

# NEW ZEALAND NORTH AND SOUTH

## ISLAND TOUR



### Duration

12 days - Auckland to Queenstown



### Tour Cost

From £1700

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Coromandel National Park Visit
- Cathedral Cove Visit
- Tour and show at Whakarewarewa Village
- Te Papa museum tour
- Wai-o-Tapu geothermal park
- Blue Springs trek
- Kapiti Island bird sanctuary
- Mt Cook/Aoraki walk
- Lake Tekapo and Lake Wanaka



### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Breakfast for each morning
- Professional tour guide and information
- Maori Carving trip OR shuttle to/from Tongariro Crossing
- Shovel hire for hot beach
- Gondola ride and buffet
- Interislander ferry
- Entrance to all activities not labelled as not-included
- 11 nights accommodation

### OVERVIEW

The ultimate New Zealand exploring experience. Starting from Auckland, experience the fascinating culture and scenery the country has to offer.

Beginning in the largest city in the country, you'll travel along the coast to the Coromandel and its world renowned beaches before turning inland to the unique geothermal brilliance that is Rotorua. Next, head to the largest lake in the north island at Taupo, watched over by the looming Mt Ngaurahoe and the Tongariro crossing. Finally slip down the west coast to the capital of Wellington where you'll cross to the South island.

Upon entering South New Zealand by the interislander ferry, drive down the east coast to the coastal Kaikoura on your towards Christchurch. From the plains of Christchurch, climb to the heights of Lake Tekapo and Mt Cook/Aoraki and gave down over the breath of the south island. Finally cruise through Lake Wanaka before arriving at the bustle of Queenstown for your trip's end.

Beautiful vistas, scenic mountains, volcanoes and serene beaches with many exciting activities included in the price, contact us now to find out more.

#### Day 1: Auckland To Hot Water Beach

At the start of our tour through North Island we head off from the bustle of Auckland along the coast and up through the beautiful Coromandel Forest Park to scenic Cathedral Cove. Here you can relax or undertake in optional sports activities before we travel to the famous Hot Water Beach. Dig your own hot-tub right in the sand and enjoy this geothermal beauty spot.

#### Day 2: Hot Water Beach To Rotorua

Setting off from Hot Water Beach we travel through Whangamata, voted New Zealand's most beautiful beach 2018 on our way to Tauranga. We also trek to the Blue Spring in Putaruru, the source of the majority of New Zealand's fresh bottled water before arriving in Rotorua.

#### Day 3: Rotorua

Today is a real special experience as we spend the day visiting a Maori Village and geothermal spot. A warm welcome, geothermally cooked food and an amazing cultural show will make this an unforgettable experience during your tour. We then stretch our legs in the serene redwood forest hike around Rotorua.

#### Day 4: Rotorua To Taupo

Starting from Rotorua we begin a busy day's trip. First, we explore the thermal wonderland of Wai-O-Tapu where you will be treated to the most unique, colourful displays of volcanic activities on offer. Next, we arrive in Taupo and walk along the magnificent Waikato river to the chilly looking Huka Falls. Enjoy the stunning town before our next day's big excursion.

#### Day 5: Taupo/Tongariro

As we are so centrally situated, we have a choice of activities all setting off nice and early; those after a relaxed day can visit local attractions including the Aratiatia Rapids and Maori Rock Carvings. Those feeling more adventurous can undertake the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, ascending the Devil's staircase and past Mt Ngaurahoe. One of the best one-day hikes available and views to remember forever.

#### Day 6: Taupo To Wellington

Our final day in the north island begins in the buzzing city of Wellington after a hearty breakfast. Here you can visit the spectacular Te Papa museum and take a scenic trip to the nearby Mount Victoria before preparing to cross to the South Island.

#### Day 7: Wellington To Kaikoura

Mid-morning, we will be taking one of the most scenic boat trips between the two islands, cruising through the fjords. Once we reach the South Island, we will head through the Marlborough region and take in some short walks and sea-life as we approach Kaikoura.

#### Day 8: Kaikoura To Christchurch

Rise and shine for a chance to visit some marine wildlife and try some of the delicious food in town. We start the day by undertaking a whale watching tour off the coast, offering a rare glimpse at so many magnificent animals. After lunch we walk along the coast to see the local seal colony before setting off to the city.

#### Day 9: Christchurch

During our time in the big city we travel to the nearby Antarctic station to see the variety of activities they have on offer. Stand on glacial water, see penguins and huskies, trek in an Antarctic vehicle and even survive a snow storm! After a chilly adventure we make our way back to Christchurch where we take a city tour following the city art trail; great sites include the cardboard church and the botanic gardens.

#### Day 10: Christchurch To Lake Tekapo

We leave the city on our way through the scenic Canterbury Plains and detour off to Mt Sunday/Edoras, a key filming location for the Lord of the Rings films. After the relative flat of Christchurch we head into the mountains to the iridescent blue waters of Lake Tekapo. We start by visiting the Church of the Good Shepherd on the very edges of the lake before ascending the nearby Mt John. After working up a sweat we can relax and unwind on the local beach or the extravagant Tekapo Springs (Not-Included).

#### Day 11: Lake Tekapo To Queenstown

Arriving in Wanaka you can take in the massive cool lake along the town's edge, snap that perfect photo shot at the Wanaka tree or take in some kayaking and water-sports (Not-Included). We follow up a relaxing morning driving through Lindis Pass towards Lake Tekapo where we detour for our hike up to the lower lakes of Aoraki/Mt Cook. Snap some shots of the iconic mountain and hear the Kea-birds before we head to Queenstown.

#### Day 12: Queenstown

A free day for those who want to vibe in the city! Either spend the day enjoying the eclectic vibes of the city or talk to our staff about taking a trip down to Milford Sound (Not-Included) in the fjord land outside of the city. Regroup in the evening to ride the gondola up the mountain side and have a dinner and drink high above the city lights for our final night together and some fond farewells.



Ready To Spread Your Wings?

Let Us Help.

Get in touch and we'll call you back to discuss your tour.



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