

17 Day Explorer Tour

NEW ZEALAND

South Island - North Island & BAY OF ISLANDS

Departs: Thursday 6th October 2022

Also Includes:

FLIGHTS TO/FROM New Zealand
FREE Pickup from Most Major Towns
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Departs: Tuesday 6th October '22

Price: \$6112 per person, based on Twin Share
(Single Supplement \$1,650)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- * Haggis Ceremony & Gift * Larnach Castle * Milford Sound Cruise & Lunch * *Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- * Lakes District Museum * TranzAlpine Rail Journey * * Cruise on the Interisland Ferry
- * Introduction to Te Papa, NZ's National Museum * Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride * Agrodome
- * Thermal Mud Pools & Geysers * * Traditional Maori Hangi & Concert * Dolphin/Hole in the Rock Cruise * Kauri Museum *
- * Sky Tower * City sights tour of Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington & Auckland

TOUR INCLUDES

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| ◆ Transfers to/from Melbourne Airport | ◆ Departure Tax from Australia | ◆ All Admission fees, sightseeing |
| ◆ Return Airfare Melbourne to NZ | ◆ Luxury 5 Star Coach Travel | Tours & Cruises as per itinerary |
| ◆ Name Badge | ◆ Quality Accommodation Twin / Dbl | ◆ Several Stopovers |
| ◆ Fully Inclusive, No Hidden Extras | ◆ Cooked Breakfasts as per itinerary | ◆ Crew with extensive experience |
| ◆ Top Deck – Milford Sound Cruise | ◆ 3 Course Dinners or Specialty Meals | and knowledge of New Zealand. |
| ◆ Travel Guide (1 per room booked) | ◆ Private Lounge – Interisland Ferry | |

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner (SD) Specialty Dinner

DAY 1: 6th October '22 Home – Melbourne (D)

Today we board a Cardwell's Vehicle and head to Melbourne where we stay overnight before catching an early morning flight. Hotel Best Western Airport Lodge

DAY 2: 7th October Melbourne – Christchurch (B,D)

Fly from Melbourne to Christchurch. On arrival into Christchurch you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. Hotel Quality Hotel Elms or similar

DAY 3: 8th October Christchurch – Omara (B,D)

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, visit The Church of the Good Shepherd and view the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available (time and weather permitting) to enjoy a scenic flight (optional) over the Southern Alps before travelling to Omarama. Hotel Heritage Gateway Hotel

DAY 4: 9th October Omarama - Dunedin (B,SD)

Depart Omarama and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift. Hotel Mercure Leisure Lodge

DAY 5: 10th October Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional). Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Superior Room)

DAY 6: 11th October Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants. Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (2 nights)

DAY 7: 12th October Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain & Tour Guide are available to assist with the many sightseeing options available, including the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or get up close to a Kiwi bird. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner which the chef will prepare in front of you at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown

DAY 8: 13th October **Queenstown - Arrowtown – Fox Glacier** **(B,D)**

Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers. Hotel Heartland Hotel Glacier Country or Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier

DAY 9: 14th October **Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch** **(B,D)**

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to the elegant city of Christchurch. On arrival your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. Hotel Quality Hotel Elms or similar

DAY 10: 15th October **Christchurch - Picton - Wellington** **(B,D)**

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine. Continue to Picton, where you will board the Interislander Ferry for your journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Strait to Wellington. Hotel Ibis Wellington (2 nights)

DAY 11: 16th October **Wellington** **(B)**

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also free to choose your own dining arrangements.

DAY 12: 17th October **Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua** **(B,D)**

Depart Wellington and view the snow capped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as you travel to Lake Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls then travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua. Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (2 nights)

DAY 13: 18th OCTOBER **Rotorua** **(B,SD)**

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at the Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Visit Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. Enjoy some free time this afternoon. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

DAY 14: 19th October **Rotorua - Auckland - Bay of Islands** **(B,D)**

This morning depart Rotorua and travel north via Auckland. Continue via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy an introduction to the Bay of Islands, location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British. Hotel Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge (2 nights)

DAY 15: 20th October **Bay of Islands** **(B,D)**

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands on board a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia for a free afternoon. A range of optional activities are available or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront. This evening is also free and you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 16: 21st October **Bay of Islands - Auckland** **(B,D)**

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei and Dargaville to Matakoho. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening enjoy a final dinner with your new found friends. Hotel Rydges Auckland

DAY 17: 22nd October **Auckland - Melbourne** **(B)**

Time to say goodbye. You'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Melbourne where you will be met by a Cardwell's representative and returned to your respective destinations after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Deposit: \$250 per person

Balance Due Date: 8th August 2022

'Will Share' Passengers: We will endeavour to find another single traveller of the same gender with whom you can share a room. In the event that either passenger finds that they are not compatible they will each have to pay for a single room, if available. If there are no other 'Will Share' passengers, the passenger will have to pay for the single supplement.

