



New Zealand



Proposed Itinerary especially prepared for

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Welcome to New Zealand

Set in the azure seas of the South Pacific Ocean, New Zealand is renowned for its clean green environment and remarkable scenic beauty from rugged mountains and ancient glaciers to beaches, bays and bush. Discerning travellers from all over the world rate New Zealand a destination not to be missed.

New Zealand is more than magnificent landscapes, it is about a people and a society that has a vibrant and rich culture; a melding of a proud Maori heritage and modern European and Polynesian influences. New Zealanders themselves – friendly and open are proud of their country and its achievements. They have an egalitarian approach to life that visitors find refreshingly calming and welcoming.

New Zealand offers outstanding experiences – including wilderness fly fishing and deep-sea game fishing, hiking and helicopter adventures, diving, hiking, hot air ballooning, skiing and golfing tours, gourmet cuisine, wine trails, house and garden tours as well as sports, cultural and artistic activities. New Zealand is also known for its fine foods and wines. Seafood and top quality agricultural produce form the basis of the exciting and innovative Pacific Rim cuisine.

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Day 01

Upon arrival at Auckland International Airport you will be met by a representative of Southern Crossings who will hand over your New Zealand documentation and transfer you to Auckland Domestic Airport.

Fly Auckland to Taupo (cost not included)

On arrival at Taupo Airport collect your full-size automatic rental vehicle including daily insurance, unlimited kilometres, accident excess reduction and GPS and drive to your accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS IN A DOUBLE JUNIOR
LODGE SUITE INCLUDING PRE-DINNER DRINKS, DINNER
AND BREAKFAST AT:
HUKA LODGE
TAUPO

Taupo



Taupo – 'Trout fishing capital of New Zealand'. Set on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake with awe-inspiring panoramic views of the diverse volcanic landscape from the pristine lake to the surrounding mountain peaks of Ruapehu, Tongariro and Ngauruhoe.

Day 02

Drive to the nearby Taupo Boat Harbour.

Enjoy a half day charter on Lake Taupo, visiting the many bays and inlets only accessible by watercraft. Lunch, beverages and fishing licences have also been included today.

Return to Taupo Boat Harbour and on to your accommodation.

While at leisure we suggest the following optional activities:

- Golf at Wairakei or Kinloch International course*
- Scenic helicopter flight over Mt Tarawera and White Island*
- Taupo Hot Pools
- Spectacular Huka Falls, The Aratiatia Rapids and surrounding nature trails
- Orakei Korako Cave and Thermal Park
- Jet boat ride on the Waikato River
- Visit sacred Maori rock carvings by kayak or boat trip
- Horse riding

CRUISING



Whilst in Taupo we suggest you enjoy a cruise on Lake Taupo, visiting the many bays and inlets only accessible by watercraft.

The scenery is stunning – and on a clear day the majestic volcanoes of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro can be seen at the Southern end of the lake. During your cruise there is also the opportunity to fish or partake in clay bird shooting.

SUGGESTED EXCURSIONS - COST NOT INCLUDED*

FISHING



Taupo is New Zealand's 'fishing capital' and there are several options enabling you to enjoy it. Spawning runs of Brown Trout usually start at the end of March with Rainbow Trout following until the end of September. During the summer months, attention turns to the Wilderness Rivers and the superb dry fly fishing on offer. Alternatively Lake Taupo offers some of the best Rainbow Trout fishing in the world.

GOLF



Set in 450 acres of beautiful rolling countryside, Wairakei International was designed to be New Zealand's first international standard course and a round will prove that the aim has certainly been achieved. Wairakei is a 'must-experience' for all casual and serious golfers. Wairakei International has an excellent driving range and a golf professional is available for lessons year round. The course is a par 72, and measures 6,429 metres from the back tees.

Day 03

This morning drive to your accommodation at the Hawke's Bay (approximately 2 hours 25 minutes).

ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS IN A DOUBLE
DELUXE SUITE INCLUDING PRE-DINNER DRINKS, DINNER
AND BREAKFAST AT:
THE FARM AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS
HAWKE'S BAY

Hawke's Bay



The Pacific Ocean provides a stunning backdrop to the Hawke's Bay – renowned as one of New Zealand's richest agricultural areas including viticulture. The long established wine-growing region has produced some of the finest wines of almost every variety.

Day 04

Enjoy a half day private cycling tour, which has been included today. Commencing at Perfume Point in the port village of Ahuriri your cycle takes you along the coast to the Napier CBD, a world famous Art Deco treasure. Cycling is on our dedicated walking and cycling pathway keeping you safely away from traffic. Your route then continues the length of Marine Parade with stunning views back to Cape Kidnappers before reaching the settlement of Clive. From here the limestone cycle trail passes through a wetlands area with many native birds. The final stretch to Clifton takes you thru the small coastal communities of Haumoana and Te Awanga stopping for wine tasting.

Enjoy lunch at Elephant Hill, which has been included today (beverages not included – please settle drinks account directly). Continue the final 5km on the coastal path to Clifton from where you will be transferred back to the Lodge.

A bike, helmet, cycling vest, pannier, water bottle, riding instructions and route map, services of a guide throughout with return transfers from The Farm at Cape Kidnappers has been included.

While at leisure we suggest the following optional activities:

- Walking tour of Napier, the Art Deco capital of the world
- Enjoy top New Zealand Craft and Art at the MIA Gallery
- Drive up Te Mata Peak for stunning views
- Visit Cape Kidnappers Gannet Colony
- Hawke's Bay Museum and Exhibition Centre
- Golf at Cape Kidnappers – ranked in the top 30 courses in the world
- Visit the beach areas of Waimarama and Ocean Beach
- Fly fishing in the Tuki Tuki and Ngaruroro Rivers

SUGGESTED EXCURSIONS - COST NOT INCLUDED*

GOLF



Cape Kidnappers, a stand out beacon of land discovered by Captain James Cook in 1769, is set on a 6,000 acre sheep farm on some of the most dramatic coastline to be found in New Zealand. Cape Kidnappers Golf Course was awarded best new golf course developed anywhere in the world in 2004, by prestigious Travel and Leisure Golf Magazine, and rates as one of the best courses in the world. The course is a par 71, and measures 6,525 metres from the back tees.

GANNET COLONY



Cape Kidnappers Gannet Colony is the world's largest, most accessible Gannet nesting place. From September through to May, enjoy an overland safari, helicopter safari or guided walk through the spectacular scenery of Cape Kidnappers Station - being taken within a few feet of these remarkable birds. Visitors will see adults and young nesting in serried rows carrying out their daily routine.

Day 05

This morning drive to Napier Airport and return your rental vehicle prior to your onward flight (approximately 45 minutes drive).

Fly Napier to Christchurch (cost not included).

On arrival at Christchurch Airport collect your full-size automatic rental vehicle including daily insurance, unlimited kilometres, accident excess reduction and GPS and drive to your accommodation on the outskirts of Christchurch (approximately 20 minutes drive).

ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS IN A DOUBLE SUITE
INCLUDING PRE-DINNER DRINKS, DINNER WITH WINE
PAIRING AND BREAKFAST AT:
OTAHUA LODGE
TAI TAPU
NEAR CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch



Christchurch – ‘Garden City of New Zealand’. Historic architecture, art galleries, parks, landscaped gardens and the River Avon meandering through the city centre creates a tranquil and charming atmosphere, reminiscent of the city’s English heritage.

