

New Zealand Explorer

Auckland to Christchurch • 18 Days from \$8090

This amazing journey takes in New Zealand's best in unparalleled style. Visit Auckland, the Bay of Islands, Rotorua and Wellington in the north before cruising across Cook Strait to the South Island for an in-depth discovery of the major attractions.

This itinerary effective 1 April 2010

Day 1. Arrive Auckland

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your centrally-located hotel. The rest of today is at leisure to relax and settle in, or begin exploring this wonderful city.
Two Night Stay: Auckland, Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Day 2. Auckland, Exclusive Experiences (BD)

Enjoy the morning at leisure in Auckland then select from our wide range of touring activities on offer. Perhaps take an Auckland City Sights tour, visit Auckland's museum, explore Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World or embark on a Waitakere Rainforest Adventure.

Day 3. Auckland, Bay of Islands (BD)

Cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge and travel through Warkworth and Wellsford. Visit the Matakoho Kauri Museum then continue via Waipoua Kauri Forest Reserve to Paihia. Tour Waitangi Reserve.
Two Night Stay: Bay of Islands, Copthorne Waitangi Resort.

Day 4. Bay of Islands, Exclusive Experiences (BD)

Today choose from our range of touring options, including a day trip to Cape Reinga at the top of New Zealand and a dolphin watching adventure.

Overnight Cruise Option available tonight.

Day 5. Bay of Islands, Auckland (BD)

Cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock, then return by coach to Auckland this afternoon.
Stay: Auckland, Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Day 6. Auckland, Rotorua, Theme Dinner (BD)

This morning after breakfast, travel south through the Waikato Province to Waitomo Caves for a guided tour of the limestone caverns and glow-worm grotto. Tonight enjoy a Maori Hangi feast at Mitai Maori Village.
Two Night Stay: Millennium Hotel Rotorua.

Day 7. Rotorua, Exclusive Experiences (BD)

Today choose your touring activity and we will include it.

Country Homestay Option available tonight.

Day 8. Rotorua, Lake Taupo, Wellington (BD)

Today visit Wairakei Steam Valley, a unique and fascinating geothermal power project. See spectacular Huka Falls and picturesque Lake Taupo. Travelling south, cross the vast volcanic plateau of World Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park on the way to Wellington, New Zealand's capital.
Stay: Franz Josef, Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Day 9. Wellington, Nelson, Dining Options (BD)

Cruise across Cook Strait to Picton on the South Island, then travel to Nelson. Tonight choose from two restaurants.
Stay: Wellington, InterContinental Hotel.

Day 10. Nelson, Franz Josef, Theme Dinner (BD)

Travel to Westland National Park. Perhaps take a scenic flight over the glaciers (own expense, weather permitting).
Stay: Franz Josef, Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Day 11. Franz Josef, Wanaka (BD)

Today travel through Haast Pass and over the Southern Alps and continue to tranquil Wanaka for an overnight stay.
Stay: Wanaka, Edgewater Resort.

Day 12. Wanaka, Arrowtown, Queenstown Dining Options (BD)

Travel to Arrowtown, visit the Lakes District Museum and continue to Queenstown. Tonight select from 14 restaurants.
Two Night Stay: Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa.

Day 13. Queenstown, Exclusive Experiences (BD)

Today you may personalise your sightseeing by choosing an activity from our extensive list.

Day 14. Milford Sound, Te Anau (BD)

This morning travel to Fiordland National Park and cruise the length of Milford Sound, then drive to Te Anau.
Stay: Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas.

Day 15. Dunedin, Exclusive Experiences (BD)

Today journey to Dunedin and this afternoon choose your touring activity from our wide range of options.
Stay: Dunedin, Scenic Circle Southern Cross Hotel.

Day 16. Dunedin, Mt Cook, Exclusive Experiences, Dining Options (BD)

Visit the Moeraki Boulders then, at Mt Cook, choose your activity. Tonight, select from two restaurants at The Hermitage.
Stay: Mt Cook, The Hermitage. Enjoy breathtaking views of Mt Cook from your room.

Day 17. Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch, Dining Options (BD)

Visit Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd. Then either ride the TranzAlpine train or continue by coach to Christchurch. Tonight choose from three restaurants.
Stay: Christchurch, Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Day 18. Exclusive Experiences, Depart Christchurch (B)

This morning join one of our **Exclusive Experiences**. Your tour then concludes with a departure transfer to the airport.

Departure Dates (NAC18)

2010 Jan. 4, 11, 14, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 4, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24; Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22; Apr. 3, 9, 17, 23; May 14; June 11; July 23; Aug. 27; Sept. 10, 15, 25; Oct. 5, 17, 20, 29; Nov. 6, 9, 14, 17, 20, 26, 30; Dec. 10, 18, 22.

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Value Season Dates highlighted.

| Prices | NZ\$ Per Person | |
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| | Twin | Value Season |
| Tour Code NAC18 | | |
| Incl. Breakfast (x 17), Theme Dinners (x 3) | \$9515 | \$8090 |
| Incl. Breakfast (x 17), Dinner (x 10), Theme Dinners and Dining Options (x 6) | \$10,695 | \$9090 |
| Single Supplement | \$2340 | \$1990 |

Tour Prices Valid to 31 March 2011.

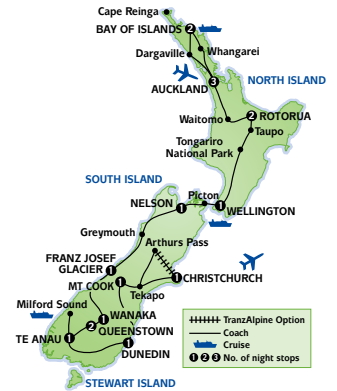


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Experience geothermal energy in Rotorua

Exclusive Experiences

- Choose your sightseeing in Auckland, the Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Queenstown, Dunedin, Mt Cook and Christchurch – included at no extra cost!

Touring Highlights

- Guided tour of Waitomo Caves
- Cruise Milford Sound in style aboard the Milford Mariner

Finest Dining

- 33 meals included
- Fully cooked breakfasts (B)
- Superb à la carte dinners (D)
- Maori Hangi feast & cultural performance in Rotorua

Tour Inclusions

- 17 nights in first-class hotels in central or unique locations
- Stay for two nights in Auckland, the Bay of Islands, Rotorua and Queenstown
- Dedicated Tour Director and professional Driver
- Arrival and departure transfers



Theme Dinners



Dining Options