



Boutique Honeymoon Package

Arriving in Queenstown you will experience the highlights of Milford Sound, an overnight experience at a Gibbston Winery before heading north to experience the awe of Aoraki-Mt Cook. Further up the coast an intimate overnight in a PurePod awaits with a Heli Ocean Safari and some time to unwind and relax in the native bush and tranquillity of Marlborough Sounds. Crossing the Cook Straight there will be time to experience the "Coolest Little Capital" Wellington before immersing into Māori culture and wellness in Rotorua. Exploring the Glowworms of Waitomo before arriving the luxurious Waiheke Island for food, wine and an Eco Sailing Experience!



Starts in: Queenstown
 Finishes in: Auckland
 Length: 14days / 13nights
 Accommodation: Boutique Lodges & Hotels
 Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

Includes: Late model rental cars

Includes: Unlimited kms

Included activity: Private Transfer Queenstown Accommodation to Airport (LSQ)

Included activity: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App

Included activity: Restorative Journey with Wai Ariki Hot Springs and Spa

Included activity: Delamore Lodge Transfer

Included activity: Private transfer Auckland Airport to Fullers Ferry Terminal with Tourcorp

Included activity: Fullers Ferry Waiheke Island to Auckland

Included activity: Milford Sound Flight and Cruise with Return Flight

Included activity: Private Transfer Queenstown Accommodation to Airport (LSQ)

Included activity: The Panorama Room 3-course Dinner with The Hermitage Hotel

plus much more...

Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance (excess may apply)

Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring

Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course

Included activity: Te Pā Tū Evening Māori Cultural Experience - Dinner Included

Included activity: Private Footwhistle Glowworm Cave Tour with CaveWorld

Included activity: Fullers Reserve Ferry Auckland to Waiheke Island (Return)

Included activity: Hauraki Gulf Eco Sailing Adventure with Terra & Tide

Included activity: Private transfer Fullers Ferry Terminal to Auckland Airport with Tourcorp

Included activity: Gibbston Valley Wine Cave Tour

Included activity: Big Sky Stargazing

Included activity: A Taste of Greystone at Greystone Wines



Day 1



Welcome to Queenstown

Renowned for its adrenaline inducing activities Queenstown is synonymous with adventure. Parked on the shores of Lake Wakatipu this small alpine town is nestled below soaring vistas of The Remarkables Mountain Range. While arguably the brightest gem in New Zealand's crown, Queenstown offers far more than an action-packed getaway. Spend time on the Gibbston wine trail and end with a meal at Michelin star chef Josh Emett's restaurant, Rata. Take a trip down memory lane on a 100 year old steamship the TSS Earnslaw. Soak in the scenery on your walk around the lake, or venture further afield into Fiordland National Park. Head over the hill to resort town Wanaka, or re-live scenes from Lord Of The Rings by four wheel drive. But - if you really do want that rush - head out on the Shotover Jet, dive off the Nevis Bungy, freefall on the Canyon swing or Zip line the Gondola. Just be sure it's done on an empty stomach; don't say we didn't warn you!

Private Transfer Queenstown Accommodation to Airport (LSQ)

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Queenstown airport to meet your flight.

Queenstown

Queenstown known in Māori as Tāhuna, is home to many adrenaline-inducing activities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, this alpine town has very distinct seasons, and most adrenaline-filled activities can be accessed year-round. Queenstown is home to jet boating, bungy jumping, rafting, skydiving, paragliding, and even indoor thrills. If you want that rush - head out on the Shotover Jet, dive off the Nevis Bungy, freefall on the Canyon Swing, or Zip line the Gondola. While arguably the brightest gem in New Zealand's crown, Queenstown offers far more than an action-packed getaway. If you're looking for a slightly slower pace, there are plenty of recreational activities, including hiking and biking trails to explore, guided tours, boat cruises, scenic flights, or spa and wellness options to help you get away. Head to the lakefront, eat at one of the al fresco eateries, and soak up the local vibes; catch a ride on the iconic 100-year-old steamship the TSS Earnslaw; or take the Skyline Gondola and enjoy bird's-eye views of the Remarkables mountain ranges and Lake Wakatipu. Pack a picnic and go for a hike, only 20 minutes from Central Queenstown, Coronet Peak opens for summer sightseeing. You can ride the Peak Gondola to the top for panoramic views and hike the trails, or go for a bike ride on many excellent biking trails. In winter, Queenstown becomes a world-class winter resort, with four ski areas and a range of activities, bars, restaurants, and ways to relax and unwind.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - The Original Onsen Evening Session

