



# 7 DAYS NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND TOUR

## Day-01 Arrive in Auckland (D)

Arrive at Auckland International Airport. Meet & greet on arrival and airport private transfer to your hotel for check in. Tonight, walk along to a buffet dinner at Fortuna Restaurant (inside SkyCity Hotel Auckland). Enjoy free time on own leisure. Overnight at hotel.

## Day-02: Auckland – Waitomo – Rotorua (BLD)

Enjoy a scenic tour from Auckland to Rotorua, including a guided tour of the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Leaving Auckland in the morning we travel through the Waikato and King Country regions, passing by flourishing farmland and picturesque countryside. Your experienced local driver guide will provide entertaining commentary and point out highlights along the way, such as Rangiriri, where in 1863 a major battle was fought between colonial forces and those loyal to the Māori King. On arrival in the small town of Waitomo, take a trip underground with a 45-minute guided tour through the world famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves, a series of limestone caves formed over 30 million years ago. Learn all about stalagmites, stalactites and other intriguing rock formations as you walk through the caverns, and finish the tour with an enchanting boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto, illuminated by thousands of tiny glowworms.

Your journey to Rotorua continues, passing through the beautiful Fitzgerald Glade where trees arch over the road to form a tunnel of natural greenery. A delicious picnic-style lunch at Roseland BBQ Restaurant is included. The tour concludes in Rotorua, a city where you can view geothermal activity, Māori culture, spectacular scenery and more.

Gain an insight into New Zealand's Māori culture at Te Puia, then experience Rotorua's famous geothermal activity with a tour of the neighbouring Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley - a place where mud pools bubble and boil and geysers shoot steam high into the air. You'll also see Te Puia's woodcarving and weaving schools and see how these ancient Māori art forms are being passed. Enjoy Te Po Maori Concert & Dinner at Te Puia this evening.

## Day-03: Rotorua Sights – Hobbiton (BLD)

Discover of Rotorua's best visitor attractions on this morning Rotorua sightseeing tour.

Then see our agricultural industry in action at the Agrodome, a working organic farm where you can find out all about farming life in New Zealand, watch a sheep shearing display and see sheep dog trials where the hard-working farm dogs show off their amazing skills. New Zealand wildlife and natural scenery is on display at Rainbow Springs Nature Park, where you can get up close to all kinds of native flora and fauna including the famous kiwi, a flightless native bird. Wander through native forest and discover New Zealand birds, fish and lizards (including the ancient tuatara), as well as exotic animals from around the world.

Afternoon, take a half-day tour from Rotorua to the Hobbiton Movie Set and take a tour of the farm that was transformed into a Middle-earth filming location.



### Tour Cost:

Twin : US\$ 3,990 / per person

Triple : US\$ 3,870 / per person

Single: US\$ 4,680 / per person

**Selling Period:** 01 June – 30 Sep 2018

Pax: Min of 10pax / Max 18pax

**Note:** We will have to dissolve any departure of less than 10pax participants on or before 30 Sep 2018.

**Full refund option or seat-in-coach of similar itinerary will be offer.**

During your coach trip your local driver guide will entertain you with stories and information about the region and its history.

Just outside the town of Matamata is your destination: Middle-earth! Sir Peter Jackson and his team knew this private farm would make the perfect spot to build the village of Hobbiton for the award-winning The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit movie trilogies. Take a guided tour and see the picturesque village you saw on screen in living colour before you.

See the Hobbit holes, the Green Dragon Inn, the Party Tree, the Mill and many other structures from the movies, while learning about how the set was built. You might even hear a few secrets from behind the scenes!

Enjoy Buffet Lunch Inside Hobbiton.

After your Hobbiton Movie Set Tour, return to Rotorua. Chinese Dinner at Local Restaurant.

