

New Zealand Two Island Adventure by 4WD

12 days / 11 nights

From
\$3,299

Per person/Double Occupancy/Land Package
For travel September 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025/3*

Travelers from all over the world consider New Zealand a must-visit destination because of its breathtaking scenery, beautiful coastline, and friendly locals.

This tour takes you to areas of the country that are not readily accessible to tourists by going off the usual route. By showcasing some of Aotearoa's most breathtaking regions, we let you escape the crowds and see more of New Zealand.

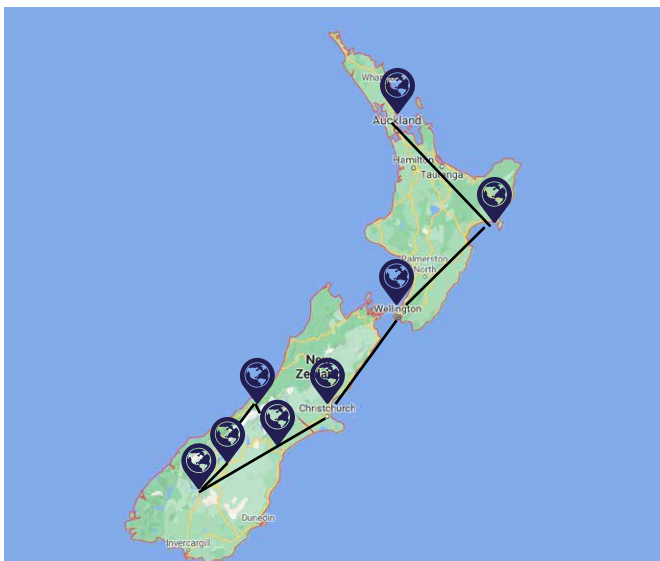
Travel along rugged gravel roads and beautiful forest areas and get to experience some unforgettable Kiwi hospitality, with great hosts and sublime cuisine.



Day 1: Arrive Auckland

On arrival in Auckland, you will be met and given your travel documents. Pick up your rental car at the airport and make your way to your first accommodation. If you are not too tired, we recommend a leisurely stroll along Auckland's waterfront.

Overnight: Auckland



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Day 2: Auckland – Rotorua

Approximate driving time 3.5 hours, 235 km

You drive to Rotorua, a region rich in stunning landscapes. Discover 18 sparkling lakes, magnificent native and exotic forests, geysers, boiling mud pools, hot springs, and the best of New Zealand's fascinating Mao culture.

Overnight: Rotorua

Day 3: Rotorua – Te Urewera National Park – Lake Waikaremoana – Napier

Approximate driving time 6.5 hours, 320 km

Today you are crossing Te Urewera National Park, and you will be happy to travel by 4WD. The partly gravel road takes you through dense rainforest to the secluded Lake Waikaremoana and later to the Art Deco Capital of New Zealand, Napier at Hawkes Bay. A stroll through the city is a good contrast to the impressions of the day and will give you some insight in the interesting history of Napier. You can end the day at one of the many vineyards of this region.

Overnight: Napier

Day 4: Napier – Wellington

Approximate driving time 5.5 hours, 350 km

You drive south today. Highlights along the way include Tui Brewery Mangatainoka, a historical building of the Tui Brewery. Or how about a visit to Mt. Bruce National Wildlife Centre, located 30 km before Masterton? Greytown is a small rural town with well-preserved buildings from the Victorian era, nice restaurants, and cafés. Martinborough is the center of the Wairarapa wine growing region among numerous vineyards. Your overnight is in Wellington the capital of New Zealand. We recommend sightseeing tour and a walk along the waterfront to Te Papa the National Museum of New Zealand.

Overnight: Wellington

Day 5: Wellington – Picton – Kaikoura

Approximate driving time 2.5 hours, 110 km, ferry crossing 3.5 hours

The tour with the ferry through picturesque Marlborough Sound is one of the highlights of your trip. From Picton travel to Blenheim and enjoy the drive through the famous Marlborough wine region. Then follow the spectacular coastal road to Kaikoura.

Overnight: Kaikoura

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Day 6: Kaikoura – Christchurch – Mt. Hutt

Approximate driving time 4 hours, 270 km

This morning you can swim with dolphins and seals or watch whales in their natural environment. Or drive direct to Garden City Christchurch; often referred to as the most English town outside England. Take a walk in Hagley Park and along the Avon River before you drive over the wide Canterbury Plains to the foot of the Southern Alps where you stay overnight.

