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Fabulous New Zealand

Journey Overview

Experience New Zealand over 14 days, with stays in 4.5-star and 5-star accommodation and time to enjoy Rotorua, Queenstown and Christchurch. Walk Waiheke's coastal trails with your own guide, cruise remote Doubtful Sound, venture into Mount Aspiring National Park by jet boat and explore Akaroa on a private day.

Journey Highlights

- Explore **Waiheke Island** on a private guided walk, choosing from secluded trails, coastal scenery, art or vineyard walks.
- Discover the glowworms and ancient secrets of **Spellbound Cave & Cave of the Spirit** on a guided experience in Waitomo.
- Explore **Wai-O-Tapu or Waimangu Volcanic Valley**, discovering Rotorua's geothermal landscapes at your own pace.
- Experience Māori culture and storytelling at **Te Pā Tū**, with a gourmet fusion dinner.
- Soar through Rotorua's ancient forest on a **canopy zipline adventure**.
- Cruise **Doubtful Sound**, surrounded by remote wilderness, towering mountains and cascading waterfalls.
- Journey along the glacier-fed **Dart River** by jet boat, deep into Mount Aspiring National Park.
- Explore **Fox Glacier valley** on a private guided rainforest walk, or kayak the **Ōkārito wetlands** with your own guide.
- Cross the Southern Alps aboard the **TranzAlpine Scenic Plus**, enjoying panoramic views and regionally sourced food and drinks.

Private pricing, your party only

For 2, 4, 6 or 8 adults sharing double or twin rooms. No solo bookings or triple-share rooms. No child pricing.

Party size	Price per person (USD)*
2	\$18,075
4	\$14,999
6	\$13,645
8	\$12,965

***Prices are per adult in USD and based on double/twin occupancy.**

***Every journey remains private to your party.**

***Price is valid for travel up to September 30, 2027.**

See the *Inclusions and Exclusions* section on **Page 8** for full details of what your journey price covers.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Auckland

Nau Mai Haere Mai Ki Aotearoa! Welcome to New Zealand! As you step onto the land of the Long White Cloud, your private transfer driver awaits to guide you to your Stay (accommodation). Auckland, a city where urban allure meets natural splendor and affectionately known as the “City of Sails,” beckons with its tranquil harbors and bustling streets. Take this day to wander along the waterfront and explore.

Note: Check-in time at Stays in New Zealand is typically 3 PM. To help you start your journey in comfort and relaxation, your room is available for guaranteed early check-in on arrival.

Day 2: Waiheke's Wilderness Adventure

Hop on a ferry from Auckland to the lush haven of Waiheke Island. Here, your island exploration guide awaits you with a captivating array of walking tour themes. You'll have the opportunity to spend approximately 5 hours on a private guided walk of your choosing, ranging from secluded trails to coastal marvels to Art trail or even vineyard walks.

Immerse yourself in the serenity of nature and uncover the island's distinctive ecology and mesmerizing wildlife. For the Wilderness Walk, you have more than one option to choose from. To personalize your experience, please select your preferred option before you arrive in New Zealand. We will provide you with all the options once you have booked the main tour.

After your exhilarating Waiheke trek, return to Auckland on the late afternoon ferry.

Day 3: Glowworms, Ancient Secrets, and Illuminated Forests

Immerse yourself in a guided experience of Spellbound Cave & Cave of the Spirit. The cave systems are a national treasure of New Zealand. The Spellbound Cave is home to a unique species of glowworms found only in New Zealand, while the Cave of the Spirit is a cave system that is like an old-time vault, which has trapped and hidden away bones of ancient animals that once roamed around Waitomo.

After your subterranean adventure, head out to Rotorua, where you'll check into your Stay. As twilight descends, prepare for a magical evening amidst the towering Redwoods.

The Redwoods Nightwalk is a design-led experience that transforms the forest into an enchanted realm. Suspended walkways adorned with lanterns and mesmerizing light installations guide you through the ancient giants, offering a surreal and breathtaking perspective of the nocturnal forest.

Note: Your dedicated driver/guide will accompany you from today until you're dropped off at Rotorua or Auckland Airport for your flight to Queenstown, four days later.

Day 4: A Journey through Rotorua's Elemental Wonders

Today, your adventure continues as you step into the heart of Rotorua's geothermal wonderland. In the morning immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Rotorua. Choose between Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland or Waimangu Volcanic Valley, two remarkable experiences, both of which are self-guided exploration. Both offer a unique glimpse into New Zealand's geothermal landscapes. Please note that the morning experiences are included, and you need to choose one of them. Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, sculpted by volcanic activity over thousands of years, boasts vibrant colors and diverse geothermal features spread across 18 square kilometers/7 square miles. Explore this fascinating landscape at your own pace and uncover the hidden wonders lying beneath the surface.

