# Best of New Zealand



## Jan 17-30, 2025

## 14-Day Guided Tour from Auckland to Queenstown

Discover the best of New Zealand...top to bottom! Explore untamed land that boasts soaring mountains, lush rainforests, and stunning fiords. Travel through North Island's Bay of Plenty, visit Rotorua's shooting geysers, South Island's soaring Southern Alps, and charming Christchurch. Admire incredible views of the Franz Josef Glacier, warm your toes in natural hot springs, and partake in all of the fun that Queenstown, the "Adventure Capital of the World". You'll also enjoy a special barbeque on a local farm and dinner at a New Zealand family's home.

New Zealand has it all: Glaciers, Fjords, rainforests, waterfalls, towering mountains, geothermal pools, local farms, plains, beautiful beaches and so much more!

## **Tour Highlights and inclusions:**

- Fully hosted by an expert Globus guide along with local guides
- ♦ Comfortable travel in an air-conditioned motorcoach
- ♦ 13-nights accommodations, taxes and luggage handling included
- ♦ 13 Breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- ♦ Sightseeing cruise on Bay of Islands
- ♦ Wellington Cable Car Ride and visit botanical gardens
- ♦ Visit National Kiwi Hatchery
- ♦ Visit local farm and enjoy *farm to table* lunch
- Scenic Gondola to top of Bob's Peak enjoy dinner and spectacular views of Queenstown & surroundings landscapes
- ♦ View Geothermal Wonders on drive from Bay of Plenty and Rotorua
- ♦ Intra-tour flight from Wellington to Queenstown
- ♦ New Zealand's Tranz Alpine train through the South Island's Canterbury Plains and soaring mountain peaks-HIGHLIGHT!
- Tours of Auckland, Queenstown, Wellington, Christchurch
- ♦ Visit New Zealand's largest wine cave and winery
- ♦ Cruise Fjordland National Park view glaciers, waterfalls, towering rock walls & dense rainforests
- ♦ Full day of Free time in Queenstown, plus other afternoon's and evenings of Free time!

## **Activity level: Easy/Moderate walking**

Price: \$5537 per person, dbl occupancy, \$5332 triples, \$7386 singles. Includes intra-tour air & taxes.

Deposit: \$250 per person due upon signing/non-refundable. Final due November 10, 2024.

Optional travel Protection: \$359 per person, highly recommended.

Airfare additional/transfers in New Zealand will be added at a later date.



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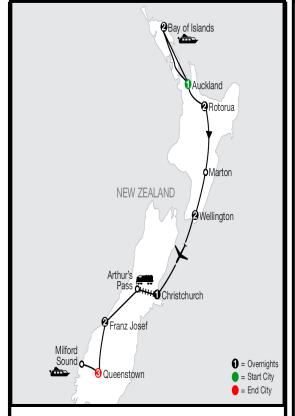
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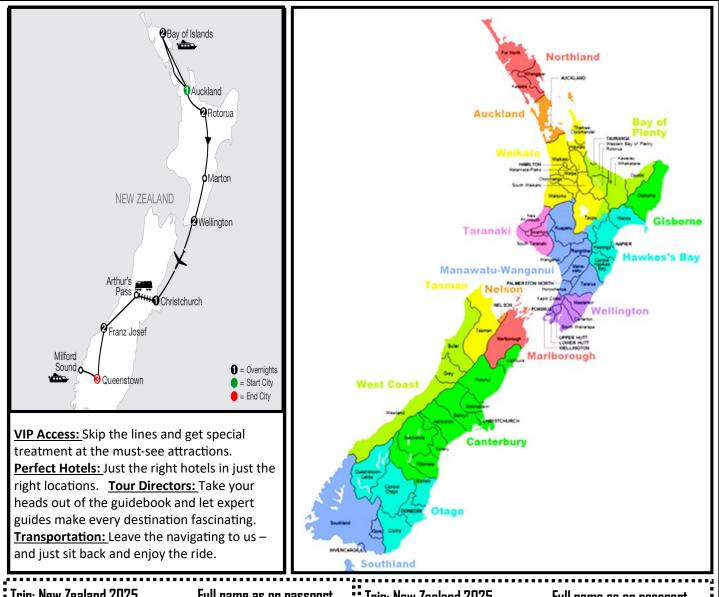
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**Limited Space on this tour!** 



VIP Access: Skip the lines and get special treatment at the must-see attractions. Perfect Hotels: Just the right hotels in just the right locations. **Tour Directors:** Take your heads out of the guidebook and let expert guides make every destination fascinating. Transportation: Leave the navigating to us and just sit back and enjoy the ride.



