



FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL

NEW ZEALAND

2024-2025 GUIDED HOLIDAYS

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Spirit of New Zealand



Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Whether you're on foot or in a boat, you'll be wowed by Abel Tasman National Park's all-consuming beauty. Soak up the bounty at your own pace.

📍 Iconic Sites

There are few places in NZ quite as humbling as Milford Sound/Piopiotahi within World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. Waterfalls, ancient escarpments and dolphins await.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE A guided tour of the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute at Te Puia contributes to its success, committed to preserving and promoting Māori arts and crafts.

🌿 Natural Wonders

An island off an island, Stewart Island is wild, wide and wonderful. Some 97% is national parkland - prepare for epic animal encounters.



Rotorua Geothermal Pool

21 DAYS
22 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 05	Jan 04	Jan 02, 23, 30
Nov 30	Feb 01, 08 , 15, 22, 29	Feb 06, 13, 20 , 27
	Mar 07 , 21	Mar 06, 20
	Oct 03 , 17, 31	
	Nov 21, 28	
	Dec 12, 19, 26	

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit aatkings.com/lcqb or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

20 Full buffet breakfasts B 2 Highlight Dinners HD
5 Dinners D 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport

Day 21 – flights to depart any time from Auckland Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Community spirit is strong in Christchurch, as you'll discover exploring its streets at your leisure. We recommend jumping on the tram to tour Christchurch and discover how the city has rebuilt itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception this evening. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden.**

2 Christchurch – Omarama

More of Christchurch is revealed before the colours of the Canterbury Plains spread before you: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snowcapped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Omarama – Dunedin

Architectural drama awaits in Dunedin. While away the afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution). **Hotel: Kingsgate. B**

4 Dunedin – Invercargill

Invercargill is obsessed with motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends colour the city. So it's only fitting that you visit Classic Motorcycle Mecca for a tour and Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Kelvin, 2 nights. B HD**

5 Stewart Island

Wild, wide and wonderful, Stewart Island's rugged coastline cuts a dramatic form in the Southern Ocean. It's largely untouched, which means that endemic flora and fauna thrive. But don't take our word for it. Meet the locals on a tour through the Village and Bays. **B**

6 Invercargill – Queenstown

The Real Country Farm Show, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, offers an authentic taste of what rural New Zealand is like. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Continue to Queenstown and take the afternoon at your own pace. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

A spot of bungee jumping at the place it was born? Or an epic journey through Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, carved by waterfalls and a playground for dolphins and seals? There's a reason why this part of the island has World Heritage status. You choose today's path. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

Around the next bend is the Alpine countryside of the Southern Lakes. Over the Haast Pass, the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiau, at the edge of Westland World Heritage Park, awaits. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

9 Franz Josef/Waiau – Punakaiki

Wander Hokitika's windswept coast before discovering the town's other beauty: pounamu (native greenstone or jade). Prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B D**

10 Punakaiki – Nelson

Ease along the Heritage Highway toward Nelson. Press your nose against the glass as your coach weaves through Buller Gorge and Kahurangi National Park. **Hotel: Rutherford, 2 nights. B**

11 Nelson Free Time

Lace up your hiking shoes and head off on a bushwalk, or cruise through Abel Tasman National Park. This pocket in the north of the island inspires calm, its golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. **B**

12 Nelson – Wellington

All aboard the Interislander for a cruise through Queen Charlotte Sound to Wellington. **Hotel: Travelodge. B D**

13 Wellington – Napier

Head out on a city sights tour. After the opportunity to visit Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, travel to Art Deco mecca, Napier. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania, 2 nights. B**

14 Napier

After a devastating earthquake in 1931, Napier completely rebuilt itself in just two years. The end result is architectural Nirvana, a city home to the

world's greatest concentration of Art Deco, Spanish Mission and Striped Classical buildings. This morning get the lowdown from your in-the-know local guide on a Napier tour. This afternoon is yours to choose, perhaps a Gannet safaris or wine tour. **B**

15 Napier – Rotorua

This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, including hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonders. **Hotel: Sudima, 2 nights. B HD**

16 Rotorua Free Time

Bliss out in the Polynesian Spa's thermal springs; visit the Hobbiton movie set; or board a scenic flight for a bird's-eye view. **B**

17 Rotorua – Auckland

Today your sights are firmly set on the Auckland's main love: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

18 Auckland – Bay of Islands

The Bay of Islands is undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Your guide, perhaps a descendent of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B D**

19 Bay of Islands Free Time

Trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. **B**

20 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Explore Whangarei, the island's most northerly outpost, at your leisure before the commute back to Auckland for your Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B FD**

21 Farewell from Auckland

We hope you've packed your address book with the names of new friends. But at the end of the day, it's the memories that will fuel your flight home. **B**

