

New Zealand

North and South Island Adventure

14 days / 13 nights

From

\$5,029

Per person/Double occupancy/Land package
For travel between October 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024/3*

Day 1: Auckland arrival

Upon arrival at Auckland Airport, make your own way to the Go Rentals Branch located a short distance from the airport to pick-up your vehicle.

Auckland is an exciting, sporting and cultural city, sprawled on a narrow isthmus, between two harbours. The Waitemata and Manukau Harbours are a main feature of the city, along with numerous volcanic cones such as Mount Eden and Rangitoto Island. The city's many beaches, marinas and parks, make it ideal for outdoor pursuits such as yachting, rugby, cricket or a day at the beach.

What to see depending on arrival time: Skytower (Sky Deck and main observation deck) for an overview of the city – admission is included.

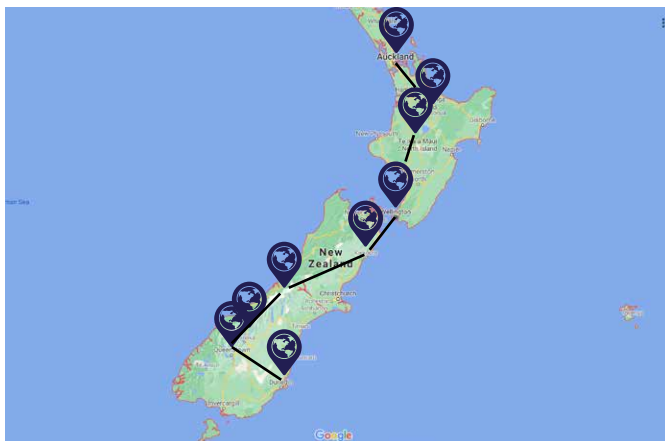


Auckland War Memorial Museum- dedicated to those who have sacrificed their lives for their country - admission is included. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Auckland

Day 2: Auckland – Waitomo Caves - Rotorua

This morning, depart Auckland on the Southern Motorway for about 195km towards Hamilton via the rolling Bombay Hills, Huntly and via the outskirt of Ngaruawahia. Travel on the Waikato Express Way until you reach the Waitomo Caves. >



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Day 2: Continued

During your 45 minute guided tour, witness majestic and ornate cave decorations, the deep limestone shaft known as the Tomo and the equally magnificent Cathedral. The visit concludes with a brief boat trip through the Glow-worm Grotto.

Return to the highway and continue the 150km into Rotorua located on a volcanic plateau famous for its geothermal activity. Rotorua is the main place in New Zealand where aspects of Māori traditions can be seen, from wood carvings, and meeting houses, to a Hangi Dinner and Māori dances.

Check-in to your hotel and rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, pick up from your hotel by a Tamaki Māori Village van. The Tamaki experience begins with a journey back in time. Your driver/guide will lead you back to pre-European times with stories, history and protocols in preparation for the ceremonies to follow. At the heart of this village, the meeting house, Rangiatea culture group offer a special glimpse of many of the traditions, performance, songs and history of the Māori people. To top off this 3.5 hour experience, enjoy a traditionally-cooked feast from earthen ovens, and the lively entertainment and humour of your hosts.

Overnight: Rotorua

Day 3: Rotorua - Tongariro

Before departing for Tongariro, try a visit Te Puia and the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute, or experience the wonders of an ancient valley where geysers, mud pools and boiling waters still play after 40,000 years.

About 20 minutes outside Rotorua, is Waimangu Thermal Valley, home to the Waimangu Geothermal System. Here you can see Frying Pan Lake, Inferno Crater, some rare and unusual plants and regenerating rainforest. Your included admission today is for a Waimangu Valley Walk.

