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New Zealand is often referred to as the Adventure Capital of the World and it’s easy to see why. Whether you’re on an organised tour, in a campervan or hopping on and off a bus at your own pace, make sure you don’t miss these amazing activities and tours along the way. Further details can be found over the next 40 pages. See how many you can tick off on your own Kiwi adventure.

**TRAVEL NEW ZEALAND**

**EXPERIENCE AUCKLAND**
- Bridge Bungy
- Bridge Climb
- Americas Cup  
- Sailing Experience  
- Waitheke Island Day Trip  
- Great Barrier Island overnight package  
- Rangitoto Day Trip

**EXPERIENCE Rotorua**
- Tamaki Heritage Experiences  
- Kaituna Sledging  
- Thermal Duo: Wai-O-Tapu & Waitomo  
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour  
- Black Labyrinth Tour (Waitomo)

**EXPERIENCE TAUPO**
- Hukafalls Jet  
- Skydive Taupo

**EXPERIENCE BAY OF ISLANDS**
- Dune Rider - Cape Reinga via Ninety Mile Beach  
- Discover the Bay - ‘Hole in Rock’ Cruise  
- Rock the Boat Overnight Cruise  
- Tutukaka – Ultimate Poor Knights Experience

**EXPERIENCE WELLINGTON**
- Kapiti Island Nature Day Tour  
- Kapiti Island Nature Overnight Tour  
- Kiwi Night Tour  
- Te Papa – The National Museum
Experience Dunedin
- Castle, Peninsula and Wildlife Combo
- Speights Brewery Tour

Experience Queenstown
- Kawarau Bungy
- Nevis Bungy
- Ledge Swing
- Furryk Safari
- NZ One - The Ultimate Skydive
- Shotover Jet
- Routeburn Track Guided Walk – 1/2 day & full day
- Canyon Swing
- Queenstown Powder Packages
- Zip Trek

Experience Franz Josef
- Ice Explorer & Hot Pools Combo

Experience Fox Glacier
- Fox It Up: Ice Climbing Adventure
- Fox Trot: Half Day walk

Experience Nelson
- Remote Coast Overnighter
- Soul Food

Experience Kaikoura
- Whale Watching Kaikoura
- Dolphin Encounter Tour

Experience Franz Josef/Waiau
- Going caving, no seriously... going caving!

Experience Doubtful & Milford Sound
- Overnight Doubtful Sound Cruise
- Overnight Milford Sound Cruise

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WHEN DID YOU START DRIVING FOR KIWI?
2007

HOW DID YOU GET YOUR NICKNAME?
Dancing on a pool table in Franz Josef wearing a rather minimal outfit (man-G)

WHATS ON YOUR IPOD?
New Zealand tunes, pop-rock, reggae, cheese music, Venga Boys, Bonnie Tyler

FAVOURITE KIWI STOP?
Queenstown for social nightlife and Ferg Burger. Milford for its dramatic scenery

FAVOURITE KIWI ACTIVITY?
Skydive Taupo and Cathedral Cove Kayaking

FAVOURITE KIWI MOMENT?
Taking 50 passengers to Mum and Dad’s for a BBQ

MOST EMBARRASSING KIWI EXPERIENCE MOMENT?
Mmmmm… Locking myself under the coach (bag lockers)

BEST SECRET SPOT IN NEW ZEALAND?
Not such a secret but it’s Milford Sound, the best part of NZ!

FAVOURITE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION ON KIWI EXPERIENCE?
Would be Bazil’s in Westport, old school backpackers and the guys that run it (Ray and Steve) are true genuine kiwi lads that know how to look after you

FIVE TOP TIPS FOR TRAVELLERS TO NEW ZEALAND? 1) Get out of your comfort zone and scare yourself 2) Meet new people 3) Talk to the locals (unless they scare you) 4) Try new foods 5) Go big or go home and trust your Driver Guide

FAVOURITE FOOD SPOT
Queenstown- Fergburger, and pies from any bakery

BEST PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
Anywhere on the West Coast of the South Island
The Bay & Cape bus pass will take you through the scenic north of the North Island towards Paihia (gateway to the Bay of Islands) and then on to the northernmost point of New Zealand; Cape Reinga, where two oceans meet.

**MILFORD EXPLORER**

**FR$115**

**QUEENSTOWN ➔ QUEENSTOWN**

1 DAY

Often ranked as the world’s most beautiful place, Milford Sound in Fiordland National Park promises not to disappoint by any stretch of the imagination. It’s an absolute must-do for anyone visiting the South Island.

**GREEN NOT MEAN**

**FR$294**

**PUNAKAIKI ➔ PUNAKAIKI**

MIN 4 DAYS

Perched on the remote West Coast near the Pancake Rocks, this rewarding volunteering project focuses on reafforestation and environmental conservation of the South Island’s unique and beautiful landscapes.

**DEEP SOUTH**

**FR$381**

**QUEENSTOWN ➔ QUEENSTOWN**

MIN 3 DAYS

This is a journey into the deep south of New Zealand. Start with the legendary university city of Dunedin, the wild and wonderful Catlins, Te Anau and the stunning Milford Sound before partying in buzzing Queenstown.

**ACTIVITY PACKAGES**

Leave no stone unturned with these awesome add-on activity packages. Save 5% compared to buying locally!

**Wet ‘n’ Wild – FR $266**

Includes Kaitaki Whitewater Rafting (Rotorua), Kahu Kayaks (Abel Tasman), Shotover Jet Boat (Queenstown).

**Kiwi As – FR $419**

Includes Glowworm Caves (Waitomo), Tamaki Maori Village Encounter (Rotorua), Franz Josef Ice Explorer.

**Adrenalin Junkie – FR $553**

Includes Black Water Rafting, Black Labyrinth (Waitomo), 12000ft Skydive (Taupo) and AJ Hackett Nevis Bungy Jump.

*Available with the Whole Kit & Caboodle/Kitchen Sink/Chilly Bin/Long Drop/Super Funky/Back Yard/Fush ‘n’ Chups/Jandals/Hokey Pokey/Tiki/ Rangi/Zephyr/Funky Chicken/Sheepdog/Top Dog/Kea/Buzzy Bee

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Meet The Fitzy, the absolute crème de la crème of all Kiwi Experience adventures. This epic, all-singing-all-dancing pass will guarantee you tick all the traveller must-dos from gentle strolls around Lake Wanaka and seal spotting in Kaikoura to swimming in the natural hot water at Hot Water Beach. NZ is all about heart-racing adrenalin activities and trust us it has lots of these! For the brave amongst you, Kiwi’s legendary Driver Guides can also sign you up to go zorbing in Rotorua, bungy jumping in Queenstown (the second highest in the world!), glacier hiking in Franz Josef and the blackwater rafting; we’ve only named a few!

With all this adventure and beauty going on you’ll need somewhere comfy to stay, so luckily the guys at Kiwi Experience have teamed up with Base Backpackers to bring you 10 nights’ accommodation at any of their hostels around the country as part of “The Fitzy”. Not only that, we’ve also thrown in all the awesome extras you’d get with the Bay & Cape pass, plus entry to Waitomo Caves. And a free t-shirt! You can thank us later, in the mean time get yourself “The Fitzy” and prepare for what will be a mind-blowing trip.
**SUPER FUNKY**  
Anywhere → Where you started  
Minimum travel time: 27 Days  
Tour Code: AKLSFP

- Visit the sharply-winding canyon of Karangahake Gorge  
- Enjoy stunning walkways high above the rushing water on Ruakuri Walk  
- Take a day trip to the stunning fiord landscapes of Milford Sound  
- Get active in Queenstown, adventure capital of New Zealand... and the world!

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
- Take in the stunning scenery while skydiving over the Lake Wanaka  
- Experience a traditional Maori ‘hangi’ feast and concert in Rotorua  
- Take a surfing lesson in Westport  
- Cruise out to the famous ‘Hole in the Rock’ in Paihia

**FUNKY CHICKEN**  
Anywhere → Where you started  
Minimum travel time: 20 Days  
Tour Code: NZ2CHI

- Check out pretty Tawhai Falls in the shadow of Mt. Doom  
- Explore the outstandingly beautiful Bay of Islands  
- Check out the geothermal attractions in and around Rotorua  
- Take in the spectacular views of Lake Matheson

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
- Hike through the coastal scenery of Abel Tasman National Park  
- Explore the geothermal hub of Rotorua  
- Meet the whales, seals and dolphins in Kaikoura  
- Get back to nature as you enjoy a swim at Nelson Lakes

**RANGI**  
Anywhere → Where you started  
Minimum travel time: 22 Days  
Tour Code: NZDRAN

- Heli hike or take a scenic flight at the magnificent Franz Josef Glacier  
- Go canyon swinging amidst the beautiful scenery of Queenstown  
- Kayak around Cathedral Cove in the Coromandel Peninsula  
- Punting on the Avon River in the revitalised ‘Garden City’ of Christchurch

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
- Check out an amusing and highly entertaining farm show in Rotorua  
- Splash your way down the Shotover River with whitewater rafting in Queenstown  
- Get competitive (and messy!) with a paintballing session in Franz Josef Glacier  
- Breathe in the fresh air with glacier country kayaks on Lake Mapourika

**KEA**  
Christchurch → Auckland  
Minimum travel time: 15 Days  
Tour Code: CHCKEA

- Explore the vibrant waterfront district in Auckland, the ‘City of Sails’  
- Walk Lake Matheson at Fox Glacier and see the nearby Franz Josef Glacier  
- Stroll around Kaikoura Peninsula to spot the noisy seal colony  
- Check out the remarkable sight of Taupo’s powerful Huka Falls

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
- Take a bungy jump or canyon swing over the rugged landscapes of Queenstown  
- Try out skydiving over the geothermal scenery around the resort of Rotorua  
- Go sailing on Lake Taupo, the largest lake in New Zealand  
- Go kayaking out to Split Apple Rock and along to the golden bays.
**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Admire epic views of the lakeside resort of Wanaka from Mt. Iron
- Enjoy a Ruakuri bush walk in Waitomo, famous for its namesake caves
- Visit River Valley, situated amongst towering cliffs and bush-clad hills
- Check out the beautiful scenery of tranquil Lake Tekapo

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Try a skydive over scenic Nelson, the gateway to Abel Tasman National Park
- Go gunging in Rotorua, the North Island's premier outdoors adventure destination
- Swim with dolphins amidst the 144 islands in the aptly-named Bay of Islands
- Saddle up for a mountain bike ride in the beautiful Redwoods Forest

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore swing bridges in the Karangahake Scenic Reserve
- Go crazy in the adrenalin-pumping adventure capital, Queenstown
- Catch the perfect mirror reflection of Mt. Cook on Lake Matheson
- Take an unforgettable cruise into the breathtaking Milford Sound

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Try out skydiving in Taupo with amazing views of the lake
- Visit the Volcanic Centre and the spectacular Tongariro Crossing
- Tie a rope to your ankles and jump off a bridge in Queenstown!
- Get yourself confused in the Puzzling World attraction in Wanaka

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Auckland and enjoy the great food, wine and nightlife
- Enjoy Frisbee golf in the outdoors adventure playground of Queenstown
- Stroll the harbourfront in Wellington, NZ’s capital of culture and cool
- Unwind and relax your bones in Taupo’s natural hot springs

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit Rotorua’s incredible geothermal park to see geysers and mud pools
- Trek in Tongariro National Park, New Zealand’s finest one-day hiking trail
- Take a boat cruise in the Bay of Islands to see the remarkable ‘Hole in the Rock’
- Enjoy the beautiful serenity of kayaking in Franz Josef

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Heaps of scenic photo stops along the route, keep your cameras charged!
- Complete the awesome Cathedral Cove walk in the Coromandel Peninsula
- Take a hike up Wellington’s Mt. Victoria for spectacular views over NZ’s capital
- Enjoy a refreshing swim at Kaiteriteri beach

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Get your heart pumping with blackwater underground rafting in Waitomo Caves
- Launch yourself off a hill in an inflatable ball, or ‘Zorbing’, in Rotorua
- Take a high-speed jet boat ride to the base of Huka Falls in Taupo
- Get involved in a Maori culture evening, complete with ‘hangi’ feast

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**Minimum travel time:** 15 Days  
**Tour Code:** AKLSHE

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**Minimum travel time:** 24 Days  
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**ISIC / ADULTS**

- Auckland → Christchurch  
  
  FR$1,567 / FR$1,614

- Auckland → Christchurch  
  
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  FR$1,159 / FR$1,206

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  FR$1,079 / FR$1,126

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**NEW ZEALAND**
**GEYSERLAND & LAKE**

Auckland → Auckland

FR$408

Minimum travel time: 6 Days
Tour Code: AKLGLA

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Explore New Zealand’s history with a visit to the Karangahake Scenic Reserve
- Check out the museums and cultural attractions in Wellington
- Sunbathe on stunning Hot Water Beach
- Explore the steamy, smelly geothermal town of Rotorua

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- Dig your very own hot pool at Hot Water Beach in the Coromandel Peninsula
- Stroll through Redwoods Forest and admire New Zealand’s nature in Rotorua
- Hike up Mt. Tahuara in the North Island’s premier resort of Taupo
- Get amongst it as you take part in a native bush walk in Waitomo

**BUZZY BEE**

Auckland → Queenstown

FR$1,017

Minimum travel time: 13 Days
Tour Code: AKLBZU

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Be refreshed lake jumping at Nelson Lakes
- Grab yourself a world-famous Fergburger in Queenstown – Mmmm!
- Admire lush West Coast native rainforest and mountain tops in Punakaiki
- See New Zealand’s largest geyser and a real Kiwi bird

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- Grab a surf board and challenge the waves at Westport
- Visit the impressive limestone caves formed from 40 million year old dead fish
- Get a good dose of adrenaline skydiving, bungy jumping or jet boating in Taupo
- Go horse trekking and enjoy the amazing scenery in Westport

**NORTHERN ROUND UP**

Auckland → Auckland

FR$549

Minimum travel time: 10 Days
Tour Code: AKLNOT

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Go seal spotting amidst the dramatic scenery of the West Coast
- Dive into nature with a stop for swimming at Kaiteriteri
- Investigate the pancake rocks at Punakaiki
- Relax on Kaiteriteri’s golden sandy beaches

**SOUTHERN ROUND UP**

Christchurch → Christchurch

FR$799

Minimum travel time: 10 Days
Tour Code: PCNSOU

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Whitewater rafting in the River Valley for a real taste of NZ’s outdoor lifestyle
- Skydive over the stunning lakes and mountains scenery of Taupo
- Hike through the dramatic volcanic scenery of Tongariro National Park
- Check out the surreal filming location for Hobbiton

**OPTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**
- Whitewater rafting on the Rangitata River between Queenstown and Christchurch
- Look out for whales, dolphins and seals in the marine town of Kaikoura
- Get your pulse racing with canyon swinging in the outdoors capital of Queenstown
- Splash out on helicopter hiking at the epic Franz Josef Glacier

**Minimum travel time:**
- 10 Days
- 13 Days
- 6 Days
- 10 Days

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**SELF-DRIVE IDEAS**

Please see opposite page for our favourite self-drive routes in NZ, or check out these other suggestions:
• Auckland & The Bay of Islands
• Coromandel & Rotorua/Taupo
• Auckland to Wellington via the Bay of Plenty, Napier & Martinborough
• South Island West Coast & Glaciers
• Christchurch to Dunedin/Catlins Coast

Our self-drive tours include accommodation, a co-pilot kit with a detailed itinerary, map and handy hints about off-the-beaten track little gems that you wouldn’t otherwise know about.

