

## Luxury New Zealand Food Tour

Your food journey begins in Queenstown staying at Eichardts on the lakefront home of "The Grille" followed by a day tasting your way around the gold mining settlement of Arrowtown. Before you leave the region explore Kinross Winery in Gibbston Valley, famous for creating some of the finest Pinot Noir in the world. Your winery experience continues as you stop at Carrick Winery for lunch on your way to Mt Cook Lakeside Retreat where an array of culinary wonder awaits. A bucket list experience and a highlight of the trip is a Lavish West Coast Cuisine adventure with Mackenzie Helicopters, soaring over Aoraki-Mt Cook and the Southern Alps to the rugged West Coast where your pilot will catch your meal! Culture and wine waits in Canterbury, as well as a special cooking class experience with Hapuku Kitchen. Cross the Cook Strait to Wellington famous for its creative and award-winning food scene. In Hawkes Bay, you'll explore the region with a food writer, wine buyer and world-class cheese expert. Venturing back inland you'll arrive at a cultural food experience in Rotorua and then on to Auckland for a walking foodie tour of the city and a luxurious day over on Waiheke Island before your amazing tour comes to and end.

Starts in: Queenstown  
 Finishes in: Auckland  
 Length: 17days / 16nights  
 Accommodation: Luxury Lodges  
 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: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App

Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course

Included activity: Classic Food & Wine Tour with Hunter Gatherer Tours with lunch

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

Included activity: When in Auckland with Aucky Walky Tour (Private Tour)

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

plus much more...

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

Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring

Included activity: Private Transfer Queenstown Airport to Roki Collection Queenstown

Included activity: Taste of Wellington Foodie Delights Private Tour with Kaewa Tours

Included activity: Redwoods Nightlights with Glowworms Fast Pass

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

Included activity: Half Day Scenic Wine and Lunch Tour on Waiheke Island

Included activity: Private Transfer Auckland accommodation to Auckland Airport with Tourcorp

## Day 1



### 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.&nbsp;

### Private Transfer Queenstown Airport to Roki Collection Queenstown

On arrival you will be met by a Roki Collection Queenstown private driver and delivered to your accommodation.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - TSS Earnslaw Cruise and Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ Dinner

Enjoy a quintessential Kiwi experience, a delicious gourmet BBQ buffet meal, and a farm demonstration in a stunning lakeside setting. Take in the stunning views of Lake Wakatipu and its surroundings as you cruise across the lake to the historic Walter Peak high country farm aboard the TSS Earnslaw Steamship. Enjoy the ambiance of the heart of the stately homestead while your Colonel's Homestead Restaurant chef prepares a gourmet BBQ dinner. Your seasonal menu includes an extensive selection of local New Zealand produce, including succulent meats and a selection of delicious vegetables and salads. Complete your meal with your choice of delicious desserts, or New Zealand cheeses. After dinner, watch the farm dogs in action with a sheep-herding demonstration and say hello to the other farm animals. Finally, cruise home under the southern stars and enjoy the fresh night air as the lights of Queenstown draw ever closer.

### Your accommodation: ROKI Collection Queenstown

Named after the Te Reo Māori word for tranquility (Ro-Kee), Roki Collection Queenstown offers a serene sanctuary on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. This lakefront retreat features world-class dining, a rejuvenating spa, and elegantly designed rooms, creating a refined haven of luxury amidst the vibrant energy of Queenstown.



## Day 2



### Flavours of Arrowtown Private Tour with Remarkable Scenic Tours

Nestled in the heart of the stunning Southern Alps, Arrowtown is a charming historic gold mining town that captures the essence of a bygone era while offering modern-day comforts. Its picturesque streets are lined with beautifully preserved miners' cottages, inviting cafes, and boutique shops, creating a quaint and vibrant atmosphere.

On this 5-hour local private tour visit historic Arrowtown, enjoy tasting manuka honey at the Buzz Stop, Taste local wines, and enjoy lunch at Queenstown's latest dining venue the Woolshed located at the stunning Ayrburn precinct (lunch & wine tasting at your own expense).

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## Day 3



### Private Transfer Queenstown Accommodation to Airport (LSQ)

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

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### Collect Rental Car

This tour's from price includes an intermediate-sized vehicle, setting you up for comfortable travels. Yet, we understand every adventure is unique! Feel free to select the perfect wheels from our incredible collection of rental cars, spanning from economy hatchbacks to premium SUVs.