Enjoy the most memorable experience in Queenstown and surround yourself with a sky of stars and 14 Japanese lanterns as you soak up the warm waters of the Onsen Hot Pools. Nestled high into a cliff-side overlooking the magnificent Shotover River canyon, the experience is all about unwinding and soaking-up Queenstown's spectacular scenery, enjoying the pure waters and the fresh mountain air as your mind and body surrenders to the deep penetrating warmth and gentle massage of the private pools. Water temperature is set according to the day - generally between 37.8C on a hot day, to 39.8C during a snow-storm and in the summer one of the pools is kept cold for those who relish the thought of a cold plunge!

Your accommodation: Queenstown Park Boutique Hotel

Queenstown Park Hotel is a boutique hotel with a modern romantic style in the heart of New Zealand's adventure capital. Set in peaceful parkland, savour views of Queenstown's majestic mountains. Enjoy easy access to the vibrant town centre where shopping, cafes and nightlife nestled on the shores of spectacular Lake Wakatipu.



Day 2



Milford Sound Flight and Cruise with Return Flight

Departing Queenstown Airport, you enjoy a scenic flight to Milford Sound. During the flight you will experience panoramic views of spectacular alpine scenery, lush rainforest, and finally Milford Sound. Once on the ground at Milford Airport you are transferred by coach to the RealNZ Visitor Centre to board a luxury vessel for a cruise the full-length of Milford Sound. The vessel provides excellent viewing and there is plenty of time available to enjoy the waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. Sheer cliffs starting hundreds of metres below the waters surface rise spectacularly to the sky. It is 16 kilometres from the head of the fiord to the open sea and RealNZ cruise ships will take you there and back comfortably. Dolphins and seals can often be seen, and following a large downpour the waterfalls that line the fiords are magnificent, particularly the 146 metre high Stirling Falls. The luxury vessels stop at various points and offer excellent viewing of waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. The cruise is accompanied by comprehensive commentaries. Following the cruise, you are transferred the short distance to Milford Airport by coach for your return flight. It is important you read and understand the risks associated with this activity. For more information, see here.

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Meals included: Breakfast



Day 3



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Queenstown to Gibbston

Following Lake Wakatipu had towards Frankton, crossing the iconic Shotover River. Pass Lake Hayes and follow the Kawarau River as it winds through the landscape to reach your destination, Gibbston. Also known as the 'Valley of the Vines' Gibbston is home to popular vineyards, cellar doors and restaurants.

Gibbston Valley Wine Cave Tour

Gibbston Valley Winery is home of New Zealand's largest wine cave. They offer daily wine cave and tasting tours to the region's oldest vineyard - their very own Home Block. You will experience wine tasting in the wine cave and catch a glimpse of the winemakers in action. The tour includes a tasting of three varietals in the cave and a visit to the Home Block Vineyard, originally planted by the founder and wine pioneer Allan Brady in 1983.