**DRIVING LICENCE**

A full valid driver’s licence with photograph valid from your home country, otherwise an international licence is required.

**AGE RESTRICTIONS**

Generally the minimum age is 21 years old, but can vary between the car hire company and location. Please check Terms and Conditions with your Travel Expert when making an enquiry or booking.

**CAR TYPES**

- Economy FR $31* per day
- Compact FR $33* per day
- Intermediate FR $36* per day
- Full Size FR $68* per day

* Minimum rental periods and other conditions apply. Prices are subject to currency fluctuations, seasonal surcharges and may change depending on city of pick up or drop off and season. These are a 'From' guide only. Please see your STA Travel Expert for more details.

**DRIVING DISTANCES IN NEW ZEALAND**

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SELF-DRIVE HOLIDAYS

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NORTH ISLAND

SELF-DRIVE

Auckland → Wellington

**Highlights**
- Relax on one of the beautiful secluded beaches in the Bay of Islands
- Discover the bubbling mud pools and geothermal pools of Rotorua
- Sip international, award-winning Pinot Noir in a vineyard around Martinborough

Depart Auckland for the Bay of Islands where you’ll spend two nights relaxing, surrounded by a myriad of secluded beaches. On Day 3, return to Auckland for a night in the city before you head back to nature and the dramatic and unspoilt coast of the Coromandel Peninsula for your next two nights. With native Pohutukawa trees on the western side and white sandy beaches on the east, treat yourself to a refreshing swim. Day 6, it’s off to Rotorua for a couple of nights where you’ll see bubbling mud pools and warm, colourful geothermal pools before heading to the untouched area of Lake Taupo. Arrive in Napier on Day 9 for a couple of nights and take in its Art Deco feel and Spanish Mission architecture before your next stop, Martinborough, famed for its Pinot Noir. Finish up by exploring the many attractions of the nation’s capital, Wellington.

**INCLUSIONS**
- Accommodation: Motel/small hotel/B&B (12 nts)
- Self-drive kit; backpack, selection of maps, 24-hour assistance
- Note: Car hire & meals are not included. Total distance: 1,037km
- Tour Code: AKLNIS

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FR$1,105
13 DAYS

SOUTH ISLAND

SELF-DRIVE

Christchurch → Christchurch

**Highlights**
- Swim with dolphins in the eco tourism destination of Kaikoura
- Admire the impressive scenery of Franz Josef/Fox Glacier and relax on the West Coast
- Get your adrenalin pumping with an adventure activity in Queenstown

Leave Christchurch for Kaikoura. With many activities on offer, perhaps snorkel, swim with dolphins or go white water rafting whilst you’re here. You’ll then be off to Blenheim, known for its wine! Next, travel to the golden beaches and National Parks of Nelson for two nights before heading to Punakaiki Rocks. Arrive in Franz Josef/Fox Glacier on Day 6, where glaciers, tranquil lakes and lush rainforest await, then get daring and try a once-in-a-lifetime adventure activity amongst the incredible scenery of Queenstown. Head to Te Anau on Day 9, a gateway to the wilderness of Fiordland National Park, and stop at Nugget Point in the Caitlins area to see seals and penguins, before arriving in Dunedin on Day 10. Travel to Mt Cook to find mountain ranges stretching across the horizon and finishing up back in the vibrant city of Christchurch.

**INCLUSIONS**
- Accommodation: Motel/small hotel/B&B (11 nts)
- Self-drive kit; backpack, selection of maps, 24-hour assistance
- Note: Car hire & meals are not included. Total distance: 2,140km
- Tour Code: CHCSIS

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FR$1,174
12 DAYS
New Zealand is an absolute joy to drive around in a motorhome, giving you the freedom of the open road. It often seems like there are more campervans than cars here, so popular have they become as a way of seeing this beautiful country. With just three million inhabitants on the North Island and around one million on the South, there’s little traffic to speak of, and you can frequently drive for an hour or more without passing another vehicle – leaving you to enjoy this superlative natural scenery all to yourself.

**Freedom & Flexibility**
With a campervan, you’re in charge and you set the rules. You can plan your route down to the last detail or you can go as you please; there is no set itinerary. Wake up when you feel like it, and decide what to do when you've had a look outside at the weather. No packing and unpacking either, it’s like driving your own hotel!

NZ’s well-equipped campsites and holiday parks can be found everywhere from cities to national parks and right on the beach, and you’ll be given a campsite directory when you pick up your vehicle to make planning easy. In many places, you can even just pull off the highway in a scenic spot to spend the night for free. Check out our great value 5, 10 or 15-night DOC Passes, which give you access to over 200 Department of Conservation campsites.

**Save Money**
Compared to car hire, a campervan can seem like a more expensive option but consider that it’s your accommodation as well as your transport and you’ll soon be saving the dollars. Shop at supermarkets for the best value produce and cook your own meals. Think of the fridge as your own personal minibar, with a bottomless supply of cold drinks and beers – who needs to go to a bar when you’ve got the beach?

**The Perfect Day**
08:00  Wake up, smell the fresh air and get ready for another adventure.
09:00  Fried or scrambled? Get your eggs cooking how you like them on the cooker in your campervan.
10:00  Grab a shower at the campsite (or use your onboard shower if you have one).
11:30  Unplug the water, gas and power (very important this bit!) and it’s time to get back on the road.
13:00  Fix yourself a picnic and find somewhere gorgeous to enjoy it.
18:00  Rock up to your pre-booked campsite or, in low season, just turn up and take your chances.
19:30  Make yourself a delicious dinner or cook outside on the barbecue!
21:00  Grab some beers and make plans.

**Three of our favourite campervan itineraries...**

**Geysers & Surf**
Auckland → Auckland (960kms/600 miles)
Head out of the big city and hang out for a few days in the laid-back surf heaven of Raglan. Travel inland via the spectacular Waitomo Caves and Lake Taupo to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua. Camp right by the beach in Mt. Maunganui before driving the full loop round the Coromandel and returning back to Auckland.

**North to South**
Auckland → Christchurch (1100 kms/685 miles)
Start with a visit to the Hobbiton film set and a few action-packed days in Rotorua and Taupo. Drop down to the Hawke’s Bay wine region and explore art-deco Napier. Camp right on the harbour in Wellington and catch the Interislander across to Picton on the South Island. Go whale watching in Kaikoura and finish up in Christchurch.

**Mountains & Fiords**
Christchurch → Christchurch (2510 kms/1560 miles)
This full loop of the South Island starts with wine tasting in Blenheim and kayaking in Abel Tasman. Drive the stunning west coast road down to the alpine playground of Queenstown, jumping-off point for spectacular Milford Sound. Look for penguin and albatross on Dunedin’s Otago Peninsula and head back to Christchurch.

**Visit**
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All you need to worry about is preparing for an unforgettable free-wheeling adventure, whilst Britz sort the rest! Britz offer a huge range of campervans with everything you could possibly need for your trip; crockery, linen, inclusive insurance, unlimited kilometres, 24/7 on-road assistance and awesome discounts along the way. For travel with peace of mind we recommend the Bonus Pack. Britz’s philosophy is easy – everything you need for your travelling home on wheels. Let the good times roll!

WHY BRITZ?
• Straight-talking prices
• Vehicles for 21 yrs +
• Help’s always on hand with a 24/7 call centre and on-road assistance
• Widest range of vehicles
• Explore even more of New Zealand with Britz Bikes available as an extra hire item with camper hire
• Discounts on multiple hires in Australia and New Zealand
• Heaps of handy discounts on activities and attractions
• For travel with peace of mind, be sure to check out the Bonus Pack

SAVE SOME MONEY!
• Save 5% on long hires over 21 days +
• Save 5% on early bird bookings (120 days or more before departure)

PICK-UP / DROP OFF FROM
Auckland, Christchurch and Queenstown

STANDARD INCLUSIONS
• Unlimited kilometres
• Kitchen & living gear
• Rates include GST (Goods & Services Tax) & all admin fees
• Extra driver fees
• Linen & bedding
• 24hr on-road assistance (toll-free number)
• Vehicle liability of NZ $7,500
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• Free travel wallet – with driving tips & safety information
• New Zealand leading attractions map
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• Britz Travel App – your personal guide wherever you are!
• Driver goes free at Waitomo Caves

HITOP
• Sleeps 3 (1 double, 1 single)
• Minimum hire age 21 yrs old
• Cold water only
• Fridge/freezer & sink
• 2 burner gas stove
• Kettle, toaster, microwave & gas bottle
• Radio & CD player
• Air-con & heating (drivers cab)
• Automatic & power-steering

VENTURER
• Sleeps 2 (1 king or 2 singles)
• Minimum hire age 21 yrs old
• Shower & toilet
• Slide out barbecue
• Fridge/freezer & sink
• Microwave & 3 burner gas stove
• Hot & cold water
• Radio, LCD TV & CD/DVD player
• Air-con & heating (drivers & main cab)
• Automatic & power-steering

FRONTIER
• Sleeps 6 (3 double beds)
• Minimum hire age 21 yrs old
• Fridge/freezer & sink
• Microwave & 4 burner gas stove
• Hot & cold water
• Radio, LCD TV & CD/DVD player
• Air-con & heating (drivers & main cab)
• Automatic & power-steering

BONUS PACK
• Accidental liability reduced from NZ $7,500 to zero
• Extra cover for tyres/windscreen
• No one-way fees (if applicable)
• Picnic table & chairs
• Snow chains
• Pre-purchase gas for cooking & heating
• Portable heater
• Road User Charge Recovery Fee (if applicable)

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MIGHTY CAMPERVANS

If you want a no-fuss NZ campervan adventure that’s done your way and nobody else’s, then look no further! Mighty Campervans promises to look after your purse strings whilst providing safe, reliable campervans, with the added peace of mind that if something goes wrong along the way, Mighty will get on the case! Mighty also has a fleet suitable for all travellers on a budget, no matter what your age, with two to four berths available. All you need to do is grab some mates, maybe a surfboard and prepare for an awesome road trip!

LOWBALL FR$25
• Sleeps 2 (1 double bed)
• Minimum hire age 18 yrs old
• Chilly bin (esky) & sink
• Portable 2 burner gas stove
• AM/FM radio & CD player
• 5-speed manual & power-steering
• Cold water only
• Air-con & heating (driver’s cab)

JACKPOT FR$30
• Sleeps 3 (1 double bed, 1 overhead single)
• Minimum hire age 18 yrs old
• Fridge/freezer & sink
• Portable gas stove
• AM/FM radio & CD player
• 5-speed manual & power-steering
• Cold water only
• Air-con & heating (driver’s cab)

DOUBLE UP FR$46
• Sleeps 4 (2 double beds)
• Minimum hire age 21 yrs old
• Fridge/freezer & sink
• Toilet & shower
• Microwave & 4 burner gas stove
• AM/FM radio & CD player
• Automatic or manual
• Hot & cold water
• Air-con & heating

WHY MIGHTY?
• Perfect for the budget-savvy traveller
• Heaps of handy discounts on activities and attractions
• Vehicles for 18 yrs +
• Help is always on hand with a 24/7 call centre and on-road assistance
• Huge choice of campers (we’ve just listed a few of our favourites here)
• Straight-talking, no nonsense prices and inclusions
• Discounts on multiple hires in Australia and New Zealand

SAVE SOME MONEY!
• Save 5% on long hires over 21 days +

PICK-UP / DROP OFF FROM
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STANDARD INCLUSIONS
• Unlimited kilometres
• Kitchen & living gear
• Rates include GST (Goods and Services Tax) & all admin fees
• Linen & bedding
• 24hr on-road assistance (toll-free number)
• Mighty Light vehicle liability of NZ$3500 for the Lowball, Highball, Jackpot & Deuce (NZ $5000 on the Double Up, and on the Deuce from 01 April 2014)
• Mighty Travel App – your personal travel guide wherever you are!
• Driver goes free to Waitomo Caves

THE ALMIGHTY – ALSO INCLUDES
• Mighty Confident (accident liability reduced to zero)
• Extra cover for tyres/windscreen
• Table & 1 camping chair per person
• Extra Driver Fees
• Road User Charge Recovery Fee
• Pre-purchase gas for cooking & heating

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Travellers Autobarn knows New Zealand and it knows campervans, so you can sit back and chill, knowing you’re in trusted hands and these guys will sort out all the nitty-gritty for you! It’s a fact that a NZ road trip is an absolute must-do when heading to this beautiful country and what better way to do it than in your very own (very affordable) super-funky travelling home? You can pick a car or a camper, pick up from Auckland and drop off in Christchurch, pick up from Christchurch and drop off in Auckland, go for a week or go for a year and go with one mate or two! All you need to do is pack a sense of adventure, get out here and get on the road!