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### Queenstown to Gibbston

Following Lake Wakatipu head 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.

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### Gibbston Valley Winery Private Prestige 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 private viewing of their exclusive 'Bud to Bottle' film with a glass of sparkling wine as well as private tasting of current releases & past vintages in the Wine Cave. The tour includes 2-course lunch and a visit to the Home Block Vineyard, originally planted by the founder and wine pioneer Allan Brady in 1983.

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### Amisfield Restaurant - suggested activity

Amisfield Restaurant has been named the third-best international restaurant in the world in Food & Wine magazine's Global Tastemakers Awards. Dinner at Amisfield is a full culinary journey that spans approximately 3.5 hours, offering an immersive experience for your senses. From the moment the first ingredient is artfully placed, Vaughan Mabee's creations reveal a refined exuberance, with each course capturing the essence of Central Otago and presenting flavors that tell the story of this remarkable land.

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### Your accommodation: Gibbston Valley Lodge & Spa

Stylish Central Otago accommodation, uniquely situated in our organic and historic Pinot Noir vineyard and historic winery. With personal service, culinary adventure, and luxurious 'vinotherapy' spa treatments, you can easily disconnect from the mundanities of everyday life and connect with this enchanting landscape.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



## Day 4



### Gibbston to Bannockburn

Follow the Kawarau Gorge to Cromwell, famous for its stone fruit orchards and in the right season you can purchase this fresh fruit from the many roadside stalls. Pass through Cromwell and over Lake Dunstan to arrive in Bannockburn, world renowned for creating some of New Zealand's finest wines.

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### 3 Course Dining Experience at Carrick Winery

An award-winning restaurant and terrace have expansive views of the Bannockburn Inlet and Carrick Range. Changing each season, our menu is designed to showcase seasonal local produce including New Zealand's famous game, seafood, summer fruit, and organic vegetables. The menus follow the vineyard lunch tradition of offering a variety of share plates or individual platter lunches.

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## Bannockburn to Aoraki-Mt Cook National Park

Leaving Bannockburn pass through Cromwell, and continue along Lake Dunstan until you reach the historic and scenic Bendigo Reserve, which was one of Otago's original gold mining settlements. Well-marked paths will guide you to the remains of stone cottages and other buildings from this bygone era. The Lindis Pass is one of New Zealand's highest roads with the summit reaching 971 metres. The tussock-covered hills offer an unusual contrast as you pass from Central Otago into the Mackenzie Basin. The towns of Omarama and Twizel are the last stops before you arrive at Lake Pukaki and take the Mt Cook Highway along the shores to the village. In Aoraki Mt Cook Village a myriad of activities are available scenic ski plane or helicopter flights with glacier landings and a host of walks to suit all abilities. At The Hermitage Hotel, the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre is a must-see.

Please note: There are no food shops at Mt. Cook. If you wish to self-cater, you should stock up before arriving or make dinner reservations in advance. Restaurant options are limited.

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## 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.

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## Your accommodation: Wilderness Lodge, Lake Moeraki

Few places on earth can match the unique natural setting of the Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki, in the heart of the 2.7 million hectares South West New Zealand World Heritage Area. Spectacular beaches that are home to fur seals and crested penguins, untouched lowland rainforests spread between pristine lakes and rivers which drain the snow-capped Southern Alps.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 5



### Lavish West Coast Cuisine Adventure with Mackenzie Helicopters (Private Charter)

Climb on board your own private helicopter and fly over New Zealand largest glaciers and tallest peaks with your experienced pilot. Get up close to New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki and explore the ancient blue ice of the glaciers. Once you've flown over the mighty Alps you will discover the magic of the West Coast landscape, snow capped mountains descend into lush green coastal rainforests as you come into land on a secluded West Coast beach. Sip drinks beside your own private bonfire as your pilot dons a wetsuit and catches fresh crayfish straight from the sea. Climb back onboard for another exhilarating scenic flight before your own private dining experience high in the alpine with freshly caught crayfish.