Your accommodation: Kinross Cottages

Kinross Cottages is located in Gibbston Valley, on a working vineyard, with stunning mountain views. Enjoy wine tasting in the on-site coffee shop, or relax in the outdoor hot tub.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 4



Gibbston to Aoraki-Mt Cook National Park

Departing from Gibbston Valley follow signs for Cromwell and enjoy the scenes of the Kawarau Gorge. We recommend a stop at Jacksons Orchard to collect some delicious stone fruit or a real fruit ice cream for your road trip. and over the Lindis Pass into the Mackenzie Country. Passing the beautiful alpine Lake Ruataniwha and the township of Twizel, you will turn left and follow the stunning glacial Lake Pukaki before arriving at the breathtaking beauty of Aoraki-Mt Cook National Park.

Aoraki-Mt Cook National Park

At 3754m Aoraki-Mt Cook is Aotearoa-New Zealand's highest mountain, located deep in the heart of the Southern Alps. As well as its impressive beauty, Aoraki-Mt Cook National Park is also home to a huge range of awe-inspiring sights and activities. Take to the air with Mt Cook Ski Planes for a scenic flight that includes a glacier landing. At around 27 kilometres long the Tasman Glacier is New Zealand's longest and a Glacier Explorers tour allows you to see its unique features up close.

There are many short hikes in and around the park and these are well signposted around the village. Those with an interest in the night sky should take a Big Sky Stargazing tour with the Hermitage Hotel. The region is considered to have one of the clearest night skies in the world and is one of the few gold-rated dark sky reserves worldwide.

Visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre for insight into this region's mountain climbing history. You'll also learn of Sir Ed's incredible achievements and his dedication to helping others around the world.

The Panorama Room 3-course Dinner with The Hermitage Hotel

Since first opening its doors in 1969, The Panorama Room has gained a reputation as being one of the best restaurants in New Zealand. This reputation is reflected in the numerous awards the restaurant has received over the years. A simple philosophy of using just the freshest, local ingredients, in particular from New Zealand's South Island, is still the secret to its success today. The menu has a strong international influence and reflects both the establishment's taste and the fact that most of the chefs have travelled and worked widely throughout the world.

Big Sky Stargazing

Mt Cook is far from the city lights and therefore has some of the darkest skies in New Zealand, perfect for viewing the night sky! Their fully trained guides are delighted to show you the beautiful southern night sky using the naked eye, state-of-the-art astronomy telescopes, and binoculars at the outdoor viewing platform. If the weather is not favourable, then there will be an indoor alternative featuring New Zealand's first full-dome digital Planetarium, high-definition video images on a suspended 9m wide x 4.5m high full dome. Unleash your imagination as you discover the night sky, including the Southern Cross, seasonal ecliptic objects, planets, star clusters, moons, distant galaxies, and even our very own galaxy, the spectacular Milky Way!

Your accommodation: Hermitage Hotel, Aoraki Wing Premium Plus

Experience the best views in the park from the spacious top floor rooms of the magnificent Hermitage Hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Speciality Dinner



Day 5



Glacier Explorers

Experience 500-year-old icebergs up close on the Aoraki-Mt Cook terminal lake. The Glacier Explorers tour is the only one of its kind in New Zealand and one of only three in the world! Very few glaciers terminate into lakes and even fewer of them are accessible. See towering ice cliffs and floating icebergs from the safety of a specially designed boat. These boats provide a safe way to view unseen and inaccessible areas of New Zealand's largest glacier The Tasman.

Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to Waipara

Leaving Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, travel a short distance before stopping at the visitor centre on the southern shores of Lake Pukaki. Learn about the formation of the region and take in the spectacular views of Mount Cook. Lake Tekapo also displays the same reflective qualities of Lake Pukaki, making the waters a bright turquoise. You'll go through the small town of Tekapo, home to some of the most photographed subjects in the country, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Collie Dog statue. It's a great place to take a scenic flight, enjoy a guided horse trek, a boat trip on the pristine lake or just marvel at the magnificent views. From here you travel through Burkes Pass and into the rich farming valley that surrounds Geraldine. Continue on across the vast Canterbury Plains passing north through Christchurch to the rolling hills of the Waipara Valley.