**WHY TRAVELLERS AUTOBARN?**
- Perfect for the budget-savvy traveller
- Heaps of handy discounts on activities and attractions in NZ
- Vehicles for 18 yrs +
- Help’s always on hand with a 24/7 call centre and on-road assistance

**STA TRAVEL EXCLUSIVES!**
- No one-way fees in NZ
- Free beach chairs & tables

**PICK-UP / DROP-OFF FROM**
Auckland and Christchurch

**STANDARD INCLUSIONS**
- Unlimited kilometres
- Standard protection insurance with an excess of NZ $2,500
- 24-hr on-road assistance
- Free extra drivers (up to three)
- Kitchen & living gear, linen, bedding, beach chairs & tables
- Camping guides and maps

* For travel with peace of mind be sure to check out Protection Plus

**PROTECTION PLUS**
- Accidental liability reduced from NZ $2,500 to zero
- Extra cover for tyres & windscreens
- Free Diesel Road Tax
  (Happy Camper Deluxe only)

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**ESCAPE CAMPER**

- Sleeps 2 (1 Queen Size bed)
- Minimum hire age 18 yrs old
- Esky & single burner gas cooker
- Kitchenette with sink & water supply
- Power supply (via powered campsite)
- Air-conditioning
- Sink with running water
- MP3 Compatible stereo
- 4-10 years old
- Power-steering

**HAPPY CAMPER**

- Sleeps 3 (1 double bed, 1 single bed)
- Minimum hire age 18 yrs old
- Fridge & sink with running water
- Power supply (via powered campsite)
- 2 burner gas cooker
- Self contained portable toilet
- Toaster & kettle
- CD/MP3 player
- 8-10 years old
- Power-steering

**HAPPY KUGA CAMPER**

- Sleeps 3 (1 double bed, 1 single bed)
- Minimum hire age 18 yrs old
- Kitchenette with sink & water supply
- Power supply (via powered campsite)
- 2 burner gas cooker, toaster, microwave
- Self-contained portable toilet
- Air-con cabin
- CD/MP3 player
- 6-9 years old
- Manual & power-steering

**HAPPY CAMPER DELUXE**

- Sleeps 2 (1 Queen Size bed)
- Minimum hire age 18 yrs old
- Fridge
- Shower & toilet
- 3 burner gas cooker
- Power supply (via powered campsite)
- Sink with running hot & cold water
- Radio & CD player
- 6-10 years old
- Power-steering

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BASE JUMPING ACCOMMODATION PASS

- Try out Base Hostels' legendary bars for fantastic night life
- Stay in perfectly central locations throughout New Zealand
- Meet like minded travellers in the comfortable hostels

This pass is easy and flexible, meaning you aren’t locked into dates and you can choose how fast you travel – it’s the perfect addition to your transport pass or car/ campervan hire. Stay at any Base hostels or affiliate which offers clean, good quality, fun, centrally located accommodation with modern facilities and great staff. Plus, their bars are legendary, so once you’ve checked in, it’s easy to make a load of new friends! In terms locations, you’re covered all the way from the Bay of Islands to Dunedin.

NOMADS MAD NIGHT PASS

- Nomads central locations are perfect for exploring
- Enjoy staying in some of the best hostels in the country
- Hop the hotspots at your own pace to see the country your way

The perfect way to explore NZ without the confines of planning your journey and booking hostels ahead of time! Choose the number of nights you want to stay with Nomads and move on at your leisure. Nomads hostels are well located in the centre of all the action in most New Zealand cities. Meet like-minded people as you hop from place to place. These comfortable and clean hostels will make your stay in New Zealand relaxed but exciting! Travelling in Australia, Fiji and Thailand as well? Check out page 35.

This is the perfect accommodation pass for those who want to travel at their own pace and leisure. Pick seven, ten or 15 nights and choose from more than 50 independently-owned holiday parks and campgrounds in New Zealand. Located near forests, National Parks and coastal areas, you’ll get the real Kiwi experience as you spend each night surrounded by natural beauty. If you’re looking to keep busy along the way, each site has nearby activities so you’ll never be short of something to do.

INTER-ISLANDER FERRY

- Scenic, quick and comfortable travel between the North and South islands
- Wide range of on-board facilities - restaurants, bars, cinema and shops
- Stunning Marlborough Sounds scenery

The Inter-islander Ferry sails across the Cook Strait separating NZ’s North and South Islands up to five times daily between the cities of Wellington and Picton. The three-hour, 92km journey is considered one of the most scenic ferry crossings in the world, taking you through the picturesque waterways of the dramatic Marlborough Sounds. Offering a convenient and comfortable way to travel between the two islands, there’s also a comprehensive range of onboard facilities to enjoy if you tire of the scenery.
NEW ZEALAND TOURING

TOP 5 MUST-DO’S

1. CRUISE THE IDYLLIC BAY OF ISLANDS
2. RUB NOSES WITH A FRIENDLY MAORI
3. CONQUER THE TONGARIRO CROSSING
4. SIP A SAUVIGNON IN MARLBOROUGH
5. GO KAYAKING IN MILFORD SOUND
NEW ZEALAND ENCOMPASSED
Auckland → Auckland

Immerse yourself fully in New Zealand’s out-of-this-world scenery. Hike its awe-inspiring mountains, volcanoes and glaciers, walk through rugged national parks, kayak in remote fiords, ride through forests on a mountain bike, swim in geothermal hot pools, camp on golden beaches and tour famous vineyards. Adrenaline junkies can get their next fix with optional bungy jumping over emerald lakes, skydiving over pristine islands and surfing Raglan’s crashing waves. This incredible trip will show you all of NZ’s hotspots, unique wildlife and get you face-to-face with Maori culture. This is New Zealand, embrace it.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Snorkel and kayak the Bay of Islands
- Get face to face with Maori locals
- Conquer NZ’s epic Tongariro Crossing
- Get an adrenaline rush in Queenstown
- See the fiords of the Doubtful Sound
- Hike the beautiful Franz Josef Glacier
- Ride the waves at surf hotspot Raglan
- Check out Cape Foulwind seal colony

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INCLUSIONS
Trip Style: YOLO Service Level: Basic
Physical Grading: 3 Age Group:
Recommended for 18-39s Accommodation:
Hostels (10 nts), basic hotels (4 nts),
houseboat (1 nt), basic lodges (7 nts), boat
hostel (1 nt in summer, cabin in winter)
Transport: Bus, kayak, boat, ferry Meals:
23 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 11 dinners
Budget: Allow NZD$350-400 for meals not included
Group Leader: Chief Experience Officer (CEO),
local guides Group Size: Max 20, Avg 16
Tour Code: GAONNZ

YOU MIGHT LIKE:
Upgrade your trip
New Zealand In Style (11 days, Auckland-Queenstown) Fr $3,699
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Abel Tasman National Park
Ferry across the scenic Cook Strait and enjoy views of the Marlborough Sounds and transfer to Abel Tasman National Park, known best for its stunning white and golden sand beaches. What better way to experience Abel Tasman than by staying in the heart of it? Spend Day 11 walking along a coastline track to one of the world’s most scenic beaches. (2B, 2D)

Punakaiki
Take a morning drive through Buller Gorge to the West Coast of the South Island where you’ll see the Cape Foulwind seal colony and admire Punakaiki’s incredible ‘Pancake Rocks’ followed by a night at a beach camp. Show off your cooking skills as you create a group meal together! Opt to kayak into the Paparoa National Park or trek some nature trails. (B, D)

Franz Josef Glacier
Continue along the coastal road towards the almighty Franz Josef Glacier, where you’ll spend the night at a wilderness lodge set in the rainforest. Wake up to a free day for optional activities on Day 14. You can choose to go on various hikes onto the impressive glacier, opt for horseback riding or quad biking. Then enjoy an afternoon of swimming in local hot pools. (2B, D)

Queenstown
Follow the wild West Coast road, snapping the picturesque Lake Matheson as you pass through rainforest and end up at the adrenalin junkie’s heaven of Queenstown; the world’s original commercial bungy jumping site. Go on, we dare you! On Days 16 and 17, maximise the electric atmosphere and endless adrenalin-fuelled opportunities of Queenstown; jet boat, bungy, mountain biking, ski dive or tour a vineyard. Do one, or cram in as many as possible! (3B)

Fiordland National Park / Doubtful Sound
Visit one of the most dramatic and beautiful parts of New Zealand; the amazing Fiordland National Park. This remarkable natural environment boasts spectacular ice-carved fiords, lakes and valleys, spectacular waterfalls and pristine mountains. Take a boat across Lake Manapouri and engage on a guided kayak excursion before spending the night in a lodge on the edge of Doubtful Sound. (B, L, D)

Central Otago
Spend the morning checking out the mining country of Otago and spending tonight in a historic miners’ hotel. On Day 20, drive to one of the best starting points of the historic Otago Rail Trail. Spend part of the day cycling this disused railway route through stunning scenery, making essential stops for local food and wine along the way. In the evening, you can opt to try your hand at luging or curling (or both) at the only year-round curling facility in the whole of Australasia! (2B, D)

Christchurch
Drive through the utterly breathtaking Central Otago, stopping at historic towns to stock up for picnic lunch, before you rock up at the ‘Garden City’ of Christchurch. Enjoy a free afternoon of exploration in this vibrant and increasingly revitalised city. (B)

Kaikoura
Leave Christchurch behind you and head to where the mountains meet the ocean, Kaikoura. This beautiful spot is well-known as one of the top spots in the world to go whale watching. You’ll have a free afternoon which you can choose to spend swimming with dolphins, visiting a colony of southern fur seals or take a scenic flight over the peninsula. If you like birds, keep your eyes peeled for big ocean birds such as albatrosses, petrels and shearwaters. There are also plenty of options to go hiking in the Seaward Kaikoura Mountains, part of the Southern Alps range, which provide an awesome backdrop to the town’s picturesque landscape. (B)

Picton / Wellington
Visit the seal colony before embarking on the ferry from Picton to Wellington today and get deja-vu from the beautiful vistas of the Cook Strait as you make your way back to the North Island. Spend another night in Wellington, where a night on the town might be on the cards as you celebrate your last night on tour. (B)

Lake Taupo / Auckland
Journey through the lunar-like landscapes that lie at the heart of the North Island this morning, with the most dramatic scenery being around Tongariro National Park. Stop in the country town of Tamaranui for lunch before continuing your drive northwards back to your starting point. Your tour wraps up back in Auckland at around 7pm today. (B)
NEW ZEALAND

CONZAD

Group Size: Max 51
Tour Code: CONZAD

Transport:
Recommended for 18-35s
Service Level: Superior
Age Group: 18-35

Inclusions
• 18 breakfasts, 6 dinners

Group Leader: Tour Manager and Driver team
Group Size: Max 51
Tour Code: CONZAD

On the map, NZ might look small, but this country seriously packs some punch! New Zealand is brimming with out-of-this-world landscapes, buzzing cities, unique cultural experiences, quirky towns, divine food and wine as well as electrifying and exhilarating activities; you’d be pushed to find another country that would even come close! This legendary trip, designed exclusively for 18-35 year olds, will showcase and help you fully embrace all of NZ’s classic hotspots in an amazing 19 days, with plenty of free time as well as group activities. All you need to do is chill out and experience NZ’s best.

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INCLUSIONS

Service Level: Superior Age Group:
Recommended for 18-35s Accommodation:
Hotels (14 nts), lodges (4 nts) Transport:
Modern air-con coach with powerpoints for charging
Meals: 18 breakfasts, 6 dinners
Group Leader: Tour Manager and Driver team
Group Size: Max 51 Tour Code: CONZAD

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Go in Reverse & Save Money!
The Big Tiki
(19 days, Christchurch to Auckland) (CONZAD) Fr $2,679
End in Queenstown
The Big Tiki
(17 days, Auckland to Queenstown) (CONZAD) Fr $2,499

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HIGHLIGHTS
• Relax in the beautiful Bay of Islands
• See 360° views from the Sky Tower
• Ride Queenstown’s Shotover Jet
• Tour the iconic Speight’s Brewery
• Check out Ohinemutu Maori village
• Admire the beauty of lakeside Wanaka
• Opt to heli-hike on Franz Josef Glacier
• Admire the beauty of lakeside Wanaka
• Tour the iconic Speight’s Brewery

DAY 01
Auckland / Bay of Islands
Meet up with your Tour Manager and new travel mates and leave the harbour city of Auckland behind. Heading north to Paihia, it’s all about chilled-out vibes, amazing beaches and cool locals. Get acquainted with the ‘winterless north’ by exploring NZ’s native bush at Parry Kauri Park, then indulge in a kiwi favourite of fish n’ chips for dinner. Is there any better way to start a trip? (D)

Bay of Islands
If relaxing and soaking up the natural beauty of the Bay of Islands sounds appealing, then today you can do just that. Chill out and feel the sand between your toes on Paiha’s beach, take a boat cruise through the islands of the bay, jump on the ferry over to the even more relaxed village of Russell, get involved in some of Paihia’s pumping watersports (swimming with dolphins, anyone?), or visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and learn about NZ’s history. Alternatively, you can opt for an exciting off-road tour along Ninety-Mile Beach to include some sandboard surfing down the dunes! (B)

Auckland
Back to the urban attractions of Auckland where you’ll check out some of the city’s key spots, including the glitzy harbourfront, on a sightseeing tour before heading up the iconic Sky Tower for unforgettable 360-degree views of the city. Next up, party time! Make the most of the city’s buzzing nightlife with an included VIP pass at a local favourite nightspot. (B)

Waitomo
Today you’ll check out NZ’s iconic native bird (they’re bigger than you think!) at Otorohanga’s Kiwi House and Nature Park before reaching Waitomo, which is famous for its extensive subterranean cave system. Get into the optional adrenalin activities that are on offer above and below ground before enjoying a traditional NZ-style barbecue followed by chilling at tonight’s lodge accommodation. (B, D)

Rotorua
Head to Rotorua to uncover its awesome geothermal mud pools and geysers and explore the other city sights before visiting a local farm show, a highly entertaining spectacle where you may even be able to get involved in some sheep shearing! Tonight, indulge in a Maori hangi, a traditional meal cooked slowly underground using hot rocks, complete with dance performance. (B, D)

Rotorua / Taupo
Today get an in-depth look at the Maori people’s fascinating and unique culture and history as you check out Ohinemutu Village with a local expert. After a cultural overload, chill to the max and take full advantage of Rotorua’s geographical environment and perhaps splash out on a spa treatment? (B)

Rotorua / Taupo
Make the most of Rotorua and check out its awesome bubbling mud pools before moving on to Taupo’s thundering Huka Falls. As you arrive at the beautiful Lake Taupo, you can opt for a dinner cruise on the lake tonight where you can fish, eat and party well into the night. (B)

