

# WONDERS OF NEW ZEALAND

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## THE OFFER

Few destinations stir the imagination quite like New Zealand. The setting of countless Hollywood films; a land of volcanoes and bubbling mud pools, deep glacial lakes, ancient rainforest and wide open grasslands more beautiful in person than any film could portray. From the bright lights of Auckland to Tongariro, Queenstown and beyond, this is a journey you won't want to miss.

Delve into the Maori culture of Lake Aniwhenua; visit unique Hot Water Beach; enjoy stunning views of Tongariro National Park and Mt Ruapehu aboard the Sky Waka gondola; spot native wildlife in the ancient Whirinaki Rainforest; and marvel at the beautiful cascades of Huka Falls. Cruise along the majestic Abel Tasman National Park; witness the sleeping giant of Franz Josef Glacier; enjoy free time in the adventure capital of Queenstown; climb aboard the famous Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine trains; soak up the street art of Dunedin and more! Along the way enjoy 15 nights accommodation, luxury coach transport and 28 meals, together with amazing insights from a local guide.

16 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

FROM

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrival Auckland

Haere Mai and welcome to New Zealand! Arrive any time today and enjoy Auckland at your leisure. Tonight you'll stay at a hotel on the fringe of this iconic harbour city, enjoying easy walking access to its main sights and attractions.

**Overnight: Quadrant Hotel & Suites Auckland**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Auckland - Lake Okataina

Depart from the hotel at 8.00am and head for the Rotorua region to visit two unique lakes: Lake Tarawera and Lake Okataina. It's a short drive to the boat landing at Lake Tarawera.

Cruise out on the pristine waters in the shadow of Mount Tarawera, once home of the renowned pink and white terraces before a violent eruption destroyed them in 1886. Visit Hot Water beach, only accessible by boat or foot, before cruising across the lake where we'll hike the short track through native bush to Lake Okataina. Here another boat will be waiting for you to embark on a scenic cruise around the secluded lake.

Enjoy a picnic lunch onboard and learn more about the area's history before arriving at the lodge. Settle in before joining the group in the dining room for a wild food extravaganza, an evening meal entirely sourced from local produce.

**Overnight: Lakes Lodge Okataina**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 3 Lake Aniwhenua & Whirinaki

This morning is yours to enjoy breakfast and relax before venturing off the beaten track to the shores of Lake Aniwhenua in Murupara.

Kohutapu Lodge is owned by a local Maori family who are passionate, not only about showcasing their Maori tribal heritage, but also about making a difference in the local area. Murupara is an impoverished community that has been transformed for the better through tourism and commercial development. Through community-driven initiatives and a clear vision to provide more opportunities for the local youth, Kohutapu Lodge has paved the way for change in the area.

Begin the experience with a guided tour of the sacred Maori rock carvings before arriving at the Lodge to witness the preparation of a ground cooked hangi and tasting it for yourself! After lunch, we'll depart for the lush, green Whirinaki rainforest for a guided tour along the Rongoa trail. Spot native endangered birds and ancient medicine plants, and learn more about the history of the forest, including the myths and legends before enjoying a hot kawakawa tea in the forest and a final karakia.

This evening, return to Lake Okataina where you'll have the option to grab dinner (not included) - if you still have room after the hangi feast, that is!

**Overnight: Lakes Lodge Okataina**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 4 Lake Okataina - Tongariro National Park

Today is all about the Pacific Ring of Fire. See bubbling mud, amazing waterfalls, volcanic lakes, and finish with New Zealand's highest cafe at 2000 metres above sea level. First stop is Taupo with stops at the Wairakei Steam Field Lookout and the spectacular Huka Falls. Here more than 22,000 litres of water per second thunders into the Waikato river - it's a must-see!

Stop for lunch in Taupo before heading to Tongariro National



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Park where you'll visit Mt Ruapehu for a ride up the fabulous SkyWaka Gondola. Witness incredible views of neighbouring volcanoes as you travel over waterfalls and ancient lava flows - a truly unforgettable experience. Finally, arrive at The Park Hotel where you can get settled in and then join the group for dinner.

**Overnight: The Park Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 5 Blue Duck Station

Today head to Blue Duck Station - a 7,200 acre high country farm situated on the banks of the Whanganui River. Jump on a 4WD farm tour to learn more about the conservation work taking place to preserve the station's namesake, the Whio Blue Duck, and the unbelievable local history.

Deep in the heart of the station you'll discover the Kaiwhakauka waterfall where you may even be able to spot a rare blue duck in the flesh. The grand finale is the journey up to the 'Top of the World', with 360 degree views that will take your breath away. From here you can see the three peaks of Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Taranaki and endless miles of verdant native bush. Enjoy a delicious lunch before heading back to Tongariro National Park for the evening.

