

15D13n Romance in New Zealand

(Itinerary can be reverse)

DAY01 Singapore/Christchurch

Depart Singapore for New Zealand Tour..



DAY02 Arrival in Christchurch (D)

On arrival in Christchurch - The South Island's largest city, Christchurch is an entertaining mixture of refined lifestyle and cultural excitement, you will be transferred to your hotel. The tranquil Avon River meanders through the city and adjacent Hagley Park, historic buildings house a lively arts community and restored trams make it easy for visitors to get around. Heritage sites, museums and art galleries, Tram & Botanic Garden and enjoy the highly developed restaurant scene you may like to visit after check in.

Dinner at the Garden Court (subject to stay at this hotel).

Hotel: The Chateau on The Park Hotel or similar.

DAY03 Christchurch – Greymouth – Franz Josef Glacier (B)

The TranzAlpine –Christchurch to Greymouth, rated one of the world's great scenic railway journeys!

The TranzAlpine scenic train journey travels between Christchurch & Greymouth, from one coast of New Zealand to the other. From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Your train then climbs into the Southern Alps before descending through lush beech rain forest to the West Coast town of Greymouth. Follow by coach travel south to Glacier Country Franz Josef Glacier.

Hotel: Westwood Lodge or similar

DAY04 Franz Josef Glacier – Queenstown (B/D)

By coach into the Westland World Heritage Park to Haast Pass (Haast is located in the heart of the Te Wāhipounamu South-West New Zealand World Heritage Area. This incredible scenic landscape takes in Westland Tai Poutini National Park, Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park to the east, and Fiordland and Mt Aspiring National Parks further south) then continue to Lake Wanaka and end over at Queenstown.

Make your way to Sky Line Sky Ride Station. Have a romantic night where you can view the Queenstown Lake & Mountain by sunset for your Buffet Dinner with Gondola.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel or similar.

DAY05 Queenstown – Dunedin / Taieri Gorge Train (B)

A coach from Queenstown connects with The Taieri Gorge Limited train via the Maniototo and Strath Taieri Plains. Taieri Gorge Railway can take you from Queenstown to Dunedin, on a special train'n'coach tour. It takes you on a journey through the rugged and spectacular Taieri River Gorge, across wrought iron viaducts and through tunnels carved by hand more than 100 years ago.

With full commentary, photographic stops, comfortable heating in winter and on board refreshments the train offers year round, all-weather entertainment.

Dunedin's dramatic hills surround a long, natural harbour, which attracted Maori settlers to the site over four centuries ago. More recently the area was settled by whalers, gold miners and migrants from Scotland and China. Memorable for its historical architecture, Dunedin is one of the best preserved Victorian and Edwardian cities in the Southern Hemisphere. On the doorstep of the city, you can find incredible wildlife - the world's rarest penguins, a mainland albatross colony, fur seals and sea lions.

Hotel: Dunedin City Hotel or similar.

DAY06 Dunedin – Te Anau (B)

Your coach journey to Milton – high country farming area where then turn Southland (has experienced remarkable growth and development in recent years and boasts a range of world-class facilities, many initiatives of regional benefit and an expanding range of visitor attractions that feature some of the most distinctive landscapes in the country Farming, forestry and horticulture form the region's economic base, but Southland also

has a diversity of manufacturing for export. It is one of the fastest growing tourist regions in New Zealand due to its unspoilt nature and wide recognition of it being a place to restore the soul) to Te Anau.

The eighth wonder of the world

Fiordland was well known to Maori, who have many legends recounting its formation and naming. Demi-god Tute Rakiwhanoa is said to have carved the rugged landscape from formless rock, hewing out the steep sided valleys with his adzes.

From the lakeside townships of Te Anau and Manapouri, you can experience Fiordland in the way that suits your travelling style. Adventurers can embark on kayaking tours of the lakes and fiords; hikers have access to a choice of well known walking challenges; scenery lovers can catch a scenic flight or enjoy lake and fiord cruises; divers can discover rare black corals growing just beneath the water's surface.