Taupo / Wellington
After a morning stroll around Lake Taupo, sit back and enjoy the scenic lunar-style landscapes along the remote Desert Road and the beautiful Kapiti Coast en-route to New Zealand’s capital city, Wellington. Find your feet as you enjoy an orientation walk of this cosmopolitan city’s best bits, including Mt. Victoria. Tonight is all about fun so get your groove on and enjoy an included VIP pass at a funky local nightspot! (B)
09 Wellington
Day at leisure to do your own thing. Maybe hit the shops along Lambton Quay or Cuba Street Mall and shop til’ you drop at the chic markets and shopping districts. Wellington boasts some of the country’s best coffee and cafes so taking a break with a ‘flat white’ is an absolute must. (B)

10 Hanmer Springs
You’ll now enjoy one of the most incredible ferry rides known to man as you leave the North Island and head south for a complete change of scenery. You’ll cruise through the jaw-dropping Marlborough Sounds where mountains covered in lush forest rise straight out of the sea. Have the camera handy as you’ll get some remarkable photos. It’s then another staggering drive through Marlborough’s wine country, down the wild and rugged east coast to see a seal colony before passing through coastal town Kaikoura. From Kaikoura, head inland for the short drive up to Hanmer Springs. Tonight you’ll enjoy Hammer’s legendary hot pools which are, as we’re sure you’ll agree, the perfect way to unwind. (B)

11-12 Christchurch / Hokitika / Franz Josef National Park
Prepare for more outstandingly beautiful views today as you journey south towards Christchurch and then up and over the Southern Alps, stopping at Arthur’s Pass to admire the views. Enjoy a stop at Hokitika where you’ll learn about NZ’s native greenstone and how it’s carved. Later, you’ll rock up at NZ’s iconic glacial spot, Franz Josef, where you can prepare for tonight’s themed party! On Day 12, the day is yours, so hitting the icy surroundings of the dramatic Franz Josef Glacier is an absolute must. However you choose to explore, even if it’s just a gentle hike to the base of the Glacier, you cannot fail to be impressed. If your budget will stretch to it, one of the very best tours you’ll ever do in New Zealand is to jump aboard a helicopter for more challenging hiking higher up the Glacier. As the helicopter drops you off, you’re left to strap on your crampons and grab your ice axe to find a route across crevasses and through ice caves where you can see the blue and white ice to its most beautiful and dramatic effect. (2B, D)

13-14 Wanaka / Queenstown
Today you’ll head through Haast Pass and Thunder Creek Falls before dropping into the lakeside gem of Wanaka and the former goldrush village of Arrowtown before hitting Queenstown, the world’s adventure capital. On Day 14, take a ride on the pulse-racing Shotover Jet boat before fully submerging yourself into Queenstown’s super-fun vibes. By night, Queenstown is absolutely pumping, so start the night out right with an included VIP nightclub entry. (2B)

14-16 Ski Queenstown Upgrade Option
Want to ‘carve up’ some of the great ski mountains around Queenstown? You can if you’re travelling in July or August! Opt to hit the awesome slopes either by ski or board for a full three days! (2B, D)

15-16 Queenstown
Queenstown, a place where anything involving the words adrenalin or adventure is absolutely possible! From bungy jumps to canyon swings and speedboat rides through Lord of the Rings territory, there’s no shortage of things to do. Make the most of these two days. (2B, D)

17 Dunedin
Today it’s a change of scene in the ‘student city’ of Dunedin, where you’ll sample the national treasure and famous beer on a guided tour of the awesome Speight’s Brewery. Dunedin, whose name comes from the Gaelic name for Edinburgh, was founded by Scottish settlers in the mid 19th Century and retains a strong Scottish feel to its architecture. Take a stroll through the streets or head to ‘The Octagon’ for some of the city’s best nightlife. (B)

18 Dunedin / Moeraki / Lake Ohau
This morning check out Baldwin Street, the world’s steepest street, then it’s onto Moeraki to see the massive beach boulders. Next up you’ll stop at Oamaru and Benmore Dam before reaching the oh-so-impressive Lake Ohau with epic views of Mt. Cook and the Southern Alps. What more could you possibly ask for? (B, D)

19 Lake Pukaki / Christchurch
Depart this morning, and get back on the road heading through Mackenzie Country towards Christchurch. You’ll stop at Lake Pukaki, which boasts intensely blue glacial water like you won’t have seen anywhere else in the world, and at Lake Tekapo, where there’s a chance for an optional scenic glacier flight over Mt. Cook. Then you’ll be making tracks for the ‘Garden City’ of Christchurch, where your NZ adventure comes to an end upon arrival. (B)
If the thought of new, exciting adventures is what gets you going then you need to check out this 16-day tour of New Zealand's North and South Islands. Taking in all the big-hitting cities such as Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown, plus the geothermal scenery of the North Island and the mountains of the South Island, you will see this magical country at its finest. Even better, you’ll see it all with young travellers like yourself, ensuring a fun and friendly way to travel. Bungy jumping, skiing, skydiving, beer sampling, chocolate tasting, hiking, cruising and chilling could all be on the menu. Get stuck in and enjoy!

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Unleash your wild side in Queenstown
- Take a thrilling Shotover Jet boat ride
- See Auckland’s iconic harbour
- Taste a Maori hangi in Rotorua
- Pass the ‘Lord of the Rings’ country
- Cruise via the Marlborough Sounds
- See Auckland’s iconic harbour
- Take a thrilling Shotover Jet boat ride

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| Departures from 01 Oct 2014 will spend a night in Christchurch and will no longer visit Hanmer Springs. Additional dates are available, please ask for details. |

**INCLUSIONS**

**Service Level:** Superior Age Group:
Recommended for 18-35s
**Accommodation:** Hotels (11 nts), lodges (4 nts)
**Transport:** Modern air-con coach with powerpoints for charging
**Meals:** 15 breakfasts, 5 dinners

**Group Leader:** Tour Manager and Driver team

**Group Size:** Max 51

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**DAY**

**ITINERARY**

**Day 01**
_Auckland / Waitomo_
Starting in Auckland, the country’s largest and most cosmopolitan city, the stunning landscapes that grace New Zealand will immediately strike you as volcanoes, islands and a truly beautiful harbour are right at your doorstep. You’ll soon understand why this city is known as the ‘City of Sails’ and was home to the famous America’s Cup. Visit the Otoroanga Kiwi House and Nature Park to get up close to New Zealand’s iconic kiwi birds, and then it’s off to Waitomo’s spectacular limestone cave system. Explore this remarkable subterranean world and get into its adrenalin pumping cave activities before enjoying a traditional kiwi-style barbecue.

**Day 02**
_Rotorua_
If you want to experience real Maori traditions then there’s no better place than Rotorua, regarded as the main centre of Maori culture in the North Island. You’ll see spouting geysers, boiling mud pools and hot springs and find out that an ‘interesting’ sulphur smell awaits! After a tour of the main sights, you’ll head to a farm show where you’ll witness some sheep shearing and can even get involved if you’re keen! Whilst you’re in this hub of Maori culture, feast your eyes on a traditional dance performance. Send your tastebuds soaring with a traditional Hangi meal cooked on hot rocks in an underground pit and hear about the mythology of New Zealand’s fascinating indigenous people. This is pure Maori culture, close up! (D)

**Day 03-04**
_Rotorua / Lake Taupo_
Delve deeper into Maori culture this morning and visit Ohinemutu village with a local guide – it’s the perfect way to get in the know. With some free time in Rotorua, take advantage of the city’s awesome thermal environment and splash out with a spa session or treatment, or race down a hillside strapped inside a giant inflatable ball! Wander around Rotorua’s famous bubbling mud pools on Day 4, before you check out the raging Huka Falls where 220,000 litres of water per second surges through a narrow channel and then cascades over the falls. You’ll then have the chance to take a jet boat ride here to get a completely different glimpse of it’s awesomeness. It’s then a short drive to Taupo, a low-key resort town with some of the best trout fishing in the country and incredible views of Tongariro National Park’s three volcanoes. Enjoy Taupo’s breezy pace and later opt for a dinner cruise on the lake where you can fish, eat and party well into the night. (2B)

**Day 05-06**
_Wellington_
Daydream out the window as you check out the incredible and dramatic landscapes along the Desert Road, many of which were used as backdrops in the ‘Lord of the Rings’ book and films. Next up you’ll arrive in the capital city of Wellington where an orientation walk will showcase Mt. Victoria, the city’s funky shops, street festivals, galleries, cool cafes and trendy bars. Experience ‘Welly’s’ electric nightlife this evening with an included VIP pass at a local nightspot. With a full day in this amazing city on Day 6, you’re going to wonder how you can fit everything in. Take a walk along the beautiful harbour, uncover New Zealand’s heritage and culture at Te Papa (the National Museum), take a cable car ride, do the optional Wairarapa Wine Trail or Kapiti quad bikes or simply chill out on alternative Cuba Street. Here you can watch street performers, explore the retro shops, grab some amazing ethnic foods and some of the country’s best coffee. (2B)

**Day 07**
_Hamner Springs_
Leave the North Island behind and head for a change of scenery in the South Island as you embark on one of the most stunning ferry rides known to man. You’ll cruise through the Marlborough Sounds for picture-perfect views. Back on land you’ll drive through the wine country taking in the wild, rugged east coast passing through Kaikoura where you’ll stop off at a seal colony before heading inland to Hamner Springs. Take to the water by night at the Hamner Springs hot pools. (B)

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Christchurch / Hokitika / Franz Josef National Park
You head west today following Arthur’s Pass, checking out more A-class views of the Southern Alps before you stop at the old gold rush town of Hokitika. Here you can see some traditional Maori art and watch authentic carvers work with greenstone before continuing your journey onto the almighty Franz Josef National Park, a true kiwi icon where lush bushland and glaciers almost reach the sea. On Day 9, it’s your chance to experience the famous ice by grabbing an ice pick and heading out for optional glacier walks, hikes or just chill in Franz Josef. Alternatively, you could take a helicopter ride for a view from the air for an even more exhilarating experience. (2B, D)

Wanaka / Arrowtown / Queenstown
Keep your eyes peeled for an abundance of wildlife native to the remote West Coast as you head through the stunning Haast Pass and Thunder Creek Falls. It’s then on to the majestic Lake Wanaka for a stroll around the lake and a photostop. You’ll then check out tiny Arrowtown before hitting the world’s adventure capital, the one you’ve all been waiting for, Queenstown. Cue drum roll... (B)

Queenstown
Wake up this morning with an exhilarating ride on the Shotover Jet before you enjoy Queenstown’s awesome, adrenalin-fuelled vibes, where endless action and adventure await. This place isn’t for the faint-hearted! Tonight grab your mates and dive right into the heart of Queenstown’s legendary nightlife, good job you’ve got a free VIP nightclub entry! (B)

Wanaka / Arrowtown / Queenstown Upgrade Option
Want to ‘carve up’ some of the great ski mountains around Queenstown? You can if you’re travelling in July or August! Opt to hit the awesome slopes either by ski or board for a full three days. (2B, D)

Queenstown
Seriously, where to start? You’re going to have to choose your activities wisely here as you try and cram as much as possible into two days. This is one of the most iconic places in the country with everything from skiing (if in season) to bungy jumping to hiking to sky diving to horse riding to whitewater rafting. You really are spoilt for choice. One thing all these outdoor activities have in common is their shared backdrop of stunning scenery. We’d also like to recommend taking the time to explore the truly breathtaking Milford Sound, one of New Zealand’s gems and a real slice of paradise. Voted as one of the world’s top destinations, it boasts epic scenery of gigantic mountains rising straight from the sea and gorgeous waterfalls pouring down walls of rock to the deep waters of this incredible fjord. Taking a cruise here is one of the best ways to see it in all its glory – chill out on the deck and see if you can spot seals, dolphins, whales and penguins. At nighttime, back in Queenstown, check out the resort’s cool bar and club scene, it’s a quality night out! (2B, D)

Dunedin
You leave the adventure capital this morning and make your way to studentville; Dunedin. By the time you’ve reached Dunedin, you’ll be ready to sample all its delights. Despite its historic appearance, the town boasts a vibrant and young population and they know how to have fun. Before hitting the bars, check out Speight’s Brewery and try some delicious kiwi beer and get an idea for what local delights are out there. After that, hit the bars and party at the city’s best hotspots, including Dunedin’s buzzing central area known as the Octagon. (B)

Dunedin / Moeraki / Lake Ohau
In the morning check out Baldwin Street, the steepest street in the world! Back on the road you’ll be heading on to Moeraki for a look at the massive spherical boulders you find on its shores. Check out historic Oamaru and Benmore Dam before reaching your final stop at Lake Ohau. This NZ beauty is sure to impress and its epic views of Mt. Cook and the Southern Alps are out-of-this-world! Tonight you’ll stay in a lodge by the lake, a beautiful and peaceful experience to savour. (B, D)

Lake Pukaki / Christchurch
Wake up to the sight of the beautiful Mt. Cook from across the beautiful blue glacial Lake Ohau and then jump on a plane in Tekapo, for the perfect end to the trip, and take an optional glacier flight over the mountain. Then head through sheep industry hub, Mackenzie Country, before stopping at Lake Pukaki, Lake Tekapo and Geraldine and finally arriving back in Christchurch where it’s time to say goodbye to your new-found friends. (B)

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- Transport: Custom built bus, ferry, bikes available for hire
- Meals: 24 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 19 dinners
- Group size: Average 18

**DEPARTURES 2014**

Multiple guaranteed departure options in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Jul, Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec

**3 ROUTE OPTIONS**

- Start Auckland, head north first
- Start Auckland, head south first
- Start Christchurch

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore NZ’s best National Parks
- Bike rides through scenic landscapes
- Swim with dolphins in the Pacific
- The world’s best one-day walk
- Learn about Maori culture and history
- Loads of optional adrenalin activities
- Hike the incredible Fox Glacier
- Free wine tasting and gondola rides

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- **Day 01**: Auckland / Hot Water Beach
  Head from Auckland to the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula. There are some spectacular walks and the chance to kayak (optional) to hidden coves. Bring your swim gear for a beachside camp and the chance to dig your own thermal pool. (B, D)

- **Day 02-03**: Tongariro Alpine Crossing / Kapiti Coast
  Experience one of the greatest one day walks - the World Heritage listed Tongariro Alpine Crossing (optional). This hike is unmatched for the variety of landscape. Alternatively, relax or cycle in this beautiful area. Tonight, camp on the Kapiti Coast and enjoy a spectacular sunset. (B, L, D)

