

**AUCKLAND - WAITOMO - ROTORUA - WELLINGTON - CHRISTCHURCH - MT COOK - QUEENSTOWN -
GLACIER REGION - GREYMOUTH - CHRISTCHURCH
(15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS)**

Day 1 - Arrive Auckland

Welcome to 'The City of Sails', a land of immense and diverse landscape. Upon arrival in Auckland you will be met and greeted by our representative in the arrival hall and transferred to your hotel in a private car / Self-drive clients will pick up the rental car from the airport and drive to your hotel. Visit **Sky tower** in the evening (Entrance cost included) later take a short walk to Viaduct harbour

Day 2 - Auckland

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Auckland city including a visit to **Kelly Tarlton's** Sealife Aquarium and Antarctic Encounter.

Today see firsthand why Auckland is regarded as one of the best cities in the world to live in, as you enjoy this half day tour around the central city and picturesque suburbs. Journey begins with a short trip over the Harbour Bridge to the North Shore before returning to the central city to visit Queen St and the Auckland Viaduct. You will then drive along the scenic waterfront route of Tamaki Drive to the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park, in Mission Bay. A memorial to the first Labour Prime Minister of New Zealand and the founder of the welfare state. Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park has panoramic views over Whenua Rangitira, Auckland city and Waitemata Harbour. This park is a popular wedding and tourist venue, with formal gardens and perfect venue for flying a fabulous array of colourful and creative kites. Then return to downtown Auckland. Highlights: Harbour Bridge, Viaduct Harbour, Queen Street, Auckland Domain, Tamaki Drive, Michael Savage Memorial. (B)

Day 3 - Auckland - Waitomo - Rotorua

After breakfast at Hotel's restaurant you will travel across the rich Waikato farmland for Waitomo. The **Waitomo Caves** region is famous for its subterranean splendour. Beneath the surface of this ancient limestone region is a series of vast cave systems decorated with stalactites, stalagmites and glow-worms. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitomo Caves (entry & guided tour with boat ride is included) and a boat ride through the famous Glow-Worm grotto. Enjoy twinkling lights emitting from the ceiling like stars in a dark night. Later travel across to forest Mamaku Range to arrive at the thermal resort of Rotorua. Your journey to Rotorua will take you through a mixture of farmland, lakeland and forest (B)

Day 4 - Rotorua

After breakfast at Hotel's restaurant, today proceed to **AGRODOME** to witness the Agrodome Agricultural Show, where you will be entertained by New Zealand's performing sheep and other attractions. Later proceed to visit **TE-PUIA** thermal village known for its hot springs, geysers and boiling mud pools. Watch the Maori craftsmen and learn about the traditional arts of carving and weaving and **RAINBOW SPRINGS** to see the flora and fauna of New Zealand. This evening enjoy an authentic Maori Hangi (feast) and Concert. (B, D)

Day 5 - Rotorua - Wellington

After breakfast, start your journey to Wellington via Taupo and along the shore of the huge lake to spectacular Tongariro National Park comprising of massive active volcanoes and site of North Island's ski fields. From the barren land of this plateau, you descend to Palmerston North to the

“Capital City”. , it encompasses a waterfront promenade, sandy beaches, a working harbour and colourful timber houses on surrounding hills. Arrive Wellington by early evening. (B)

Day 6 - Wellington

After breakfast, head for a morning city tour featuring Mt Victoria for 360deg view of the city. See “Beehive” and Parliament Buildings, scenic bays and Lady Norwood Rose Gardens. Your afternoon is free to explore New Zealand’s capital city. A visit to **Te Papa national Museum** is recommended (Included). (B)

Day 7 - Wellington- Christchurch

Fly from WELLINGTON- CHRISTCHURCH. Airfare not included. (B)

