



FREE POST NIGHT
IN CHRISTCHURCH



The Remarkables, Queenstown

NEW ZEALAND HIGHLIGHTER - AUCKLAND TO CHRISTCHURCH - 14 DAY TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy freedom of choice touring in Auckland, Rotorua, Queenstown, Dunedin, Mt Cook and Christchurch, Wellington
- Take a guided tour of the Waitomo caves
- Explore Rotorua's geothermal wonders
- Cruise across stunning Cook Strait
- Cruise through the Marlborough Sounds
- Cross the volcanic plateau of World
- Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park
- The Museum of New Zealand
- Ride the famous TranzAlpine train
- See spectacular Franz Josef Glacier
- Cruise the length of Milford Sound
- Explore stunning Mt Cook National Park
- See Lake Tekapo and the tiny stone
- Church of the Good Shepherd

Day 1 Auckland. Arrive Auckland, Freedom of Choice Touring. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Then choose your Freedom of Choice Touring activity. Perhaps take an Auckland city sights tour, go cruising on Waitemata Harbour, venture across Auckland Bridge for stunning views of the harbour, visit Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Encounter & Underwater World or select something else. Rendezvous Hotel.

Day 2 Auckland • Waitomo • Rotorua. Leaving the City of Sails, travel to Waitomo caves, for a guided tour then continue to Rotorua for a Maori Hangi feast tonight. Heritage Hotel (2 nights) [B/D]

Day 3 Rotorua. Rotorua is New Zealand's oldest and best known thermal resort. Your Freedom of Choice Touring options here range from the "Rotorua Icons" – the Agrodome and Te Puia thermal reserve – to a leisurely soak in a natural thermal mineral pool. Or perhaps you might like to visit the Rotorua Museum or head for the pristine Rainbow Springs Nature Park, where you have the chance to get close up to New Zealand's native and endangered kiwi bird, among other options. Country Homestay option available tonight. [B/D]

Day 4 Rotorua • Wellington. Follow the Thermal Explorer Highway to the heart of the North Island, traveling through some of the largest alpine forests in the Southern Hemisphere. View Wairakei steam valley, where thermal energy is harnessed in the world's second largest geothermal power plant. Then travel south and cross the vast volcanic plateau of World Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park to Wellington, the national capital. Duxton Hotel (2 nights) [B/D]

Day 5 Wellington • Freedom of Choice Touring. Today choose from a selection of freedom of choice activities. Take a guided tour of the city, including Parliament, or experience New Zealand's incredible natural history at Zealandia. Discover the secrets behind the Lord of the Rings movies with a tour of the Wellington sets, visit the Carter Observatory & Planetarium or choose from many other options. For dinner, select a restaurant from the diverse range in this fabulous city. [B]

Day 6 Wellington • Kaikoura • Christchurch. Step aboard the Interislander ferry to cruise across Cook Strait and through stunning Marlborough Sounds to Picton on the South Island. Rejoin your coach and journey through the renowned vineyard region of Marlborough, admiring the picturesque vineyards as you make your way towards the fishing town of Kaikoura, famous for its whale and dolphin watching. Later, arrive in the historic city of Christchurch. Rydges Hotel. BD

Day 7 TranzAlpine Train • Franz Josef. This morning board the award-winning TranzAlpine train and enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Canterbury Plains before climbing up into the Main Divide. Disembark at Arthurs Pass and continue to Hokitika by coach. Here, see Pounamu (jade) being carved into beautiful jewelry then continue to Franz Josef. Franz Josef Glacier Hotel [B/D]

Day 8 Franz Josef • Haast • Queenstown, Dine Around Dinner. Enjoy a day of incredible scenery as you travel along the Haast River, capturing views of the massive glacier-formed Haast River Valley, its towering peaks, waterfalls and rainforest. Arrive in Queenstown, where this evening you'll choose from four different restaurants for your Dine Around Dinner. Novotel Queenstown Lakeside (2 nights) [B/FD]

Day 9 Queenstown. Queenstown is a year-round alpine resort. Today we have a selection of activities for you to choose from, including a tour through some of Queenstown's local gardens, a visit to some award-winning wineries, a double decker bus tour around Queenstown or an exhilarating jetboat ride on the Shotover River. [B]

Day 10 Milford Sound • Te Anau. Today, travel to World Heritage-listed Fiordland National Park. Here, see some of New Zealand's most remote and untouched scenery as you journey to Milford Sound. Join a cruise on this beautiful, glacier-carved fiord then take a relaxing journey to the lakeside village of Te Anau. Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas [B/D]

Day 11 Te Anau • Dunedin. Leaving the dramatic landscape of the Fiordland region, journey through rolling Southland countryside. Travel via the rural support towns of Lumsden, Gore and Balclutha to the east coast and the city of Dunedin. This afternoon you choose an activity from our options. Dunedin City Hotel [B,D]

Day 12 Dunedin • Mt Cook. Journey along the coast to view the unique Moeraki Boulders, then head to Mt Cook National Park and join your selected activity. Choose from a guided walk through the National Park, a discovery of the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, stargazing with expert astronomy guides or Glacier Explorer Cruise. The Hermitage [B/D]



TranzAlpine Train



Cruise magnificent Milford Sound

Day 13 Lake Tekapo • Christchurch. This morning stop at Lake Tekapo to visit the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd, built of local stone as a tribute to the regions's early settlers. Travel through Burkes Pass to Christchurch. Christchurch, Rydges Hotel (B/D)

Day 14 Christchurch. Christchurch, Freedom of Choice Touring, Depart. Choose from our range of activities in Christchurch. Perhaps take a Garden Tour, go punting on the Avon, take a Bike Tour around the city, visit the International Antarctic Centre or visit Christchurch's Must See Four (a tour of four major city highlights). After your activity, the tour ends. Transfer to the airport in the afternoon. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- 13 nights superior accommodation
- 24 meals (13 breakfasts, 11 dinners)
- All entry fees as per itinerary
- Deluxe air conditioned coach transportation
- Services of a Tour Director and Driver

DEPARTURE DATES

HIGH SEASON

2011: Oct. 8, 11, 20, 29; Nov. 1, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29; Dec. 6, 13, 20, 24.

2012: Jan. 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31; Feb. 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28; Mar. 1, 3, 6, 10, 13, 20, 27; Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 27, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 17, 20, 27; Dec. 1, 11, 18, 25, 29.

LOW SEASON

2011: May 3, 10, 24; June 21; July 12; Aug. 16, 23, 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20, 29; Oct. 8, 11, 20, 29.

2012: May 1, 8, 15; June 12; July 17; Aug. 14, 28; Sept. 11, 18, 25.

Package price, per person, double - from \$5059

	All Meals	B & B (2 Feature Meals)
14 DAYS		
HIGH SEASON		
Twin Share	\$5545	\$5095
Single Supp.	\$1215	\$1215
LOW SEASON		
Twin Share	\$4990	\$4585
Single Supp.	\$1095	\$1095



Travel through renowned Marlborough region