- **Day 04**: Picton / Kaikoura
  Head from Picton along the scenic Pacific coast to Kaikoura - where towering mountains plunge towards the ocean. Cycle the coastal route where close encounters with seals and sea birds are common. Go sea kayaking or whale watching. Enjoy locally-caught seafood for dinner. (D)

- **Day 05**: Rotorua / Taupo
  Experience the thrills of OGO, Luge, Agroventures and the only native forest zipline canopy tour in NZ (optional). Go mountain biking or cycling before camping at the foot of dramatic Mount Tarawera. Next morning, visit Wai-O-Tapu geothermal wonderland, followed by cycle and hiking options by the impressive Huka Falls. Relax in the thermal pools at camp. (2B, 2D)

- **Day 06**: Lake Pukaki / Aoraki National Park / Otago Peninsula
  Wake up to white water rafting (optional) on the mighty Rangitata River. Numerous cycle and walk options today through the Mackenzie basin with views of Main Divide. Check out scenic Lake Tekapo before sleeping by the shimmering waters of Lake Pukaki - the perfect spot for a dip. (B, L, D)

- **Day 07**: Kapiti Coast / Wellington / Picton
  Head to Wellington for cool cafés, funky shops and bars and Te Papa museum (optional). Take a movie tour (optional) or simply savour the unique culture of NZ’s capital. Enjoy an evening ferry crossing through stunning Cook Strait to the picturesque Marlborough Sounds with a final stop in Picton. Accommodation is not included but your guide will be able to help! (B)

- **Day 08**: Rangitata Gorge / Lake Pukaki
  Enjoy a spectacular sunrise and a recommended dolphin swim (optional) before going to pick up those starting in Christchurch. Sleep tonight in Shearer’s quarters at the foot of the Southern Alps. (B, L, D)

- **Day 09-10**: Lake Pukaki / Aoraki National Park / Otago Peninsula
  Explore the dramatic snow-capped ranges around Aoraki National Park by foot and bike before heading to your scenic coastal camp. Check out the penguins (optional) before a beach fire and games. Wake to the sound of the ocean before checking out the bizarre Moeraki Boulders and the world’s steepest street! Check out Cadbury’s factory or Speight’s Brewery (optional). Head to camp in the country’s wildlife capital - the Otago Peninsula, home to albatross and penguins. (2B, 2D)

- **Day 11-12**: Otago Peninsula / Milford Sound / Fiordland National Park
  Spend time exploring Fiordland National Park. Take a cycle ride or bus trek before heading to Hollyford Valley - a true wilderness escape. Next day, travel along one of the world’s most scenic routes into Milford Sound for a boat cruise (optional). Hikers get the chance to try one of NZ’s great walks – the Routeburn Track. The lakeside camp is also home to secret glow worm walks. (2B, L, D)

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This four-week trip is the perfect way to experience the outdoor beauty and excitement of New Zealand. Enjoy the thrill of adrenalin-fuelled activities mixed with optional hikes and bike rides - the best way to get off the beaten track. Wake up to amazing sunrises, gorgeous beaches and towering mountains, then fill your days with as much adventure as you can handle. In the evenings, enjoy tasty and healthy meals whilst relaxing by the campfire, watching lakeside sunsets and listening to the sounds of the ocean. Hang out with the locals and like-minded travellers from around the globe.
13–14  **Fiordland National Park / Queenstown**
Today head to the adventure and adrenalin capital of the world - Queenstown! There are endless activity options to suit every taste from hikes and horse rides, to bungy and rafting. Spend two nights in a great lodge, perfect for exploring the region and enjoy a free gondola ride. (2B)

15  **Queenstown / Mount Aspiring National Park**
Last chance to indulge in Queenstown’s activities before heading through the dramatic mountains and rainforest to our lakeside camp with spectacular views of Mt Aspiring National Park. (B, D)

16  **Mount Aspiring National Park / Fox Glacier**
Experience a thrilling jet boat ride (optional) in Mount Aspiring National Park and take to the bike and cycle the dramatic Haast pass with panoramic views of the Southern Alps. Enjoy a “secret” hike as you head to glacier country and Westland Tai Poutini National Park. (B, L, D)

17  **Fox Glacier / Okarito Lagoon**
Get up close and personal with one of the most amazing natural phenomena; Fox Glacier. You can choose to hike, heli-hike or ice climb (optional) this natural wonder. You’ll then make your way along a route rated by Lonely Planet as one of the top ten drives in the world – resting your heads by the campfire near Okarito Lagoon with breathtaking views all around. (B, L, D)

18–19  **Okarito Lagoon / Paparoa National Park**
There’s an early morning chance to spot a kiwi in the wild before heading to the Bushman’s Museum. Check out the infamous greenstone jewellery of Hokitika before setting up camp for the next two nights by Paparoa National Park and famous Pancake Rocks! Ask your guide about the numerous hike and cycle options or take the opportunity to river kayak (optional) through the heart of the National Park before heading to the Abel Tasman. (2B, L, 2D)

20–21  **Paparoa National Park / Abel Tasman National Park**
Head up the coast to arguably NZ’s most beautiful National Park. Stay on the doorstep of the park for two nights to ensure you get every chance to relax and experience the best of this magnificent area. In addition to some highly recommended hikes and bike rides, you get the chance to try canyoning, skydiving, hang gliding, flying an aerobatic plane, kayaking or sailing (all optional) around the park. Compare notes at a great group dinner. (B, D)

22  **Abel Tasman / Nelson / Marlborough / Wellington**
The chance to soak up the atmosphere of this café and arts hub. For cyclists take time to explore the ‘Tasman’s Great Taste’ trail. Then, refreshment time as you head to the nation’s best vineyard region for some wine tasting. Take a scenic ferry ride through the Marlborough Sounds to Wellington. Accommodation is not included but there are some great options. (B)

23  **Wellington / Waikato Region**
There’s time this morning to explore the capital before cruising along the Kapiti Coast to the heart of the North Island. Beautiful river walks and cycle options are available.

24  **Waikato / Waitomo Caves / Auckland**
Head to the limestone wonderland of Waitomo Caves and experience unique black water rafting or a cave walk (optional). Enjoy a local farm walk or cycle ride. After a picnic, travel to Auckland for a taste of the big city life “kiwi style”. Accommodation is not included but your guide will help make arrangements with great options. (B, L)

25–26  **Auckland / Bay of Islands**
Head north to the golden beaches and warm waters of the Bay of Islands. Stop at beautiful beaches to make use of the free sports gear/boogie boards. Explore excellent hikes through the mangroves and thundering waterfalls before star-gazing around the campfire. After a pancake breakfast hit the azure waters with sailing, dolphin swimming, fishing, diving and snorkelling options. (B, 2D)

27  **Bay of Islands / Waiwera**
A day full of adventures and stunning beaches. Head to the giant dunes of Opononi for beach fun and sandboarding (optional). See the giant kauri trees of the Waipoua forest before camping on the Hibiscus Coast. Make the most of the hot pools and water slides right next to camp. (B, D)

28  **Waiwera / Auckland**
After a tasty breakfast by the coast, head back to the ‘city of sails’ for the end of your tour and time to bid farewell to your new friends. (B)
**HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW ZEALAND**

**Auckland → Christchurch**

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**INCLUSIONS**

- Trip Style: Classic
- Service Level: Standard
- Physical Grading: 3 Age Group: Any age
- Accommodation: Hotels (13 nts), boat (1 nt)
- Transport: Train, private van/bus, boat, bike
- Meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- Budget: NZD $300–350 for meals not included
- Group Leader: Chief Experience Officer (CEO), local guides
- Group Size: Max 16, Avg 12
- Tour Code: GAONAC

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**ITINERARY**

**DAY 01-02**

**Auckland / Hahei**

Arrive into Auckland, the most multicultural city in New Zealand, and meet your CEO and the group. Next morning you’ll head to the legendary Kiwi beach town of Hahei and the stunning Coromandel Peninsula. Here you’ll find nothing else but pristine beaches, native forests and a laid-back vibe. If the tide is right, you can grab a shovel and dig yourself a natural hot pool in the sand on Hot Water Beach where you can then rest after all the digging! Later, take a stroll to the beautiful Cathedral Cove or choose to try sea kayaking. (B)

**DAY 03**

**Tamaki Marae (Rotorua)**

Get a taste of New Zealand’s most dynamic thermal area, home to erupting geysers, steaming hot springs and exploding mud pools. You can choose to raft a waterfall before heading to a traditional Maori Marae (village) for an overnight stay to learn about indigenous art forms and practices. Feast on a traditional dinner and experience the unique Poi dance and famed Maori Haka. (B, D)

**DAY 04-05**

**Tongariro National Park / Wellington**

From forests and calm lakes to a desert-like plateau and active volcanoes - Tongariro has them all. If conditions allow, hike the famous Tongariro Crossing, one of New Zealand’s most spectacular and most popular one-day treks! As you cross active volcanic terrain, you’ll be treated to some unbelievable views of mountain springs, old lava flows, active craters, emerald lakes and gorgeous native forests. On Day 5, enjoy a free morning before hopping on the train for a scenic journey to the cool capital of New Zealand, Wellington. Soak in the atmosphere in this relaxed and vibrant city as you explore its magnificent harbour, spectacular craggy shores and its outstanding museums. (2B, D)

**DAY 06-09**

**Kaikoura / Christchurch / Franz Josef**

Hop on a ferry to the South Island and travel the coastal railway from Picton to the beautiful seaside town of Kaikoura, famous for its volcanic black sand beaches. Depending on your mood, you can choose to go whale watching, fishing or opt to swim with seals before you chow down on fish and chips for dinner. On Day 7, travel by train to the ‘Garden City’ of Christchurch; a little piece of England in New Zealand. Explore the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park before heading out to the impressive Franz Josef Glacier. Take in the views as you cross the Southern Alps via the stunningly scenic Arthur’s Pass. Enjoy a stay in the rainforest near the world’s fastest-moving glacier. (4B, D)

**DAY 10-11**

**Queenstown**

Get a good dose of adrenaline in this pumping adventure capital of the world - the choice is endless! Everyone knows Queenstown was the birthplace for bungee jumping and jet boating, but besides that you can choose to go skydiving, whitewater rafting, hiking, mountain biking or ‘Lord of the Rings’ tours. If you wish to take it down a notch, choose to travel by gondola to a local peak instead. With adrenalin rushing through your veins, enjoy the legendary night life. (2B)

**DAY 12-13**

**Milford Sound / Central Otago**

Admire the views of the famous Milford Sound as you cruise through the stunning Fiordland National Park. See the waterfalls and wildlife or venture out to explore by kayak before a night on board. On Day 13, head to the historic gold mining area of Central Otago. Take in the fascinating landscapes as you cycle part of the famous and scenic ‘rail trail’ along a disused former railway line. (2B, 2D)

**DAY 14-15**

**Christchurch**

Head back to Christchurch for one final night with the group as your unforgettable adventure wraps up on Day 15. (B)

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NORTH ISLAND

Top 5 Must-Do’s

1. Sandboard on Ninety-Mile Beach
2. Go sailing on Auckland’s Harbour
3. Abseil into the Waitomo Caves
4. Smell the geysers of Rotorua
5. Bar-hop on Wellington’s Cuba St.
NORTHERN CHOICE

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**Northern Choice**

Max 51 Tour Code: CONNHAD

Group Size:

Group Leader:

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Modern air-con coach with powerpoints for

Transport:

Accommodation:

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Service Level:

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Inclusions

- Visit the land of ‘Lord of the Rings’
- Get a Maori culture fix in Ohinemutu
- Visit NZ’s largest geothermal area
- See the thundering Huka Falls
- Go retro in alternative Wellington
- Cruise through Marlborough Sounds
- Check out Rotorua’s boiling mud pools
- See Auckland Sky Tower’s 360° views

With beaches, culture, adventure and endless landscapes, get ready to explore New Zealand’s voluptuous, volcanic North Island. Absorb all its natural beauty and tradition as you embark on a journey from Auckland, through the Bay of Islands, Waitomo and Wellington, and over to Christchurch on the South Island. This amazing trip has got adrenalin-fuelled activities, historic landmarks and incredible natural geothermal wonders, getting you completely under the North Island’s skin, as well as giving you an introduction to the charms of the South Island.

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**INCLUSIONS**

Service Level: Superior
Age Group: Recommended for 18-35s
Accommodation: Hotels (9 nts), lodge (1 nt)
Transport: Modern air-con coach with powerpoints for charging
Meals: 10 breakfasts, 3 dinners
Group Leader: Tour Manager and Driver team
Group Size: Max 51
Tour Code: CONNHAD

**YOU MIGHT LIKE:**

- Go in Reverse Northern Choice (11 days, Christchurch-Auckland) Fr $1,575
- End in Wellington Northern Choice (10 days, Auckland-Wellington) Fr $1,355

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**11 DAYS**

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**Auckland**

- **Transport:** lodge (3 nts), hostels (3 nts), basic
- **Age Group:** 18-
- **Trip Style:** YOLO
- **Physical:** basic
- **Service Level:** Inclusions
- **Chief Experience Officer (CEO):** local
- **Leader:** Group
- **Meals:** NZD$60-100 for meals not included
- **6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- **Allow:** (GAONNE)

**North Island Encompassed**

You might like

- **START:** Auckland
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**INCLUSIONS**

**Trip Style:** YOLO **Service Level:** Basic **Physical Grading:** 3 **Age Group:** Recommended for 18-39s **Accommodation:** Hostels (3 nts), basic lodge (3 nts) **Transport:** Private bus **Meals:** 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners **Budget:** Allow NZD$650-100 for meals not included **Chief Experience Officer (CEO):** local guides **Group Size:** Max 20, Avg 16 **Tour Code:** GAONNI

- **DAY 1**
  - Auckland
  - Meet up with your knowledgeable Chief Experience Officer (CEO) and group at around 6pm this evening and enjoy the big city at your own pace. Auckland boasts a glamorous waterfront lined with trendy restaurants, bars and cafes, quirky markets, museums galore, beachfront Devonport and the stunning off-shore islands of Rangitoto and Waiheke, so there is plenty to explore!

