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18 Days of Quality Coach Touring





Discover New Zealand

18 DAYS NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND

Auckland – Kauri Country – Bay of Islands – Rotorua – Napier – Wellington – Nelson – Christchurch – Glacier Country – Queenstown – Milford Sound – Dunedin – Aoraki Mount Cook – Christchurch

Our 'Discover New Zealand' itinerary explores both islands of New Zealand at a leisurely pace with multiple night stays and days of leisure. This tour stays in central visitor locations using quality accommodation. Key attractions are visited to mention a few; Hole in the Rock Cruise, Waitomo Caves, geothermal Rotorua, Maori Culture, Napier & Nelson, Tranz Alpine Train journey, Queenstown, the stunning natural beauty of Milford Sound and more.



DAILY ITINERARY:

Day 1 Friday, 8 November 2019

ARRIVE AUCKLAND (D)

Welcome to New Zealand! Our Stuarts Coach depart Nowra at 6.00am this morning to transfer you to Sydney International Airport for your flight to Auckland. On arrival at the Auckland International Airport we will be met by a Representative from Leisure Time Tours to transfer us to or hotel.
Grand Millennium Hotel

Day 2 Saturday, 9 November 2019

AUCKLAND – BAY OF ISLANDS (BD)

Departing Auckland you travel north over the [Auckland Harbour Bridge](#) to first of all [visit the Parry Kauri Park](#). Here you will view some fine examples of Giant Kauri Trees. Continuing you then [visit the Matakoho Kauri Museum](#), at Otamatea. Here you will gain an insight to the early New Zealand Pioneer History, which helped form the New Zealand that we see today. Continuing your journey you reach Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands, where you'll take a [guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty House](#) where New Zealand's history began. *Kingsgate Hotel*

Day 3 Sunday, 10 November 2019

BAY OF ISLANDS (B)

[Today is a day of leisure](#). The Bay of Islands has so many options for you to discover - perhaps a day trip to the light house at Cape Reinga the most northern tip of New Zealand, followed by a safari along 90 Mile Beach on the way home. Maybe try your luck at deep-sea fishing, or take the plunge swimming with the dolphins or just take time out to relax within Paihia or Russell, New Zealand's first Capital. Please refer to your Leisure Time Tours Optional Touring Booklet (which you will receive with your final documents) for plenty of ideas on how to spend your day.

Day 4 Monday, 11 November 2019

BAY OF ISLANDS – AUCKLAND (BD)

[This morning board a luxury catamaran to cruise](#) the Bay of Islands to Cape Brett before making a passage through [the Hole in the Rock](#). After your cruise you travel south following the Twin Coast Discovery Highway to arrive in Auckland, whereon arrival you experience a [highlights tour of Auckland](#), the 'City of Sails' including exploring the lively waterfront area. Enjoy the relaxing views along Tamaki Drive, which runs east past peaceful sheltered bays to Auckland's most expensive real estate.
Grand Millennium Hotel

Day 5 Tuesday, 12 November 2019

AUCKLAND – WAITOMO – ROTORUA (BD)

Departing Auckland you travel south crossing the Bombay Hills through the dairy rich Waikato countryside to arrive at the [famous Waitomo Caves](#). Here a guide will take you underground to [view the amazing limestone caves featuring stalagmites and stalactites, which have taken centuries to form](#). Continue to walk down to an underground stream to board a small boat to [view the glow-worm grotto – an underground cavern featuring millions of glow-worms](#). From Waitomo you travel to the thermal wonderland of Rotorua, the Sulphur City. Rotorua has the most energetic



thermal activity in the country with bubbling mud pools, gushing geysers, beautiful coloured hot springs and terrace formations created by mineral water. Rotorua also has a large Maori population whose cultural activities are interesting and accessible as will be witnessed tomorrow evening. This afternoon enjoy a relaxing guided walk through **Rainbow Springs, a specialist garden featuring spring fed pools full of Rainbow & Brown Trout and New Zealand native flora and fauna including the iconic New Zealand Native Kiwi Bird.** *Sudima Hotel*