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## 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, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 6



## Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park to Christchurch

Leaving Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, travel a short distance for a stop 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 Aoraki-Mount Cook. Along the way, you'll reach Lake Tekapo which also displays the same reflective qualities as Lake Pukaki, making the waters bright turquoise. It's a great place to take a scenic flight, soak in a hot spring or just marvel at the magnificent views. From here you travel through Burkes Pass and into the rich farming valley that surrounds Geraldine. Continue across the vast Canterbury Plains to Christchurch.

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## Christchurch

Christchurch known in Māori as Ōtautahi, is the largest metro area in the South Island. Commonly referred to as New Zealand's "Garden City", Christchurch is home to one of the biggest public parks in the country, and beautiful botanic gardens. The city was hit with devastating earthquakes in 2010 and 2011, now the city crosses the line between its English heritage and a new modern architecture. To take in some arts and culture, pay a visit to the Canterbury Museum or the Christchurch Art Gallery. Take a step back in time with a tram around the city or punt along the Avon River. If tasting your way around the city is your means of travel, try out a cultural eating tour. A short drive from the CBD will lead you to the outskirts of the Banks Peninsula beachside suburb of Sumner or through the tunnel to Lyttleton Harbour which hosts fantastic markets on Saturday mornings.

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## Ngā Hari o te Pō | Night of Delights

Sit back as a local host takes you on a complete journey, discovering delicious kai (food) and igniting the senses with paired drinks. Amiki will introduce you to local culture, discover delicious kai and immerse you in the emerging foodie scene of Ōtautahi - Christchurch.

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## Your accommodation: Otahuna Lodge

Otahuna Lodge is an exclusive country estate. Each suite retains architectural features from the 19th century such as ornate original fireplaces, carved inglenooks and stained glass windows. All luxury suites offer super-king beds, fine custom-made linens, toiletries by Penhaligons of London, deep bathtubs and separate rain showers.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 7



## Christchurch to Waipara

Today you travel the short leg up the coast from Christchurch City to the breathtaking Waipara Valley. Take your time to enjoy the Wairapa wine region on the way. Waipara is one of New Zealand's fastest growing wine regions with over 75 vineyards in the Waipara Valley covering more than 1,200 hectares of plantings. A sub region of the Canterbury wine region, Waipara is renowned for producing unique richer, spicier Pinot Noirs and Rieslings.

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## 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, Erins 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.

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## 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.

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## Kaikōura

Kaikōura is a stunning coastal town known for its rich marine life and dramatic scenery. Visit the fur seal colony, take a whale-watching cruise, or swim with playful dusky dolphins. The town is rich with attractions, walking tracks, and activities for every visitor. A walk around the Kaikōura Peninsula is a must, where you can explore tide pools teeming with marine life, observe sea creatures basking on the rocks, and, for bird lovers, spot the impressive native albatross. Just be sure to keep a respectful distance from any sea lions you meet. Highlights like Ohau Point and historic Fyfe House offer insight into the region's wildlife and whaling past. Finish your visit by sampling the fresh local seafood, renowned for having some of the best fish and chips in the country, or by taking a relaxing wander through the tranquil Lavendyl Lavender Farm.

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## Your accommodation: Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses

Hapuku Lodge was built to give guests a great night's sleep in one of the most beautiful places in the world. The Lodge sits tight between the mountains and the ocean, on a deer stud and olive farm.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 8



### Taste of the Farm with Hapuku Kitchen

Experience the magic of Kaikōura's wild landscape through a unique farm-to-table cooking class with Chef Fiona. Join her in her charming rural kitchen and learn to create uncomplicated yet delicious dishes inspired by the region's bounty. Harvest fresh ingredients from her extensive gardens and discover the secrets to transforming them into culinary masterpieces. Enjoy a welcome of locally roasted coffee, New Zealand tea, and fresh baking before venturing into the gardens. The day's menu is crafted based on the freshest harvest, ensuring peak flavour.

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## Day 9



### 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.

### 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.

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### Your accommodation: Movenpick Hotel Wellington

Movenpick Wellington's prime location at the top of the Terrace offers panoramic views over the city and is just a short walk to the Cuba Quarter and many of the capital's famous attractions. The hotel's facilities include an indoor Heated Pool, Cocktail Bar & Sauna.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



## Day 10



### Taste of Wellington Foodie Delights Private Tour with Kaewa Tours

Enjoy a 7 hour private guided tour where you savour the best tastes Wellington has to offer. From Coffee, Chocolate, Peanut butter, a Craft beer brewery, Gin Distillery, lunch, and a scenic drive to Mt Victoria, Eastern and Southern Bays.