Waipara region

The Waipara Valley is situated only 40 40-minute drive north of Christchurch City. The fastest growing wine region in New Zealand, it is home to around 80 vineyards covering more than 1,200 hectares of plantings. Tucked at the base of the Teviotdale hill, it is sheltered from cool easterly winds but open to warming north west winds. The valley has three general sites: the valley floor, hill slopes, or river terraces. The soil types include: gravelly deposits on flats and terraces in the central and western part of the valley, limestone-derived clays on hillsides and valley floor to the eastern side, and gravelly loams over alluvial subsoil in the southern part of the region. The north-facing sloping terrain provides an ideal sun trap for fruiting vines.

This gives each vineyard unique characteristics that contribute to a range of wine styles. The "Terroir" combined with the long hot autumn period helps produce unique, richer, spicier Pinot Noirs and Rieslings; regional specialities. Other varieties of note include Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyards of note include Pegasus Bay with its award-winning restaurant and Mud House, which also has a cafe linked to the cellar door.

Another great local attraction is The Weka Pass Railway. This historic rural railway uses both vintage steam and diesel-electric locomotives on 12.8 km of scenic line through the unique limestone beauty of the Weka Pass out of Waipara, where superior weather patterns provide crystal clear air and high sunshine hours. Open most Sundays and public holidays during the summer months.

A Taste of Greystone at Greystone Wines

Situated in Waipara, Greystone is dedicated to sustainable, organic winemaking that captures the essence of their unique terroir. "A Taste of Greystone" offers an exclusive tasting of premium wines, carefully selected to showcase the best of what the vineyard has to offer. The experience includes Vineyard Ferment Pinot Noir, Eriks Block Chardonnay, and Thomas Brother Pinot Noir, each expertly paired with a small dish crafted in-house using locally sourced, organic ingredients. These pairings are designed to enhance the unique characteristics of each wine, providing an elevated tasting experience. Guided by a knowledgeable team, explore the intricate connections between the wines and the culinary creations that accompany them, while learning about the regenerative practices that define the vineyard's approach to viticulture.

Your accommodation: Greystone PurePod

The Greystone PurePod is set high above the award-winning Greystone vineyard, less than an hour north of Christchurch, right in the heart of the Waipara Valley wine producing region. With the Teviotdale Hills behind and views up the Waipara Valley across to the Southern Alps, the Greystone PurePod provides a beautiful setting for you to immerse yourself in your own private slice of the New Zealand landscape.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6



Waipara to Kaikoura

A short drive north from Waipara to Kaikoura enjoy the rolling hillside as you make way for the coastal township of Kaikoura, home to an array of marine life such as fur seals, whales and dolphins.

Ocean Safari Whale Watching Flight with South Pacific Helicopters

Explore Kaikoura's wildlife colonies from the air in this incredible 45-minute helicopter Ocean Safari. Fly over the Seaward Mountain Ranges and Kaikoura Peninsula before reaching the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, home to nature's most amazing marine life. Kaikoura is located on the migratory routes for Humpback Whales, Southern right whales, Orca, and even Blue whales depending on the time of year. Other mammals that may be sighted include Dusky dolphins, fur seals, and albatross. Land at an exclusive location to experience the vistas of the mountains and sea before finishing with a flight back to Kaikoura Airport.

Kaikoura to Picton

Today follow the coast to Picton, located at the top of the South Island. As you leave Kaikoura you'll take in the spectacular shoreline and keep a lookout for native wildlife as you go. Stop to view adult fur seals at Ohau Point, and take a short stroll along the oceanside walkway. Continuing on, you'll have the ocean on one side and the Kaikoura ranges on the other before traversing the dry hills of Marlborough, New Zealand's largest wine-producing region. Visit one of the vineyards surrounding Blenheim for a wine tasting or a gourmet lunch before beginning the final leg of your journey to Picton.

Return vehicle to Picton Wharf

Before departing Picton drop your rental car at the wharf and continue your onward journey.