Day 6 Wednesday, 13 November 2019
ROTORUA (BD)

Today is at your leisure. Your Optional Touring Booklet will give you plenty of options on how to spend your time. **This evening you will be treated to a traditional Hangi (feast) and Maori Concert. You are transferred from your hotel to visit Tamaki Maori Village for a Cultural Experience and Hangi Dinner.** Experience the warmth of the Maori people during an evening of ceremonial rituals, powerful cultural performance, storytelling & hangi feasting. Enter the pre-European Maori village, witness the earth being scraped carefully away from the hangi pit and enter their ancestral Meeting House to relax as their family entertain you with a powerful cultural performance before dining on the traditional **hangi buffet dinner** cooked the traditional Maori way in an earth oven.

Day 7 Thursday, 14 November 2019
ROTORUA – NAPIER (BD)

This morning **visit Te Puia – The New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley featuring the famous Pohutu Geyser.** Departing Rotorua you travel via New Zealand's largest pine tree forests to Taupo. En-route, make a **visit to the Wairakei Geothermal Steam Field.** This was a world-first, generating electricity by tapping a natural steam field then channelling the steam to a nearby power generation plant. Continuing **view the mighty Huka Falls.** Huka in Maori translates to "snow" as the water here has the appearance of snow falling. This afternoon continue to the 'Fruit Bowl' of New Zealand–Napier. *Scenic Hotel*

Day 8 Friday, 15 November 2019
NAPIER – WELLINGTON (BD)

Before departing **Napier take a city sights tour, featuring beautiful Art Deco buildings** to give you an insight of why Napier is known as the Art Deco capital of the world. This afternoon you continue south to Wellington to spend the rest of the day enjoying an informative sightseeing tour, including a **visit to Te Papa, (Our Place) New Zealand's national museum.** *James Cook Grand Chancellor*

Day 9 Saturday, 16 November 2019
WELLINGTON – NELSON (BD)

Today begins as you **cruise the Wellington Harbour** out onto the Cook Strait on the Interislander and through New Zealand's only true sounds, the **picturesque Marlborough Sound** into Picton. The bustling port of Picton is the terminal for inter-island ferries, and gateway to the 'Mainland', the South Island's self-proclaimed nickname. Reboarding the coach continue to tour through to **Pelorous Bridge** where you can walk through the Beech and Podocarp Forest as well as view the many sculptured **boulder's in the**

Pelorous River. Continuing on for a tour of Nelson – this being our first city of New Zealand. *The Hotel Nelson*

Day 10 Sunday, 17 November 2019
NELSON – CHRISTCHURCH (BD)

After departing Nelson this morning, you pass through **Brightwater, the birth place of Lord Rutherford, the New Zealand science pioneer who split the atom.** Then travel through the Golden Downs Forest to Murchison, through the Maruia Forest, over the Lewis Pass and then into **Hanmer Springs** where there is time to soak in the mineral pools (at own expense) before joining the upper reaches of the Canterbury Plains. On arrival in Christchurch, **enjoy the sights of the 'Garden City'** also known as "the most English city outside of England". *Quality Hotel Elms*

Day 11 Monday, 18 November 2019
CHRISTCHURCH – FRANZ JOSEF (BD)

From Christchurch **traverse the Southern Alps aboard the famous Tranz-Alpine rail journey to Arthurs Pass.** From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Your train then climbs into the Southern Alps. Once you have crossed into the Southern Alps you are met at the village of Arthurs Pass by the coach to continue your journey to the West Coast – or just "the Coast" as locals call it – stopping in Hokitika where a visit is made to the **Greenstone and Glass Blowing factories.** Further south tour the **Westland National Park, the home of Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers.** On arrival, time is available for optional scenic flights. *Scenic Franz Josef*