- **DAY 2**
  - Rotorua
  - Leaving the big city behind you this morning, take a scenic drive to a special conservation farm which has created an incredible ecosystem designed to attract the native birds and animals back to the area. Later pick up the pace by sea kayaking to a remote part of the harbour where you’ll be rewarded with a delicious picnic lunch. Back on the road and the next stop is dreamy Raglan, popular with surfers, tourists and artsy types. Soak up Raglan’s breezy, laid-back way of life and relax at tonight’s eco-camp, which is effortlessly located between bush land and white sandy beach and overlooks the Tasman Sea. Kick off Day 3 by heading down to the beach for an included surf lesson and ride some famous Raglan waves, Kiwi style! The afternoon is open for optional activities such as bone carving with local Maori, mountain biking or a boat cruise, so take your pick! At night, enjoy an included barbecue dinner hosted by a local story teller who will explain the awesome history of the area and of the Maori people.

- **DAY 3**
  - Waitomo / Rotorua
  - What better way to start your day than with an optional caving trip or by tubing through a glow worm cave at Waitomo? Another scenic journey awaits you as you make your way to geothermal Rotorua to check out its bubbling mud pools and geysers. Get to know the locals this evening as you make a night visit to a Marae (a traditional Maori meeting place) for a traditional ‘Hangi’ (feast) and to learn about the legendary Haka. (B, D)

- **DAY 4**
  - Waitomo / Rotorua
  - Today you’re off to New Zealand’s beautiful capital city, Wellington. Be sure to check out Te Papa, the country’s fascinating National Museum which is brimming with historical artefacts including an authentic Maori Marae (traditional meeting house). Stop for a spot of people watching at one of ‘Windy Welly’s’ delightful cafes, serving some of New Zealand’s finest coffee. Later on, enjoy a guided walk of the city which showcases the sights of the coastal CBD as well as the epic views from Mt. Victoria, then finish the trip in true Kiwi style with a night out on the town! Wellington has an abundance of nightlife, bars, cafes and restaurants located around the entertainment district of Courtenay Place.

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- **DAY 6**
  - Auckland
  - Savour the last of your North Island adventure as you travel from Wellington back to the bright city lights of Auckland stopping at the country town of Tamana for lunch. Your trip wraps up upon arrival to Auckland at around 7pm.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Kayak remote and secluded cows
- Get face-to-face with Maori culture
- Learn to surf NZ’s phenomenal waves
- Try yourself on Tongariro Crossing
- Soak up the breezy Kiwi lifestyle
- Check out Rotorua’s geothermal pools
- Camp in Kiwi bush land
- Stroll along Lake Taupo’s beach

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**NEW ZEALAND**

Get under the North Island’s skin with this seven-day, in-depth adventure that jams in bucketloads of dazzling scenic spots, up-close Maori culture and electrifying, heart-pumping activities in a breezy fashion. Kick off this jaunt by exploring Auckland’s streets, sea kayak secluded bays and get your surf on in laid-back Raglan then delve deeper into the island’s heart by exploring Rotorua’s geothermal mud pools and geysers. Experience a ‘hangi’ with local Maoris then conquer the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, New Zealand’s most scenic one-day hike, before strolling along Wellington’s Oriental Parade. North Island, tick.
When you see how close the Sky Tower is from the door, you’ll appreciate just how central you are. Close to bars and restaurants, some rooms even have harbour views. Facilities include 24-hour reception, Internet access, TV lounge, gym, communal kitchens and the most happening hostel bar in town.

Just a short walk from the city’s famous Sky Tower and bustling Queen Street, you’ll find JUCY. The hotel has a range of rooms with a unique style to suit all types of traveller. Great features like Internet access, luggage storage and undercover parking make this hotel a great base for the start of a road trip.

For clean, comfy, quality accommodation that doesn’t break the bank look no further than City Lodge. Located just a five-minute walk from central Auckland, with shops, restaurants and bars nearby. The well-equipped kitchen means cheap evenings in with fellow travellers is a must – a great way to make new mates.
Located close to Myers Park, Auckland University and the Sky Tower, you are right in the heart of things. The hotel's collection of luxury apartments come equipped with microwaves, Wi-Fi, washer/dryers, laundry services and helpful staff. Enjoy the space and freedom of a home away from home.

Enjoy the best of both worlds – apartment living in Auckland with your own private pad, but with some of the luxuries of a city centre hotel. Head out to the Quad Kitchen Café for some cheap eats or prop up the Quad Bar for some late-night beers. And if that’s not enough, check out Auckland’s exciting nightlife.

**COOL THINGS IN & AROUND AUCKLAND**

**AMERICA’S CUP SAILING**  \(\$119\)
Spend an unforgettable two hours sailing and crewing a real America’s Cup yacht. Take the helm or sit back and enjoy the ride along the beautiful Waitemata Harbour.

**BRIDGE CLIMB**  \(\$115\)
An exhilarating one-hour adventure under, around, up and over this icon with a fully experienced tour guide.

**SKY WALK/JUMP**  \(\$115\)
Challenge yourself to the handrail-less, 360-degree walk around the outside ring of the SkyTower (secured by safety harness) followed by a base jump by wire off the tower - that’s 192 metres in 11 seconds. Awesome!

**AUCKLAND ARRIVAL PACKAGE**  \(\$119\)
3 DAYS
This awesome two-night package is the perfect way to launch into life Kiwi-style! The experts at Nomads will sort you out with airport transfers, dorm accommodation in a five-star backpacker, free Internet and to top it all off - a return ferry ticket to the beautiful Waiheke Island just off the Auckland coast. Enjoy stunning stretches of beach, vineyards and laid-back seaside villages. A great start to your time in New Zealand.

**APARTMENT**

- Modern, luxury apartments
- Central Auckland location near to all the city’s top sites
- Friendly, multilingual staff on hand 24 hours a day

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**MERCURE AUCKLAND**

- 10/10 waterfront location
- Work up a sweat in the fitness centre
- Panoramic city views from the top floor Vue Restaurant & Bar

Overlooking the spectacular harbour and in walking distance of Auckland’s shopping, ferry terminals and Vector Arena is this 189-room mid-range hotel. The perfect base for a city break, after a long day’s sightseeing, retire to your cosy, comfy room and relax with satellite TV or catch up with friends using the Wi-Fi.

**THE QUADRANT HOTEL**

- Work up a sweat in the modern gym
- Steam away your stress in the Quad sauna and spa
- Grab some late night beers in the famous Quad bar

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**Price List**

- **APARTMENT**
  - Single: \$135
  - Twin/Double: \$68

- **MERCURE AUCKLAND**
  - Single: \$120
  - Twin/Double: \$60

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WAIHEKE ISLAND DAY TRIP

Take a day trip and discover the picturesque setting of Waiheke Island. With sandy beaches, vineyards, pristine coastline, olive groves and laid-back seaside villages, there is so much to see and do. Get active and try optional activities like sea kayaking, zip-lining, mountain biking or the ‘Waiheke Explorer Tour’ to get a taste of its views, culture and history. Alternatively, sip on premium wine in a stunning vineyard on the ‘Wine on Waiheke’ tour.

Departs: Daily Meals: Not included Transport: Ferry ticket Tour Code: AKLWDT

THE BAY OF ISLANDS

If you are in the North Island, you simply must stop at these fabulous sub-tropical islands. Starting in Auckland, you will spend a night on a large house boat cruising through the stunning Bay of Islands, then spend the rest of your time hiking the nature trails, kayaking, snorkelling or kayaking and enjoy a mouth watering barbecue in Paihia before returning back to Auckland.

Departs: Wednesdays Trip Style: YOLO Service Level: Basic Physical Grading: 3 Age Group: Recommended for 18-39s Accommodation: Hostels (2 nts), houseboat (1 nt) Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners Budget: Allow NZD$50-75 for meals not included Transport: Private bus Tour Code: GAONBI

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND OVERNIGHT PACKAGE

Head back to nature and escape to the beautifully remote Great Barrier Island. Keep your eyes peeled for whales and dolphins as you cruise your way to untouched paradise. Once there, take a kayak for a paddle along the bay or explore one of the walking tracks. Spend the next day bathing in the beautiful Kaitoke hot springs, sipping on a refreshing drink in Claris village and strolling along the pristine Medland’s beach before your cruise back.

Departs: Tue, Fri & Sun Accommodation: Great Barrier Lodge (1 nt) Meals: Not included Transport: Return ferry trip & return transfers on the island Note: Mini tour included Tour Code: AKLGBI

This short but sweet trip takes you from Auckland to the Bay and back, covering everything in between! Explore the massive native trees at Parry Kauri Park before getting into Paihia’s chilled vibes with a fish & chips dinner. In your free time, kick back beachside or take optional kayaking, dolphin swimming or fast boat trips through the Bay of Islands to see the ‘Hole in the Rock’. The tour ends on a high back in Auckland, with a trip up the Sky Tower!

Departs: Please ask for details Accommodation: Multi-share hotel (2 nts) Transport: Air-con coach with powerpoints for charging Meals: 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner Group Leader: Tour Manager and Driver Tour Code: CONCZAD

SUPER JILL

This funky North Island tour departs Auckland for the Coromandel and world-renowned Raglan surf beach. You will get to overnight at an indigenous Maori Marae and at Blue Duck Station – a remote working farm specialising in conservation. Other stops are: Rotorua’s geothermal gyser, the world’s largest crater lake at Taupo, a full-day walk at Tongariro National Park and capital Wellington, before expressing back to Auckland.

Departs: Tue, Thu, Sat (plus Sun in Spring & Wed in Summer) Accommodation: Multishare dorm (7 nts) Transport: Air-con coach Includes: Surf lesson, 4WD eco-tour at the farm Meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners Tour code: STRJILL
A friendly hostel just a quick skip from the beach and a five-minute walk into town. Catch some rays in the sunny courtyard, unwind in the hot tub or cool off in the pool. Dorm and private rooms are of a high standard, most with their own bathroom. Pipi Patch bar hosts nightly BBQs, and is a top party hangout for locals and travellers.

With a superb central waterfront location, expect scenic views from your private balcony/patio surrounded by acres of subtropical gardens. Make a splash in the spectacular lagoon-style pool, hit the tennis court or hire a mountain bike. Venturing further afield? Take advantage of the courtesy shuttle to downtown Paihia.

Uncover the wild beauty of Cape Reinga, a region rich in Maori culture. Encounter an ancient Kauri Forest where its towering trees produce amber that’s made into beautiful jewellery and the famous 90-Mile Beach. Top the day sandboarding down the massive sand dunes on boogie boards at Te Paki Stream – if you dare!

Planning to visit Auckland or the Bay of Islands or both? Choose either two or three trips from a range of amazing, top-quality tours as part of this flexible pass. These include: America’s Cup Sailing Experience, Auckland Whale & Dolphin Safari, Discover the Bay ‘Hole in the Rock’ Cruise, Swim with Dolphins, Dune Rider: Cape Reinga & 90-Mile Beach and Ultimate Day Sail in the Bay. Loads of choice means you can tailor-make your pass and - best of all - you’ll actually achieve a saving of more than NZD $100 per person!
Adjacent to beautiful Kuirau Park in the centre of town, this hostel has great facilities including an outdoor, hot mineral pool. Rooms comprise of a variety of dorms and deluxe rooms, which are comfy and clean, most with an en suite and a balcony. After dark, hit Lava Bar with its resident DJ, theme nights and drink specials.

Situated lakeside, opposite the main swimming pool, the real draw of this newly refurbished hotel is, unsurprisingly, its location. Enjoy stunning mountain and lake views, while the town centre is restaurants within easy walking distance. Rooms are impeccably clean, modern and all come with balconies, kitchen facilities and free Wi-Fi.

If you’re driving around the North Island, don’t miss spending a night or two at the impressive Blue Duck Station. Hear all about their valuable conservation work on a fabulous bush safari and witness the results it has produced.

On the shores of Lake Rotorua and a short walk from downtown, this modern and cozy hotel offers rooms with beautiful lake, city or garden views. Indulge in the all-you-can-eat breakfast or a la carte cuisine, work out in the nearby fitness centre or catch up on emails using the Wi-Fi. Great news if you are driving – parking is free.

This flashpacker hostel has stunning lake and mountain views and is just seconds from the lakefront. It boasts comfy beds, Wi-Fi, plasma TVs, a large sundeck and modern kitchen. Cosy up by the fireplace or party hard in the rockin’ Element Bar. Take your pick from a small dorm, a private room or a blissful sanctuary room for girls only!

HIGHLIGHTS
• Overnight in a cosy bush lodge
• Enjoy an authentic bushtucker dinner
• Experience a 4WD bush safari

Departs: Daily except Thu
Accommodation: Shared dorm or private lodge (1 nt)
Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 bushtucker dinner. Wine or beer (private lodge package only)
Includes: 4WD Bush Safari Tour Code: WLBBLD

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Boasting grade five rapids plus a seven-metre drop down the awesome Tutea Falls, this is the ultimate action-packed thrill ride! Take a fast and furious ride through 15 amazing rapids set against the stunning background of one of NZ's most beautiful waterways. Training, transport and equipment is included.

Visit some of the most incredible and picturesque lakes, pools and craters on offer in New Zealand with the Geyser Link Shuttle that runs connections to Wai-O-Tapu, Waimangu and Paradise Valley. Explore the largest mud pool in NZ and hike or take a boat cruise on the world’s newest geothermal eco-system – Waimangu.

Jetboat to the base of New Zealand’s most visited natural attraction – the spectacular Huka Falls. Hukafalls Jet is the only jetboat company permitted to take you there, and it’s a ride of thrills, fun and excitement with high-speed, 360-degree spins. What’s more, you’ll be gifted with front row, water level views of the Huka Falls.

Taupo is known as the skydiving Mecca, and it’s easy to see why! Home to breathtaking scenery and the North Island’s most active volcano, you’ll have amazing views as you climb to 12,000 or 15,000 feet to experience the ultimate high – jumping out of a plane! Float back down to earth with the best feeling. Ever.

This 19-kilometre trek is NZ’s best day one day walk. The track leads up to the saddle between Mt Ngauruhoe and Mt Tongariro and then diverts over Mt Tongariro. The landscape on Tongariro is peppered with different coloured and shaped craters, scoured volcanic rocks, mountain springs, and brightly coloured emerald lakes.

Ka mate Ka mate Ka Ora Ka Ora! Enjoy a wonderful evening of hangi, history and Haka on this great nighttime tour of a traditional Maori village. You’ll be welcomed by indigenous owners and learn all about traditional Maori life, from hunting and fishing to the famous Haka – you’ll have it in your head for ages afterwards!

