a lifetime (all at own expense). B

Day 10. Queenstown, Wanaka, Franz Josef.

 View historic mining sites as you travel through Kawarau Gorge and meander through the scenery of Cromwell. Skirt the shores of lakes Wanaka and Hawea, taking in the dramatic vistas and surrounding mountains that seem to shift mood with the seasons. **Cross Haast Pass and travel into Westland Tai Poutini National Park, home to Franz Josef Glacier.** Keep an eye out for the country's rarest native bird in the surrounding rainforests and wetlands. Check-in to your luxury eco-resort within the pristine rainforest, before a four-course degustation dinner. Tonight you enjoy the unique and tranquil surrounds of Te Waonui Forest Retreat. **Stay:** Franz Josef, Te Waonui Forest Retreat. BD

THE TRANZALPINE TRAIN & CHRISTCHURCH

Day 11. Franz Josef, TranzAlpine train, Christchurch.

📍 Set out for the coastal town of Hokitika after breakfast this morning. A cultural centre on the west coast, this hidden gem is famous for its jade greenstone. Afterwards, **join New Zealand's famous TranzAlpine train and experience one of the world's greatest rail journeys.** You'll travel through deep gorges, river valleys and across the magnificent Southern Alps within Arthur's Pass National Park before journeying via the striking patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury plains and into Christchurch.

Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch. BD

Day 12. Christchurch, Blenheim.

📍 Traverse the picturesque Marlborough region where world-famous wines are produced. You'll soon arrive in Blenheim, known as New Zealand's sunniest town. Recently, Blenheim has flourished with maturation of the ever-growing wine industry of the area. After checking into your hotel, **delight in fresh regional flavours during a special Taste of Marlborough Dinner tonight.** Sample fine local ingredients and celebrate the provincial fare at a spectacular dining experience like no other.

Two Night Stay: Blenheim, Scenic Hotel Marlborough. BD

Day 13. Blenheim.

📍 Choose from three exciting sightseeing inclusions today. Perhaps learn about historic aircraft on a tour of the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre and discover Sir Peter Jackson's amazing World War One collection. You may also like to uncover the natural beauty of the Marlborough Sounds during a greenshell mussel cruise and visit to a local mussel farm. Or perhaps visit some of the region's best wineries on a half-day tour, sampling their finest drops. Of course, you could also always enjoy personal leisure time exploring the city. However you choose to spend the day, Blenheim offers a range of activities that are sure to delight. B

METROPOLITAN WELLINGTON & THE NORTH ISLAND

Day 14. Blenheim, Wellington.

📍 🚗 Depart Blenheim this morning and travel through the wine-growing country. Afterwards, **cruise across Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry to the North Island.** Disembark in New Zealand's capital city, Wellington. Famous for its art, history and culture, you'll enjoy two nights in this amazing city. Unpack before dinner and soak up the diverse cityscape. Tonight, choose from our range of Freedom of Choice Dining inclusions. You can take your pick from two local restaurants including Two Grey Restaurant which serves a relaxed menu, or, you may prefer to dine in your hotel's restaurant.

Two Night Stay: InterContinental Wellington. BD

Day 15. Wellington.

📍 Today, you have the opportunity to choose an activity that most interests you and explore the fascinating city of Wellington in your own way. Because of the country's astounding environmental conservation techniques, you may like to visit Zealandia, a premier eco-attraction and restoration project. Here you can learn about New Zealand's incredible natural history and the conservation projects that are currently underway. Alternatively you might like to visit the award-winning design studio behind the movie *Avatar*, or take in the city's highlights on a guided tour. Another option is a fascinating evening tour at the world-class conservation project at Zealandia. Here you can learn about the lengths taken to restore the region's ecosystem to its former glory. B

Day 16. Wellington, Napier.

📍 En route to Napier, drive through the bush-clad ridges of the Rimutaka Range and become surrounded by peaks varying between 700 and 940 metres high. On arrival, set off on a tour of the Art Deco City. Uncover Napier's commitment to the preservation and promotion of the unique style through architecture and other local attractions. Later, enjoy a delicious **Art Deco High Tea, featuring sweet and savoury treats in a vintage setting.** Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.

Stay: Napier, Scenic Te Pania Hotel. BD

Day 17. Napier, Taupo, Rotorua.

📍 Journey through Esk Valley and Te Pohue, stopping at the charming town of Taupo, situated alongside New Zealand's largest lake - Lake Taupo. A centre of rich geothermal activity, the volcanic mountain of Mt Tauhara lies six kilometres to its east, and provides astounding panoramic views. Enjoy breathtaking natural surrounds of serene lake waters and distant volcanic mountains. You will travel to the geothermal capital, Rotorua, this evening. For dinner, journey to the Tamaki Māori Village in Rotorua where **you'll experience the dance, music and culture of the Māori people as you enjoy a delicious traditional Hāngī Feast and cultural performance.**

Two Night Stay: Millennium Hotel Rotorua. BD

Day 18. Rotorua.