Day 12 Tuesday, 19 November 2019
FRANZ JOSEF – QUEENSTOWN (B)

Driving towards the southern end of the South Island's West Coast Road, there is a strong sense of entering a primeval land, and a feeling of total isolation. Arriving at Haast, you are surrounded by a landscape of rainforest, wetlands, sand dunes and surf-pounded shingle beaches. This wilderness forms part of the **South West New Zealand World Heritage Area,** so designated because South Westland and Fiordland have some of the most dramatic forest and mountain scenery and natural resources in the world. From the Westland National Park travel through the Haast River valleys and over the Haast Pass to Makaroa and onto the upper reaches of Lake Wanaka. Travelling past **Lake Hawea** you reach the popular **Lake Wanaka,** the starting point of the mighty Clutha River. This afternoon you travel via Cromwell, following the Kawerau Gorge Road, into Queenstown. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars. *Cophorne Lakefront Hotel*

Day 13 Wednesday, 20 November 2019
QUEENSTOWN (BD)

Today is at leisure. Visit the Remarkable's or Coronet Peak. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover or Kawerau Rivers. Perhaps take a scenic 4 wheel drive excursion through Skippers Canyon, it's up to you. Your Optional Touring Booklet will give you plenty of options for how to spend your time. **This evening take a cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station to dine at the Colonel's Homestead.**

TOUR INCLUSIONS & TOUR PRICES AUD:

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| Land + Air Share Twin/Double | \$A7,150.00 |
| Single Supplement Extra | \$A1,950.00 |
| Deposit due at time of booking | \$A500.00 |
| Final Payment due no later than Friday 01 September 2019 | |
- Fully Escorted from Nowra with local hostess
 - Return coach transfer between Nowra and Sydney Airport
 - Return economy class air fare ex Sydney, including Airline Surcharges & Taxes
 - Meet and Greet on arrival in New Zealand
 - Quality hotel accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with single supplement) all with private facilities
 - Cooked Breakfasts (B) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary, including a two special dinners: Maori Hangi and Concert – Rotorua and Walter Peak Dinner at the Colonel's Homestead
 - Tour Admissions as per itinerary, including four Scenic Boat Cruises in the Bay of Islands - The Hole in the Rock cruise, Cook Strait & Queen Charlotte Sound, TSS Earnslaw Cruise on Lake Wakatipu and Milford Sound
 - Touring in a modern air conditioned coach
 - Complimentary Travel Kit including, Travel Bag, Travel Wallet, Name Bar, Luggage Labels, and Map

Day 14 Thursday, 21 November 2019
QUEENSTOWN–MILFORD SOUND–TEANAU (BLD)

Leaving Queenstown you skirt the shores of Lake Wakatipu, New Zealand's third largest lake, and travel via Te Anau to reach the **beautiful Eglinton Valley.** Then climb to Homer Tunnel before descending through the spectacular Cleddau Canyon to reach **Milford Sound where you enjoy a cruise of the Sound.** The Sound is dominated by the grandeur of **Mitre Peak and the Bowen Falls.** Returning to Te Anau you reach your overnight accommodation. *Distinction Luxmore Hotel*

Day 15 Friday, 22 November 2019
TE ANAU – DUNEDIN (BD)

Departing Te Anau you travel through some of New Zealand's most populated sheep country through to Lumsden and onto Gore before arriving in Dunedin – "the Edinburgh of the South". Upon your arrival into Dunedin, you have the opportunity to board an optional train ride – the Taieri Gorge Train Excursion – from the historic Dunedin Railway Station. This is a scenic train ride through the spectacular Taieri Gorge to Pukerangi and return. **Enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant tonight with a haggis ceremony.** *Distinction Hotel*

Day 16 Saturday, 23 November 2019
DUNEDIN – OMARAMA (BD)