#### **Day-04: Rotorua - Queenstown (BD)**

Breakfast from your hotel this morning. Then, you will be pick up and transfer to Rotorua domestic airport for your flight into Queenstown. **Flight is included on Air New Zealand.**

Welcome to South Island. Meet & greet at the airport and shuttle coach transfer to your hotel.

Tonight experience the amazing Gondola Rise at Skyline Queenstown. Enjoy your buffet dinner at Stratosphere Restaurant and time permitting, 2x Luge Rides will be included.

The rest of today is free at own leisure.

#### **Day-05: Milford Sound (BLD)**

Your coach will provide amazing views of the dramatic skyline as you cross the Main Divide of the Southern Alps, with stunning mountain peaks all around. Stop at Monkey Creek and sample some of the purest water in the world (but watch out for cheeky kea - native mountain parrots!). Travel under the mountains through the Homer Tunnel, a 1.2km passageway drilled into solid rock, then experience The Chasm, a short but impressive walk over footbridges spanning a series of powerful, swirling waterfalls and rapids.

At Milford Sound, board your 1 hour 45 minute cruise and set off to explore the region that Rudyard Kipling called the 'eighth wonder of the world'. Travel the length of the fiord and out to the Tasman Sea, gliding past glacier-scarred rock walls and waterfalls that tumble into the sea. Lush native forest clings to steep cliffs, while wildlife including seals, penguins and dolphins are regular visitors to the icy waters. Mountain ranges surround the fiord, including Mitre Peak which rises dramatically from the depths to a height of 1,692 metres above sea level. Int'l Lunch onboard cruise is provided. After your cruise, return to Queenstown by private coach.

#### **Day-06: Queenstown-Mt. Cook - Christchurch (BLD)**

After breakfast from your hotel, coach journey to Christchurch via Mt. Cook National Park. Travel through the Central Otago region to Lake Pukaki and Mount Cook National Park Village.



Set at the foothill of the alps, you have a close up view of Mt. Cook-highest mountain peak in the country. Descend the mountain range to arrive in Christchurch.

Enjoy brief Christchurch City Tour. Discover the fascinating history of Christchurch on a half day city sightseeing tour. Take in the sights of the central city and its surrounds and see how this beautiful city is recovering from the devastating 2011 earthquake.

Tonight, enjoy your Buffet Chinese Dinner in Local Restaurant.

The rest of today is at your own leisure.

#### Day-07: Christchurch Departure (B)

Packed breakfast will be provided by Hotel. Early morning check out from your hotel and private transfer to Christchurch International Airport for your homebound flights.

Say goodbye to New Zealand! Take with you the most unforgettable and lasting memories of a wonderful New Zealand.

- End of tour services -



#### Flight Details:

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 QF138 31OCT CHCSYD 0625 0805  
 QF 19 31OCT SYDMNL 1225 1730

#### INCLUSIONS:

- Return Economy Airfare on Qantas Airlines
- New Zealand Good & Services Tax
- Accommodation with Daily Breakfast Inside Hotel
- Private Coach Touring with English Speaking Driver Guide
- Meals as specified
- Daily Bottled Water Inside Coach
- All Airline Taxes & Surcharges
- Round trip Private Airport Transfers (In AKL Apt & Out CHC Apt)

#### EXCLUSIONS:

- English Speaking Local Guide
- Any extra meals
- Drinks ordered during meals
- Optional tours and activities not mentioned on the brief itinerary
- New Zealand Airport Departure Tax if any.
- Daily tipping
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, pay movies, room services, mini bars laundries or other expenditures during the tour.

#### HOTEL SELECTIONS:

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**Sky City Hotel** or similar

<https://www.skycityauckland.co.nz/>

**Millennium Hotel** or similar

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/rotorua/millennium-hotel-rotorua/>

**Novotel Queenstown Hotel** or similar

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-5308-novotel-queenstown-lakeside/index.shtml>

**Novotel Christchurch Hotel** or similar

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6592-novotel-christchurch-cathedral-square/index.shtml>

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