Cougar Line Shared Transfer - Picton to Marlborough Sounds

Board your Cougar Line scheduled water taxi to head into the Marlborough Sounds. Stopping at a number of drop off points, this is a great way to see the beautiful sounds with a knowledgeable captain who is always happy to give any information or commentary en-route.

Your accommodation: Furneaux Lodge, Marlborough Sounds

Nestled at the head of Endeavour Inlet is Furneaux Lodge, the first stop on the renowned Queen Charlotte Track. It looks out over the calm, clear water of the bay, embraced by 800 hectares of virgin native forest, unchanged since Captain Cook's first visit to the inlet in 1769. There's award winning restaurant and superb accommodation options ranging from suites to chalets.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 7



Explore Furneaux Lodge

Explore Furneaux Lodge and its stunning surroundings. Guests staying at the lodge have access to Sea Kayaks, Stand Up paddle boards, torches for glowworm hunting, hot tub and board games. The team can also help you with fishing to catch your dinner. Not to mention all the amazing walks around the area. Within a 10-minute walk, you will find a 1000-year-old Rimu Tree and if you are feeling like a longer walk there are options to walk to neighbouring Resolution Bay or Punga Cove.

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Day 8



Cougar Line Shared Transfer - Marlborough Sounds to Picton

Return to Picton by Cougar Line scheduled water taxi today via the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. Stop at a number of pick up/drop off points en route.

Interislander Ferry Picton to Wellington with exclusive access to the Premium Plus Lounge

The 92 km journey between Picton and Wellington takes around 3 hours and has been described as 'one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world'. Around one hour of the cruise takes you through the Marlborough Sounds. This region of bush covered mountains, small islands, crystal clear waters and secluded bays is a true photographic opportunity. From the Cook Strait spectacular views of the Kaikoura Ranges on the South Island can be enjoyed and dolphins and many sea birds are often seen. After crossing the strait you approach Wellington Harbour and pass many interesting points such as Pencarrow Head on top of which is New Zealand's oldest lighthouse (1859). Red Rocks is home to a seal colony and Oterangi Bay is the site which recorded the country's highest ever wind speed of 268 kph (167 mph).

When you're not out on the deck enjoying the amazing views, you can retreat to the exclusive premium plus lounge which is the most comfortable and relaxing way to travel across the Cook Strait. You'll enjoy complimentary beverages, light snacks, lunch or breakfast, internet access, magazines and newspapers and the most comfortable seating, so you can sit back and enjoy the journey.

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Wellington

Wellington known in Māori as Te Whanganui-a-Tara is home to New Zealand's centre of government. Often referred to as 'mini Melbourne', this windy city is a melting pot of art, culture, food, and fashion. Quirky laneway bars, underground art shows, and hipster eateries make up its inner-city vibe, while a host of sandy beaches outside the urban bustle bring a cheerful holiday feel. Head to Te Papa Museum for a history lesson and a ticket to one of its many international exhibitions or jump aboard the Wellington Cable Car - the only running funicular railway in the country. For those with an eye for boutique, fashion wander through Cuba St to sample some of the city's best vintage stores. Break for coffee at a hipster cafe and be sure to snap a pic outside the 'Beehive', New Zealand's parliamentary debate chamber. Go behind the scenes at Weta Workshop Experience, the Oscar Award Winning design studio behind Lord Of The Rings, The Hobbit, and Avatar. If you're a foodie at heart, a two-hour round trip to Martinborough is a must-do. Take your time as you wind through spectacular wine country. For an educational day out, learn about New Zealand's native species at Zealandia, the world's first fully-fenced eco-sanctuary and home to over 40 types of endangered and native birds.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Zealandia By Night Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

Taking a night tour of Zealandia wildlife eco-sanctuary is an unforgettable experience and one that comes highly recommended. A conservation success and safe haven for some of New Zealand's rarest native animals, Zealandia is home to many remarkable species of birds, reptiles and insects living wild within a beautiful 225 hectare (one square mile) valley, just 10 minutes from the central city.