📍 Today, choose how you wish to explore Rotorua with a range of Freedom of Choice Sightseeing activities. Enjoy a sheep show at the Agrodome followed by a kiwi encounter and a visit to Te Puia Thermal Reserve. Or perhaps you'll choose to visit Wai-O-Tapu on an eco-thermal tour. Alternatively, see some of the incredible sets from the blockbuster *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. You might even choose to gain access to Redwood Treewalk with a Māori guide. Listen to their cultural insights while you walk among the century-old Californian coastal redwood giants, across bridges suspended up to 12 metres above the ground. B



The Moeraki Boulders are shrouded in mystery

THE BEAUTIFUL BAY OF ISLANDS

Day 19. Rotorua, Bay of Islands.

Travel north via the impossibly green landscape of Hauraki Plains on the way to New Zealand's City of Sails, Auckland. From here you will then follow the east coast Pacific Ocean Drive to Paihia, a bustling seaside town set right in the heart of the Bay of Islands. The tourist mecca of Paihia boasts golden sand beaches and spectacular views from every angle. During your time exploring, you'll stay at the conveniently located Scenic Hotel, a stunning resort-style property set amid beautifully maintained grounds and lush sub-tropical gardens.

Two Night Stay: Bay of Islands, Scenic Hotel. BD

Day 20. Bay of Islands.

📍 Today offers you the perfect chance to explore the sensational Bay of Islands, home to an incredible 144 islands. After breakfast, choose to explore your own way. A tall ship sailing adventure with a barbecue lunch might be the ideal way to spend the day, or you might like to embark on a dolphin-watching cruise that'll get you up close to these intelligent and playful creatures. Perhaps you might want to cruise to Russell to see New Zealand's first European settlement, or maybe enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. There's also the option of taking a day trip to the northernmost point of New Zealand at Cape Reinga. Here, you'll drive along the sands of Ninety Mile Beach and see the famous Cape Reinga lighthouse. B



New Zealand is home to an array of unique birdlife, including the native Kiwi

Day 21. Bay of Islands, Auckland.

📍 Step aboard a catamaran today and enjoy a cruise to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Cruise the shimmering waters as you hear about the ecology and history of the area and keep an eye out for dolphins in this subtropical marine paradise. Marvel at the narrow rock walls at the famous Hole in the Rock. Afterwards, re-board your coach and continue down the coast to Auckland, often called the City of Sails due to the popularity of sailing in the region.

Two Night Stay: Auckland, Crowne Plaza. B

Day 22. Auckland.

🚗 Enjoy the freedom to choose from a range of included sightseeing activities today. You might enjoy a sail boat cruise on Waitemata Harbour, or a visit to the fascinating Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium where you can learn about sharks, eels and many varieties of fish. Other options include a visit to the historic Auckland Museum, a Bush and Beach Wilderness Adventure, or a Waiheke Wine Tour on Waiheke Island. This evening, enjoy a special Farewell Dinner and Drink with your fellow travellers and APT Tour Director. BD

Day 23. Depart Auckland.

Today your New Zealand adventure comes to an end. After a delicious breakfast at your hotel, check-out and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. B

Your Unforgettable Holiday Includes

- 📍 Included sightseeing in up to 20 locations
- 🚗 Return airport transfers and portorage
- 👤 Services of an APT Tour Director and Driver
- 🏠 22 nights hand-picked accommodation
- 🍽️ Finest dining - a total of 36 meals

2018/19 DATES & PRICES (A\$) PER PERSON

23 DAYS (NZCAN23)		
2018	Twin Share	Solo Trav.
Mar. 2.	\$9,895	\$13,095
Apr. 4; Sept. 18.	\$9,695	\$12,795
Oct. 5; Nov. 9, 14, 30.	\$10,295	\$13,695
2019		
Jan. 9, 18, 25, 29.	\$10,295	\$13,695
Feb. 8, 13, 27; Mar. 1, 22.	\$10,295	\$13,695
Apr. 3; Sept. 17.	\$9,995	\$13,295
Oct. 4; Nov. 8, 13, 29.	\$10,695	\$14,245

PLEASE NOTE: Bold dates indicate Guaranteed Departures. Prices are fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, cruises, meals as specified and accommodation. Seniors Card holders and Australian/New Zealand pensioners deduct \$75 per person. Itinerary effective 5 Oct. 2018 - 17 Sept. 2019. Tours departing outside these dates follow a different itinerary - enquire for details.

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