Encompassing the North Island's central volcanic plateau, Tongariro National Park is a huge domain for outdoor adventure. The park is dominated by its three active volcanoes – Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. After checking in to the hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Tongariro

Day 4: Tongariro – Wellington – 345 kms

Depart Tongariro heading south to Wellington. You may wish to stop in Waiouru - home to the country's principal Army training. There are many small towns along this route as you head towards the center of Wellington City - the Capital city of New Zealand since 1865. A clever blend of buildings, old and new, beautiful vistas of the city and harbour, and a cosmopolitan mix of culture and arts give Wellington its heart, and vibrant atmosphere.

Take a ride on the Wellington Cable Car which provides easy access to the Botanic Gardens, the Carter Observatory and the Cable Car Museum.

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Day 5: Wellington

Today is a day at leisure for you to explore on your own.

Wellington is home to 'Middle Earth', being Peter Jackson's hometown and the home of 'Weta Workshop'. It was the hub for many locations within 'The Lord of the Rings Trilogy'.

The city is very walkable and a must see is New Zealand's National Museum - Te Papa. You can tour the museum with a guide or just view the interior on your own.

Overnight: Wellington

Day 6: Wellington - Picton - Kaikoura

This morning return your rental car to Go Rentals at the Interislander Ferry Terminal and board the ferry.

The Interislander Cook Strait ferry takes around 3.5hrs between New Zealand's North and South Island.

Having crossed the Cook Strait, the final stretch of the ferry journey is through the magnificent Marlborough Sounds. This sheltered stretch of water is spectacularly scenic and has inspired many journalists to name the Interislander as "one of the most scenic ferry rides in the world".

On arrival in Picton, go to the Go Rental Center and pick-up your car for the 162km drive to Kaikoura. Kaikoura means "to eat crayfish", from the Māori words "Kai" meaning food, and Koura meaning crayfish. You can savour crayfish, view whales and dolphins at

play, visit local galleries and craft shops, or take a walk along the Peninsula Walkway. A whale watching tour has been included for you to experience one of the best things to do in Kaikoura.

Overnight: Kaikoura

Day 7: Kaikoura – Punakaiki – 376km

Start your day early as you head across South Island to the West Coast over Lewis Pass.

Punakaiki is the gateway to the dramatic limestone country of the Paparoa National Park. It lies halfway between Greymouth and Westport on one of the most spectacular coastal highways.

The Pancake Rocks that Punakaiki is famous for are limestone formations dating back 30 million years. The seabed was raised above sea level by earthquakes to form the coastal cliffs and coastline.

Overnight: Punakaiki



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Day 8: Punakaiki - Franz Josef

Depart Punakaiki and travel south about 225kms on State Highway 6 via the towns of Greymouth and Hokitika to Franz Josef. A 4 hour heli-hike has been included so you may experience the glaciers.

After a thrilling flight, high above the rugged terrain, you will land on the glacier, ready to undertake a three-hour guided glacier hike. Your guide will lead you through some of the most pristine and awe-inspiring glacier scenery in the world. Enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding mountains with plenty of photo opportunities - probably you're most memorable New Zealand experience!

The small but lively Franz Josef Village is surrounded by lush rainforest with the high snow-capped Alps. Within a short distance you can visit the white heron colony or the world's rarest kiwi. A ten minutes' drive north is the beautiful Lake Mapourika, a great place for fishing, birdwatching, and kayaking.

Overnight: Franz Josef



Day 9: Franz Josef – Wanaka

This 277km trip will have you travel through the spectacular glacier region, two national parks and past two of New Zealand's largest lakes, Lake Hawea and Lake Wanaka.

Wanaka faces north across Lake Wanaka with views of the surrounding mountains. Lake Wanaka is the gateway to Mount Aspiring National parks.

You will also find New Zealand's most photographed site - the iconic Lone Tree of Lake Wanaka - a willow tree in the lake.

Overnight: Wanaka

Day 10: Wanaka – Queenstown

Head to Queenstown via the scenic Crown Range offering views of the mountains. The road leads to the small town of Arrowtown, founded in the 1860s, a direct result of the gold boom that swept the region. The Arrow River was teeming with gold, attracting thousands of miners from around the world. After checking into your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure.