Hotel: Luxmore Hotel or similar

DAY07 Te Anau – Milford Sound – Queenstown (B/L)

Milford Sound is simply stunning. It is a natural wonder of world fame. In Maori legend, the fiords were created not by rivers of ice, but by Tu Te Raki Whanoa, a godly figure who came wielding a magical adze and uttering incantations. Milford Sound (Piopiotahi) is without doubt his finest sculpture.

Whatever the fiord's mood - teeming with rain or with sun glistening on deep water - it will inspire you. Nowhere else in Fiordland do the mountains stand as tall, straight out of the sea. In the foreground of the fiord stands the legendary Mitre Peak, a remarkable presence dominating the skyline.

The Milford Road (between Te Anau and Milford) travels through some of the world's most impressive alpine scenery. Our experienced drivers love sharing some of the breathtaking highlights and there is plenty of time for photo opportunities.

The Milford Sound cruise is included with the Lobster Starter & International Buffet Lunch.

After cruise you will be traveling back to Te Anau then return back to Queenstown. Arrive back to Queenstown is about 7.30pm.

Hotel: Rees Hotel (Lake View subject to availability) or similar.

DAY08 Queenstown (B)

A free day for optional- Jet boat, white water rafting, Earnslaw steamer cruises, LOTR etc.

DAY09 Queenstown – Mt Cook – Lake Tekapo (B)

By luxury coach via Cromwell then up North across the Lindis Pass to Omarama then to Mackenzie District which rich in history set amongst some of the most magnificent scenery. Mt Cook - 3754 m New Zealand highest mountain, Aoraki Mount Cook, is certainly dazzling, yet there are twenty seven other peaks in this alpine backbone which peak at over 3050 m, & hundreds of others not far short of that – all making up the famous Southern Alps.

Follow your journey to Lake Tekapo village – on the shore of the country's highest large lake, is in essence the 'spiritual' centre of the Mackenzie District with its popular landmark, the pretty stone Church of Good Shepherd host thousands of weddings since its dedication in 1935. Close by is the bronze statue of a sheepdog, a tribute to the hardy dogs "without the help of which the grazing of this mountain country would be impossible.

Hotel: Godley Resort or similar.

DAY10 Lake Tekapo – Christchurch (B)

Travel across the Canterbury Plains via Fairlie – almost surreal contrast from its rich, green rolling hills & pasture as they respectfully submit to grand, open, shimmering upland & farmland. Before back to Christchurch.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel or similar.

DAY11 Christchurch – Marlborough – Wellington (B)

Board the coach and travel across North Canterbury to Marlborough Picton. This journey is a scenic feast of New Zealand, with the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of your train and the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on the other. Along the way you pass through the village of Kaikoura. Travel through some of New Zealand's finest horticultural and farmland areas, and you may see amazing wildlife such as dolphins, seals and penguins. One of the world's most scenic journeys, travels through 22 tunnels and crosses 175 bridges. Interislander is the New Zealand ferry service which crosses the Cook Strait between the North and South Islands of New Zealand. The 92 km, three hour journey between Wellington and Picton is one of New Zealand's most iconic tourist experiences, and one of the most spectacular cruises in the world.

Interislander operates three ships to carry both passengers and their vehicles: Arahura, Aratere and Kaitaki. All our ships offer a safe, comfortable and affordable journey, as well as a complete range of onboard services. Offering up to 11 sailings a day, passengers also have the convenience of a wide choice of travel times. Your trip across the Cook Strait will be both enjoyable and unforgettable.

Wellington is compact, cultured and full of character. Nestled between the harbour and the hills, the downtown area is ideal for explorations on foot. Enjoy cafes, restaurants, museums, theatre and all kinds of shops.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel or similar.

