

New Zealand Discovery

17 Days of fully escorted luxury touring at a relaxed pace

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2024

SUPERIOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION



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HIGHLIGHTS

PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE

Larnach Castle
Milford Sound Cruise & Lunch
Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
Lakes District Museum
Tranz Alpine Rail Journey
Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
Te Papa New Zealand's National Museum
Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride
Agrodome
Thermal mud pools & geysers
Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
Waitangi Treaty Grounds
Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
Kauri Museum
City sights tour of Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington & Auckland

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER D. HOME TO MELBOURNE

After your home pick up today we travel to Tullamarine for our overnight stop prior to flying to New Zealand. Staying in Melbourne overnight, allows us an early start for New Zealand tomorrow morning.
Accom: Ciloms Airport Lodge

DAY 2: THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER D. MELBOURNE TO CHRISTCHURCH

Today we travel the short distance to Tullamarine and our flight to Christchurch, where we will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to our hotel.
Accom: Distinction Christchurch Hotel.

DAY 3: FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER B.D CHRISTCHURCH - TWIZEL

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, The Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps before travelling to Twizel.
Accom: Distinction Mackenzie Country

DAY 4: SAT 9TH NOVEMBER B.D TWIZEL - DUNEDIN

Depart Twizel and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time.
Accom: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

DAY 5: SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER B.D DUNEDIN - TE ANAU

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and our overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).
Accom: Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau

DAY 6: MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER B.L TE ANAU - MILFORD SOUND - QUEENSTOWN

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where we board our launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year-round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free, you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.
Accom: Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

**DAY 7: TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER B.SD
QUEENSTOWN**

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader are available to assist with the many optional activities available, including the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

**DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER B.D
QUEENSTOWN-ARROWTOWN-FRANZ JOSEF**

Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Franz Josef. Time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Accom: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier

**DAY 9: THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER B.D
FRANZ JOSEF-ARTHURS PASS-CHRISTCHURCH**

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board the TransAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as we travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains. On arrival into the elegant city of Christchurch, our coach will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel.

Accom: Sudima Christchurch Airport

**DAY 10: FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER B.D
CHRISTCHURCH - PICTON - WELLINGTON**

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as we travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine. Continue to Picton, where we will board the Interislander Ferry for our journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Strait to Wellington. Accom: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (2 nights)

**DAY 11: SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER B.
WELLINGTON**

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Reboard our coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also free to choose your own dining arrangements.

**DAY 12: SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER B.D
WELLINGTON – TAUPO - ROTORUA**

Depart Wellington and view the snow-capped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as we travel to Lake Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls then travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua.

Accom: Pullman Rotorua (2 nights)

**DAY 13: MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER B.SD
ROTORUA**

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before visiting Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

**DAY 14: TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER B.D
ROTORUA – BAY OF ISLANDS**

This morning depart Rotorua and travel north via Whangarei to the Bay of Islands, This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Ground, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British.

Accom: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

**DAY 15: WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER B.
BAY OF ISLANDS**

Today we will cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piercy Island, or as it is popularly known, the 'Hole in the Rock'. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life before returning to Paihia for a free afternoon. A range of optional activities are available, or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

**DAY 16: THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER B.SD
BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND**

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei and Dargaville to Matakōhe. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with our new friends at the farewell dinner.

Accom: Sudima Auckland City

**DAY 17: FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER B.
AUCKLAND - HOME**

It's time to say goodbye. We will be transferred to the airport for our flight home to Tullamarine after a memorable 17 day New Zealand holiday. Upon arrival at Tullamarine you will be returned to your home.

PRICE: \$9990.00 per person
SINGLE SUPP: \$2420.00
All prices include GST

PLEASE NOTE:

1. The above price includes the compulsory departure taxes associated with this tour.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return airfares from Tullamarine flying Air New Zealand
- Coach Travel - 32 Premium Economy Comfort Seats on a full size Coach with 2 door access, seat back tray table, cup holder, restroom, daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance
- Personalized Meet & Greet on arrival
- 15 nights 4 Star hotel accommodation
- 4 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 4 cruises
- 1 rail journey
- All sightseeing and pre-paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack.
- Durable travel bag
- 1 Ticket wallet per couple
- Toiletry wet pack
- 1 Laundry bag per couple
- Luggage label
- Personal name badge
- Personalized itinerary
- Postcard
- Customs required resealable plastic bag
- Touring map

MEALS

- 15 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast at Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 12 sumptuous dinners including 3 specialty dinners: Maori Hangi & Concert - Rotorua,
- Walter Peak Homestead - Queenstown,
- Farewell Dinner - Auckland
- 1 lunch – Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle.