Alternatively, embark on the Waimangu Volcanic Valley adventure, where you'll traverse trails that showcase volcanic craters, hot springs, and unique wildlife. Conclude your exploration with a relaxing 45-minute cruise on Lake Rotomahana, encountering stunning geothermal activity and rare native birdlife along the way.

In the evening, prepare for an enchanting cultural experience with a visit to Te Pa Tu. You will be collected from your STAY and treated to a wonderful Maori Fusion Dinner as part of this experience. Immerse yourself in traditional Māori cultural performances while gaining insight into the rich heritage and customs of the indigenous people of New Zealand.

Please note that Te Pa Tu is approximately 4 hours long from the time of pick-up to drop-off back to your Stay.

Day 5: Soaring Through Ancient Canopies and Thermal Relaxation

Today, embark on an exhilarating journey through New Zealand's lush forests with the country's #1 rated nature activity. The Canopy Zipline tour promises an unforgettable adventure that will leave you breathless.

Dive deep into the heart of an ancient forest, where excitement awaits at every turn. Race your companion down expansive ziplines, admire the verdant canopy from your perch on a thousand-year-old tree, and feel the rush as you traverse a volcanic walkway. This thrilling experience offers a unique perspective of New Zealand's rich ecosystem, allowing you to connect with nature in ways you never imagined possible.

As the day winds down, transition from adrenaline to tranquility with a visit to the Polynesian Spa. Here, you'll indulge in the exclusive lake view pool experience. Immerse yourself in the therapeutic waters of a private pool overlooking the serene Lake Rotorua. The mineral-rich geothermal waters, sourced from natural springs, offer a soothing end to your adventurous day.

Let the warm waters melt away any tension as you gaze out over the picturesque lake, reflecting on the day's thrilling experiences and the natural wonders of Rotorua.

This perfect blend of adventure and relaxation encapsulates the essence of your time in Rotorua.

Day 6: Jewel in the Crown: Queenstown

Bid farewell to the North Island as you fly to Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure capital. Your private driver will escort you to your Stay in this picturesque lakeside town.

After settling in, explore Queenstown's vibrant center. Stroll along Lake Wakatipu's shores, where crystal-clear waters mirror the surrounding mountains. Soak in the unique blend of adventure and natural beauty that defines this alpine paradise. As evening falls, choose from a diverse array of dining options.

Before dinner, consider savoring a Central Otago Pinot Noir at a lakeside bar, toasting to your South Island adventure as alpenglow paints the Remarkables in warm hues.

Note: Your dedicated driver/guide will accompany you from today until you're dropped off at Christchurch Airport on your departure day, 9 days later.

Day 7: Queenstown | A Day of Leisure and Discovery

Today, Queenstown is your playground. With no set itinerary, you're free to explore this adventure capital at your own pace. Our team is available to offer recommendations and assistance if needed. Consider indulging in a private wine tour through the renowned Central Otago region, savoring world-class Pinot Noir amidst breathtaking landscapes. For those seeking adventure, a guided tour of the area's stunning scenery might be just the ticket, offering hidden gems off the beaten path.

Alternatively, lose yourself in Queenstown's charm: stroll along the lakefront, ride the Skyline Gondola for panoramic views, or simply unwind in a lakeside café. The day is yours to craft as you please, embracing the freedom to discover Queenstown's treasures at your leisure.

Day 8: Queenstown | Sound Of Silence

Prepare yourself for an unforgettable journey as you leave this morning to Lake Manapouri. You are going on a wilderness cruise on Doubtful Sound, among the top 3 Fjords in the world, and probably the quietest in the world.

Doubtful Sound is a magical fiord that is awe-inspiring with its stunning scenery and untouched appeal. Your immersive experience begins with a cruise over a picturesque lake, followed by a trip across New Zealand's most expensive road over Wilmot Pass, to reach Doubtful Sound.

Be prepared for wildlife encounters with dolphins, fur seals and perhaps the rare Fiordland crested penguin. A packed picnic lunch will be served as you board the first boat at Lake Manapouri.

Note: This is a full-day experience, lasting from about 7:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

Day 9: Wilderness Adventure, Glenorchy

Today, journey deep into the heart of world-renowned Mount Aspiring National Park. Here, the intertwining threads of myth, heritage and fantasy come to life.

Your adventure unfolds along the braided, glacier-fed Dart River, where a powerful jet boat awaits to carry you deeper into this pristine wilderness.

