



Auckland

Manuka

12 Days - North & South Island

FROM
NZ \$6,200

PP, Twinshare, land only.

A fantastic option for those with less time on their hands but still wanting to visit both of New Zealand's main islands. On this tour you will experience the stunning scenery of the South Island, and the geothermal and cultural highlights of the North Island.

Day 1 Auckland

Haere mai – welcome! You will be transferred to your accommodation in central Auckland. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure exploring the 'City of Sails'.

M Social Hotel, Auckland

Day 2 Auckland to Rotorua (B,D)

Take in some of the city's panoramic views this morning on an Auckland City tour including quaint Parnell Village, some of the most popular waterfront areas and the informative Maori and Pacific Islands displays at the Auckland Museum. Departing Auckland we travel to Rotorua – the heart of New Zealand's famous thermal and cultural region. We will enjoy a city tour, before checking into our central accommodation. This evening we travel to a local Marae (Maori Village). Experience a formal welcome (powhiri), a powerful cultural performance, storytelling and Hangi (feasting).

Prince's Gate Hotel, Rotorua

Day 3 Rotorua to Wellington (B)

No visit to Rotorua would be complete without including Te Puia, not only an active geothermal site, but the nation's centre for indigenous arts and crafts and a Kiwi conservation project. After our private tour we travel out to visit the Blue and Green Lakes, and Lake Tarawera – site of the Buried Village, to see remains of the Maori village devastated by an 1886 volcanic eruption. This afternoon fly to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city, and enjoy a city tour including viewing famous landmarks such as New Zealand's magnificent Parliament Buildings and the iconic 'Beehive' building. Your hotel is located within the central business and shopping precincts.

James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, Wellington

Day 4 Wellington to Nelson (B)

Today we travel on one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world, through the Cook Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound to the South Island. Disembarking in Picton it is a short drive to Blenheim in the heart of the Marlborough wine country for wine tasting at a premier winery. We cross to the Nelson district a corner of the South Island blessed with a sunny microclimate and your base for the next two nights.

Heritage Rutherford Hotel, Nelson – 2 nights

YOUR CHOICE ✓

Day 5 Abel Tasman National Park (B)

The Abel Tasman National Park's golden coves, turquoise lagoons and forested ranges are best explored on foot and by boat. This morning from Kaiteriteri, your tour includes a choice of one of these options:

a) 3-4 hour Scenic Cruise (no walking)

A morning cruise reveals the golden sands and turquoise waters of Abel Tasman National Park. Enjoy time at leisure in Kaiteriteri and return to Nelson on the late afternoon transfer.

b) Walking Option 1: Astrolabe Beaches and Bays (7km, 2.5 hour walk)

After the scenic cruise, disembark at Apple Tree Bay for a self-guided walk to fabulous Anchorage Beach. Late afternoon shuttle transfer back to Nelson.

c) Walking Option 2: Forest and Swing-Bridge (10.5km, 4 hour walk)

After the scenic cruise, disembark at Medlands Beach for a self-guided walk that includes the scenic highlights of the South Head lookout, the famous Falls River swing-bridge and Cleopatra's Pool. Late afternoon transfer back to Nelson.

Day 6 Nelson to Punakaiki (B)

We travel through the enchanting Nelson Lakes National Park and follow the Buller River Gorge - one of the world's best but least-known scenic drives. Emerging from the forest at Punakaiki - renowned for its wild, rugged coastline and the famous 'Pancake Rocks'.

Punakaiki Resort, Punakaiki

Day 7 Punakaiki to Fox Glacier (B)

As we journey south along the Great Coast Road we pass through historic towns with a chance to stretch your legs at the dramatic Hokitika Gorge where the blue/green waters pass through the rugged rocks. Continuing south, with views of the Alps to the east and the Tasman Sea to the west, we travel to Glacier Country. At Fox Village, weather permitting, an optional helicopter ride is a terrific way to experience the glaciers (extra cost).

Distinction Hotel, Fox Glacier

Day 8 Fox Glacier to Wanaka (B)

Have your camera ready for your visit to nearby Lake Matheson for a morning stroll - when conditions are right the lake perfectly mirrors beautiful Mt. Cook in its still waters. Head over the Haast Pass into Mt. Aspiring National Park and the pretty lakeside resort town of Wanaka.

Edgewater Resort, Wanaka – 2 nights



Queen Charlotte Sound



Wellington

Day 9 Wanaka (B)

YOUR CHOICE ✓

This morning you have the choice of two excursions:

- a) Take a lake cruise to a conservation island**
Join a local eco-guide to discover rare native birds, island walks and stunning landscape views.
- b) Experience a scenic 4WD adventure**
Explore remote High Country farmland. This afternoon is at your leisure to relax or enjoy your own choice of activities.

Day 10 Wanaka to Te Anau (B)

Our first stop today is the much photographed Cardrona Pub, we then visit historic Arrowtown – a delightful gold rush village nestled below the beautiful peaks that surround the sparkling Arrow River. We continue our journey along the shores of spectacular Lake Wakatipu through glacial formed valleys to Lake Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland National Park.

Distinction Hotel Luxmore, Te Anau

Day 11 Te Anau to Milford Sound to Queenstown (B,L)

Prepare to be amazed on this morning's journey to Milford Sound. Fiordland National Park is one of the great wilderness areas of the Southern Hemisphere with spectacular lofty mountains and deep valleys carved out by Ice Age glaciers. At Milford Sound we board a comfortable vessel for a cruise past Mitre Peak to the Tasman Sea. Enjoy a packed lunch while watching out for seals and dolphins which are often seen in the waters of the fiord. Following the cruise we end our day in Queenstown.

Scenic Suites, Queenstown

Day 12 Depart Queenstown (B)

Haere ra – farewell from New Zealand. You are transferred to the Queenstown Airport for your return home taking with you fond memories of your time in New Zealand. Alternatively, should you wish to extend your stay, we can assist you with additional travel arrangements.



Milford Sound



Featured Experiences

- Delve into Maori life and enjoy a powerful cultural performance and feast
- A private guide around an active geothermal site with geysers, mud pools and hot springs
- Visit a volcanic valley and explore the site of a buried village devastated by an 1886 eruption
- Scenic Interislander Ferry journey across the Cook Strait
- Wine tasting at one of Marlborough's premier wineries
- Cruise the turquoise waters of Abel Tasman National Park
- Visit world-famous Pancake Rocks and blowholes at Punakaiki
- Cruise to a conservation island – or – join a scenic 4WD adventure
- Explore the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown

- Cruise, with a picnic lunch, on the breathtaking Milford Sound

Culinary Inclusions

13 meals included:
11 breakfasts (B) 1 lunch (L) 1 dinner (D)