Your accommodation: QT Wellington

The QT Wellington is superbly situated opposite Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand and Wellington's waterfront. The luxury rooms are just a few minutes walk from the cafes restaurants, theatres, galleries and shopping of the vibrant Courtenay Quarter.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 9



Wellington to Rotorua

The drive from Wellington to Taupo takes you via the Kapiti Coast and the seaside towns of Plimmerton, Paekakariki and Paraparaumu are worth a short detour. Heading north you pass through the rural towns of Taihape, Mangaweka and Bulls before arriving onto the central plateau. A little further the military town of Waiouru is home to the National Army Museum, an incredible collection of New Zealand's military history and a memorial to its servicemen. Skirting Tongariro National Park, one of New Zealand's three world heritage sites, you can see the 2,500 metre peak of the volcanically active Mt. Ruapehu. You might also recognise the symmetrical shape of Mt. Ngauruhoe as this was used as the scenery of Mt. Doom in the Lord of the Rings Trilogy. The township of Taupo sits on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake, Lake Taupo - a gigantic volcanic caldera formed during one of the world's largest ever eruptions. Just north of the town are the Huka Falls and a short detour to view is advised. The Huka Jet can get you much closer with a thrilling jet boat ride. Nearby Craters of the Moon is a geothermal reserve with great walking tracks around its many boiling pools and steaming vents. Continuing on to Rotorua you pass the volcanic valley, visit either Wai O Tapu or the Waimangu Valley for a closer look. Arriving into Rotorua the city's geothermal activity is evident with steam rising from the roadside and hills. Rotorua is considered the heart of New Zealand's Maori cultural and here you can learn of their history and traditions. The Ohinemutu Village is located on the site of the first Maori settlement in the area. One of the most popular introductions for many to the Maori culture is through an evening at Mitai Maori Village. Here you will gain an insight into the traditional Maori way of life through song, dance and entertainment. A dinner prepared in the traditional manner is served to finish the evening off.

Rotorua

Discover the geothermal, adventure, and cultural wonderland of Rotorua. As you explore, you may see steam rising from cracks in the road, bubbling and hissing water in pools along the lake's edge, and the unmistakable smell of Sulfur. Rotorua is rich in Māori culture and history, with many Māori inhabitants recognising the great potential of the volcanic land. For an outdoor adventure, head to The Redwoods and experience the rainforest treetops from high up. There are a few accessible trails for disabled hikers and great biking trails as well. If you're lucky, you might spot some of New Zealand's native birds, such as the Pīwakawaka (Fantail) and the Tūī. Alternatively, enjoy the Lake Tikitapu Blue Lake Walk or explore Kuirau Park, where you'll find bubbling mud pools and steaming lakes. Don't miss the private thermal reserves such as Te Puia and Wai-O-Tapu, where you can walk among bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers, and Sulfur ponds. Just a few minutes from the town centre, the Agrodome and National Kiwi Hatchery offer an insight into nature. Rotorua's rich Māori culture is a must-see. Spend an evening with Te Pā Tū, complete with a traditional-style dinner or stroll along the lake edge to reach one of the country's oldest Māori villages at Ohinemutu. When hunger strikes, visit Eat Street in Rotorua CBD, a vibrant street lined with delicious eateries and restaurants to satisfy any craving. No visit to Rotorua would be complete without experiencing Rotorua's original tourist attraction - a relaxing spa treatment. This town boasts an array of wellness experiences to unwind in. Whether you are seeking adventure, culture, or relaxation, Rotorua offers an unforgettable experience.