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## Day 11



### Wellington to Havelock North

The Wairarapa on the eastern side of the Remutaka Range is a far contrast to the hills of Wellington. Rich pasture lands have provided for the people of the region since human settlement. Martinborough is famous for its boutique vineyards and just a little further north Greytown boasts the largest number of historic wooden buildings in the country. Masterton is the service capital of the region and also home to the world-famous Golden Shears competition where sheep shearers compete for the highly prestigious title of the fastest shearer. The Hawke's Bay welcomes you as you enter the grape growing region of Havelock North.

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## Hawkes Bay

Hawke's Bay Wine Country is New Zealand's leading food and wine region, and with over 2200 hours of sunshine, the region is a year-round holiday destination. Located on the east coast of the North Island, the landscapes of Hawke's Bay begin with the high, forested Ruahine and Kawkeka Ranges. From the mountains the land sweeps down towards the coast, flattening out to become the Heretaunga Plains. A number of wide rivers, excellent for fishing, run swiftly to meet the blue Pacific Ocean and glorious beaches which stretch from Mahia in the north to Porangahau in the south.

Hawke's Bay is the country's oldest winemaking region and is New Zealand's leading producer of award-winning red wines. Hawke's Bay is also home to a world-class concentration of Art Deco architecture, fresh local produce and artisan food producers complemented by a vibrant arts scene and a rich Maori culture.

The region offers a diverse range of things to see and do from families enjoying the sun on the golden sand beaches, crystal clear rivers to explore, swimming with dolphins and the largest most accessible mainland Gannet colony in the world to name just a few. There's also hunting and fishing, 20 local golf courses to challenge you and 17 heritage trails to explore.

Northern Hawke's Bay is a popular destination for outdoor adventure. The rivers and coastline offer well-recognised trout fishing and excellent seafood with whitebait spots, deep sea fishing, surfcasting and underwater fishing all available. Wairoa is the main town of Northern Hawke's Bay and is the gateway to Lake Waikaremoana, Mahia Peninsula and the wilderness of Te Urewera National Park. If you want to get close to nature without tramping visit Cape Kidnappers, home to one of the largest, most assessable mainland gannet colonies in the world.

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### Your accommodation: Craggy Range

Craggy Range is nestled amongst the vines at Giants Winery, with views of Te Mata Peak and the Tukituki River valley. The accommodations offer two luxurious bedrooms, both with en-suite bathrooms and a well-appointed kitchen and living area.

Meals included: Breakfast



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## Day 12



### Classic Food & Wine Tour with Hunter Gatherer Tours

During this tour, you will taste your way through the region, discover local artists, Kiwi architecture, and what makes Hawke's Bay food and wine unique. You will meet local New Zealanders doing everyday things and have a home-made lunch with the Cheese & Wine Experience.

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## Day 13



### Havelock North to Rotorua

Crossing the Ahimanawa Ranges you arrive into the town of Taupo. Lake Taupo is a lively place with many shops, bars and cafes all catering for the traveller and visitor. Follow the road out of Taupo, through the city of Rotorua, famous for its bubbling mud pools and Māori culture. Wai O Tapu Thermal Wonderland and the Waimangu Volcanic Valley are well-signposted on the highway between the two towns.

## 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.

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### Redwoods Nightlights with Glowworms Fast Pass

Discover the magic of the Redwoods with this unforgettable eco-tourism experience. Venture into a breathtaking 70-metre eco cave at Redwoods Glowworms, filled with dramatic rock formations and a dazzling display of over 5,000 glowworms, then continue the magic with Redwoods Nightlights, a 700-metre award-winning treetop walk featuring 34 exquisite lanterns by renowned designer David Trubridge, suspended 20 metres above the forest floor. Perfect for nature lovers and night-time explorers alike. With the fast pass, you will be able to skip lines and get straight into the fun!

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### Your accommodation: On the Point

On the Point is a beautiful lodge accommodation in a stunning location and offering panoramic views. It also offers gourmet New Zealand food and wine, as well as a range of on site activities from pampering massage, fly fishing from the private beach, water sports, tennis, gym and boating and is only 10 minutes from the heart of Rotorua.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



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## Day 14



### 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.

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### 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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Meals included: Breakfast, Speciality Dinner



## Day 15



### Rotorua to Auckland

The drive from Rotorua to Auckland takes you through the heart of the Waikato and its rich agricultural land. New Zealand's longest river, the Waikato guides you through the art and craft stores of Tirau and the township of Cambridge. Continue on a little further to arrive in Auckland City, your destination for the night.

