

ACCOM.: (A) NOVOTEL ROTORUA LAKESIDE (King Suite)
(B) NOVOTEL ROTORUA LAKESIDE (lakeview)

DAY 05

ROTORUA

(B)

Full day sightseeing. Includes a guided tour of Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, where young Maori are being taught traditional carving and weaving skills. Visit Rainbow Springs to see trout and wildlife, the Government Gardens and the popular Agrodome sheep show.



DAY 06

ROTORUA / WELLINGTON

(B)

Drive south through forests and farmlands to Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls on the Waikato River, continue through Taupo township, a popular spot for golfers and trout fishermen from around the world. Drive around Lake Taupo and along the Desert Road. Weather permitting the mountains of Tongariro National Park, including volcanic Mt Ruapehu, can be clearly seen. Arrive in Wellington late afternoon.

ACCOM: (A) INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL (Superior room)
(B) COPTHORNE ORIENTAL PARADE

DAY 07

WELLINGTON / PICTON / BLENHEIM

(B)

Depart Wellington on the Inter Islander ferry and cross Cook Strait to Picton in the South Island. The last part of the cruise through the Marlborough Sounds is especially scenic. Drive from Picton into the Marlborough Wine Region. This is New Zealand's top wine producing area. Suggest this afternoon either spend time exploring the lovely Marlborough Sounds or wine tasting.

ACCOMM: (A) MARLBOROUGH VINTNERS HOTEL
(B) COPTHORNE CHATEAU MARLBOROUGH

DAY 08

BLENHEIM / KAIKOURA / CHRISTCHURCH

(B)

Travel south following the Coast to Kaikoura, for a Whalewatch tour in a purpose built boat. There is a 95% record of whale sightings year round and other sea life such as dolphins, Orca and seals may also be seen.

ACCOMM: (A) THE GEORGE HOTEL (Premium executive room)
(B) MILLENNIUM HOTEL

DAY 09

CHRISTCHURCH

(B)

A day exploring Christchurch. Suggest walk or take the tram (not included) over to the Canterbury Arts Centre, the Robert McDougall

Art Gallery, the Museum, the Botanic Gardens and visit the International Antarctic Centre near the airport.

DAY 10

CHRISTCHURCH / FRANZ JOSEF

(B)

Travel inland across the Canterbury Plains and through Arthur's Pass in the mighty Southern Alps. The scenery is spectacular with high snow capped peaks all around. Pass through Greymouth on the West Coast. Visit historic Shantytown, where you can try your hand at gold panning and ride the bush railway, before continuing south. Stop and see one of the greenstone factories at Hokitika en route to Franz Josef Glacier.

ACCOMM: (A) TE WAONU LODGE FOREST RETREAT
(B) FRANZ JOSEF HOTEL (Douglas wing)

DAY 11

FRANZ JOSEF / WANAKA / QUEENSTOWN

(B)

View the glacier, a huge river of snow and ice that flows from vast snowfields high in the Alps almost to sea level. Continue south through magnificent rainforests and inland across the Haast Pass. The alpine scenery is awesome. Descend past glacial Lakes Wanaka and Hawea to Wanaka township on the eastern shores of the lake. Travel past Lake Dunstan, across Central Otago sheep country and through the Kawarau Gorge into Queenstown.

ACCOM: (A) HOTEL ST MORTIZ (1 bedroom lakeview)
(B) NOVOTEL QUEENSTOWN (lakeview room)

DAY 12

QUEENSTOWN

(BD)

Free day for your own choice of tours and activities. There is plenty to do in this wonderful alpine resort. Suggest a cruise on the 1912 vintage lake steamer TSS Earnslaw or the thrill of a Shotover Jetboat ride. Dine this evening at the Skyline Restaurant from where there are panoramic views across the lake and surrounding mountains. Access is by aerial gondola.

DAY 13

MILFORD SOUND

(BL)

Full day tour by coach, travelling around Lake Wakatipu and through Te Anau and Fiordland National Park. The scenery is stunning with high mountains and deep valleys carved out by ice age glaciers. There are clear rushing streams and leaping waterfalls set in magnificent native rainforest. Cruise down Milford Sound past Mitre Peak to the open sea. Seals and dolphins are often seen. Picnic lunch served aboard. Return to Queenstown by coach in the evening.



DAY 14 **QUEENSTOWN / MT COOK**

(B) Drive north through Central Otago ascending the Lindis Pass to the Mackenzie Basin. Travel around glacially formed Lake Pukaki and Mt Cook. The afternoon is free. Suggest a scenic flight. The hotel is one of the world's great alpine retreats.

