

Two Island Odyssey

Tour Highlights

14 Breakfasts
9 Lunches
9 Dinners
Art of Cheese factory tour
Kauri Museum
The Bay of Islands
Ferry to Russell
Ascension Winery wine tasting
Waitomo & Ruakuri caves
Te Puia Maori Experience & Hangi dinner
Huka Falls
Lunch cruise on Lake Taupo
Seleni Wine Estate cooking demonstration
Tastings at 2 Martinborough wineries
Interisland ferry cruise
Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks
Fox Glacier
Spectacular Queenstown
Fiordland National Park
Milford Sound nature cruise
Aoraki / Mt. Cook National Park
Lake Tekapo & Church of the Good Shepherd
Complimentary airport transfer by limousine

Our 14 day, 15 night tour of the North Island and South Islands

This two week tour of New Zealand's North and South Islands showcases the beauty of the far north to the dramatic landscapes of the south. Add in iconic New Zealand attractions, the best in accommodation, culinary fare and fine wine and you have a "two island odyssey."

DAY 1

Auckland – Bay of Islands

Departing Auckland you reach Puhoi stopping at the Art of Cheese, for the finest blue, soft and crème cheese, then travelling onto Matakoho and the Kauri Museum. The magnificent Hokianga Harbour is your lunch venue before crossing over to Paihia and the Bay of Islands. You will enjoy the leisurely cruise to Russell and dinner in a 5 star restaurant.

Accom: Paihia Beach Resort – 1 Bedroom Superior

DAY 2

Bay of Islands

The Bay of Islands is a treasure chest of iconic activities. Golf at Kauri Cliffs or Carrington Golf courses, a Cape Brett hole cruise, a trip up 90 mile beach to Cape Reinga or Dolphin Encounter cruise are some of the many options open to you. The restaurants and cafes of Paihia, Russell and Keri Keri are rich in variety and choice.

Accom: Paihia Beach Resort – 1 Bedroom Superior

DAY 3

Bay of Islands - Matakana - Mangatawhiri Valley

Heading to Warkworth and Ascension Winery in the renowned Matakana region for wine tasting and lunch, you will travel south down the Pacific Coast highway full of picturesque landscapes and small towns. After lunch you travel onto Hotel & Spa du Vin the Mangatawhiri Valley where you will be greeted with wine and canapés. The hotel's restaurant is your dinner venue.

Accom: Heritage Hotel & Spa du Vin – 'Selection' rooms

DAY 4

Mangatawhiri Valley – Waitomo - Rotorua

Ruakuri and Waitomo caves are iconic North Island attractions and today's first stop followed by lunch at country home and farm. Rotorua is the day's destination, a wonderfully rich mix of Maori culture, geysers and mud pools. Your dinner venue is the outstanding Peppers on the Point.

Accom: Millennium Hotel Rotorua – Club Rooms

DAY 5

Rotorua

Complete leisure or a full day of activities, the choice is yours. The Polynesian Lake Spa, farm show at the Agrodome or 4 Wheel Drive half day excursion to Mt Tarawera are just a few of many optional activities to try. This evening you will experience a unique meal and unforgettable Maori cultural evening at Te Puia.

Accom: Millennium Hotel Rotorua – Club Rooms

DAY 6

Rotorua - Taupo - Napier

Today's destination is Napier in the wine region of Hawkes Bay, but before you reach there you will experience the glorious Huka Falls before boarding your vessel for a luncheon cruise on Lake Taupo. The scenic trip through the central North Island and Esk Valley is the perfect relaxation ahead of the interactive cooking demonstration and meal at Seleni Wine Estate this evening.

Accom: The Crown Hotel – Studio Rooms

DAY 7

Napier - Martinborough - Wellington

A tour of art deco Napier starts the day, before boarding your luxury coach and travelling onto the Wairarapa district and Martinborough, where you will enjoy lunch and wine tasting. The scenic driver over the Rimutaka Ranges brings you into Wellington, today's destination. Enjoy the freedom to explore the Courtenay Place district renowned for its restaurants and cafes.

Accom: Duxton Hotel Wellington – Club Rooms

DAY 8

Wellington - Picton - Nelson

Today you will be transferred to the Interisland ferry terminal where you will embark on a 3 hours cruise out of Wellington Harbour and into Queen Charlotte Sound. Stay on deck as you enter the Sounds to enjoy the stunning surrounds. You will be met of the ferry and travel onto the artistic town of Nelson, where dinner will be at a well known local restaurant.

Accom: Monaco Hotel & Resort – 1 Bedroom Suite

DAY 9

Nelson – Punakaiki - Fox Glacier

Today's destination is Fox Glacier on the South Island's west coast. You will make your way through the Buller region before reaching Punakaiki, home of the natural wonder Pancake Rocks. You are free to see the sights, before travelling onto the township of Fox Glacier. Te Weheka Lodge's restaurant is the venue for tonight's dinner.

Accom: Te Weheka Inn ROH rooms

DAY 10

Fox Glacier – Queenstown

Before departing and travelling through the Haast Pass you have a choice of an easy going guided walk on the amazing Fox Glacier. Lunch at a local café follows before the stunning scenery of the Southern Alps, Wakatipu Valley and Queenstown. The Steamer Wharf and a well known restaurant is your evening's dinner venue.

Accom: Heritage Hotel - Deluxe Lake view rooms

DAY 11

Queenstown

The many attractions of Queenstown are at your choice on today's open day. Cruising Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw, Central Otago wine tasting, a round of golf at Millbrook Resort or Jacks Point or jetboating are some of many activities on offer. Queenstown's numerous restaurants and cafés are well worth experiencing.

Accom: Heritage Hotel - Deluxe Lake view rooms

DAY 12

Queenstown – Milford Sound – Queenstown

The Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound are world heritage areas and the scenic trip into the region is a stunning visual experience. A luncheon cruise on one of Milford Sound's newest vessels will take you past the towering Mitre Peak and Stirling Falls. For the return journey the choice is yours to take a short flight over the fiords and famous Milford track or sit back and relax on the return journey in your luxury coach.

Accom: Heritage Hotel - Deluxe Lake view rooms

DAY 13

Arrowtown - Mt Cook

The South Island's most picturesque village, Arrowtown is the morning's first stop, after which you will travel through the Kawarau Gorge to the township of Cromwell, then over the Lindis Pass before lunching in Omarama at the 'Wrinkly Ram' restaurant. You then follow the shores of Lake Pukaki, to the Mt. Cook village, and Hermitage Hotel where you will stay for the evening. The hotel's restaurant is this evening's dinner setting.

Accom: Hermitage Hotel – Aoraki Wing Top 3 floors

DAY 14

Mt Cook – Christchurch

Today's highlights include Lake Tekapo and The 'Church of the Good Shepherd' and bronze sheep dog, followed by lunch at a well known local Lodge. The Canterbury Plains are often described as a patchwork quilt and you will travel across them and onto Christchurch. Fond farewells will be shared at one of Christchurch's best restaurants this evening.

Accom: Millennium Hotel – Executive Suites

DAY 15

Depart Christchurch

After waking to your full breakfast your limousine awaits to transfer you to the Christchurch International Airport.