### Return your rental car

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

### Auckland

Auckland, or Tāmaki Makaurau in Māori, is a city that effortlessly blends vibrant urban life with stunning natural beauty. Take a ferry to Waiheke Island for award-winning wineries, olive groves, and pristine beaches, or explore Devonport, a charming seaside suburb with historic streets and cafés; culture. Climb One Tree Hill or the volcanic Mt Eden for panoramic views of the city and harbour. Shop and dine in Ponsonby's stylish boutiques and eateries, or experience the eclectic energy of K Road, once a red-light district and now the world's sixth coolest street. Nature enthusiasts can wander the Auckland Botanic Gardens, hike the scenic Waitākere Ranges, or surf the rugged west coast beaches like Piha and Muriwai. Art lovers can visit the Auckland Art Gallery, while adventure seekers can sail the Waitematā Harbour or take in the city skyline from the iconic Sky Tower. With its mix of culture, cuisine, and outdoor escapes, Auckland promises unforgettable experiences for every traveller.

### When in Auckland with Aucky Walky Tour

Explore the City by foot with a 3-hour walking tour around Auckland also known as the 'City of Sails'. Your local guide will ensure that you get the history of Auckland along with discovering the hidden treasures that the City has to offer. Throughout your tour, you will be shown around the City hotspots, taken down hidden lanes, past street art, pointed out the best spots to eat, and learn firsthand the best parts of Auckland. During your walk you will stop by a local cafe for a refreshing bite to eat, and the chance to meet and mingle with the locals of the town.

### Your accommodation: Park Hyatt Auckland

Park Hyatt Auckland is perfectly located on the water's edge and will offer expansive views across Wynyard Quarter's Lighter Basin and out to the Waitematā Harbour.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



## Day 16



### 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.

### Half Day Scenic Wine and Lunch Tour on Waiheke Island

The tour commences with a drive along the scenic northern route, taking in spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf and beyond to the Coromandel Peninsula. The first stop is for a tasting and casual lunch at a local vineyard. If time allows, after lunch head towards Onetangi, a 1.87-kilometre long, north-facing beach with beautiful old Pohutukawa trees on the foreshore. For many years it has been the site of the Onetangi Beach Races. Depart Onetangi for a second vineyard for wine tasting. The final stop is at a picturesque vineyard overlooking the Hauraki Gulf. Enjoy a wine tasting here and take in the view. If you wish, from here you can stay on for dinner (at your own expense) and make your own way back to the ferry when you are ready, or alternatively, the guide will return you to the Waiheke Wharf in time to catch the 6pm ferry back to Auckland.

## Your accommodation: Park Hyatt Auckland

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



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## Day 17



### Private Transfer Auckland accommodation to Auckland Airport with Tourcorp

You will be met at your Auckland accommodation by the driver and transferred to the airport.

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### 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!

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## Tour details

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Departures:         | Daily                       |
| Tour type:          | Self Drive Tour (FTNZ ONLY) |
| Starts:             | Queenstown                  |
| Finishes:           | Auckland                    |
| Tour length:        | 17                          |
| Accommodation:      | Luxury Lodges               |
| Car/transport type: |                             |

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## Accommodation summary

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| Day 1  | ROKI Collection Queenstown                |
| Day 2  | ROKI Collection Queenstown                |
| Day 3  | Gibbston Valley Lodge & Spa               |
| Day 4  | Wilderness Lodge, Lake Moeraki            |
| Day 5  | Hermitage Hotel, Aoraki Wing Premium Plus |
| Day 6  | Otahuna Lodge                             |
| Day 7  | Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses                |
| Day 8  | Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses                |
| Day 9  | Movenpick Hotel Wellington                |
| Day 10 | Movenpick Hotel Wellington                |
| Day 11 | Craggy Range                              |
| Day 12 | Craggy Range                              |
| Day 13 | On the Point                              |
| Day 14 | On the Point                              |
| Day 15 | Park Hyatt Auckland                       |
| Day 16 | Park Hyatt Auckland                       |