

Mount Cook

New Zealand Splendour

 15 DAYS

 AUCKLAND → CHRISTCHURCH



Auckland • Rotorua • Taupo • Wellington • Blenheim • Twizel • Dunedin • Te Anau •
Milford Sound • Queenstown • Franz Josef Glacier • Punakaiki • Greymouth • Christchurch

From Auckland in the North Island to Dunedin in the South Island, this holiday offers a wealth of wonderful experiences. Cruise glorious Milford Sound, journey through towering pine forests and verdant pastureland, and fall asleep to the sound of waves crashing on the beach outside your hotel in rugged Punakaiki.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in Māori culture with the Tamaki family over dinner 🍷
- Visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- Wellington's city sights and Mt. Victoria
- Sail the Cook Strait to Queen Charlotte Sound
- Enjoy dinner with matching wines in Blenheim
- Join a local family for a barbecue lunch at their home on Lake Tekapo 🏠
- Marvel at the clear waters of Lake Tekapo and Lake Pukaki
- Experience Milford Sound on a Nature Cruise
- Taste Central Otago stone fruit at a local orchard
- Discover Franz Josef Glacier
- Visit a jade factory and see artists at work
- Journey over the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine Train
- Cruise on the TSS Earnslaw to a high country farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner
- Included Choice experiences 🟢

Day 1 Welcome to Auckland

After arrival in Auckland, the afternoon is at leisure for you to explore this vibrant, multicultural city. You might like to amble down Queen Street to the main shopping precinct, or on to Viaduct Harbour. This evening, meet your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and dinner at your hotel. **Hotel: Stamford Plaza, Auckland. DW**

Day 2 Auckland – Rotorua

Join your Travel Director to discover the must-see sights of the city, including panoramic views from the Sky Tower, 328 metres above the city. Then cross the rolling hills of King Country to Rotorua, where your orientation tour takes in views of Lake Rotorua. Visit Te Puia, the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute, where talented students carry on age-old traditions of wood carving and weaving. A tour of Rotorua's active geothermal fields follows: see bubbling mud pools, spectacular geysers and crater lakes. 🌋 An evening of culture, history and sumptuous food awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. Learn about Māori art forms and traditions and enjoy an authentic Hangi Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Rotorua, 2 nights. B HD**

Day 3 Rotorua Included Choice

🟢 This morning, choose one from a range of Included Choice sightseeing experiences. Glide through the Glowworm Grotto on the Waitomo Caves Tour, take

an ancient forest zipline adventure with Canopy Tours, visit the Hobbiton Movie Set, or explore Rotorua and its sparkling lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. **B**

Day 4 Rotorua – Wellington

Journey out through pine forests and farmland to a hidden little spot, Huka Falls. From here the road unfolds into a broad panorama of Lake Taupo. Travel south over the Central Plateau and along the Kapiti Coast to Wellington. Enjoy an exclusive guided tour of Te Papa Museum of New Zealand, then top off the night with a Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor, Wellington. B HD**

Day 5 Wellington – Blenheim

Discover more of Wellington this morning. Perhaps visit the Parliament buildings and the 'Beehive', home to New Zealand's politicians. Later, cruise the Cook Strait into tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound and travel on to the villages of Picton and sunny Blenheim. Enjoy a Highlight Dinner prepared from local produce and matched with fine Marlborough wines. **Hotel: Chateau Marlborough, Blenheim. B HD**

Day 6 Blenheim – Christchurch

Travel to Kaikoura, where sperm whales can often be seen not far from shore (an optional whale-watching flight is available). On arrival in Christchurch see the extensive work carried out to rebuild the city after the earthquake of 2011. **Hotel: Distinction Hotel, Christchurch. B**



- START
- END
- 1 Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Te Puia Thermal Reserve

