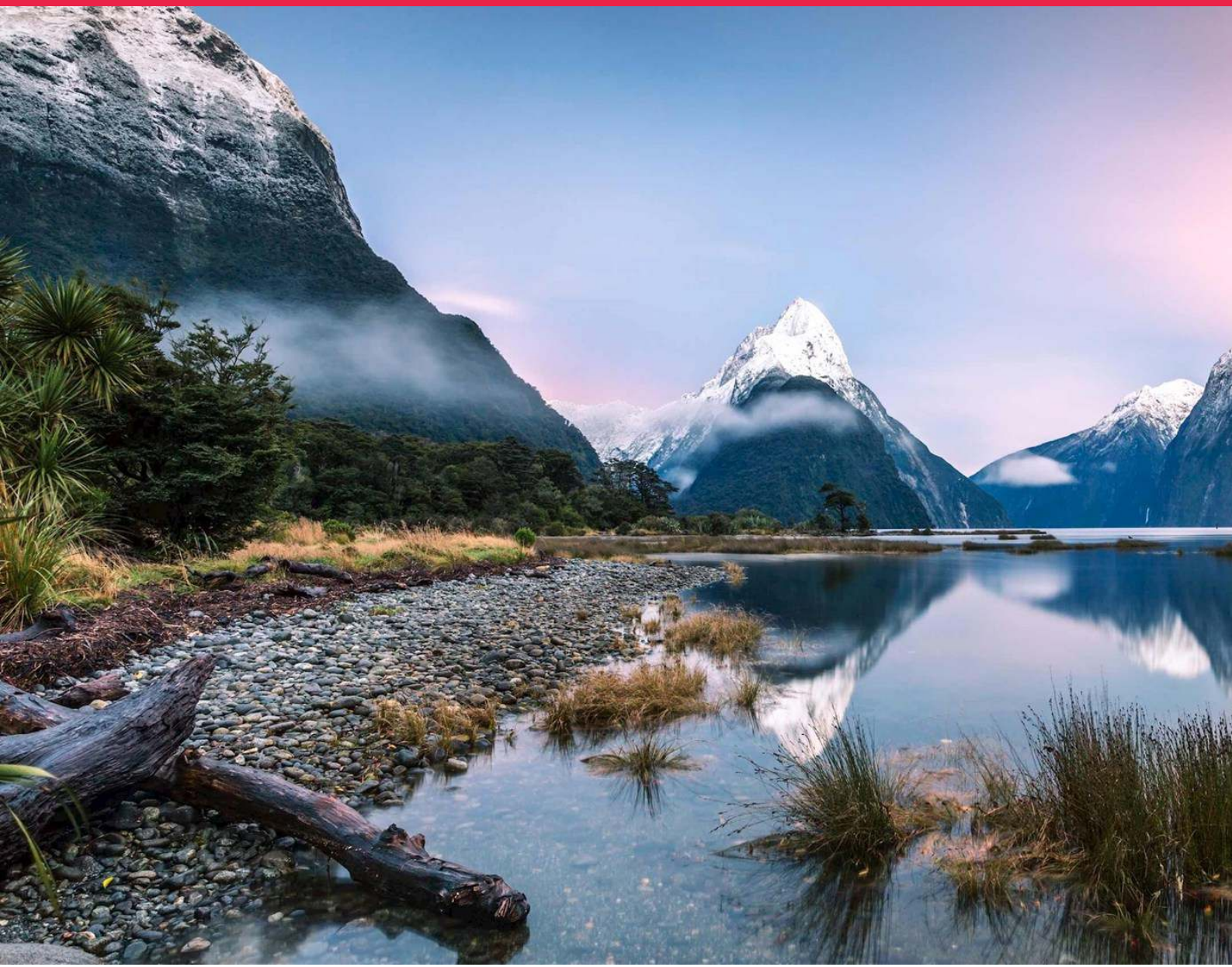


# Contrasts of New Zealand





## Day 1 | Kia Ora Auckland



Welcome to Auckland! (Flights to arrive prior to 4pm). Your New Zealand tour kicks off in the City of Sails where, you'll meet your Travel Director and group for a Welcome Reception at The Grill, as you look forward to your New Zealand adventures.