DAY12 Wellington – Rotorua (B/D)

Your coach will drive up north onto coast Motorway 1 that via Otaki, Levin, Bulls onto Manawatu Region. Real Kiwi culture comes in many forms here. Garden lovers will enjoy visiting some fabulous private and public gardens, including one of the top five rose gardens in the world. In Palmerston North, you can explore the world's first museum devoted to the rugby or see a local drama production. Around Horowhenua you'll find quirky attractions such as an owl park, a farm devoted to Clydesdale horses, and an operational Dutch windmill. Follow The 800 square kilometre Tongariro National Park (a World Heritage Area) is the centre of attraction for this region. It was gifted to the country by the local Ngati Tuwharetoa people, who recognised that a treasure so precious needed to belong to all New Zealanders. Next come to Lake Taupo - This beautiful lake is about the size of Singapore - more of an inland sea really. Before arrival at Rotorua

Dinner – you will be pick up for the Maori Culture Dinner Show.

Hotel: Royal Lakeside Novotel Hotel or similar.

DAY13 Rotorua – Hobbiton + Spa Therapies (B)

Your day tours are available to visit the original Hobbiton village from The Lord of the Rings movie trilogy.

Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre working sheep farm (there are 13,000 sheep and 300 beef cattle on the property) with spectacular views across the Kaimai Ranges.

Your tour guide will escort you through the ten acre site; recounting fascinating details on how the Hobbiton Movie Set was created and what went on during filming.

The Hobbiton movie set has been returned to its natural state, however hobbit holes and some structures from the film set are still present.

After visiting Bag End and the other fascinating Hobbiton Movie Set remains, you will be presented with an opportunity to pet and feed the hand-reared sheep and a demonstration by a professional sheep shearer, followed by hand bottle feeding of lambs in which you are invited to participate.

We will explain all about sheep farming and answer any questions you might have. This is your chance to get a real taste of New Zealand farming.

Polynesian Spa & Therapies Retreat awaits you!

DAY14 Rotorua – Waitomo – Auckland (B/D)

Enjoy a day trip from Rotorua to Auckland through across lush rolling farm landscape to the mystical Waitomo Glowworm Caves. The Waitomo glowworm, *Arachnocampa luminosa*, is unique to New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their unmistakable luminescent light as our expert guides provide informative commentary on the Caves' historical and geological significance.

Over your 45 minute guided tour, you'll take in the spectacular Glowworm Cave with its majestic and ornate cave decorations, the deep limestone shaft known as the Tomo and the equally magnificent Cathedral cavern where New Zealand's own opera diva Kiri Te Kanawa once performed. Your tour guide will deliver an informative and entertaining commentary, sharing stories, cultural legends and the natural wonders of this living masterpiece. Your visit concludes with a brief, yet remarkably moving, boat trip through the Glowworm Grotto.

After lunch (own expense) enjoy a guided tour through the galleries and lofty chambers of the Caves. Your tour culminates with a boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto - lit up by thousands of tiny living lights.

Continue your journey through to Auckland.

Dinner – make your way to Sky City Tower where you will experience the panoramic views from Auckland only revolving restaurant, providing a stunning backdrop to Orbit intimate surroundings.

Hotel: Rendezvous Hotel or similar.

DAY15 Auckland – Singapore

You will be transferred to airport for your home sweet home.

Inclusive:

**Thirteen nights accommodations*

**Tranz Alpine train.*

**Milford Sound cruise day trip with Lobster Starter & Buffet.*

**Gondola with Buffet.*

**Taieri Gorge*

**Ferry crossing Picton to Wellington*

**Maori Culture Dinner Show*

**LOTR – Hobbiton tours*

**Spa Therapies*

**Sky City Revolving Dinner*

**Meals as per itinerary*

**All coach transfers*

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Romance in New Zealand	Double	Double	Double
	5299	5399	5299

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For reservation, **please call for appointment.** – Depart Nov to Mar please book early (less then one month Reservation will be not accepted!)*