This morning visit **Olveston House** – an impressive turn-of-the-century house that is still home to all the lavish furnishings and art collections that have been collected from all corners of the world. After this, continue to take in the some more of the sights of this old Scottish City before departing for Omarama. On the way travel through Oamaru where there is time to look at the **'White Stone City',** known as such because the old buildings were constructed with the local limestone. In 1882 New Zealand's first shipment of frozen mutton was sourced from Totara Estate, Oamaru and sent to the other side of the world on the SS Dunedin from Port Chalmers, Otago. Oamaru is the birthplace of New Zealand's billion dollar frozen meat industry. Travelling inland through Benmore and Otematata, then through Sailors Cutting you arrive at Omarama. *Heritage Gateway*

Day 17 Sunday, 24 November 2019
OMARAMA – CHRISTCHURCH (BD)

A day for spectacular sights! Head north to skirt the shore of **Lake Pukaki to Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain.** Time is available to enjoy an optional scenic flight over the ancient rivers of ice and the West Coast Glaciers (weather permitting – a highly recommended option). Travelling to Tekapo you will witness the **magnificent blue waters of Lake Tekapo.** Here visit the **Church of the Good Shepherd and the statue of the Collie dog,** before travelling the vast **Mackenzie Basin,** and across the Canterbury Plains into Christchurch. *Quality Hotel Elms, Christchurch*

Day 18 Monday, 25 November 2019
CHRISTCHURCH – HOME PORT (B)

Farewell from New Zealand, today you will be transferred from your hotel to Christchurch International Airport for our flight back to Sydney. On arrival in Sydney we will be met by Stuarts Coaches for our return transfer's to Nowra.

Booking Terms & Conditions

And also some handy touring information....

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

It is understood by Leisure Time Tours that the terms and conditions of travel are accepted by the passenger when the required deposit has been paid.

Seat Changes

Passengers rotate seats in the coach daily so that all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy forward and window seating. All passengers are expected to participate as a booking condition.

Itineraries

Itineraries were correct at the time of printing, but are subject to change without notice. This could come about due to road or weather conditions, or any changes imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary. If a passenger amends their itinerary by starting or concluding the itinerary earlier or later or during an itinerary then it becomes their responsibility to arrange tour or flight connections as necessary.

Activities and Optional Tours

Leisure Time Tours does not operate the attractions mentioned in our touring brochure, therefore will not be responsible for any injury, actions, loss, damage or acts of negligence committed by the operators mentioned in this brochure arising from these attractions.

Tour Escort

Minimum numbers apply for a tour escort to travel with the group departure.

Smoking

Due to government regulations, smoking is not permitted inside tourist coaches. Smokers will find that the frequent stops made for sight-seeing provide the ideal opportunity to smoke. If passengers require a smoking room for their accommodation we will pass this request onto the accommodation – we can not guarantee that this will be available.

Single Passengers

Passengers may opt for a guaranteed single room by paying the single supplement, but if passengers wish to travel in a twin room with another passenger of the same gender then smoking is not permitted in their room. If someone is not compatible with the person they have been matched up with, all additional costs incurred to assist with changing the room type to a guaranteed single room will be at the passenger's expense and will be subject to availability. Acceptance of a twin share basis is subject to the individual's medical condition being suitable for this type of arrangement.

Health and Fitness

Passengers should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances to fully appreciate all of the sightseeing opportunities in the itinerary. By paying the deposit passengers acknowledge that you are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel, and are not travelling contrary to medical advice. Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to cancel a booking or to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day to day running of the tour. Passengers bringing a quantity of medication with them are advised to carry a doctor's certificate to avoid possible problems with customs officials. Doctor's prescriptions are needed to obtain certain drugs in both Australia and New Zealand.

Travel Insurance

Leisure Time Tours strongly advises all passengers to purchase a travel insurance policy. An important part of planning the holiday is to purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy as it may prevent passengers from spending extra money in case of an emergency and will help passengers feel protected during the holiday.

Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing, however Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or major fluctuation in the exchange rates, or increases in government or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

Exchange rate fluctuations

Until Leisure Time Tours receives full payment, your tour price is subject to exchange rate fluctuations. We consider anything over 4% a major fluctuation, and in this instance we will absorb up to the first 4% before surcharging.

Payments

A deposit of \$A500.00 per person is required on booking to confirm the seat at the time of booking. All balance payments must be received by the agent no later than 45 days prior to tour commencement.

Flights

Airlines require all Trans Tasman flights to be ticketed within 5 days of booking. If the tour package includes flights, then ticketing will be completed once the deposit payment has been received. A further deposit to cover the associated taxes and levies is also required at the time of the booking. Airfares/ tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Tickets requiring re-issue due to a mis-spelling of names on the advice given to the agent will incur a re-issue fee of \$A150.00 per person per change. A handling charge of \$A150.00 per passenger will be levied for lost airline ticket.

New Zealand Airport Transfers

New Zealand airport transfers are included on all of our Tours. If however passengers have made independent pre/post tour arrangements outside of the itinerary then transfers are not included.

Luggage Allowances & Restrictions

Although every effort is made to handle guests luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline and group carrier handling. Therefore, it is important for protection that passengers make certain they have adequate travel insurance to cover these eventualities.

Travel Kits

Each passenger will receive a complimentary Leisure Time Tours Travel Kit. This will include a Travel Bag for carry on luggage. Please note that this bag and contents must not weigh more than 7kgs (15lbs). Within the travel wallet passengers will find luggage labels and a name bar. Please ensure that the luggage is properly identified with these luggage labels. We encourage passengers to wear their name bar at all times on tour as it enables airlines and tourist operators to identify that passengers are part of our group. It is also much easier for other passengers to identify and to get to know each other.

Checked Baggage

Due to space limitations aboard the motor coaches and the on-tour flights used in New Zealand & Australia, each passenger is permitted only one average-sized piece of checked baggage weighing a maximum of 20kg (44lbs), plus their carry on luggage in the Leisure Time Tours Travel Bag provided.

Clothing and Packing

Passengers will find casual clothing of all types comfortable and relaxing. Lightweight drip-dry clothing is ideal. Warmer clothing for evenings will be handy. As New Zealand can experience 'four seasons in one day' layering is key. Regular laundry facilities are available throughout the tour. For special dinners many guests like to dress up, but by all means be comfortable; on the remaining nights "smart casual" is suggested. We recommend that passengers pack their prescription medicines (an adequate supply to last through the journey) along with the travel documents and a change of clothing in the carry-on bag to avoid any inconvenience in the event that a flight or luggage is delayed.

Passports & Visas

All visitors require a passport to travel to and to enter New Zealand or Australia which must have a minimum validity of 6 months remaining. It is a good idea to carry a photocopy of the 'Photo Page' of their passport, as well as to leave photocopies of the travel documents and identification papers with someone at home.

Entry to New Zealand

Australian passport holders do not require visas; neither do Australian permanent residents with current resident return visas. All other visitors to New Zealand must possess a return or onward ticket to a country to which you have right of entry.

Customs and Immigration

Compliance with any Australian and/ or New Zealand immigration, customs and/ or quarantine regulations is the client's responsibility. Leisure Time Tours cannot, under any circumstances, be held liable nor responsible if applicable rules and regulations are not observed.

Amendments, Cancellations and Refunds

Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Leisure Time Tours also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date will be offered or a full refund will be made available.

Refund Schedule

- 60+ days prior to tour commencement a loss of deposit plus any applicable airline cancellation fees
- 31-59 days prior to tour commencement receives a 50% refund.
- 30 days or less prior to tour commencement receives no refund.
- No Refunds on any unused portions of itinerary.

If you wish to cancel and transfer to a new departure date, the above cancellation fees will apply

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