**Meals:** Welcome Reception

## Day 2 | Auckland Sights and Time for Yourself



Start your first full day in New Zealand getting lay of the land on a city sightseeing tour viewing the beautiful waterfront of Mission Bay, historic overlook of Bastion Point, and spacious gardens and sunken pool at the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial showing off views of Waitemata Harbour and the North Shore. You pass the Auckland Museum, located on the dormant volcano Pukekawa, meaning 'hill of bitter memories' referring to tribal battles fought on the site until 1828. You have the afternoon free to explore. How about going behind the scenes of the All Blacks, one of the world's legendary rugby teams? The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. Or perhaps stroll along Queen Street to find the perfect waterfront restaurant in Viaduct Harbour to enjoy water views while enjoying local oysters, crayfish, or New Zealand's native green lip mussels with a crisp New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. Then stretch your legs popping into the many boutique shops.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**All Blacks Experience - Guided Tour & Interactive Zone** - The All Blacks Experience is an introduction to "kiwi culture" through the lens of our national sport. An immersive and emotive state-of-the-art guided journey that showcases the All Blacks and our national teams in Black, through exceptional innovation and technology. Celebrate New Zealand's heritage and culture then stand up to one of the most powerful All Blacks Haka's that you will ever see! At the conclusion of the guided tour, you have the option of testing your skills in our interactive zones - try out your kicking, catching, line-out and accuracy skills against legendary All Blacks.

Adult: 59.00 NZD

**Ted Ashby Scenic Cruise** - Set sail on our heritage scow, TED ASHBY, for an hour-long cruise in Auckland's Harbour. See the city skyline, Sky Tower and Auckland Harbour Bridge from the sea.

Adult: 63.00 NZD

## Day 3 | The Cultural Capital Rotorua



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**Meals:** Breakfast, Regional Dinner

**Hotel:** Millennium

## Day 4 | Adventure Awaits in Queenstown



Go from city to farm life today as you travel to the countryside for a dose of local hospitality at a Be My Guest experience in the Red Barn. Hear the history of this working dairy farm from local Dan, and get a feel for country life as you're invited to roll up your sleeves and make your own butter - butter churners, tiny mason jars and all! Later, sit down to a locally sourced farm to table morning tea prepared by the onsite chef. The feel-good vibes will follow you all the way to Queenstown, the self-proclaimed adventure capital of New Zealand. It makes perfect sense - there are ski fields, white-water river and bridges strapped with bungee cords wherever you turn. And then there's the dining scene; Queenstown is home to some of the country's most awarded restaurants. Whether you're in the mood for bulging burgers or lakeside tapas, ask us for recommendations on this leg of your Queenstown New Zealand tour.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Be My Guest

**Hotel:** Millennium

## Day 5 | Cruise on Spectacular Milford Sound



Today you'll head through stunning landscapes along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to the Devil's Staircase to Te Anau. Experience magnificent scenery afforded by the Mirror Lakes. Plunge through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel towards Mitre Peak - named after its resemblance to a bishop's mitre headdress - and Lady Bowen Falls before arriving at World Heritage listed national park, Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Experience all its beauty on a scenic cruise past sheer cliffs, white-capped peaks, and waterfalls watching for dolphins, penguins, and seals. Learn how the area was formed by glaciers and take plenty of photos of the stunning sights before returning to Queenstown. The evening is free for you to stay in and relax or enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants overlooking Lake Wakatipu.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Hotel:** Millennium

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Air Milford - Milford Sound Flight Back To Queenstown** - A scenic flight from Milford Sound to return back to Queenstown. During the 35 minute flight take in panoramic views of spectacular scenery including glaciers, rivers, lakes and rainforest. Return transport to Queenstown accommodation is included  
Adult: 489.00 NZD

## Day 6 | Queenstown, Yours to Enjoy



Rise and shine to your last day in Queenstown with plenty of choices on how to adventure. If you're a wine lover, join an Optional Experience touring three premium boutique vineyards in the famous Otago region known for Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc. Go from vineyard to barrel to glass on tours revealing the history of the region and finished with a platter lunch in a picturesque setting. You'll meet up with your group this evening over a Regional Dinner in nearby historic Arrowtown at the Postmasters Cottage built in 1907. Hear the story of the cottage from being almost demolished by developers to its rescue and purchase by the passionate local community. The restored cottage has now been embellished with verandas and gardens for you to sit down to fresh, local food and wines matched with classic Kiwi hospitality.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Regional Dinner

**Hotel:** Millennium

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Appellation Central Wine Tours - Boutique Wine Tour** - An afternoon amongst the boutique vineyards and splendid alpine scenery of Central Otago. Taste wines at 4 premium vineyards over two contrasting wine regions, learn about the wine and pioneering history and visit the Historic Precinct of Old Cromwell. Includes a delightful platter lunch and a glass of wine with lunch.  
Adult: 269.00 NZD