Day 06

While at leisure we suggest the following optional activities:

- Canterbury Museum and adjacent Botanical Gardens
- International Antarctic Centre
- Punt ride on the Avon River and a stroll through Hagley Park
- Hot air ballooning over the Canterbury Plains*
- Golf at Terrace Downs, Clearwater or Russley Golf Courses*
- Visit Willowbank Wildlife Reserve
- Day excursion to the North Canterbury vineyards*
- Day excursion to the quaint French seaside village of Akaroa and Dolphin swimming cruises*
- Day excursion to Hanmer Springs Natural Thermal Pools
- Experience hundreds of years of pride and passion at a Maori Culture evening show

SUGGESTED EXCURSIONS - COST NOT INCLUDED*

PRIVATE TOURING



We suggest a half or full day tour to enjoy the many attractions in the Christchurch region. View the main features of the city, including Hagley Park; the Avon River; the Botanical Gardens; and the International Antarctic Centre.

AKAROA - BANKS PENINSULA



We highly recommend a full day sightseeing tour to the quaint French seaside village of Akaroa (approximately 1 hour 30 minutes drive). Akaroa is a historic settlement nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano 85 kilometres from Christchurch. Explore the village with its colonial architecture, craft stores, and cafés. Relax in the sun at French Bay, enjoy a harbour cruise or find a secluded beach of your own in one of the neighbouring bays.

HOT AIR BALLOONING



Canterbury's geography and climate are ideal for ballooning - providing a unique situation where passengers can experience the landscape as only a few have seen it - from a gently floating hot air balloon. The exhilarating early morning hot air balloon adventure offers magnificent views of the mountains and countryside. The experience is approximately three hours duration and includes a glass of Methode Champenoise on completion.

Day 07

This morning drive to your accommodation at Mount Cook (approximately 4 hours drive).

This afternoon enjoy a scenic fixed-wing flight with breathtaking views of the Mount Cook National Park and a glacier landing in the Mount Cook National Park, which has been included today.

ACCOMMODATION FOR ONE NIGHT IN A DOUBLE
PREMIUM PLUS ROOM ON A ROOM ONLY BASIS AT:
THE HERMITAGE
MOUNT COOK

Aoraki-Mount Cook



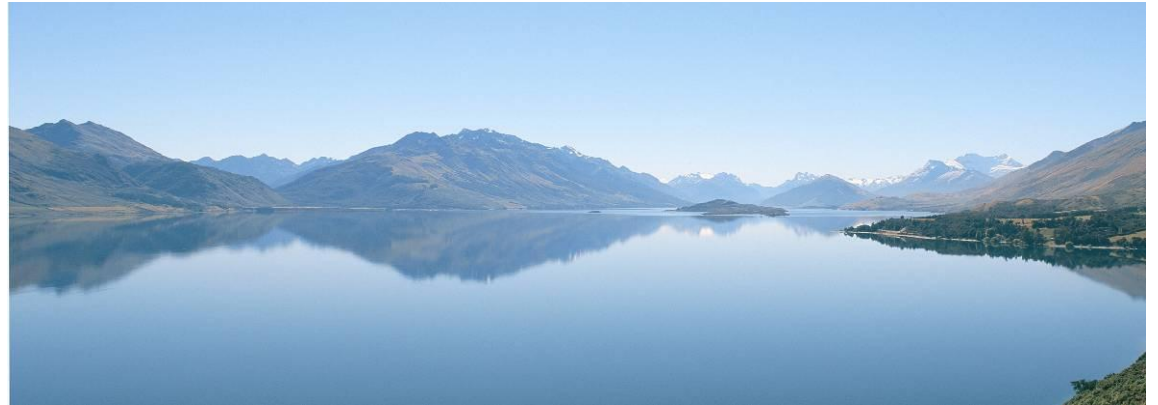
Mount Cook – known in Maori as Aoraki, is the highest peak in Australasia. The National Park and World Heritage Site is one of the country's most spectacular, with more than one third of the Park in permanent snow and glacial ice.

Day 08

This morning drive via Queenstown to your accommodation at Glenorchy (approximately 4 hours drive).

ACCOMMODATION FOR THREE NIGHTS IN A DOUBLE SUITE INCLUDING PRE-DINNER DRINKS, DINNER AND BREAKFAST AT:
BLANKET BAY
GLENORCHY

Glenorchy



Glenorchy, located at the remote head of Lake Wakatipu, is encircled by the towering peaks of the Southern Alps with the scenery providing a perfect backdrop for endless activities and an idyllic haven in which to relax.