Passport: A passport (with 6 months validity from return date) is required by all visitors to New Zealand. If you are travelling on a Non-Australian Passport please inquire with us on Visa requirements.

Electricity: New Zealand has the same electrical current as Australia, as such hairdryers & electric shavers can be used without adaptors.

Clothing: Visitors to NZ should pack for any eventuality. The best way to meet the challenge is to layer clothes that are easy to put on and take off according to the temperature. Most passengers opt for casual slacks or jeans. A light raincoat is very useful for the occasional shower – or when you get close to one of the spectacular waterfalls (your Touring Jacket could be used for this)!

Tipping: Is not expected, however it is at the discretion of the visitor to do so in appreciation of the service.

Money: Travellers Cheques are widely accepted throughout New Zealand. Foreign Currency and Travellers Cheques can be changed at the airports, most major hotels and banks. All major credit cards are accepted through N.Z (VISA, MasterCard).

Goods and Services Tax (GST): A GST of 15% universal tax on all transactions in New Zealand.

Departure Tax: Departure & Airline Fuel Tax from Australia is included in your tour.

Please Note: There are many optional extra flights and cruises available, please contact the office for further information.

Please return the "**Booking & Fitness Form**" (which advises us of your telephone number and any special dietary & room requirements) with a **photocopy of your Passport** (this enables us to reconfirm all your details for your Travel Documents).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Not Included in Fare: * Optional Sightseeing, Morning & Afternoon Teas, Lunches and Drinks. * Passport Fees.

Pocket Money: Be sure to allow for the items not included in tour fare.

Cancellation Policy: Notice given 90 days or more \$500.00 Per Person administration fees &/or all monies paid on your behalf will not refunded – Under 85 days or once tour has departed No Refund given.

Fares & Itineraries: All fares in this brochure are quoted in Australian Dollars. Fares may be updated to international fluctuations or changes in the tour components. New Zealand Goods & Service Tax is included in the Fare. However, policy changes by rail/air/sea operators or changes in Government duties or taxes are outside the control of Grand Pacific Tours. All fares and other discounts travel arrangements maybe subject to availability of seats/berths, as determined by transport companies. No increases apply once full fare is paid. Tour duration count the days of departure and day of return include connecting travel time. Fares shown make no allowance for extra accommodation or transfers necessitated by en-route stop-overs caused by rail/air schedules, strikes or other reasons. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by your travel agent does not constitute receipt of monies by us.

There is no liability on our part in any respect of any monies paid to your Travel Agent unless we notify you (by way of booking Confirmation advice or Payment Receipt Advice) that monies have been received by us. Cardwell's Coach Travel reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received, or the right to accept wait-listed passengers over those failing to finalize in the prescribed time.

Travel Insurance: We can arrange for passengers to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances that may arise (including cancellation fees, medical and curtailment expenses, loss of luggage, early departure from tour due to death or illness etc). Ask your travel agent for details at time of booking.

Itinerary Changes: Itineraries, tours, cruises maybe changed with or without notice due to road or weather conditions, strikes, non-performance by a supplier or any other reason. **Air/Sea/Rail – Carrier Indemnity:** The involvement of the Australian Domestic Airlines or Air New Zealand, TT Lines or the Railways of Australia which may be used in some tours is in the capacity of Carriers only. These Carriers play no part in our tour planning and shall not be responsible for any statements or literature relating to the transport arrangements.

Seat Rotation: To enable everyone to enjoy a similar seating, passengers will change seats daily during the course of the tour.

Luggage Allowance: One medium suitcase per person, size

(Approx 20" x 34") and a maximum weight of 20kg (44lb) plus your travel bag for personal items. There may be an extra charge for over-limit luggage on the Airlines, one cabin bag per person permitted to be carried on the aircraft.

Force Majeure: If by any means of any event of force majeure (which shall include terrorism, pandemic or any cause or event outside our control) we shall be delayed in or prevented from performing our obligations, then such delay or non-performance shall not be deemed a breach or entitle a damages claim. Our obligations shall be suspended whilst such event of forced majeure continues.

Hostess: A hostess travelling with the group will be subject to the approved number of passengers.

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