Experience the unique combination of breathtaking scenery and an exhilarating ride as you go deep into Mount Aspiring National Park. Your private driver will take you to Glenorchy and return you after your experience.

Note: This experience typically lasts about 4.5 hours from Queenstown. You have the option of choosing either the morning or afternoon experience at the time of booking.

Day 10: Glacier Country, Franz Josef

This morning, embark on a breathtaking private journey from Queenstown to Glacier Country. This road trip is as much about the journey as the destination.

Wind your way past crystal-clear lakes and through rugged landscapes before ascending the dramatic Haast Pass. Travel through Mount Aspiring National Park, where towering peaks and native forests create a stunning backdrop. Continue along the wild West Coast, where the Tasman Sea crashes against rugged shores on one side and dense rainforests rise on the other.

Franz Josef, the gateway to Glacier Country, is one of the most unique glacial environments in the world. Here, ancient rivers of ice descend from the Southern Alps to lush, temperate rainforests just 300 meters above sea level.

This rare juxtaposition of ice and greenery creates a landscape of stark contrasts and otherworldly beauty. The glacier's rapid movement and retreat have carved a dynamic, ever-changing terrain, offering visitors a glimpse into the raw power of nature and the effects of climate change in real-time.

Day 11: Franz Josef | Wetland Wonders or Glacial Grandeur

Today offers a choice between two extraordinary experiences, each showcasing the unique natural wonders of the region:

Option 1: Okarito Wetlands Kayak Adventure

Embark on an exclusive 2.5-hour journey through New Zealand's largest unspoiled coastal wetland. Glide through serene waterways and pristine rainforests in Westland Tai Poutini National Park. Your expert guide leads you through secluded creeks and open waters, accessible only by kayak. Marvel at uninterrupted views of the Southern Alps and Aoraki/Mt. Cook while observing native birdlife in their natural habitat

Option 2: Fox Glacier Nature Tour

This 3.5-hour eco-tour takes you through the lush, historic glaciated rainforest of Westland Tai Poutini National Park. Walk an easy 4-mile (6.4 km) trail, encountering massive rata and rimu trees, and moss-covered landscapes. Enjoy views of upper Fox Glacier, the Fox neve, and Mt Tasman. Learn about glaciation, geology, flora, fauna, and local history

Both tours are private and exclusive, offering intimate experiences with local hosts in untouched wilderness settings. For those wishing to fully immerse themselves in the region's diverse landscapes, both tours can be arranged for an additional charge.

Note: Your choice must be made at least 60 days prior to arrival to ensure availability.

Day 12: Greymouth to Christchurch | TranzAlpine Scenic Journey

Today, you'll be privately transferred to Greymouth to board the TranzAlpine Scenic Train to Christchurch. This journey is celebrated for its breathtaking views as you glide through the heart of the Southern Alps and Arthur's Pass. Be prepared to be captivated by a living, ever-changing postcard of lush forests, dramatic gorges, and majestic peaks, showcasing the very essence of New Zealand's natural splendor.

You'll experience this journey in the Scenic Plus carriage, a purpose-built premium space designed to enhance every aspect of your trip. This refined rail experience offers expansive panoramic windows and thoughtful details that connect you deeply with New Zealand's landscapes and stories.

Throughout the journey, enjoy a full-service experience including drinks, snacks, and a meal. The menu is inspired by and sourced from the regions you'll pass through, providing a culinary experience that complements the stunning views outside.

On reaching Christchurch, a private transfer ensures a seamless transition to your Stay.

Day 13: Urban Chic and Seaside Exploration

This morning, you'll embark on a private tour that showcases the diverse beauty of the Christchurch region, including the stunning Bank's Peninsula. Your journey takes you through the charming suburbs of Sumner and Lyttelton Harbour, offering glimpses of urban life and coastal scenery. Akaroa is a picturesque former French settlement nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano.

Here, immerse yourself in the town's rich history and unique charm. Visit the historic Onuku Church, a testament to the area's cultural heritage. Take a leisurely walk to the lighthouse, where panoramic views of the harbor await.

Explore the local museum to delve deeper into Akaroa's fascinating past. For lunch, indulge in the culinary delights of one of Akaroa's quaint and chic restaurants. Savor local flavors while soaking in the town's relaxed atmosphere.

Return to Christchurch in the evening.

Day 14: Farewell to New Zealand

As the curtain falls on your Fabulous New Zealand journey, it's time for you to head to the airport. This morning, you'll be privately transferred to Christchurch airport for your flight back home. We trust that the tapestry of experiences we've woven has left you with lasting memories.

Wishing you a safe and pleasant journey back home.