FIRST CHOICE

From **\$6225** per person twin share land only

DEPARTURES AND PRICES

2019				2020			
Start	End	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Start	End	Twin Share	Single Supp.
Jan 15	Jan 29	6935	2140	Jan 07	Jan 21	6925	2200
Feb 26	Mar 12	6935	2140	Jan 14	Jan 28	6925	2200
Mar 19	Apr 02	6935	2140	Jan 21	Feb 04	6925	2200
Mar 26	Apr 09	6935	2140	Jan 28	Feb 11	6925	2200
Apr 02	Apr 16	6610	2005	Feb 04	Feb 18	6925	2200
Apr 23	May 07	6610	2005	Feb 11	Feb 25	6925	2200
Jun 04	Jun 18	6285	1895	Feb 18	Mar 03	6925	2200
Sep 10	Sep 24	6285	1895	Feb 25	Mar 10	6925	2200
Sep 24	Oct 08	6285	1895	Mar 03	Mar 17	6925	2200
Oct 08	Oct 22	6925	2200	Mar 10	Mar 24	6925	2200
Oct 15	Oct 29	6925	2200	Mar 17	Mar 31	6925	2200
Oct 22	Nov 05	6925	2200	Mar 24	Apr 07	6925	2200
Oct 29	Nov 12	6925	2200	Mar 31	Apr 14	6925	2200
Nov 05	Nov 19	6925	2200	Apr 07	Apr 21	6575	2055
Nov 12	Nov 26	6925	2200	Apr 14	Apr 28	6575	2055
Nov 19	Dec 03	6925	2200	Apr 21	May 05	6575	2055
Nov 26	Dec 10	6925	2200	Apr 28	May 12	6575	2055
Dec 03	Dec 17	6925	2200	Jun 02	Jun 16	6225	1930
Dec 10	Dec 24	6925	2200	Jun 30	Jul 14	6225	1930
Dec 17	Dec 31	6925	2200	Jul 28	Aug 11	6225	1930
Dec 24	Jan 07	6925	2200	Aug 11	Aug 25	6225	1930
Dec 31	Jan 14	6925	2200	Aug 25	Sep 08	6225	1930
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				Sep 08	Sep 22	6225	1930
				Sep 15	Sep 29	6225	1930
				Sep 22	Oct 06	6225	1930
				Oct 06	Oct 20	7025	2235
				Oct 13	Oct 27	7025	2235
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				Dec 01	Dec 15	7025	2235
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				Dec 15	Dec 29	7025	2235
				Dec 22	Jan 05	7025	2235
				Dec 29	Jan 12	7025	2235

■ Highlighted dates indicate Definite Departures. Visit aatkings.com/zaac for additional definite departure dates. Refer to the 2018/19 brochure for the itinerary for departures 01/01/19-30/09/19. Itinerary, departure dates and prices may change from 01/04/20.

Day 7 Christchurch – Twizel

Visit Morelea, the home of Angie and Stan Taylor, on the shores of Lake Tekapo. Enjoy a Be My Guest barbecue lunch in their garden and gain an insight into a lifetime spent farming in New Zealand. View the famed Church of the Good Shepherd on your way to Twizel. **Hotel: MacKenzie Country Inn, Twizel. B BG DW**

Day 8 Twizel – Dunedin Included Choice

Call in at the harbour-side township of Oamaru with its celebrated white limestone buildings. Next, make your way to New Zealand's southernmost city, Dunedin.

This afternoon, choose one from a range of Included Choice sightseeing experiences. Tour stately Larnach Castle, ride the historic Taieri Gorge railway, take a wildlife cruise, or experience an interactive tour of famous Speight's Brewery. **Hotel: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin. B DW**

Day 9 Dunedin – Te Anau

Today, travel through lush green sheep-grazing country on your way to Te Anau, on the shores of Lake Te Anau. **Hotel: Distinction Hotel, Te Anau. B DW**

Day 10 Te Anau – Queenstown

Experience the magnificence of Fiordland National Park today. Explore the length of Milford Sound on a Nature Cruise. Learn about the history of the region and benefit from the knowledge of your specialist nature guide. After disembarking, travel on to beautiful Queenstown. **Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, 2 nights. B**

Day 11 Queenstown Included Choice

Today, choose one from a range of Included Choice sightseeing experiences. Ride the thrilling Shotover Jet, take a gondola to Bob's Peak for amazing views of Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu then visit Kiwi Birdlife Park, or take an excursion through Skippers Canyon. Enjoy a peaceful cruise this evening across Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner. **B HD**

Day 12 Queenstown – Franz Josef

Stop to visit the faithfully-restored gold mining settlement of Arrowtown. Enjoy the tastes of stone fruit at Cromwell, before travelling over Haast Pass and view the sheer drop of Thunder Creek Falls on your way to the extraordinary Franz Josef Glacier. You may want to view the glacier on an optional experience helicopter flight. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Douglas Wing, Franz Josef. B DW**

Day 13 Franz Josef – Punakaiki

You may wish to get up close and personal with the glacier on an optional experience helicopter flight. Travel to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's famous greenstone, then on to Punakaiki. You'll spend the night in an eco-friendly resort right on the waterfront. **Hotel: Punakaiki Resort. B DW**

Day 14 Punakaiki – Christchurch

Join your personal guide for a tour of Monteith's Brewing Company, including tastings at the brewers' table, before sitting down to lunch. Afterwards, board the iconic TranzAlpine train in Greymouth and embark on one of the world's most scenic rail journeys. Back in Christchurch, join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Distinction Hotel, Christchurch. B L FD**

Day 15 Farewell from Christchurch

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **B**

SMART WAYS TO SAVE

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Save up to \$695pp

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Kings Club	Unlock VIP benefits
Young traveller discount	Save up to \$695pp
Triple share	Save up to \$345pp
Concession card	Save up to \$75pp

DINING

14 Full buffet breakfasts B	4 Highlight Dinners HD
1 Be My Guest lunch BG	6 Dinners with wine DW
1 Lunch L	1 Farewell Dinner FD

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
Day 15 – flights to depart anytime from Christchurch Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price