Your accommodation: Treetops Lodge & Estate

Treetops Lodge offers the ultimate in world-class luxury accommodation, nestled amongst magnificent native forests and valleys. Relax in the elegant Lodge, with its architectural style derived from the country's pioneering past.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 10



Restorative Journey Package with Wai Ariki Hot Springs and Spa

Indulge your senses in a Restorative Journey (Wai Whakaora), a thoughtfully designed therapeutic experience inspired by the practices and culture of Ngāti Whakaue. Embrace the healing power of the natural environment as your senses awaken through a series of hot and cold therapies. Your journey begins beneath a cascading waterfall, cleansing your body and mind. Transition to Te Ahi Tupua, where a sequence of hot and cold immersions invigorates and rejuvenates. Relax in the soothing waters of the Geothermal Pool, sourced from the renowned Rachel Spring. Follow this with a refreshing cold plunge, easing muscle tension and reducing inflammation. Conclude your experience in the Kohu Wai Arik steam room, where heated stones create a serene space for reflection and relaxation, leaving you revitalized and restored.

Te Pā Tū Evening Māori Cultural Experience - Dinner Included

New Zealand's Most Awarded Cultural Attraction, presenting Te Pā Tū. Feast on song, drama, tradition, and divine seasonal kai (cuisine) within the forest Pā (village) blanketed by towering Tawa trees, blazing bonfires, and a forest-formed amphitheatre. Te Pā Tū shares Māori history, traditions, and cultural aspirations across 4-hours of celebration and feasting. These events change with each season of the Maramataka, the Māori lunar calendar.

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Day 11



Rotorua to Waitomo

The drive today takes you through the rolling green farmland of the Waikato and King Country. New Zealand's longest river, the Waikato River, guides you through the art and craft village of Tirau and the quaint township of Cambridge, before turning south towards the limestone region of Waitomo.

Private Footwhistle Glowworm Cave Tour with CaveWorld

Your tour begins as you are picked at the Waitomo iSite and enjoy a scenic shuttle to Caveworld's family owned cave, while your guide provides commentary bringing the rich history of Waitomo to life. Here you will take a short walk through the breathtaking New Zealand bush, keeping an eye out for the native birdlife. Heading down to the entrance of the cave you will discover the beauty of the glowworms, learn about the formation of Footwhistle Cave - known to local Maori as Te Anaroa Cave. You are encouraged to bring along your cameras a tripods to freeze the beautiful twinkling lights in time, with dim solar-powered lights through the cave that allow you to appreciate the magnificent displays and get the perfect shot. Complete your intimate tour with a Kawakawa tea as you relax in a ponga hut nestled into the native surrounds.

Waitomo to Cambridge

Today cross the lush farmland of the Waikato as you make your way to Cambridge. Pass through several small farming towns such as Otorohanga and Kihikihi, before arriving to small township of Cambridge. Renowned for producing racing horses, the town is centred around a traditional village green, giving Cambridge the feel of an English country town and making it well worth a stop to explore the cafes and antique stores.

Cambridge

Cambridge has the charm of an English country town, centered around the picturesque Victoria Square village green. Spend an afternoon exploring its delightful cafes and antique stores, or admire notable heritage buildings like the 1881 St. Andrew's Church, the old water tower, and the historic courthouse and post office. As the heart of New Zealand's equine industry, Cambridge proudly celebrates its champions. Discover an equine walk of fame embedded in the town centre pavement, and don't miss the magnificent bronze horse sculpture gracing the grounds of the town hall, a testament to its strong equestrian heritage.

Your accommodation: The Clements Hotel

Nestled within the verdant township of Cambridge, The Clements embodies a blend of classic charm and contemporary refinement. This storied hotel has been thoughtfully reimagined, earning its rightful place among New Zealand's premier provincial accommodations.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 12



Cambridge to Auckland Airport

Heading north from Cambridge the main highway follows the Waikato River. State Highway 1 runs from Cape Reinga at the top of the North Island to Bluff at the bottom of the South Island and this section follows what was the original main trunk line, the Waikato River. New Zealand's longest river was used by Maori as an important trading and transport route and it is still important today as a water and power supply. New Zealand's only major motorway will deliver you directly to the airport.

Return your rental car

Return your rental vehicle to your designated depot before your next adventure.