Take advantage of a ride up the mountain on the Skyline Gondola to Bob's Peak for amazing views – gondola ticket included.

Overnight: Queenstown

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Day 11: Queenstown / Milford Sound

Today is a full day tour to Milford Sound with its stunning surroundings at the heart of Te Wahipounamu World Heritage Area.

Travel from Queenstown along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and through rolling countryside to Te Anau. After a short break at Te Anau, continue via the spectacular Milford Road to Milford Sound. Board the Milford Mariner for a relaxing cruise of Milford Sound and excellent viewing opportunities with plenty of time to enjoy waterfalls, rainforest, mountains, and wildlife. A picnic lunch is included on board the cruise.

Overnight: Queenstown

Day 12: Queenstown – Dunedin

Depart Queenstown and travel to Dunedin often called the “Edinburgh of the South” - a city of spires, towers, gables and roofs with turrets, and gracious stone buildings. Dunedin is also home to the Albatross and Penguin colonies plus many species of New Zealand wildlife.

Overnight: Dunedin

Day 13: Dunedin

Day at leisure in Dunedin. Situated alongside Otago Harbour, with its surrounding beaches and inlets and coastal wildlife, Dunedin’s Otago Peninsula boasts stunning coastal beauty and views.

Overnight: Dunedin

Day 14: Depart Dunedin

Today, return your rental car to Go Rentals Dunedin Airport before your departure flight.

The Package Includes:

- 13 nights accommodation in double occupancy; 3* or 4*
- Go Rentals Compact Crossover Vehicle or Similar (contact us for car details and inclusions)
- One way ferry (passengers + car) Wellington to Picton
- Admission to:
 - Skycity Hotel Auckland: Total Tower Experience -
 - Sky Tower/Sky Deck
 - Auckland Museum: Admission
 - Waitomo Glowworm Caves: Waitomo Caves : Admission
- Tamaki Maori Village: Hangi (traditional Maori dinner feast) and Concert
- Te Puia/Te Ra Thermal Valley 90 Minutes Guided Tour
- Waimangu Thermal Valley: Self-guided Walk
- Kaikoura Whale Watching Tour
- Franz Josef Heli Hike
- Skyline Queenstown: Gondola ride
- Milford Sound - Coach/Nature Cruise/Coach with picnic lunch on board

The package does not include:

- International or domestic flights
- Personal expenses; gratuities
- Meals or beverages unless mentioned in the inclusions

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Hotels or similar:

City	3*	4*
Auckland (1)	Airedale Boutique Suites Classic Studio Room	Sudima Hotel Auckland City Superior King room
Rotorua (1)	Copthorne Hotel Superior Room	Millennium Rotorua - Superior room
Tongariro (1)	The Park Hotel Ruapehu King or Twin Room	Tongariro Suites Whakapapa or Turoa Suite
Wellington (2)	Travelodge Wellington Guest Room	Citylife Wellington 1 bedroom executive
Kaikoura (1)	Kaikoura Gateway Standard Studio	Kaikoura Gateway Deluxe Studio
Punakaiki (1)	Ocean View Retreat Standard Room	Ocean View Retreat Eco Suite
Franz Josef (1)	Punga Grove One Bedroom Unit	Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Douglas Wing
Wanaka (1)	Oakridge Resort Standard Room	Edgewater Resort Garden View Room
Queenstown (2)	Heartland Hotel Queenstown Standard Room	Millennium Queenstown Superior Room
Dunedin (2)	Kingsgate Hotel Dunedin Standard Room	Distinction Dunedin Hotel Studio

Land package 14 days / 13 nights, Per person in CAD

Dates	3* Double occupancy	4* Double occupancy
August 1 – September 30, 2023	\$ 4,209	\$ 4,789
October 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024	\$ 5,029	\$ 5,739
Breakfast Supplement	\$ 476	\$ 501

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