**Overnight: The Park Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 6 Tongariro National Park - Wellington

Today journey through Tongariro National Park, with its three spectacular volcanic mountains - Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu, a place of extremes and ancient lava flows. Cruise straight through Ohakune and off the central plateau to Wellington, the sparkling capital city, where modern

business style blends with a cultured, bohemian, spirit. With a population of less than 200,000 people, there is no capital city on earth that marries relaxed and refined better than Wellington. The afternoon is free, but a visit to the Te Papa national museum is highly recommended. Your entry fee is included.

**Overnight: Distinction Wellington or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 7 Wellington - Nelson

After breakfast this morning, you'll take the Interislander Ferry to the South Island, don't miss the spectacular views of the sunken valleys meeting the sea that form the Marlborough Sounds.

Then head to Nelson arriving at our destination mid-afternoon, the coach will take you on a scenic drive along the seaside. This evening there's plenty of time to relax, explore the area and the option to taste some of Nelson's fine local beverages.

**Overnight: Rutherford Nelson or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Abel Tasman National Park

Travel to the seaside resort town of Kaiteriteri and spend the morning cruising the stunning Abel Tasman National Park - a coastal paradise known for its golden sand beaches. See the iconic Split Apple Rock and call in to the most popular beaches along the coastline as you sail up to Totaranui and back. This afternoon take the scenic route and arrive back in Nelson mid-afternoon.

**Overnight: Rutherford Nelson or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**



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#### Day 9 Nelson - Christchurch

This morning travel back to Picton and here you'll jump on board the magnificent Coastal Pacific train and journey down to the capital of the South Island in luxury, soaking up the gorgeous scenery en-route, see Kaikoura's rugged coastline, beautiful mountains, and rolling farmland of Canterbury before you arrive late afternoon in the South Island's Capital Christchurch.

**Overnight: Christchurch Rydges Latimer or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 10 Christchurch to Hokitika

Today you'll make your way to Christchurch Train Station, where you'll start your adventure on board the Tranzalpine train. Considered to be one of the world's greatest train journeys, prepare to be blown away by these epic vistas of forests, plains and mountains.

Upon arrival in Greymouth, you'll be met by your driver guide before heading down the incredibly scenic 'wild' West Coast. Greymouth is a historic town known for jade hunting, gold mining and dramatic river floods before arriving into the vibrant, artistic town of Hokitika.

Visit the amazing Greenstone and Glass blowing factories and watch some talented artists at work before getting settled in at the Beachcomber. You'll have the option of visiting The National Kiwi Centre this afternoon before we meet for dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Beachfront Hotel Hokitika**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 11 Hokitika to Haast via Jackson Bay

Travel south along the coast to the Westland National Park,

home of the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. This remarkable part of the country was shaped by the dynamic glaciers and boasts lush temperate rainforest growing beneath towering mountains. Stop in Franz Josef township for morning tea and drive to the glacier viewpoint.

The afternoon drive to Jackson Bay is spectacular and one not many people will be able to say they've done! Jackson Bay marks the farthest point of the West Coast's road network. Have an amazing West Coast lunch at The Craypot - a quirky, little caravan style restaurant situated on the esplanade before heading back towards Haast. Tonight stay at the Heartland Hotel, a popular local establishment where the locals come to mix and mingle at the Frontier Bar.

**Overnight: Heartland Haast**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 12 Haast to Queenstown

View incredible scenery as you travel past the untouched wilderness and pristine lakes of the Mt Aspiring National Park. We'll stop in Wanaka along the way, a popular township on the lakes edge with a spectacular mountain backdrop. Next visit Arrowtown, an area steeped in fascinating history relating to early settlement and the gold mining era. Finally, skirt around the shores of Lake Wakatipu to the picturesque alpine resort of Queenstown. Enjoy some downtime this evening, as you kick back, relax and admire the amazing alpine and lake views!

**Overnight: Novotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 13 Queenstown free day

Today is yours to experience New Zealand's adventure capital



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for yourself.

Queenstown boasts an incredible array of activities and your Coach Captain can assist with booking any of the following optional extras you'd like to do (not included). Take a ride on the world famous Shotover Jet Boat, travel to the top of Bob's Peak by gondola for spectacular views, take a tour to the gold mining area of Skippers Canyon, or for the adventurous, try white water rafting or bungee jumping. Alternatively, browse in the many shops and galleries in town or relax at one of the many cafes or bars along the lakefront.

**Overnight: Novotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 14 Queenstown - Te Anau via Doubtful Sound

Travel around Lake Wakatipu and through lush farmland to Fiordland National Park. On to Manapouri, where you enjoy a leisurely cruise across the lake to West Arm. This is followed by a short coach trip on New Zealand's most expensive road, travelling over Wilmot Pass and pausing along the way to experience the dense Fiordland rainforest and view Doubtful Sound glistening far below.