Overnight: Mt. Hutt

Day 7: Mt. Hutt – Lake Tekapo – Waitaki Valley

Approximate driving time 5 hours, 235 km

The turquoise color of Lake Tekapo will capture you. Take a scenic flight from Tekapo over Aoraki/ Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain. You then drive along a remote valley, covered by scarce vegetation and tussock grass. Climb across a long forgotten and rarely used mountain pass to reach your overnight destination amidst the Waitaki Valley.

Overnight: Waitaki Valley

Day 8: Waitaki Valley – Cromwell – Queenstown

Approximate driving time 6 hours, 350 km

You drive over another remote pass. During the New Zealand gold rush this area was one of the most populated in the country. One of the reminders of this glorious past is the tiny village of St Bathans. Handful of historic houses, a pub and a very nice man-made lake are the only witnesses of this era. Via the wine region of Central Otago, you drive to the Wakatipu Basin and to Queenstown.

Overnight: Queenstown

Day 9: Queenstown

Over 2 million visitors are drawn to Queenstown each year to experience unique scenery, search for adventure, seek out relaxation and rejuvenation, or to just breathe pure mountain air. The region is home to plenty of hiking and biking trails, guided tours, family activities, boat cruises, and scenic flights to Milford and Doubtful Sound or spa and wellness centers. For adrenaline junkies, the self-proclaimed adventure capital of the world offers plenty to get your blood pumping: Test your limits with white water rafting, ziplining, 4x4 off-roading, paragliding, and skydiving.

Overnight: Queenstown

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Day 10: Queenstown – Wanaka – Westland National Park/ Franz Josef

Approximate driving time 6 hours, 360 km

You cross the Crown Range, New Zealand's highest official road, to Wanaka. Over the Haast Pass, a scenic drive with many opportunities to stop and explore, you reach the West Coast. Be impressed by the breath-taking beauty and the many different shades of green of the dense rainforest. Glaciers, rainforests an coast are close together in Westland National Park. We recommend a side trip to Monro Beach and a stop at Ship Creek Walk. During the months of October to December you might even be lucky and see penguin and hector dolphins playing in the sea.

Overnight: Franz Josef



Day 11: Franz Josef – Christchurch

Approximate driving time 6 hours, 380 km

Make one of the walks in the glacier area or book a helicopter flight with glacier landing from Fox Glacier and Franz Josef. Along the wild west coast, Hokitika and Greymouth are the jade centers of the country, Visit a workshop and watch the jade carvers doing their art work.

The route over the main divide to Christchurch climbs over Arthur's Pass, the only real mountain pass i New Zealand. The famous TranzAlpine Express train crosses it, too. You arrive in Christchurch. Enjoy the many cafes and restaurants and take advantage of a last opportunity to purchase souvenirs from Aotearoa.

Overnight: Christchurch

Day 12: Christchurch depart

Drop off your vehicle at the rental car office at the airport.

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Accommodation List or similar

Day	Value hotels 3*	Standard Hotels 4*
1	Hotel Grand Chancellor Auckland	The Heritage Auckland
2	Ibis Rotorua	Robertson House B&B
3	Albatross Motel	Cobden Garden B&B
4	Park Hotel Lambton Quay	Distinction Wellington
5	Alpine View Motel	Bendamere House B&B
6	Staveley Heights B&B	The Old Vicarage B&B
7	Sublime Lodge B&B	Sublime Lodge B&B
8	Blue Peaks Lodge	Scenic Suites Queenstown
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10	Glacier View Motel	Glenfern Villas
11	Breakfree on Cashel	Eliza's Manor on Bealey B&B
12	Departure	Departure

The Package Includes:

- 11 nights accommodation as selected, double occupancy
- Meet and greet on arrival in Auckland
- Intermediate 4x4 Rental
- Interislander Ferry Wellington to Picton
- Basic Vehicle Insurance (subject to an insurance excess)
- Travel documentation including day by day driving instructions and recommended activities

The package does not include:

- Any flights
- Road tolls, if applicable
- The \$250NZD security bond taken upon pick-up (refundable if certain conditions are met)
- The \$3500 NZD insurance excess which is held against a renters credit card until vehicle is returned undamaged, returned on time and to the correct depot
- International/domestic air flights
- Meals or beverages unless mentioned in the inclusions
- Personal expenses

Land package 12 days / 11 nights, price per person

DATES	Value hotels 3*	Standard hotels 4*
May 1 - August 31, 2024	\$ 2,899	\$ 3,099
September 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025	\$ 3,299	\$ 3,849

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