

# Bucket List New Zealand

## Trip Map



 Start Location

 End Location

 Over night

 Visited Location

 Cruise

 Ferry

 Plane

 Train

## Day 1 | Arrive Auckland



Kick off your bucket list New Zealand tour in Auckland, the City of Sails. After your arrival team up with your Travel Director and the rest of the group before jumping into adventure with a tour of the city sights. Make your way around the waterfront from central city out to Mission Bay. Have your camera ready for the stop at Bastion Point and the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial – it's the place to get stunning shots of Auckland, the North Shore and the Waitemata. Later, join your Travel Director for a tour briefing and welcome drink.

**Hotel:** President Hotel

## Day 2 | Auckland Your Way



A little bit of leisure, a little bit of culture – and a lot of spots to explore today, your way with Choice Experiences like a 90-minute scenic cruise across the Hauraki Gulf on the Auckland Harbour. Or, learn what it takes to make, shape and be an All Black rugby player. You'll have a blast channeling your inner athlete and testing your rugby skills in our hands-on, interactive zone.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** President Hotel

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**All Blacks Experience - Guided Tour & Interactive Zone** - Learn the story, feel the passion and experience the All Blacks story close and personal. The All Blacks Experience is a state-of-the-art guided encounter that showcases the All Blacks, and our national teams in Black, through exceptional innovation and technology. This full sensory and interactive experience allows New Zealanders and international visitors to celebrate New Zealand's rugby heritage, achievements and culture.

**Adult: 69.00 NZD**

### Day 3 | Auckland - Rotorua



Set off through Cambridge, 'The Town of Trees and Champions,' on your way to Rotorua. Get your bearings before the ultimate New Zealand experience: a guided tour of the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, the leader in kiwi husbandry, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn about their work to save New Zealand's national bird, watch kiwi eggs being incubated and even peek at the adorable newly hatched chicks. Later, another MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - visit a Pounamu (Jade) workshop to see skilled artisans at work, and learn about the cultural significance of pounamu (New Zealand greenstone) in Māori tradition. Choice Experiences abound.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis

### Day 4 | Rotorua Your Way



Go big on nature wowing at the scenic wonders of the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua. You could take a tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set, where you can step into the lush pastures of the Shire, stroll around the 12-acre set past Hobbit Holes, the Mill and into the world-famous Green Dragon Inn, where you'll enjoy Hobbit South-farthing beverage to end your own Middle-earth adventure. Or, relax with the magical two-hour restorative journey spa experience at Wai Ariki Spa. And don't miss your chance to discover Rotorua's spectacular lakes from a fully restored World War II amphibious vehicle accompanied by stories. This evening, you may choose to embark on the Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia. Experience a Maori cultural performance before you dig into hangi-inspired cuisine.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Canopy Tours - The Original Canopy Tour** - The Original Canopy Tour is an experience of a lifetime. You'll be transported to a long forgotten ancient forest just like the whole of New Zealand once was. Experience a low impact mode of transport to get you high in the ancient canopy! In total there are 6 ziplines totalling more than 650 metres, the highlight for most being the jawdropping 220 metre tui song zipline that departs from 22 metres up a 1000 year old tree.

**Adult: 199.00 NZD**

**Hobbiton Day Tour - Ex Rotorua** - Experience the real Middle-earth at the Hobbiton Movie Set, where you can step into the lush pastures of the Shire, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Venture beyond the door as you step inside an interior Hobbit Hole. Located on Bagshot Row, these Hobbit Holes offer an authentic glimpse into the charming dwellings of Hobbits going about their daily lives in the Shire. You will be fully guided around the 12-acre set; past Hobbit Holes, the Mill and into the world-famous Green Dragon Inn, where you will enjoy a beverage.

**Adult: 197.00 NZD**

**Tarawera And Lakes Eco Tour** - Discover Rotorua's spectacular lakes area from the comfort of a fully restored World War II amphibious vehicle, able to travel on land and water. A 90 minute fun-filled and scenic journey that ventures onto the three Rotorua lakes, and is accompanied by an entertaining and informative commentary.

**Adult: 110.00 NZD**

**Restorative Journey** - A multi-sensory experience for the body, mind and spirit, The Restorative Journey is a unique spa experience of rejuvenation and cultural immersion. A 2-hour wellness journey incorporating thermal heat, water, mud, and steam.

**Adult: 175.00 NZD**

**Te Po at Te Puia** - Delve deep into Maori culture and traditions at Te Puia. Be welcomed by a powerful pōhiri (ceremonial welcome), followed by a cultural performance including waiata, mōteatea, poi, and haka. Journey into the geothermal valley and enjoy a hot chocolate seated on naturally heated rock terraces overlooking the dramatically lit Pōhutu Geyser, followed by a delicious buffet dinner featuring seafood, locally sourced produce, and authentic Māori hāngī dishes.

**Adult: 195.00 NZD**

## Day 5 | Rotorua - Queenstown



Travel back to Auckland by coach on your bucket list New Zealand tour for your flight to Queenstown, adventure capital of the world. Wind around the shores of Lake Wakatipu and get your bearings for what's to come. Perhaps choose tonight to use your included voucher at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers. Internal flight included Auckland-Queenstown.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites

## Day 6 | Queenstown Your Way



Thrill-seekers, foodies and outdoor enthusiasts are all in for a treat: today and tomorrow are all about taking in Queenstown and its world-famous adventures how you choose. Movie buffs can get the best of both worlds on a scenic tour of Glenorchy to discover iconic Lord of the Rings filming locations. Wine-lovers can join a Boutique Wine Tour of Queenstown, sampling Central Otago's signature Pinot Noir and more at four vineyards. After a day of activity, choose to sit back and relax on an evening cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard a high-speed catamaran to Walter Peak Station, where you'll sit down to a mouth-watering BBQ dinner and farm show at the Colonel's Homestead.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites

## CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Pure Glenorchy - Lord Of The Rings Scenic Tour** - Lord of The Rings Scenic Tour: Visit the stunning locations from The Lord of The Rings. Encounter Isengard, Lothlorien Forest, The Misty Mountains, Ithilien and many more. Experience the absolute beauty of the Dart River Valley and our closest world heritage area. Learn about the remarkable history and unique culture of Glenorchy. Our tour features some of the world's most spectacular scenery visiting Mt. Aspiring World Heritage Area, Glenorchy, The Dart River Valley and Paradise. Encounter ancient beech forest, braided rivers and glacier carved valleys.