Private transfer Auckland Airport to Fullers Ferry Terminal with Tourcorp

A private transfer will meet you on arrival at the airport and transfer you to the Fullers Ferry Terminal.

Fullers Reserve Ferry Auckland to Waiheke Island

Take a scenic cruise through the Hauraki Gulf between the Auckland downtown ferry terminal and Matiatia Wharf on Waiheke Island.

Delamore Lodge Transfer

Guests staying at Delamore Lodge are offered return transfers to the ferry terminal.

Explore Waiheke Island

Waiheke Island is the most visited island in the gulf. A delightful 45 minute ferry ride from downtown Auckland will find you standing at Matiatia Wharf set to enjoy a multitude of diverse attractions. The island is home to around 7,000 people but during the summer weekends there can be as many as 35,000 people enjoying the vineyards, restaurants, cafes, arts and the idyllic scenery. Among the two dozen or so vineyards on the island, Mudbrick, Goldwater Estate, Stoneyridge and Te Whau are some of the best known. The beaches are pristine and the countryside provides many interesting walks. Most notable is the trip to Stoney Batter where you can enjoy breathtaking views of the Hauraki Gulf. The area also has the remains of gun emplacements and a series of tunnels and chambers, protected by the historic places trust.

Your accommodation: Delamore Lodge

Delamore lodge offers guests a truly memorable stay at one of the best hotels on the island. The epitome of understated elegance with simply amazing views of the bay from every turn. The suites themselves are open and airy and are designed specially to maximise the truly stunning vistas.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 13



Hauraki Gulf Eco Sailing Adventure with Terra & Tide

Discover the breathtaking Hauraki Gulf aboard the Pacific Star, a 41-foot sailing catamaran. Departing daily from Waiheke Island, you will stop at a pest-free island for a guided walk, along with opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, and stand-up paddleboarding. Through this guided adventure you will learn about the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, its islands, and its people. Seabirds will be spotted, possibly even dolphins and whales as you journey along the Gulf with the wind in the sails. This one-of-a-kind eco-adventure is the only day sailing trip offered in the outer gulf that departs from Waiheke Island.

Your accommodation: Delamore Lodge

Delamore lodge offers guests a truly memorable stay at one of the best hotels on the island. The epitome of understated elegance with simply amazing views of the bay from every turn. The suites themselves are open and airy and are designed specially to maximise the truly stunning vistas.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 14



Fullers Ferry Waiheke Island to Auckland

Take a scenic approximately 45-minute cruise through the Hauraki Gulf between Matiatia Wharf on Waiheke Island and the Auckland downtown ferry terminal.

Private transfer Fullers Ferry Terminal to Auckland Airport

A private transfer will meet you on arrival at the Fullers Ferry Terminal and transfer you to the Auckland Airport.

Farewell from Aotearoa / New Zealand

Bid farewell to Aotearoa / New Zealand, taking with you unforgettable memories of its breathtaking landscapes and incredible adventures. In Māori, it is said mā te wā, which is not goodbye, it is see you soon!

Tour details

Departures: Daily
Tour type: Self Drive Tour (FTNZ ONLY)
Starts: Queenstown
Finishes: Auckland
Tour length: 14
Accommodation: Boutique Lodges & Hotels
Car/transport type:

Accommodation summary

Day 1	Queenstown Park Boutique Hotel
Day 2	Queenstown Park Boutique Hotel
Day 3	Kinross Cottages
Day 4	Hermitage Hotel, Aoraki Wing Premium Plus
Day 5	Greystone PurePod
Day 6	Furneaux Lodge, Marlborough Sounds
Day 7	Furneaux Lodge, Marlborough Sounds
Day 8	QT Wellington
Day 9	Treetops Lodge & Estate
Day 10	Treetops Lodge & Estate
Day 11	The Clements Hotel
Day 12	Delamore Lodge
Day 13	Delamore Lodge