Inclusions in this Journey

1. Stays (4.5 & 5 Star accommodation) with breakfast – 13 nights

1. Auckland – 2 nights
2. Rotorua – 3 nights
3. Queenstown – 4 nights
4. Franz Josef – 2 nights
5. Christchurch – 2 nights

2. Private Transfers

1. Day 1 – Auckland Airport to your Stay on arrival
2. Day 6 – Queenstown Airport to your Stay
3. Day 12 – Christchurch Railway Station to your Stay
4. Day 14 – Christchurch Stay to Christchurch airport

3. Private Travel

1. You will have the services of a private/driver guide on the following days:
 1. From Auckland on Day 3 to Rotorua on Day 6, until they drop you to the airport for your flight to Queenstown.
 2. From Queenstown on Day 6 to Christchurch on Day 14, until they drop you at the Christchurch Airport for your flight back home.

4. Internal Domestic Flight – North Island to South Island

1. Rotorua or Auckland to Queenstown

5. Meals other than breakfast

1. Day 2 – Picnic Lunch with Your Tailored Wilderness Walk in Waiheke
2. Day 4 – Gourmet Māori Fusion Dinner during your cultural experience
3. Day 8 – Picnic Box Lunch on board Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise
4. Day 10 – Dinner on the first night at Te Waonui in Franz Josef
5. Day 12 – Canapes, Drinks and Dinner on TranzAlpine Train

6. Included Experiences, Twelve

1. Day 2 – Private Guided Tailored Personalised Walk – Waiheke Island
2. Day 3 – Guided Spellbound Glowworm Cave – Waitomo
3. Day 3 – Redwoods Nightwalk – Rotorua
4. Day 4 – Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, Self-guide Walk OR Waimangu Volcanic Valley, Self-guide Walk – Rotorua
5. Day 4 – Te Pa Tu, Māori Cultural Experience – Rotorua
6. Day 5 – Treetop Canopy Zipline Adventure – Rotorua
7. Day 5 – Private Lakeview Thermal Pool (45 minutes), Polynesian Spa – Rotorua
8. Day 8 – Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise – Doubtful Sound
9. Day 9 – Dart River Wilderness Jet – Mt Aspiring National Park
10. Day 11 – Private Guided Wetland Eco Kayak OR Private Guided Eco Valley Walk – Glacier Country
11. Day 12 – TranzAlpine Scenic Train with Scenic Plus – Greymouth to Christchurch
12. Day 13 – Private Guided Christchurch Tailored Tour – Christchurch

Exclusions

1. All international flights
2. Domestic flights, unless specifically listed under “Inclusions” above
3. Visa fees and other travel-related expenses
4. Holiday protection and travel insurance
5. Meals not specified in the inclusions
6. Any items or services not explicitly mentioned in the “Inclusions” above

Booking Terms & Conditions

1. Booking and confirmation

- All journeys are private to your party and for adults aged 18 or over.
- Accommodation is based on double or twin occupancy. No solo bookings or triple-share rooms.
- Your booking is confirmed once South of 34° Journeys Limited receives the required payment and issues written confirmation.

2. Pricing and payment

- Prices are per person in USD, based on the stated party size, and include applicable taxes.
- A 25% deposit is required to confirm your booking.
- The remaining 75% is due 60 days before arrival.
- Bookings made within 60 days of arrival require full payment.
- Any earlier supplier payment requirements or stricter cancellation conditions will be disclosed before you book.

3. Cancellation

Cancellation charges apply to the total journey price, based on when we receive your written cancellation:

- More than 60 days before arrival: 25%.
- 31 to 60 days before arrival: 50%.
- 30 days or fewer before arrival, or no-show: 100%.

Any separately disclosed supplier cancellation charges will apply without duplicating costs already covered by these charges. No refund applies to services you voluntarily leave unused.

4. Availability and Stays

- All journey inclusions are subject to availability.
- Named Stays are indicative. Accommodation will meet the category and standard specified in the inclusions.
- We select rooms above the property's entry-level category wherever available, unless the property offers only one room category.
- Your final itinerary will confirm the properties and room categories booked.

5. Changes

- Changes to travel dates or party size are subject to availability, revised pricing and applicable supplier charges.
- Weather, safety or operational disruption may require changes to the itinerary. Any alternatives or refunds will be handled under the full Booking Terms & Conditions.
- Driver-guide services, meals and experiences are included only where specified in your itinerary.

6. Travel insurance

- We strongly recommend comprehensive travel insurance from the time you book, covering cancellation, medical expenses, emergency evacuation and travel disruption.

7. Full terms

This summary forms part of the [South of 34° Booking Terms & Conditions](#), which apply to your booking. Nothing in these conditions limits your statutory consumer rights.