ESCORTED SIGNATURE TOUR - AUCKLAND TO CHRISTCHURCH





New Zealand might be small in stature but it has a multitude of experiences packed within its shores. Escorted touring is an easy and stress-free way to cover a lot of ground in comfort.

This tour will take you from Auckland to Christchurch, and en route you'll see some of New Zealand's most spectacular landscapes. You'll traverse the mighty Southern Alps aboard the TranzAlpine, and move from lush rainforest and ancient glaciers to snow-capped mountain peaks.





What's Included?

18 nights of accommodation as shown or similar, on a room only basis unless otherwise stated

Meals as shown

Arrival transfer in Auckland and departure transfer in Christchurch

All excursions and attractions as stated

Experienced coach captain and tour guide

Maximum of 48 passengers

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Day 1 Auckland

On arrival in Auckland you will be met and transferred to your hotel. There is a welcome dinner with your tour group this evening.

Your Accommodation: Skycity Auckland (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Dinner

Day 2 Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland for 2 nights in the Bay of Islands with visits to the Parry Kauri Park and Kauri Museum en route. A guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds is also included today.

Your Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 3 Bay of Islands

Today is free for you to explore as you please and there are a number of optional activities available.

Your Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of islands (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast

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Day 4 Auckland

Enjoy a catamaran cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock before returning to Auckland. An afternoon visit to the Auckland Sky Tower is included.

Your Accommodation: Skycity Auckland (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5 Rotorua

From Auckland you'll travel south to Hobbiton for lunch and a guided tour of the movie set from the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit films.

Your Accommodation: Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 6 Rotorua

Today starts with a gondola trip and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua before moving onto the Agrodome. Explore the boiling mud pools and steaming geysers at Te Puia before an evening at a Maori hangi and concert.

Your Accommodation: Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

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Day 7 Masterton

Journey along the Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo and then on to Napier, New Zealand's 'Art Deco' city. You then continue south to the Wairarapa, a beautiful cool-climate wine region.

Your Accommodation: Copthorne Resort Solway Park (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 8 Wellington

Visit Greytown before a drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range brings you into Wellington. Enjoy a guided city tour of the nation's capital.

Your Accommodation: James Cook Grand Chancellor (4 Star Hotel) Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 9 Blenheim

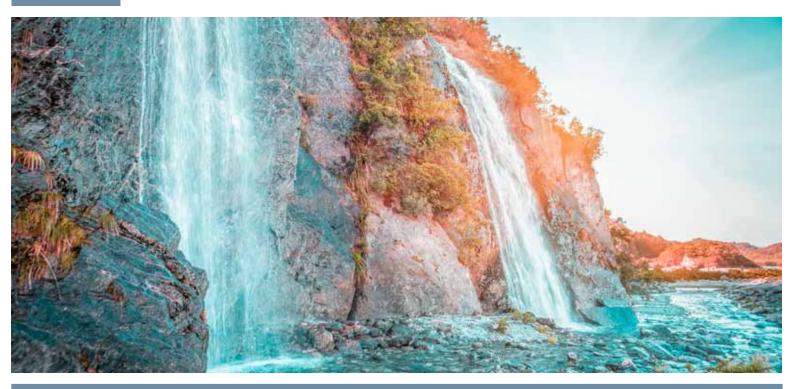
Explore Te Papa, regarded as one of the finest museums in the southern hemisphere before crossing the Cook Strait on the Interisland ferry to the South Island.

Your Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Marlborough (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

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Day 10 Christchurch

Today takes you through the rolling hills and vineyards of Marlborough and along the coast via Kaikoura to the garden city of Christchurch.

Your Accommodation: Distinction Christchurch (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 11 Franz Josef

Traverse the mighty Southern Alps aboard the TranzAlpine, one of the world's most breath-taking rail journeys. You'll cross soaring viaducts and travel through spectacular gorges as you make your way to the west coast. Travel via Hokitika to Franz Josef.

Your Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (4 Star)

Meal(s) Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 12 Queenstown

As you head south, the landscape changes from lush rainforest and ancient glaciers to snow-capped mountain peaks. Your destination is Queenstown, on the shores of Lake Wakatipu.

Your Accommodation: Mercure Queenstown Resort (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast

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Day 13 Queenstown

Today is free for exploration. Your tour guide and coach captain can assist with a myriad of optional excursions. This evening there is a cruise aboard a vintage steam ship, the *TSS Earnslaw*, for a BBQ dinner at Walter Peak Station.

Your Accommodation: Mercure Queenstown Resort (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 14 Te Anau

Enjoy a relaxing morning, before travelling via the old gold mining village of Arrowtown to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland.

Your Accommodation: Distinction Luxmore (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 15 Milford Sound

Travel along the impressive Milford Road to Milford Sound for a memorable cruise. Highlights include Barron Falls and Mitre Peak.

Your Accommodation: Distinction Luxmore (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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Day 16 Dunedin

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'.

Your Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Dunedin (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 17 Mt Cook

From Dunedin you'll travel to Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. If weather permits there is time for a scenic flight over the Southern Alps (additional cost) before arriving in Twizel for your overnight stay.

Your Accommodation: Mackenzie Country Hotel (4 Star Hotel)

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Dinner

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Day 18 Christchurch

As you head back to Christchurch there is a stop at Lake Tekapo, where you'll see the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheepdog Statue. There is a farewell dinner in Christchurch this evening.

Your Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport (4 Star Hotel) Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 19 Departure

Today your tour comes to an end. You will be transferred to the airport.

Please Note: Details are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice. Accommodation is subject to availability, and similar hotels may be substituted.