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# NEW ZEALAND



MILFORD SOUND/PIOPIOTAHU • QUEENSTOWN • HAWKE'S BAY • ROTORUA



# THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

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Redwoods Treewalk

## IMMERSE

Embrace the traditional Māori greeting at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, and immerse yourself in Jurassic rainforest.

## INDULGE

Enjoy an unforgettable dining experience at Craggy Range Winery in Hawke's Bay, a region blessed with fertile soils.

## EXPLORE

Discover the luminous shimmer of the Footwhistle Cave. Lose yourself in giant redwoods, and view Milford Sound on show.

## RELAX

Wake up to the wonder of fiordland on your Milford Mariner cruise, and take a deep breath and unwind at Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Traverse New Zealand's North and South Islands, from the hot pools of Franz Josef/Waiau, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Dunedin, to the brave depths of Queenstown, the adventure capital. Explore extraordinary landscapes and ancient heritage, as you encounter New Zealand as few have seen it before.

### Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch

Board a private transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with local wines and canapés.

**HOTEL** Hotel Montreal

### Day 2: Christchurch – TranzAlpine – Franz Josef/Waiau

Travel through the Southern Alps aboard TranzAlpine train. From Arthur's Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika. Continue to Franz Josef/Waiau, where you'll spend two nights in an eco-friendly retreat nestled in the wilderness.

**HOTEL** Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Franz Josef/Waiau (Relaxed Start)

This morning, explore Franz Josef/Waiau, where a local guide explains the history behind the imposing Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukaterere.

**MEALS** Breakfast

### Day 4: Franz Josef/Waiau – Arrowtown – Queenstown

Discover the Haast River this morning as you journey its length in a fully enclosed river jet boat. Stop at Makarora, then explore the heritage gold-settlement of Arrowtown, before an orientation of breathtaking Queenstown.

**HOTEL** Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 5: Queenstown at Leisure

Enjoy Queenstown your way! Perhaps join a wine tour and taste some of Central Otago's world-renowned Pinot Noir.

**MEALS** Breakfast

### Day 6: Queenstown at Leisure

Make the most of your extended stay in Queenstown. Perhaps take a peaceful cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard New Zealand's oldest steamship, the TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station. Tonight, enjoy a Local Dining Experience in one of Queenstown's most exclusive restaurants.

**MEALS** Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 7: Queenstown – Te Anau – Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau, where you'll stop for lunch at a local farm, and then through World Heritage Fiordland National Park. Tonight, you will stay aboard the iconic Milford Mariner.

**HOTEL** Milford Mariner

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 8: Milford Sound/Piopiotahi - Invercargill

Leave Fiordland National Park and journey to Invercargill. A city obsessed with motoring history, there are tributes to speed legends across town, from Burt Munro to Bill Richardson and his shed full of classic vehicles. Enjoy a tour of the largest private collection of its type in the world.

**HOTEL** The Langlands, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast

### Day 9: Invercargill (Stewart Island)

Board a ferry at Bluff and cruise to the pristine Stewart Island. Later, join a leisurely cruise around Paterson Inlet and see diverse flora and birdlife.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 10: Invercargill – Dunedin

Enjoy a relaxed start before departing for Dunedin. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience visit Dunedin Craft Distillers, who produce botanical spirits from surplus bread and bakery products that would otherwise go to landfill. Venture just next door for a special Chocolate tasting journey at OCHO Chocolate.

**HOTEL** Hotel Distinction Dunedin

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 11: Dunedin – Christchurch

Travel up the east coast through Omarau and Timaru to Christchurch.

**HOTEL** Hotel Montreal

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 12: Christchurch – Kaikōura – Wellington

Travel along the Pacific coast to Kaikōura. Continue to the seaside village of Picton and later, cross the Cook Strait to Wellington.

**HOTEL** QT Wellington, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 13: Wellington at Leisure

Today see Wellington your way. Perhaps visit the urban eco-sanctuary of Zealandia/Te Māra a Tāne, or Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand.

**MEALS** Breakfast

### Day 14: Wellington – Hawke's Bay

Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier. Enjoy a Local Dining Experience at Craggy Range winery.

**HOTEL** Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 15: Napier (Relaxed Start)

Join a local guide for a vintage car tour through Napier and surrounding areas. You'll learn about the earthquake that destroyed the city in 1931 and hear stories of the people that led the rebuild in the Art Deco style.

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 16: Hawke's Bay – Rotorua

Continue your journey to Rotorua, where this afternoon, armed with a packed lunch, you'll join a local guide for a cultural walking eco-tour to discover the jurassic Whirinaki Forest, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

**HOTEL** Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch

### Day 17: Rotorua – Redwoods Treewalk

Ascend the breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk for an elevated bird's eye view of the 120-year old redwood giants. At the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, passionate conservationists reveal how they are saving the kiwi population, one incubated egg at a time. Tonight, visit Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Tū Te Rā is a celebration of the abundant harvest of this season, and explores concepts, rituals, and stories of ancient Māori warfare and peace in a feast of culture and cuisine. Enjoy a seasonal canapé and complementary chef choice aperitif, and a seasonal three-course dinner.

**MEALS** Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 18: Rotorua – Caveworld Waitomo – Auckland

Make your way to the famous Caveworld Waitomo for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience in Footwhistle Cave. Later, travel to Auckland. This evening, toast your tour at a Celebration Dinner.

**HOTEL** QT Auckland

**MEALS** Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

### Day 19: Farewell from Auckland

Your epic New Zealand journey comes to an end this morning and you are transferred to Auckland Airport for your onward flight.

**MEALS** Breakfast

## DEPARTURES

2023		2024		2025	
Oct	09	Jan	01, 08, 29	Jan	06, 27
Nov	06	Feb	05	Feb	03
		Mar	04	Mar	03
		Oct	07		
		Nov	04		

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and definite departure dates visit [inspiringjourneys.com/nzji](https://inspiringjourneys.com/nzji) or contact your local travel agent. A limited number of single rooms are also available.

## INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 13+ Unforgettable experiences
- 33 included meals
- 18 Nights premium accommodation

## NOTES

### NZIJ: CHRISTCHURCH TO AUCKLAND

- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Return private vehicle airport to hotel transfers are included in the holiday price.
- Flight Information:  
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport  
Day 19 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