Day 09

This morning you will be met at your accommodation by your private helicopter to enjoy an excursion to majestic Milford Sound. Fly through the grandeur of the Alps over rainforests, frozen lakes and majestic Milford to touchdown on an age old glacier. The views of the glaciers are overwhelming, with their many crevasses and blue and green ice falls. You will then return to Queenstown with views of New Zealand's southern lakes en route (approximately 90 minutes duration).

Milford Sound



Majestic Milford Sound, one of New Zealand's most spectacular areas and a natural wonder of world fame, whatever the fiord's mood, teeming with rain or with sun glistening on deep water, it will inspire you. In the foreground of the fiord, stands Mitre Peak, a remarkable presence dominating the skyline.

Day 10

While at leisure we suggest the following optional activities:

- Exhilarating Jetboat excursion or Fun Yak trip on the scenic Dart River with pick up from the Blanket Bay jetty
- Horse riding through rolling alpine countryside
- Day hike to nearby Routeburn National Park
- Visit the sites and surreal landscape where the 'Lord of the Rings' was filmed
- Guided Fly fishing (October through April)

Day 11

This morning drive to Queenstown Airport and return your rental vehicle prior to your onward flight (approximately 1 hours drive).

Fly Queenstown to Auckland (cost not included).

Depart Auckland

NEW ZEALAND ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDE

*Please note for optional activities marked with an * we suggest reservations made are in advance*

SUGGESTED EXCURSIONS - COST NOT INCLUDED*

DART RIVER JETBOATING



This, the longest and most sensational jet boat journey available in the Queenstown area, is an adventure that will take you all the way from the head of mighty Lake Wakatipu into the World Heritage listed pristine Mount Aspiring National Park. There are three exciting adventures to choose from, whether it's non-stop jet boat action, combining jet boat action with a leisurely forest walk, or adding tranquil downstream 'Funkyaking' for a family adventure.

ADVENTURE EXCURSIONS



Queenstown offers some of the best activities in the Southern Hemisphere and we have access to specialist guides who customise trips designed to suit your requirements and move along at your own pace. Choose from a variety of half or full day excursions to include activities such as hiking, mountain biking, hunting, bungy jumping, white water rafting, canyoning, paragliding, quad biking, jet boating, skiing, sky diving, rural encounters, family friendly touring and more!

Huka Lodge Taupo

Founded in the 1920s, this iconic luxury Lodge is consistently ranked amongst the best in the world. Offering a location of matchless beauty, Huka Lodge nestles amongst 17 acres of lush manicured grounds. With 18 Lodge Rooms, a one bedroom suite and The Owner's Cottage all within gaze of the Waikato River's deep turquoise and hypnotic waters, guests leave the real world behind. Every last detail for guest comfort has been carefully considered from the monogrammed linen to the freshly baked biscuits. Service is both solicitous and seamless – designed to anticipate.

Cuisine at Huka Lodge continues to define the legendary hospitality of the property with the superb five-course dinner often being the end of a perfect day. Guests venture forth having breakfasted well to enjoy a great variety of pursuits – from golf, spa treatments, horse riding, trout fishing, helicopter sightseeing, kayaking and tours to nearby Hawke's Bay or volcanic White Island. Come the evening they draw together for pre-dinner drinks and to share stories of their day's exploits and adventures. Dining venues are truly sublime and deliberately romantic, offering both indoor and outdoor opportunities for seclusion and ambience.

For the ultimate Huka Lodge experience offering the best of both worlds, total independence and privacy as well as all of the Lodge's amenities, enjoy either the Owner's Cottage with four spacious guest suites, or the two bedroom Alan Pye Cottage – one of the world's most exclusive private hideaways.