At Deep Cove, board a modern catamaran and allow the majesty and vastness of the fiord to take your breath away. Enjoy the on-board commentary that provides insight into the region's history, flora and fauna as you view spectacular towering mountains and wildlife. Tonight have dinner at the Distinction Hotel, Te Anau.

**Overnight: Distinction Luxmore Te Anau**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 15 Te Anau to Dunedin

Today express through to Dunedin to make the most of our

time in this Scottish city but not without a stop in Gore for a trip to the Illicit Past. Gore's colourful past as a centre for illicit whisky distilling and bootlegging is brought to life at the Hokonui Moonshine Museum. The adventures of the Scottish settlers and their exploits to avoid run-ins with the law are kept alive through dioramas, audio-visuals and artefacts. You can taste Old Hokonui made to the original recipe at the end of your visit, or even take a bottle home with you.

In the afternoon enjoy a walking tour and explore Dunedin's wonderful Scottish architecture.

**Overnight: Southern Cross**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 16 Dunedin - Christchurch

After breakfast this morning, we'll visit the iconic Larnach Castle of Dunedin for a stroll through the magnificent gardens before heading onto the mystical Moeraki Boulders, geological marvels that began to form about 60 million years ago and were exposed by the erosion of sedimentary rocks over time.

Then continue to the township of Oamaru, home to some of the best-preserved heritage buildings in New Zealand. The journey north takes us up the coast and across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, where your trip comes to an end at approximately 5:00pm.

Whether you decide to head home today or to stay in Christchurch for a few extra days, we hope you leave with many happy memories of your trip with us.

**Meals included: Breakfast**



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### TOUR INCLUSIONS

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore New Zealand's North & South Islands
- Visit Wellington, Dunedin, Queenstown and more
- Ride the famous Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine trains
- Enjoy scenic cruises on lakes Tarawera and Okataina
- Delve into the culture of Lake Aniwhenua
- Visit Hot Water Beach, only accessible by boat or on foot
- Spot native endangered birds in the ancient Whirinaki Rainforest
- Visit Mt Ruapehu volcano in the Tongariro National Park
- See bubbling mud, amazing waterfalls & volcanic lakes
- Enjoy stunning views aboard the Sky Waka Gondola
- Marvel at the spectacular cascades of Huka Falls
- Cruise along the stunning Abel Tasman National Park
- Visit the amazing Greenstone and Glass Blowing Factory
- Take the scenic trip through the spectacular Haast Pass
- Witness the sleeping giant of Franz Josef Glacier
- Learn about the fascinating history of Arrowtown
- Soak up the epic beauty of Queenstown at leisure
- Enjoy a wilderness cruise on magical Doubtful Sound
- Learn about illicit whisky making at Hokonui Moonshine Museum
- Visit Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle
- Discover the amazing street art scene of Dunedin
- View the Moeraki Boulders on Koekohe Beach

#### ACCOMMODATION

15 nights quality accommodation

#### DINING

Enjoy 28 meals (15 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners)

Features 3 specialty meals including a traditional Hangi

Enjoy a seafood lunch at The Craypot, a quirky little caravan-style restaurant

#### TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Guide

Small Group Tour - Maximum 24 passengers

#### TRANSPORT

Luxury Coach

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 10 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 60 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.*

### \*Book With Confidence

If your stay is affected by Government travel restrictions as a result of COVID-19, a one off date change will be permitted free of charge. For any changes not associated with COVID-19, please refer to the Schedule of Fees.

*Please note:*

- Date change requests need to be made at least 31 days prior to the original date of travel and are subject to availability.
- Customers that have purchased the September promotional price will be required to pay the difference before moving to a new

departure date.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 24th of April 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$2300 applies.

### Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 4-5 Star (self-rated)

- Auckland: Quadrant Hotel & Suites or similar
- Wellington: Distinction Wellington or similar
- Nelson: Rutherford Nelson or similar
- Christchurch: Rydges Latimer or similar
- Hokitika: Beachfront Hotel or similar
- Queenstown: Novotel Queenstown Lakeside or similar
- Te Anau: Distinction Luxmore Te Anau or similar
- Dunedin: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross or similar

#### 3 Star (self-rated)

- Okatina: Lakes Lodge Okatina or similar
- Tongariro: The Park Hotel or similar
- Haast: Heartland Hotel Haast or similar

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Extra Nights

Not Available

### Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

*Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.*

### Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding with a rollaway for 3rd traveller (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 24 per vehicle.

## EXCLUSIONS

- International/Domestic flights
- Airport transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the

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required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

## Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Average daytime temperatures during spring range between 19 degrees Celsius (°C) in the north to 16°C in the south. Expect a mixture of weather – crisp, sunny days can briskly change to cooler temperatures with spring showers. Spring in New Zealand spans September, October and November.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

28 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from

the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customers discretion.

### Sightseeing

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/

accommodation/other travel provider.

- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.