**Adult: 199.00 NZD**

**TSS Earnslaw Cruise, Gourmet BBQ and Farm Show** - For a dining experience like no other, cruise across Lake Wakatipu and discover Queenstown's incomparable fine dining destination. Cruise to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Once at the

lakeside Colonel's Homestead Restaurant savour the delicious aromas as the chef has the best of local produce sizzling away on the grill. An entertaining farm demonstration is also included or you can explore the beautiful lakeside gardens.

**Adult: 199.00 NZD**

**Million Dollar Cruise** - Remarkable views, a genuine welcome, and a true taste of Queenstown. Take a classic cruise through Queenstown's most iconic scenery. Aboard a locally owned vessel with history and heart, you'll glide across Lake Wakatipu with uninterrupted 360-degree views — from the towering Remarkables to tucked-away bays, lakeside homes, and the charm of the town itself. Million Dollar Cruise is all about good views, good company, and the kind of relaxed experience you'll quietly treasure.

**Adult: 79.00 NZD**

**Appellation Wine Tours - Boutique Wine Tour** - Discover the flavours of Central Otago on the Boutique Wine Tour. Enjoy a guided tasting tour through three stunning wine sub-regions: Gibbston, Bannockburn, and Cromwell. Visit four boutique vineyards, enjoy cool-climate wines, and savour a locally sourced platter lunch with wine pairings.

**Adult: 279.00 NZD**

**Milford Sound Day Trip** - The easiest way to experience Milford Sound from Queenstown. Travel to Milford Sound in a premium glass-roof coach, with scenic stops, then join the Milford Sound Nature Cruise to explore the fiord. Onboard you will enjoy a delicious picnic lunch. Duration up to 12 hours 30 minutes.

**Adult: 295.00 NZD**

## Day 7 | Queenstown Your Way



The roll-call of activities you can sign up for is near endless. Tick a must-see South Island icon off your bucket list and join the day trip to the Fiordland National Park, cruising through the show-stopping Milford Sound. Make the most of the region's great outdoors visiting the Kiwi Park wildlife sanctuary of over 20 species of native New Zealand wildlife. Adrenaline junkies will have their pick of the bunch, with jet-boat tours on the Kawarau and Shotover Rivers, experiencing the famous 360 degree "Shotover Jet Turn". Unwind grabbing a bite and raising a glass to another incredible day.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites

## CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Kiwi Park** - Kiwi Park is a wildlife sanctuary found in the heart of Queenstown. It holds and displays over 20 species of native NZ wildlife in a 5 acre park, all of which are part of nationally managed programmes. Your entry fee supports their conservation work. They offer guaranteed kiwi viewing in our specially constructed nocturnal houses, audio tours, conservation shows and kiwi feedings. Experience conservation in action!

**Adult: 64.00 NZD**

**The Original Jetboat Ride** - Get ready for an insane 60 minute Queenstown Jet boat ride thundering across three waterways travelling at speeds of up to 95kph in the fastest and meanest Jet boats in town. Blast across Lake Wakatipu and down the world-famous Kawarau and Shotover Rivers with 45km of unforgettable thrills, 360 degree spins and adrenaline in one of the world's most stunning locations.

**Adult: 149.00 NZD**

## Day 8 | Queenstown - Tekapo



Set your course to the Mackenzie region with a stop in Cromwell to taste stone fruit at a stall belonging to a local orchard. Get your cameras ready for views across the waters of Lake Tekapo framed by rugged hills and snow-capped mountains. In Tekapo, see the Church of the Good Shepherd and the bronze statue of a collie dog, the touching tribute to the sheepdogs which helped develop the Mackenzie Country. Later, take your pick of ways to explore to take in the stunning region. See Mount Cook National Park from the air soaring over New Zealand's highest peak and on to Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. Tonight, choose to view Tekapo's world renowned UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve viewing amazing constellations that can only be seen in the southern hemisphere, including the Southern Cross, with a local astronomy guide.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Godley

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Crater Experience at Cowans Private Observatory** - Stargazing from Cowan's Private Observatory, nestled away in a purpose-built crater. Designed specifically with stargazing in mind, the Crater Experience is the ideal introductory stargazing experience in Takapō. The Crater Experience runs after dark for 1 hour 15 minutes and includes transport to and from Cowan's Private Observatory, the direction of expert astronomy guides and guided viewing through telescopes.

**Adult: 129.00 NZD**

**Air Safaris - Grand Traverse Scenic Flight** - Explore the alpine wonderland of the Southern Alps' highest peaks and glacial lakes on this 45-minute scenic flight, including Murchison Glacier, Tasman Glacier, Main Divide, Franz Josef Glacier, Fox Glacier, westland coastal rainforests and Mount Cook.

**Adult: 495.00 NZD**

## Day 9 | Tekapo - Christchurch



Get an early start to watch the sun rise over the lake or sleep in before heading north to Christchurch via Ashburton. In Christchurch, bid farewell to New Zealand.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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