The luxury Lodge market was further enhanced in late 2007 with the opening of Kauri Cliffs' sister property, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, amongst the rich vineyards and pasturelands of Hawke's Bay. Cape Kidnappers, a stand out beacon of land discovered by Captain James Cook in 1769, is set on a 6,000 acre sheep farm on some of the most dramatic coastline to be found in New Zealand. Cape Kidnappers represents all that is outstanding in the New Zealand Lodge experience stakes.

The Lodge resembles a cluster of farm (ranch) buildings with twenty two cottages plus the ultimate in luxury, the 4 bedroom Owner's Cottage. All are graciously scaled and full of natural light and unexpected treasures, with breathtaking views as they open to large porches overlooking a stunning Pacific Ocean panorama.

Situated on a par 72 Tom Doak designed links style golf course which has been voted 27th best golf course in the world by Golf Magazine, Cape Kidnappers offers golfers and non golfers alike a luxurious base while exploring the wonders of Hawke's Bay.

Lodge facilities include two dining rooms and a covered loggia featuring a gourmet a la carte menu with private dining and room service available on request. Other rooms within the Lodge include a lounge/living room, library, intimate sitting room, wine cellar tasting room, and a computer room.

The Farm at Cape Kidnappers Hawke's Bay



Built in 1895 for Canterbury pioneer Sir Heaton Rhodes, Otahuna is one of the best examples of Queen Anne architecture in Australasia and is protected by a Category One listing from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

The Lodge, a Relais and Chateaux member property, is an exclusive retreat offering seven individual suites. The 2 Master Suites and 5 Suites retain grand architectural features from the 19th century such as ornate wood-burning fireplaces, carved inglenooks and stained glass windows. All luxury suites offer super king beds, fine custom-made linens, toiletries by Penhaligon's of London, deep bathtubs and separate rain showers.

Food and wine are an integral part of the lodge experience. The menu celebrates the best of fresh New Zealand produce with an emphasis on seasonal estate grown offerings from its' own vast organic kitchen gardens. Honest, uncluttered flavours, the finest ingredients and elegantly restrained presentation are the hallmarks of the Otahuna table.

Otahuna Lodge

Tai Tapu, Christchurch





The Hermitage Hotel

Aoraki Mount Cook

At the foot of New Zealand's tallest mountain amidst some of the country's most spectacular alpine scenery is one of our most historic hotels. The Hermitage Hotel opened to adventurous travelers in 1884 and has continued to provide visitors with its very special brand of hospitality ever since.

While the hotel has been modernized and refurbished over the years, this special style of alpine accommodation has always been unrivalled with the deluxe Aoraki Wing rooms each featuring exceptional picture window views of Aoraki Mount Cook and Mount Sefton.

Built in the grand style of the finest alpine Lodges, Blanket Bay has received international accolades since opening in 1999. The 60,000 acre property is situated at the northern end of Lake Wakatipu just 40 minutes drive from Queenstown. Blanket Bay has seven magnificent suites and five rooms all with stunning views over Lake Wakatipu and the Humbolt Mountains. The style, comfort and detailed luxury of all the rooms guarantee a memorable stay with complimentary high speed internet connection being available in all.

Facilities include an intimate den where pre-dinner drinks are served, the games room, an elaborate spa comprising a gym, jacuzzi, steam rooms, a beauty therapy suite and a heated outdoor pool. Dinner, chosen from an a la carte menu which changes nightly, is served at your own table in the main dining room, in the privacy of the wine cave or on the terrace. An extensive supporting wine list profiling many excellent nearby Central Otago vineyards further enhances the dining experience.

Guests can take advantage of a variety of activities including guided fly fishing, horse riding, mountain biking, guided walks, heli-flightseeing to Milford Sound, jetboating the Dart River or hiking in the scenic Mount Aspiring National Park. Blanket Bay has earned an enviable reputation as one of New Zealand's truly outstanding Lodges. The experience lingers long after the visit with the desire to return always extremely strong.

Blanket Bay Glenorchy, near Queenstown