Think zorbing with a splash! We introduce, the OGO. Jump into the transparent plastic sphere within a sphere along with 50 litres of water. Then slip slide your way down a specially designed 350m-long hill track that is NZ’s longest and fastest whilst being rewarded with spectacular Lake Rotorua views.

Your guide will escort you through the ten-acre site recounting fascinating details of how the Hobbiton™ set was created. See the Hobbit holes, Green Dragon™ Inn, Mill and other structures created for the film and discover how this beautiful piece of Waikato farmland was transformed into The Shire™ from Middle-earth™.
Situated in the lively nightclub district of Courtney Place, this renovated budget backpackers boasts a heaving bar with cheap drinks, DJs, great nightly specials, as well as a BBQ area. Choose from double rooms with en suites, dorms or the 'Sanctuary', a female-only floor with little extras like crisp bed linen and duvets. 

This three-star hotel is located right in the heart of Cuba Street where you'll find the city's best cafes, galleries and boutique shops. Modern rooms come with en suites, Sky TV and Wi-Fi. With access to a heated indoor pool, spa, fitness room, bar, cafe and restaurant – you can't go wrong! Great value for money in a good location.

Experience one of the most precious nature reserves in New Zealand with this overnight trip to the small, tranquil Kapiti Island. Set next to a marine reserve, the island is an internationally renowned sanctuary for native birds, forest and wildlife. Go kiwi spotting and birdwatching with local Maori iwi-tribe, and listen to their stories of the land, history and birds as you explore the island's beauty. For nature-lovers, this tour is a must!

Take an exciting journey through the real Middle Earth where you'll get the lowdown on the making of these timeless films. You’ll start in Hobbiton Woods where the filming began, then head off to the famous production studio sites for a peek around to discover loads of behind-the-scenes secrets. Spend an hour at the famous Weta Cave, where much of the modelling magic took place, rounding off the day with a scenic drive along the stunning South Coast.


Departs: Daily Includes: Exclusive movie-clips, movie trailers, “Easter Eggs”, production diaries, behind-the-scenes facts, props for pictures, visit to Weta Cave Not included: Entry to studios, transfers Tour Code: WLGMOV
SOUTH ISLAND

TOP 5 MUST-DO’S

1. SEARCH FOR WHALES IN KAIKOURA
2. HELI-HIKE ON FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER
3. TIE A ROPE TO YOUR LEGS & JUMP!
4. RAFT THE SHOTOVER RIVER RAPIDS
5. SAIL OVERNIGHT ON DOUBTFUL SOUND
This 15-day adventure will suck you straight into the action of South Island and whizz you through a bundle of different environments all in one go. New Zealand's South Island hosts the most dramatic natural scenes you'll ever experience, including rainforests, glaciers and some of the most gorgeous coastline. Hike the trails of Abel Tasman National Park, go kayaking through the fascinating fiords of Doubtful Sound, cycle the Otago Rail Trail and go bungy jumping in the adrenaline capital of Queenstown! If that's not enough, you'll also get to stay in a unique wilderness lodge set deep in the rainforest.

**INCLUSIONS**

- Trip Style: YOLO Service Level: Basic
- Physical Grading: 3 Age Group: Recommended for 18-39s
- Accommodation: Hostels (12 nts), eco lodge (1 nt), boat hostel (1 nt in summer, cabin in winter)
- Transport: Private bus, kayak, boat, ferry
- Meals: 14 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Budget: Allow NZD$350-400 for meals not included
- Group Leader: Chief Experience Officer (CEO), local guides
- Group Size: Max 20, Avg 16
- Tour Code: GAONNZ
- Duration: 15 Days
- Start: Wellington
- End: Wellington

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit the stunning Abel Tasman National Park
- Meet cute seals at Cape Foulwind
- See the unusual Pancake Rocks
- Kayak through the waterfalls
- Sleep on the edge of Doubtful Sound
- Visit the original bungee site
- Enjoy walks around Lake Matheson
- Cycle along the Otago Rail Trail

**DAY 01**

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**Wellington**

Arrive to Wellington at any time and go out to see this cool and cultural capital of NZ before meeting your group and CEO in the evening.

**DAY 02-03**

**Abel Tasman National Park**

Today you'll head out by ferry across the scenic Cook Strait and enjoy the views of the Marlborough Sounds before a transfer to the absolutely awesome Abel Tasman National Park where you'll get a chance to go hiking and explore its golden beaches and waterways.

**DAY 04**

**Punakaiki**

This morning head south through the stunning Buller Gorge to the West Coast of the South Island. Visit the Cape Foulwind seal colony for a close encounter with New Zealand fur seals in their natural habitat. Then it's on to the beach camp in Punakaiki. If you're feeling active, perhaps opt to kayak the river into the Paparoa National Park or go hiking on the local trails.

**DAY 05-06**

**Franz Josef Glacier**

Hike to the famous Punakaiki / Pancake Rocks', spectacular limestone formations looking like a pile of giant pancakes! You'll then continue on to Franz Josef, famous for its spectacular glacier environment and its many hiking trails. You're sure to be impressed with your accommodation tonight, as you stay at a unique wilderness lodge set deep in the rainforest.

**DAY 07-09**

**Queenstown**

Rise early this morning as you move on to the picture-perfect Lake Matheson to take a shot of the Southern Alps reflecting in the lake. Continue down the wild West Coast through the rainforest stopping for some walks and waterfall visits. If you're dying for some action, well here is your chance, as you visit the world's original commercial bungee site. Go on, we dare you! The adrenalin burst does not stop here as you'll spend the next two days in the action-packed Queenstown. Optional activities include jet boating outting, mountain biking, sky diving or, for the mellower types, a vineyard tour.

**DAY 10-12**

**Doubtful Sound**

Today you'll continue on to the mind-blowingly beautiful Fiordland National Park. Take a boat across Lake Manapouri and enjoy a guided bush walk in deep cove including a visit to Helena Falls. Tonight, another impressive night stay awaits as you overnight in a lodge on the edge of Doubtful Sound. On Day 11, enjoy a 4-5 hour kayaking trip through the national park below towering cliffs and waterfalls. Watch out for dolphins, seals and penguins! Later, you'll continue to the historic Central Otago mining country for a night in an old miners' hotel. On Day 12, cycle through the stunning scenery along the historic Otago Rail Trail.

**DAY 13**

**Central Otago / Christchurch**

Take in the views as you drive through breathtaking Central Otago. You'll stop off at little towns to buy supplies for a picnic lunch before arriving to Christchurch in the afternoon. You have free afternoon to explore the downtown district and stroll through Hagley Park and witness the impressive revival of the city which was so badly damaged by its recent earthquake.

**DAY 14-15**

**Kaikoura / Wellington**

Journey the scenic coastal road to Kaikoura and admire the breathtaking views of the mountains meeting the ocean. The area is a prime spot to go whale watching. Opt to go swimming with dolphins, visit a colony of Southern Fur seals, or take a scenic flight over the peninsula. On Day 15, take a ferry to Wellington where your adventure ends upon arrival in the evening.

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**NEW ZEALAND**

- Wellington
- Queenstown
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- Doubtful Sound
- Abel Tasman National Park
- Franz Josef
- Punakaiki
- Christchurch
- Central Otago
Unleash your wild, adventurous side as you embark on a nine-day journey of discovery through New Zealand's scenic southern region. From the base of Mt. Cook to the ice of Franz Josef Glacier, and with Milford Sound (optional), the adventure capital Queenstown and the student town of Dunedin thrown into the mix, you can really get your teeth into all things Kiwi. Enjoy optional bungy jumping, skydiving, helicopter rides and whitewater rafting plus plenty of history, natural wonders, culture and buzzing nightlife. This trip will satisfy you to the very core and leave you with a desire to discover more.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Refresh in the beautiful Lake Ohau
- Take an optional flight over Mt. Cook
- Try Kiwi brews at Speight's Brewery
- Ride the legendary Shotover Jet
- Dig out your wild side in Queenstown
- Marvel at Milford Sound (optional)
- Party it up with locals in Dunedin
- Check out the incredible Franz Josef

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**INCLUSIONS**

**Service Level:** Superior Age Group: Recommended for 18-35s
**Accommodation:** Modern air-conditioned coach with power points for charging Meals: 8 breakfasts, 3 dinners
**Group Leader:** Tour Manager and Driver team
**Group Size:** Max 51
**Tour Code:** CONGZCD

**DAY ITINERARY**

01-02

**Christchurch / Lake Ohau / Dunedin**

Get straight into the action after meeting your group in Christchurch. Travel from here and see views of the Mackenzie Country, stopping at Lake Tekapo, Lake Pukaki and Glanderm. When you arrive into Lake Ohau, pinch yourself as you walk around it admiring the imposing Mt. Cook and the seriously stunning Southern Alps that surround it. Tonight, rest up in a traditional ski lodge on Lake Ohau, an absolutely incredible location for your first night. On Day 2 it’s off to Dunedin, famous as a student city and brimming with history and Scottish heritage. On the way, stop at the impressive Benmore Dam and historic Hanmer for its quaint old buildings made from local stone, before getting a peek at Moeraki, where gigantic spherical boulders are located right on the beach. Later arrive in Dunedin and check out the world’s steepest street – Baldwin Street – followed by a tour and tasting session at the iconic Speight’s Brewery.

03-04

**Queenstown**

From party town to adventure town as you head to Queenstown this morning. This place is simply awesome and the next few days will be some of the best of your life. Before it all kicks off, maybe grab a famous ‘Ferg’ burger and then check out the nightlife. On Day 4, you’ll have the chance to take a ride on the famous Shotover Jet, speeding through the canyons of the Shotover River by jetboat. Then the afternoon is all yours to really get into the swing of things. Later on indulge yourself with some more epic nightlife, this time you’ll be armed with an awesome VIP pass! (2B)

04-06

**Ski Queenstown Upgrade Option**

Want to ‘carve up’ some of the great ski mountains around Queenstown? You can if you’re travelling in July or August! Opt to hit the awesome slopes either by ski or board for a full three days! (2B)

05-06

**Queenstown**

You have two free days to embrace all that is Queenstown. Some of the highlights include views of the Remarkables Mountains and Coronet Peak, a visit to the famous AJ Hackett’s Kawarau Bridge where commercial bungy jumping was born, and a skyline gondola ride. Or you can really add a bit of spice to your time here and go nuts for a heli-faef experience, skydiving, canyon swing, rafting, horse riding, skydiving, funyaks, trail hiking or opt to experience the highlight that is Milford Sound. Voted one of the world’s top destinations, it is set in Fiordland National Park where huge mountains rise from the sea and waterfalls hammer down sheer cliff faces into the deep, dark waters of the fiord. Take a cruise to savour one of nature’s finest creations. You may even spot seals, dolphins, whales and penguins if you’re lucky. (2B, D)

07-08

**Arrowtown / Wanaka / Franz Josef National Park**

Leave the irresistible charm of Queenstown behind you and check out the former goldrush boomtown of Arrowtown plus the lakeside beauty of Wanaka on your way to NZ’s pin-up glacial spot, the almighty Franz Josef. On the way keep your eyes peeled for native wildlife as you head through utterly stunning Haast Pass and Thunder Creek Falls. On Day 8, get out there and hit the ice! It’s completely up to you how you tackle Franz Josef Glacier, you can choose to walk, hike or heli-ride it or maybe even take an optional scenic helicopter flight to see Mt. Cook and actually land on its equally amazing neighbour, Fox Glacier. Pinch yourself, you really are here! (2B, D)

08

**Hokitika / Christchurch**

Make tracks through the divine Southern Alps to Christchurch. You’ll check out traditional Maori greenstone carving in the town of Hokitika before travelling the old trade route through spectacular Arthur’s Pass. It’s then on to Christchurch where your tour sadly ends upon arrival.

**EXCLUSIVELY FOR 18-35s**

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**NZ SNOW PACKAGE**

**Queenstown → Queenstown**

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**SUPER Q SOUTH ISLAND**

**Christchurch → Christchurch**

*Highlights*
- Choice of four ski resorts
- Option to trade in lift pass for credit
- Seven nights at Reavers Lodge
- Continental breakfast each morning
- Group dinner
- Nightly activities
- In-house support and local host

**Inclusions**
- Departs: Daily
- Accommodation: Reavers Lodge (7 nts)
- Meals: Daily breakfast, 1 dinner
- Includes: 4-day NZ Ski Super Pass valid for Coronet Peak & Remarkables or credit towards activities, 1-day lift pass at Treble Cone, local host
- Note: instead of airport transfers you can opt for 7 days car hire at additional cost. Please ask for details Tour Code: C0CZSQ08

Calling all snow bunnies! Head out of the hustle and bustle and into the snow-capped mountains. This Queenstown-based powder pack includes seven nights’ bed and breakfast at the modern Reavers Lodge, just a ten-minute walk from the vibrant life of Queenstown. You’ll get lift passes, group dinners, an après ski nightly activity and entertainment schedule so you can hang out with your new mates after an active day on the slopes. There’s also a range of equipment on offer to hire, optional airport meet and greet, customer support, and transfers to all the resorts available. Sno’ worries! The NZ Super Pass vouchers can be used at Coronet Peak or the Remarkables (Cardrona and Treble Cone on request) or as an exchange towards an activity, so depending on whether you want to show off your carving skills or just chill out, you can pick the resort that best suits your style!