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<u>DAY 1:</u> ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND A Māori Welcome to Aotearoa, Māori for "land of the long white cloud." Your room is available for immediate check-in. A pre-night is not required for early check-in. Welcome briefing and <u>Dinner</u>.

<u>DAY 2: AUCKLAND-BAY OF ISLANDS</u> Start your day with a sightseeing tour of Auckland, the "City of Sails." See bustling Queen Street, the city's oldest park, Auckland Domain, and historic Parnell Village. Continue to the Bay of Islands, known for its stunning beauty and history. Visit the historic Waitangi Treaty House. **Breakfast & Dinner.** 

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** The Waitangi Treaty House, or Busby House as it is sometimes known, was the site of some of the most important events in New Zealand's history. Enjoy the interactive exhibits, see Māori cultural performances, stroll through the lush gardens, and visit the inspiring art gallery and carving studio; all with stunning views over the Bay of Islands.

<u>DAY 3: BAY OF ISLANDS</u> This morning, embark on a sightseeing cruise. The remainder of the day is at leisure: stroll the beach, explore the island's historic attractions, shop for souvenirs, or just relax. **Breakfast.** 

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** Take in stunning views as you glide through the islands along the Rakamangamanga Peninsula to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. According to Māori legend, local warriors used to paddle through the Hole in the Rock in their canoes before departing for battle. If water dripped on them from the cave's room, it was a good omen. Keep an eye out for dolphins, whales, and other marine life, and have your camera ready. Make an island stop to give you time to stroll along the white sand beach or walk to the top of the hill for scenic views of the Bay of Islands

#### **DAY 4: BAY OF ISLANDS-ROTORUA**

Abundant Adventure Today, travel through the Bay of Plenty region to Rotorua, home to geothermal wonders, adventure activities, and a thriving Māori culture. **Breakfast.** 

**ENHANCED FREE TIME**: This evening, you may wish to join an optional outing to experience an authentic Māori village and culture performance, followed by a delicious Hangi dinner (roasted meats and vegetables cooked underground with hot stones

## **DAY 5: ROTORUA**

The Living Earth This morning starts with a guided tour and visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery. Next, visit Te Puia, Rotorua's most prominent thermal area. This afternoon is at your leisure. You may wish to relax in a natural hot spring, zipline through the forest, or board a floatplane for flightseeing of this beautiful region. This evening, join a New Zealand family for dinner in their home, a unique opportunity to interact with a local family and immerse yourself in New Zealand culture. **Breakfast & Dinner.** 

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** Only about 5% of all Kiwi birds hatched in the wild survive to adulthood, making them endangered. At The National Kiwi Hatchery, you'll see important conservation work in action.

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** NATURAL WONDERS At Te Puia, explore New Zealand's geothermal wonderland, featuring dramatic geysers, bubbling mud pools, and silica terraces. See Pohutu, the largest active geyser in the southern hemisphere, erupting, learn how Māori use the steam to cook their food, and visit the Māori Arts and Craft Institute to see traditional carving and weaving.

## **DAY 6: ROTORUA-MARTON-WELLINGTON**

Wild & Woolly Travel south today through rolling farmlands and pass massive Lake Taupo. After lunch, continue to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. **Breakfast & Lunch.** 

**LOCAL FAVORITE:** COUNTING SHEEP In New Zealand, sheep outnumber people 16 to 1. We'll make a stop in the historic rural town of Marton, where we'll visit a local farm and enjoy a farm-to-table lunch. During your time here, take a tour of the farm, see the animals, and learn about the importance of the sheep industry to the local economy.

## **DAY 7: WELLINGTON**

New Zealand Treasures Our day begins with a sightseeing tour of Wellington. Take a scenic cable-car ride, visit the beautiful botanic gardens, see the famous Beehive and Parliament buildings, and enjoy 360-degree panoramic views of the city and harbour from the top of Mount Victoria. You'll also spend time at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. **Breakfast.** 

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** CULTURAL GEMS Meaning "the treasure box" in Māori, Te Papa is New Zealand's national museum. Here you can explore the great stories of this country, Māori culture, heritage, and history. Learn about WWI, a colossal giant squid, enjoy hands-on displays, and experience New Zealand's many landscapes.