**Pure Glenorchy - Lord Of The Rings Scenic Tour** - Lord of The Rings Scenic Tour: Visit the stunning locations from The Lord of The Rings. Encounter Isengard, Lothlorien Forest, The Misty Mountains, Ithilien and many more. Experience the absolute beauty of the Dart River Valley and our closest world heritage area. Learn about the remarkable history and unique culture of Glenorchy. Our tour features some of the world's most spectacular scenery visiting Mt. Aspiring World Heritage Area, Glenorchy, The Dart River Valley and Paradise. Encounter ancient beech forest, braided rivers and glacier carved valleys.  
Adult: 189.00 NZD

**KJet** - Take on the mighty Shotover River with Kawarau Jet (KJet) – Queenstown's original Jet boat ride. Only KJet offers a 60 minute Queenstown Jet boat experience with unforgettable thrills, spins & exhilaration across three waterways in one of the world's most stunning locations.  
Adult: 135.00 NZD

**Kiwi Birdlife Park** - The Kiwi Park is a wildlife sanctuary found in the heart of Queenstown. It holds and displays over 20 species of native NZ wildlife in a 5 acre park, all of which are part of nationally managed programmes. Your entry fee supports their conservation work. They offer guaranteed kiwi viewing in our specially constructed nocturnal houses, audio tours, conservation shows and kiwi feedings. Experience conservation in action!  
Adult: 52.00 NZD

**Altitude Wine Tours - Queenstown Wine Sampler Tour** - Did someone say Queenstown wine tour? It's time to pinot! On this 6 hour tour travel in premium Mercedes vehicles visiting four of Central Otago's finest and boutique cellar doors, including a visit to New Zealand's famous Gibbston Valley underground wine cave. Look, smell and taste over 18 spectacular cool-climate wines and enjoy an optional scrumptious lunch (additional cost ordered on the day) whilst your charismatic wine guide and knowledgeable cellar staff educate and amuse you with local winemaking facts and stories.  
Adult: 219.00 NZD

## Day 7 | Turquoise Coloured Lake Tekapo



Today your New Zealand tour takes you to lovely Lake Tekapo travelling to Cromwell on the banks of Lake Dunstan. Visit Mrs. Jones' Fruit Stall to taste of some of the town's juicy stone fruit including apricots, nectarines, peaches, and plums. Stop at the quaint, lakeside Church of the Good Shepherd welcomed by its friendly bronze sheepdog statue. As evening falls, you're treated to a guided stargazing experience with a Local Specialist in the world-renowned UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. See the famous Southern Cross, Magellanic Cloud, and Milky Way and get a better look at these sparkling wonders with a powerful optical telescope. You'll conclude the day in a Stays With Stories accommodation at Peppers Bluewater Resort overlooking Lake Tekapo. In this area known for its dazzling night sky, there's plenty to enjoy just stepping outside your room.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Peppers Bluewater Resort

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Air Safaris - Grand Traverse Scenic Flight** - Explore the alpine wonderland of the Southern Alps' highest peaks and glacial lakes on this 45-minute scenic flight, including Murchison Glacier, Tasman Glacier, Main Divide, Franz Josef Glacier, Fox Glacier, westland coastal rainforests and Mount Cook.  
Adult: 470.00 NZD

## Day 8 | The Garden City, Christchurch



Get an early start to watch the sun rise over the lake or sleep in before heading north through South Canterbury to Christchurch. Begin your tour of the Garden City at the Transitional Cathedral, the temporary home of the Christchurch Cathedral, in awe of its colourful stained-glass windows and sustainable cardboard construction that gives it the nickname “The Cardboard Cathedral.” See the city’s top sites including Canterbury Museum, Christchurch Earthquake Memorial, and Bridge of Remembrance.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Distinction

## Day 9 | Meet the Farming Locals



Travel through rolling countryside to Hurunui Hills, a hill-country farm in North Canterbury. Enjoy warm Kiwi hospitality with the Bamford Family, who have been farming at Hurunui since 1884, with six generations focused on producing premium Merino sheep, wool, and Angus cattle. Soak up the stunning scenery while you enjoy morning tea, meet the farm animals, and discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique By My Guest experience. Then visit a local vineyard, Waipara Springs Winery, where it's time to relax over a platter-style lunch among the vines. A big day leads to a big evening, joining your Travel Director and travel mates for with a celebratory Farewell Dinner featuring produce from the Canterbury region.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Be My Guest, Farewell Dinner

**Hotel:** Distinction

## Day 10 | Farewell Christchurch



Your adventure sadly comes to an end this morning. Before your transfer to Christchurch Airport, enjoy one last breakfast with your travel mates reflecting on your incredible travels through New Zealand (flights anytime).

**Meals:** Breakfast