**DAY ITINERARY**

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<td>Leave Christchurch and head over the stunning Arthur’s Pass to Greymouth and Franz Josef. Enjoy the amazing ‘Ice Explorer’ trip including a helicopter ride and the hot pools on Day 2. The following morning, it’s onwards to Lake Matheson and the quaint towns of Fox Glacier, Lake Hawea and Wanaka to overnight. Hit Queenstown on Day 4, stopping at the famous AJ Hackett Bungy site. Feeling brave??</td>
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| 05-06 | Queenstown |
| The next two days are yours to explore Queenstown. Options include great local walks or taking part in one of many activity options. Take a peak at the day tours on page 169. |

| 07-10 | Queenstown / Gunn’s Camp / Stewart Island / Queenstown / Aoraki / Mt Cook |
| Get ready for one of the most scenic drives in the world on your way to Milford Sound and enjoy an amazing cruise before heading to your unique overnight stop at Gunn’s Camp. Start the morning with a hike up the Key Summit Track, then head through Southland to Bluff and the ferry across to Stewart Island! Enjoy your time here before returning back to Queenstown. Day 10, head over the Lindis pass past Lake Pukaki, then head north to New Zealand’s highest mountain Aoraki / Mount Cook. Jump in a 6WD tour of this remote and rugged alpine region. |

| 11-12 | Mt Cook / Rangitata / Christchurch |
| Make your way to the ‘Lord of the Rings’ landscape at Rangitata. Drive past scenic Lake Tekapo, into Geraldine and then head through to spend the night at Rangitata. Day 12, it’s an express haul across the Canterbury plains to Christchurch today where your adventure comes to an end. |

**Departs:** Min twice weekly, year-round

**Accommodation:** Multi-share dorm (11 nts)

**Transport:** Air con coach

**Meals:** None included

**Includes:** Ice Explorer trip, Nevis Bungy visit, Milford Cruise, Stewart Island ferry, 6WD Agro Mt tour

**Note:** The number of nights in Queenstown is dependent on the season Tour code: STRSUQ

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**Departs:** Daily

**Accommodation:** Reaver Lodge (7 nts)

**Transport:** Return airport transfers

**Meals:** Daily breakfast, 1 dinner

**Includes:** 4-day NZ Ski Super Pass valid for Coronet Peak & Remarkables or credit towards activities, 1-day lift pass at Treble Cone

**Note:** instead of airport transfers you can opt for 7 days car hire at additional cost. Please ask for details Tour Code: C0CZSQ08

**Departs:** Min twice weekly, year-round

**Accommodation:** Multi-share dorm (11 nts)

**Transport:** Air con coach

**Meals:** None included

**Includes:** Ice Explorer trip, Nevis Bungy visit, Milford Cruise, Stewart Island ferry, 6WD Agro Mt tour

**Note:** The number of nights in Queenstown is dependent on the season Tour code: STRSUQ

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**FR$1,275**

**8 DAYS**

**FR$1,373**

**12 DAYS**
CHRISTCHURCH, KAIKOURA & MT COOK

This former prison is now an award-winning backpacker hostel, with a renovated interior and friendly staff. All rooms (former cells!) have fresh linen, shared bathrooms and super-comfy beds. With an espresso coffee bar, Wi-Fi and free parking, this is one place you will be happy to spend a few days behind bars.

The Old County House, Christchurch

Created for travellers by travellers. This friendly backpacker hostel comprises of beautifully restored, charming colonial villas set in tranquil gardens, with large fully-equipped kitchens, a TV room, comfy lounges and colourful decor. Based in an inner city suburb of Christchurch, Cathedral Square is a 1,500-metre walk away.

The Lazy Shag, Kaiakura

Warm, clean and well-equipped, the Lazy Shag is set amongst magnificent trees with plenty of open space. Spend time on the large decks with superb mountain and river views. Check out the seal swims and snorkelling trips or relax by the log fire in winter. Plenty of activities on offer to fill your time at the Lazy Shag!

Located in the heart of Christchurch, this 30-room boutique hotel offers elegant design with an eclectic twist. Its character rooms are a pleasing mix of functionality and simplicity, following recent refurbishment. With moden furnishings, all come with en suites and free Wi-Fi, plus Cathedral Square is a just a few steps away.

The best way to see a city in a limited time frame is on two trusty wheels. Explore the highlights of Christchurch on this two-hour tour, including the Arts Centre, Antigua Boatsheds, Botanic Gardens, Christ’s College and Hagley Park. Continue on to the Re:START Project and Riccarton House & Bush. Includes your bike and helmet.

This unique experience offers close encounters with the giant sperm whale, year-round. You may also encounter fur seals, dusky dolphins and the endangered wandering albatross. Depending on the season, you may also see migrating humpback, pilot and blue whales or even the world’s largest and smallest dolphins.

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NELSON & ABEL TASMAN

PARADISO, NELSON

PRICES ARE PER PERSON PER NIGHT

A travellers home just 650 metres from Nelson city centre. Paradiso provides a warm atmosphere, perfect for relaxing with fellow backpackers. Take a dip in the solar-heated pool, laze in a hammock or hit the beach volleyball court. Female-only dorms are available and everyone has use of the spacious and well-equipped kitchen.

ABEL TASMAN MARAHU LODGE

PRICES ARE PER PERSON PER NIGHT

The Abel Tasman Village is the gateway to the famed Abel Tasman National Park. Unspoilt, hassle-free and peaceful, it’s the perfect place to unwind. Just 400 metres from the park lies the affordable Abel Tasman Marahu Lodge, providing the perfect base for the Abel Tasman experience and adventure.

THE BARN, ABEL TASMAN

PRICES ARE PER PERSON PER NIGHT

A minute from the sea and Abel Tasman National Park, The Barn is perfect for those looking for fun and adventure. Friendly staff can help you sort any activities you wish to try. Offering camping, cabins, dorms and private rooms, The Barn also has Internet, two kitchens, bathrooms, a shop and laundry facilities.

SOUL FOOD

Travel from Marahau and explore the forest-fringed Astrolabe, where you’ll find the highest concentration of golden sandy beaches in the Abel Tasman. Visit the Adele Island sanctuary, home to protected native birds and a popular hang-out for gorgeous fur seals. On this eco-friendly kayak tour, prepare yourself for a workout as it’s 100 per cent paddle power but – weather permitting – you can sail back to Marahau on the sea breeze.

REMOTE COAST OVERNIGHTER

This stunning trip covers the entire Tonga Island Marine Reserve from start to finish. Starting your guided tour by kayak at Awaroa, visit the hidden inlet, Shag Harbour. Then paddle south, focusing on the Tonga Island Marine Reserve and its playful inhabitants; the fur seal Kekeno. After a picnic lunch on a pristine beach you’ll paddle past Tonga Arches and the peaceful lagoons to your home for the night – Bark Bay campsite. Day 2, walk back to Marahau.

Departs: Daily Meals: 1 lunch Transport: Kayak Note: Transport available from Nelson Tour Code: NZSOUL

Departs: Daily, Oct-May from Nelson and Marahau Accommodation: Camping (1 n) Meals: 1 lunch Transport: Kayak Includes: Waterproof map, buoyancy aid, spare paddle Note: NZD $20.00 for camping gear if required Tour Code: NZDRCO

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ICE EXPLORER & HOT POOLS COMBO
HALF DAY

This is a fantastic introduction to an enthralling world of ice starting with a short heli-hop from Franz Josef township to the incredible Pinnacles area of the glacier. Here, your guide will navigate you through a maze of ice and explain the dramatic environmental changes over the last few years, as you explore the awe-inspiring landscape of Franz Josef Glacier. After a day on the ice, there’s no better reward than to rejuvenate the body, soul and mind at the Glacier Hot Pools. Brrr-illiant!

Departs: Daily, note Nov-Mar is peak season
Includes: Rain jacket, waterproof over-trousers, socks & sturdy boots, crampons, hat & gloves (if required) Tour Code: XOZTRA

RAINFOREST RETREAT, FRANZ JOSEF

The handy location of Rainforest Retreat – right in the heart of Franz Josef Glacier village – makes it a perfect base. Choose from en suite four-bed flashpacker rooms and five or six-bed dorms with shared kitchen facilities. Enjoy the roaring fire in the bar, the restaurant and particularly the Jacuzzi and sauna!

SCENIC HOTEL, FRANZ JOSEF

Sat at the edge of the Westland World Heritage Park and just moments from the Franz Joseph Glacier, you’ll find the aptly named Scenic Hotel. A great, affordable base for exploring, don’t miss out on the restaurant and bar’s hearty, local fare including whitebait, lamb shanks and Steinlager!

NOAH’S ARK, GREYMOUTH

Noah’s Ark Backpackers provides welcoming quality, budget accommodation just 100 metres from Greymouth town centre. With spacious, animal-themed dorms, tent sites and private rooms, this converted monastery also has a large garden area picnic tables, BBQ and hammock, comfy lounges and a fully-equipped kitchen.

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Base Queenstown has something for everyone: from dorms with balconies to deluxe private en suites plus a friendly team of staff. Centrally located and with excellent facilities, it’s the perfect base (no pun intended) and a trip to the onsite bar is an absolute must, with amazing tacos and drink specials available every day!

Reavers Lodge offers modern en suite dorms and rooms with stunning mountain views. With a well-equipped communal kitchen and cozy common area complete with crackling winter fireplace, you’ll feel right at home. And when you feel like partying, why not head out and check out the amazing nightlife on offer?

Smack in the middle of downtown Queenstown, this Nomads hostel is a three times winner of Best Hostel in NZ and was voted second best hostel in the world 2013! Everything here is brand new. All rooms are climate controlled, have access to balconies, Wi-Fi, lockers and individual reading lights.

Take your pick from standard rooms or one to four-bedroom apartments with kitchenettes and knock-out views at this luxurious hotel located on Lake Wakatipu. A blend of comfort and contemporary style, all accommodation comes with en suites and Wi-Fi. Apres ski, fire up the BBQ or relax sore muscles in the sauna.

Situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Wakatipu, this hotel is surrounded by mountains and peaceful gardens. In the heart of Queenstown, its spacious, modern rooms come with en suites, king-sized beds and Wi-Fi. Indulge in a happy hour tipple, wind down in the hot tub or sample tasty local dishes al fresco in the Rose Garden.

Opt for a room, suite or apartment at this sumptuous hotel with the Remarkables mountain range as your backdrop! Rooms have super-king-sized beds, private balconies, Manuka Spa toiletries and fluffy robes. Enjoy an apéritif in the lodge-style bar, cosy log fires at the restaurant or keep toasty in the sauna, heated pool or spa.
FUNYAK KAYAK SAFARI
Queenstown → Queenstown

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Experience exhilaration at its best – jet boat along scenic Dart River
- Hop in a unique ‘funyak’ inflatable canoe for a pleasant paddle
- Spectacular scenery, straight out of ‘The Lord of the Rings’ and ‘The Hobbit’

This fun, fresh, water-bound safari, deep in the World Heritage area of Mt. Aspiring N.P, is the only one of its type in the Queenstown region. Kick off with a thrilling jet boat rumble on the open turquoise waters of Dart River. Hold on tight whilst your knowledgeable guide points out sights along the way. Next up, jump into an inflatable funyak canoe for a more peaceful paddle through the secluded channels, marveling at rock formations along the way as your guide talks you through the shimmering streams, rock pools and dramatic chasms. Stop for a pitstop buffet lunch amidst mountainous surroundings before swapping your canoe for terra firma and enjoying an on-road drive back to base. Enroute you’ll witness spectacular scenery and locations that have formed the epic backdrop for many international movies, including ‘The Lord of the Rings’.

**INCLUSIONS**
- Departs: Daily
- Includes: Jet boat ride, inflatable funyak canoe with guide, back country scenic drive
- Meals: 1 lunch
- Tour Code: ZQNFUN

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Sail the full length of Milford Sound before mooring up for the night in Harrison Cove, where you’ll enjoy a three-course dinner. Relax on the spacious deck as you cruise by waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife with a nature guide on board. Take to the open waters, exploring by kayak or tender craft (small boat) for an up-close experience. Stay in twin or four-bunk cabins and enjoy a hearty breakfast before returning to Milford Wharf the next day.

This enchanting overnight cruise takes you across Lake Manapouri before boarding the Fiordland Navigator at Deep Cove. Cruise the full length of the fiord, weaving through hidden coves and waterways. Bottlenose dolphins are often encountered, fur seals bask on the rocks and at times, rare penguins can be seen. Explore the shoreline by kayak or boat with a nature guide. Enjoy breakfast and more cruising next morning before returning to the wharf.

Go home without seeing and experiencing the beauty of Milford Sound and arguably you’ve missed the best of New Zealand. The Sound is a fjord surrounded by high, rainforest-covered cliffs. The trip starts and ends in Queenstown and includes a two hour boat cruise through the sound exploring soaring peaks, towering waterfalls and New Zealand nature at its best. See seals, penguins and dolphins at the underwater observatory.

At NZ’s most southerly part is Stewart Island with its clear waters, lush rainforest, sweeping sands and unspoilt natural beauty. Leave Queenstown, pass Lake Wakatipu on one of the most scenic drives to Milford Sound and board your cruise before overnighting at the unique Gunn’s Camp. Next day, hike up the Key Summit Track and catch the ferry to Stewart Island. Day 3, explore the island and do a spot of fishing before returning to Queenstown.
**DUNEDIN**

**ON TOP BACKPACKERS**

- Helpful, hospitable and fun staff
- A classic backpacker joint in the heart of Dunedin
- Modern, fully-equipped kitchen to cook a backpacker feast

On Top Backpackers really is on top of everything. Located in the centre of town, this friendly hostel has pool tables, a bar and a sundeck perfect for pre-drinking before hitting the local hotspots. On a budget? Take advantage of the kitchen and cook up a storm or if you are feeling a bit lazy just grab something at the café.

**LARNACH CASTLE LODGE**

- New Zealand’s only castle!
- Affordable accommodation in a unique setting
- Sleep in historic stables

This magnificent castle surrounded by stunning scenery has a colourful history of scandal and tragedy! Featuring exquisite and occasionally bizarre décor, it’s like being in a Highland castle or setting for a ghoulish novel. Budget-seekers needn’t overlook this place - just opt for the cosy stable rooms with shared facilities.

**CASTLE, PENINSULA & WILDLIFE COMBO**

FR$161
FULL DAY

- Visit the beautiful Lanarch Castle
- See some spectacular wildlife spots
- A close view of yellow-eyed penguins

Experience the best of Dunedin including a guided tour of Larnach Castle and the city highlights and the world’s steepest street. Continue on to the very tip of the stunning Otago Peninsula with award-winning wildlife gurus who’ll show you some of the most spectacular wildlife spots. Enjoy close-up viewing of rare, yellow-eyed penguins, Hooker’s sea lions, NZ fur seals and little blue penguins. See albatross at Taiaroa headland and other wildlife around Otago peninsula bays and lagoons. All in all, a beautiful day!

**SPEIGHTS BREWERY TOUR**

FR$19
HALF DAY

The Speight’s Tour is a fascinating, interactive guided experience through a historic working brewery. See, smell, touch and taste the ingredients that produce one of NZ’s most loved beers. Learn about the history of beer before entering the brewery and finishing 90 minutes later with a cheeky bottle. It’d be rude not to!

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**Departs:** Daily

**Includes:** Guided Larnach castle tour with entry, Dunedin city sights tour, Elm Wildlife tour including private penguin conservation area

**Meals:** None included

Tour Code: DUDLCW

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