## **DAY 8: WELLINGTON-CHRISTCHURCH**

Legendary Landmarks Fly to Christchurch located on New Zealand's south island. Christchurch was named after the city in England that has the same name and has a history of English heritage. A sightseeing tour highlights some of Christchurch's famous landmarks and spectacular gardens. This evening is at leisure. **Breakfast.** 

## DAY 9: CHRISTCHURCH-TRANZALPINE TRAIN-ARTHUR'S PASS-FRANZ JOSEF

All Aboard in Christchurch Today, take one of the world's great train journeys aboard the scenic Tranzalpine. Spend the next two nights in the small town of Franz Josef, located at the base of the impressive Franz Josef Glacier. **Breakfast & Dinner.** 

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** EPIC RIDE Experience the South Island's striking landscape by taking the Tranzalpine train. From the comfort of first-class carriages, see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmlands, followed by the spectacular gorges and rivers of the Waimakariri River. Your train then climbs into the majestic Southern Alps to Arthur's Pass National Park. The train features large panoramic windows, an onboard café, and in-seat audio commentary. It's a journey of a lifetime!

#### **DAY 10:** FRANZ JOSEF

Ice Sculptures This morning, explore this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage area. Admire incredible views of the Franz Josef Glacier on a locally guided tour. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. **Breakfast.** 

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** SCENIC WONDERS The Franz Josef Glacier Viewpoint Walk takes you through some breathtaking landscapes. Learn about the glacier's history, see what is left behind this majestic giant, and learn the legend of Ka Roimata O Hine Hukatere. After a short walk to the Glacier Viewpoint, be rewarded with spectacular views.

**ENHANCED FREE TIME:** EXPLORE MORE with an optional scenic flightseeing or helicopter tour, relax in one of the glacier hot pools, spend time at the West Coast Wildlife Centre, or pick up a picnic lunch and just take in the gorgeous scenery. This and more options are available throughout your tour at MyGlobus.

## **DAY 11: FRANZ JOSEF-QUEENSTOWN**

Vineyards & Views Our journey today takes us along the coast and the Tasman Sea. Climb through rainforests and over Haast Pass to arrive in Queenstown, the "Adventure Capital of the World." Upon arrival, enjoy a tour and a tasting at a local winery. Tonight, you're free to enjoy dinner at one of Queenstown's many restaurants or cafes and sample some of the regional wines. **Breakfast.** 

**LOCAL FAVORITE:** LOCAL TASTES The Gibbston Valley of New Zealand is known for high-quality wines including Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Rose, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay. We'll visit New Zealand's largest wine cave and the region's oldest vineyard at Gibbston Valley Winery. As one of the region's founding wineries you'll taste some of their premium wines, explore the wine cave, learn about the founding of the vineyard, and enjoy a beautiful setting.

## **DAY 12: QUEENSTOWN. EXCURSION TO MILFORD SOUND**

Today, travel into scenic Fiordland National Park. Boasting some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world, this region of New Zealand has been named as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was famously described by author, Rudyard Kipling, as the "eighth wonder of the world." Late evening return to Queenstown. **Breakfast & Lunch.** 

**NOTE:** The excursion to Milford Sound may happen on Day 13 depending on weather and road conditions today.

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** Cruise on the fiord with sheer rock walls rising thousands of feet from the water's great depths. Experience dense rainforest, towering mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls. Have your cameras ready for marine life such as playful dolphins, seals, and penguins. It will be a day to remember as you experience New Zealand's wild side at its absolute best!

## **DAY 13: QUEENSTOWN**

Timeless Tales & Traditions Enjoy a full day at leisure in one of New Zealand's prettiest towns. Tour some of the sights used to film The Lord of the Rings trilogy, shop for souvenirs, or take a thrilling jetboat ride on the dart river. This evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner. **Breakfast & Dinner.** 

**TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** EPIC RIDE This evening, take a scenic gondola ride to the top of Bob's Peak where you'll enjoy a delicious dinner and breathtaking views of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu, and the Remarkable Mountains. Make sure to have your camera ready for fantastic photo opportunities.

## **DAY 14: QUEENSTOWN**

Haere Raa (Māori for "Until Next Time") Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. You may also choose to extend your time in Queenstown and explore more on your own. Extra nights are available for purchase.

Breakfast.

This vacation visits remote regions where some facilities are not up to the first-class standards you expect from Globus. However, the best available hotels have been elected that satisfy our high