- All Meals as Specified.
- B: Breakfast, L: Lunch,
- D: Dinner, SD: Specialty Dinner

- Pick up & return to your home.

- Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.

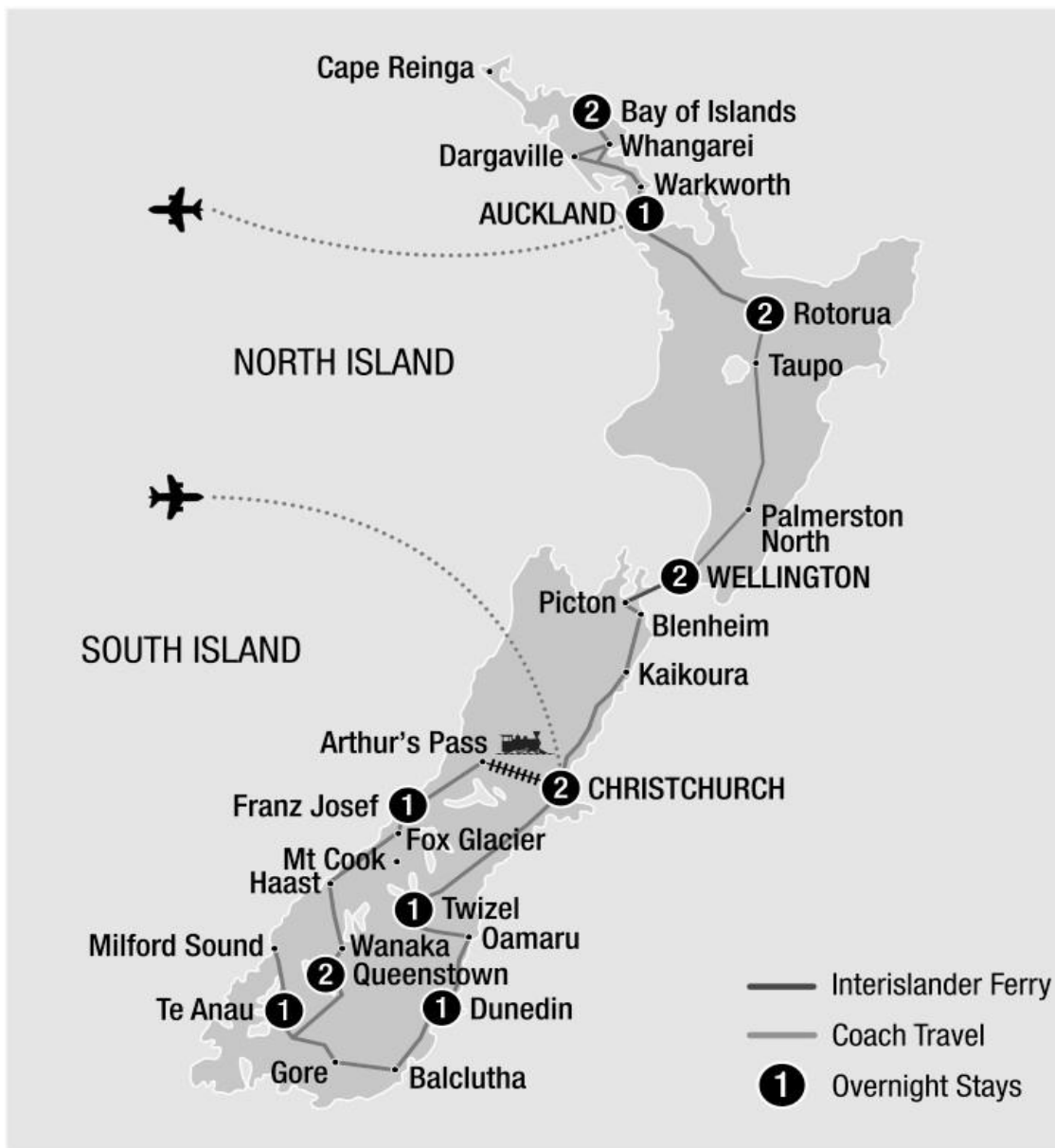
- Please note: This itinerary if necessary, may be subject to change.

- Passengers travelling to New Zealand are required to hold a current passport.



Brendan's Australian Tours associating with Grand Pacific Tours gives you the chance to explore both the South and North Islands of New Zealand over 17 magical days.





Enjoy 17 days of fully escorted luxury as we tour beautiful New Zealand, travelling in style on a full size Coach with just 32 seats designed for ultimate comfort.