ACCOM: (A) HERMITAGE HOTEL (Top 3 floors – Aoraki wing)
(B) HERMITAGE HOTEL (Aoraki wing)

DAY 15 **DEPART NEW ZEALAND**

(B) It is a 5 hour drive down from Mt Cook to Christchurch Airport, travelling via Lake Tekapo and crossing the Canterbury Plains. On arrival at Christchurch Airport check in for your flight home.

PRICES USD PER PERSON

(A) HOTEL –USD \$4,320 pp. (B) HOTEL – USD \$3,581 pp.
based on double occupancy. Prices subject to changes in the exchange rate.

NOTE: can be taken as a coach trip for several hundred dollars less cost. Daily departures.

INCLUDES:

- Meet and greet on arrival at Auckland International Airport
- Transfers by private car and driver as specified
- 14 nights hotel accommodation on share twin/double basis with breakfast (non-smoking rooms)
- 13 x 24 hours hire of a Toyota Camry or similar automatic vehicle with unlimited kms and daily insurance (non-smoking fleet)
- Touring on a seat in coach basis as specified (non-smoking services)
- Wellington/Picton Interislander ferry – passengers only
- Sightseeing activities and admissions as specified
- Meals as specified
- GST at 12.5% (costs subject to increase should GST % change)

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Meals except as specified
- Use of rooms before/after normal check in/out times
- Items of a personal nature eg laundry, phone calls, liquor etc
- Petrol/oil/CDW insurance for rental vehicle (airport and ferry fees/bond/excess applies - pay direct)
- Additional sightseeing and arrangements
- All car parking charges
- Airfares
- Surcharges that may apply over special events and/or public holidays.
- Airport Departure Tax at NZ\$25.00 per person ex Christchurch

Quote only - no reservations are held. Subject to availability of the accommodation and other services upon which this quote is based when travel dates are set and confirmation is received by this office to proceed with booking.

Please note: The luxury lodges/guesthouses have strict booking and cancellation conditions – which effectively means that they will charge cancellation fees for bookings cancelled inside 30 days of an intended stay. You may want to check their individual websites for details. Travel insurance is recommended.

Tranz Scenic Train Excursion - Cancellations and amendments 14-8 days prior to travel date incur 25% fee, 7-2 days incur 50% fee. Less than 48hrs, after departure and no shows incur 100% fee.

When travelling by self drive rental vehicle you will need to give a credit card Security Bond at the time the vehicle is collected (NZ\$150.00), which is voided if the vehicle is returned undamaged, on time to the pre-arranged depot with a full tank of fuel. Additional insurances are available – please discuss with rental company when hire is initiated.

Budget Rentals have a standard excess of NZ\$2500.00 + GST (NZ\$2812.50) for which the hirer is responsible for vehicle damage regardless of who is at fault. This excess liability can be reduced to NZ\$225.00 + GST by payment of an additional NZ\$25.00 + GST of hire a day direct to Budget Rentals on collection

Drivers will be required to present a full and valid driver's licence in English

GPS units are now available with rental vehicles at extra cost – recommend pre-booking. Pay direct.

Travel Time will be pleased to reserve these if requested - but the customer **must pay for the unit hire direct to Budget Rentals at the time of collection.** Costs are NZ\$11.20 per day, or NZ\$56.20 per week, or NZ\$112.45 per month incl GST. If a customer returns a unit to a location that is not the same city as it was hired and that depot is not one of the GPS participating depots, a one way fee of NZ\$56.25 incl GST will be charged. Where continuous multiple hires are involved, the customer is to take the unit with him/her to use with the second vehicle. Where hires are not continuous the unit must be returned and a new unit hired at the start of the next rental period - a one way fee applies to each hire where applicable.

Interislander amendment and cancellation policy

Amendments / Cancellations / No Shows - will be charged the following percentages of the paid price.

Outside 10 days - no charge

10 - 5 days - 25%

5 - 2 days - 50%

Less than 2 days / after scheduled departure/ No shows - 100%

Sailings that are cancelled are fully refundable

Sailings that are postponed are NOT refundable

Payment Terms - once booking is confirmed, prepayment is required 30 days before arrival in New Zealand. Can be made by International Money Transfer or credit card. Credit Card fees apply in addition to the nett amount quoted above (2% Visa/MasterCard and 3% American Express).