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# NEW ZEALAND

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 **FIRST CHOICE** 3-17 day Fully Curated Experiences

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# Sensational South

📅 11 DAYS

📍 WELLINGTON → QUEENSTOWN

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6 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

## HIGHLIGHTS



LOCAL CONNECTION

Hear stories of a lifetime spent farming in New Zealand's Southern Alps while enjoying a BBQ lunch.



INSIDER KNOWLEDGE

Join a local expert for an opportunity to view New Zealand's longest glacier: the Tasman in Mt. Cook.



CULTURAL IMMERSION

A local guide delivers in-depth insights into the key attractions and hidden gems of Wellington, the New Zealand capital.



SUSTAINABLE FOOTPRINTS

Your visit to Fiordland National Park will contribute to protecting New Zealand wilderness and native birdlife in the area.



- START
- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Christchurch

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## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP:

- Indulge in the Marlborough's best food and wine
- Discover breathtaking scenes of the Tasman Glacier and surrounds
- Take a walking tour of Wellington
- Dine with locals at the Colonel's Homestead and Hans Herzog Estate

### 1 Welcome to Wellington

After settling into your hotel, you'll have time to explore Wellington independently. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at your hotel. **Hotel: Novotel, 2 nights.**

### 2 Wellington

This morning, join a local guide for a walking tour to discover Wellington's vibrant culture and food and drink scene. The afternoon is free for you to spend as you please. **B**

### 3 Wellington – Blenheim

Board the Interislander for a cruise across the Cook Strait, to the seaside village of Picton. Later it's on to Blenheim for an orientation tour before heading to your hotel. This evening, visit one of the Marlborough region's famous wineries, Hans Herzog Estate, for a tasting and 3-course Highlight Dinner with matching wines. **Hotel: Scenic Marlborough, 2 nights. B HD**

### 4 Blenheim Free Time

Explore Blenheim, your way. You could choose from optional experiences on land or sea. Indulge in a half-day tour of the region's best wineries or take a Marlborough Icons tour: a visit to two wineries followed by a delicious Marlborough Sounds waterfront lunch and a relaxing cruise through the Sounds, accompanied by fresh local seafood and local sauvignon blanc. **B DW**

### 5 Blenheim – Christchurch

Travel to Kaikoura, where an optional whale-watching flight is available. Continue along the Pacific Ocean coast and across the colourful Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. See how Christchurch is rebuilding after the devastating earthquakes of 2010 and 2011, and pop into the incredible Transitional Cathedral in Latimer Square, the world's only cathedral made substantially of cardboard. **Hotel: Novotel. B**

### 6 Christchurch – Mt. Cook

Enjoy some warm Kiwi hospitality at Morelea, the home of Angie and Stan Taylor, indulge in a Be My Guest barbecue lunch and hear about a lifetime spent farming in New Zealand. You'll also get to witness Angie preparing her famous dessert pavlova. From here it's on towards the spectacular Southern Alps and then alongside majestic Lake Pukaki, before arriving in Aoraki Mount Cook National Park to see Mt. Cook, the highest mountain in Australasia. Tonight, enjoy dinner with a breathtaking mountain view. **Hotel: The Hermitage, 2 nights. B BG DW**

### 7 Mt. Cook

First up, you'll experience the melting ice face and icebergs of eerie, magical Tasman Glacier, New Zealand's largest, on a gently paced one-hour cruise guided by a local expert, against an awesome backdrop of New Zealand's highest and most spectacular mountains. Later, you will have time to enjoy your surroundings back at the Hermitage. A stargazing optional experience is available after dinner. **B DW**

### 8 Mt. Cook – Te Anau

Today is another scenic day, travelling over the Lindis Pass through Central Otago. Visit Cromwell, next to pristine Lake Dunstan, and taste delicious stone fruit at a local orchard, then stop at the perfectly restored gold-mining settlement of Arrowtown. The town's beautiful tree-lined avenues and 19th-century wooden buildings feel like a movie set. Afterwards, make your way to Fiordland National Park and the town of Te Anau. This afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to try jet boating down the majestic Waiau River, to the serene Lake Manapouri, stepping into ancient beech forests and learning all about this unique location. **Hotel: Distinction. B DW**

### 9 Te Anau – Queenstown

Leaving Te Anau, you will take the scenic journey through the forests, flats and meadows of Fiordland National Park and out to Milford Sound. You will stop at Mirror Lakes where the stunning mountain scenery is perfectly reflected in the waters, then on to rough-hewn Homer Tunnel, and after, to one of the world's most dramatic alpine drives, down through the Cleddau Valley and its impressive Chasm. Then it's on to cruise the waters of the unmissable Milford Sound. Your cruise will take in the Bowen and Stirling Falls plummeting from glacial hanging valleys sharply into the sea, and sheer Mitre Peak, rising from the fiord's depths. Finally, you will travel on to the adventure capital, Queenstown. An orientation tour around Lake Wakatipu takes you into the city before arriving at your hotel. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

### 10 Queenstown Free Time

Spend your final day in Queenstown either relaxing or exploring on an optional experience. Venture out on a scenic tour visiting the many filming locations of the Lord of the Rings, or cruise Lake Wakatipu aboard New Zealand's oldest steamship, TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak High Country Farm, for a gourmet barbecue lunch at the Colonel's Homestead. This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner at The Boatshed, set in the historic New Zealand Railway Shipping Office built in 1936. Restored and relocated to its lakeside setting, The Boatshed, with its spectacular views of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables, is the perfect setting for your exclusive Farewell Dinner. **B FD**

### 11 Farewell Queenstown

Farewell your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. You will be transferred to Queenstown Airport for your onward flight. **B**



Wellington



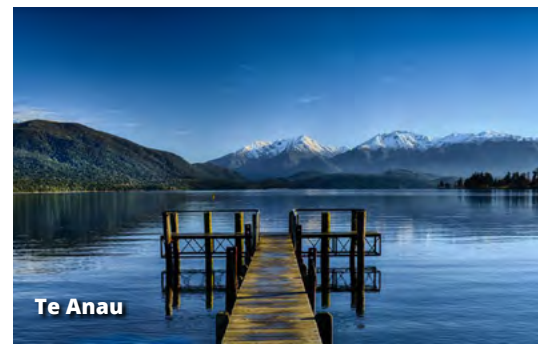
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