Day 8 - Christchurch - Mt Cook

Travel across the fertile Canterbury Plains before arriving at Lake Tekapo. The road to Mt Cook takes you through high country tussock to beautiful Lake Pukaki. You'll hug the edge of the lake for most of the way up the Tasman Valley to Mount Cook Village. Visit the ‘Church of the Good Shepherd’ before continuing onto Mt Cook National Park. (B)

Day 9 - Mt Cook - Queenstown

Follow the shores of Lake Pukaki south to the small town of Twizel before continuing through the historic Central Otago region to Lake Wakatipu and the ‘Alpine Resort’ of Queenstown. The town's beautiful outdoor terrain

Day 10 - Milford Sound

After breakfast, head towards MILFORD SOUND CRUISE (included). This famous cruise gives you an opportunity to see MITRE PEAK which is just out of the water and mile high. Go exploring with a nature guide in the tender vessels and kayaks. You may see fur seals lazing on the rocks and lots of sea birds and numerous waterfalls. Enjoy beautiful landscape with its towering mountain peaks, gushing waterfalls, ink-dark water and sheer cliffs covered in lush native rainforest. Return to Queenstown. (B)

Day 11 - Queenstown

Queenstown is a major centre for snow sports in New Zealand. You have a free day to explore the endless optional attractions available. Queenstown offers bungy jumping, jetboating, white water rafting, gondola rides and much more. Optional activities not included in the tour price

Day 12 - Queenstown – Glacier Region

Depart Queenstown this morning and travel along the shores of Lakes Wanaka and Hawea to the Haast Pass. Continue up the West Coast past spectacular mountain ranges and native forests to the glacier region of Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers and you will feel the excitement and admire the beauty of Nature.

Day 13 - Glacier Region

A full day at leisure to explore this magnificent glacier region. Optional activities include a scenic flight or guided walk on one of the glaciers. Optional activities not included in the tour price. For Self-Drive clients, entry to **the Glacier Hot Pools** is included. (B)

Day 14- Glacier Region – Christchurch

Travel north to Greymouth today and board the world famous Tranz Alpine train (coach passengers only). Ascend through lush beech forests past the alpine village of Arthur's Pass before crossing the spectacular Southern Alps. Cross the fertile farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, and enjoy thrilling vistas over deep gorges as you travel alongside the ice-fed Waimakariri River. Traverse the mighty Southern Alps, where spectacular views of the nature will take your breath away.

Day 15 - Departure Day

After breakfast SIC customers will be transferred to airport in a shared vehicle. Self-drive customers will travel their rental car, drop the car at airport branch and board your flight for onward journey (flight not included).

Hotel Categories:

City	Standard	Superior	First Class
Auckland	Auckland City Hotel or Similar (Standard Room)	Rydges Hotel or Similar (Superior room)	Heritage Hotel or Similar (Superior room)
Rotorua	Ibis Hotel or Similar (Standard Room)	Holiday Inn Hotel or Similar (Standard Room)	Novotel Rotorua or Similar (Superior room)
Mount Cook	Mount Cook Lodge & Motels or Similar	Hermitage Hotel Mt. Cook or Similar	Scenic Hotel Franz Josef or Similar
Queenstown	Heartland Hotel or Similar (Standard Room – NonAC Room)	Copthorne Hotel Lakefront or Similar (Superior room – Non Lakeview)	Millennium Hotel or Similar (Superior room)
Glacier Region	Bella Vista Motel or Similar	Rainforest Retreat or Similar	Scenic Hotel Franz Josef or Similar
Wellington	Mercure Wellington Abel	Novotel Wellington or Similar	Intercontinental

	Tasman Hotel or Similar		Wellington or Similar
Christchurch	Heartland Hotel Cotswold Christchurch or Similar (Standard Room or Motel Unit)	Rydges Hotel Christchurch or Similar (Superior room)	Novotel or Similar (Superior room)
Car Type	Compact	Compact	Compact
Name	1x Toyota Corolla hatchback or similar	1x Toyota Corolla hatchback or similar	1x Toyota Corolla hatchback or similar