

ESSENTIAL NEW ZEALAND

Customised Tours

9 Nights/10 Days



Located in the South Pacific Ocean, New Zealand might look small on a world map, but it's as diverse as several continents rolled into one. New Zealand is jam-packed with things to do. The hardest part of planning your holiday will be deciding which to do first!

Itinerary

Day 1 ARRIVE AUCKLAND

On arrival, seat in coach guests will be met and privately transferred to hotel. Self drive guests will collect a rental car and drive to the hotel.

Day 2 AUCKLAND

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Auckland city (seat in coach guests only). Visit Kelly Tarlton's Sealife Aquarium and Antarctic Encounter (both seat in coach and self drive guests). The remainder of the day is free. (B)

Day 3 AUCKLAND - WAITOMO - ROTORUA

Travel south through the fertile Waikato region to arrive at Waitomo. Enjoy a guided tour of the famous Glowworm Caves including underground boat ride. Continue to Rotorua this afternoon. (B)

Day 4 ROTORUA

Visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve to see boiling mudpools and roaring geysers. Following this, visit Agrodome for a farm show and Rainbow Springs to see trout, birds and wildlife. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening enjoy an authentic Maori Hangi (feast) and Concert. (B,D)

**Day
5**

ROTORUA - CHRISTCHURCH (OWN ARRANGEMENTS)

Depart on your domestic flight from Rotorua to Christchurch (airfare is NOT included). (B)

**Day
6**

CHRISTCHURCH - MT COOK - QUEENSTOWN

Travel across the fertile Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd before continuing on to New Zealand's highest mountain - Mt Cook. Depart Mt Cook and follow the shores of Lake Pukaki south through the historic Central Otago region to the 'Alpine Resort' of Queenstown. (B)

**Day
7**

QUEENSTOWN

Enjoy a Queenstown Highlights city tour today (seat in coach guests only), including AJ Hackett Bungy Centre, Arrowtown and Gibbston Valley Winery. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

**Day
8**

MILFORD SOUND

Follow the southern arm of Lake Wakatipu to Lumsden, and onward to Lake Te Anau. Enter the Eglinton Valley and travel through the breath taking man made Homer Tunnel to reach Milford Sound. Enjoy a cruise on this world famous fiord, dominated by Mitre Peak and the cascading Bowen Falls. Return to Queenstown. (B,L)

**Day
9**

QUEENSTOWN

A free day to explore the endless optional attractions available. (Not included in the tour price.) (B)

**Day
10**

DEPARTURE DAY

Your arrangements conclude today with a departure transfer or the return of your rental car. We trust you enjoyed your Vacation! (B)