

### TOUR CODE CGPC13

STYLE Classic Group COACH 48 seat Classic ACCOMMODATION 4 star

**STARTS** Auckland **FINISHES** Christchurch

#### ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Fully escorted tour includes transfers in New Zealand, 48 seat Classic coach travel, 4 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions, 3 Day Gold Pass + **BONUS** Tour Jacket.

#### THEY SAID IT ...

"The Classic Fighters Airshow was well organised and everything was on time. Excellent display of everything. The tour has been an absolute blast!"

#### J.L. & J.L. - Australia

"We enjoyed all parts of the holiday and will recommend to family & friends. Our Tour Leader and Coach Captain helped make the holiday a success."

#### C.K. - Australia

"The Classic Fighters Museum is the best we have ever seen. Very happy with Grand Pacific Tours!"

C.R. & M.R. - Australia



Feel the spirit of the Māori culture and traditions.

Fully escorted tour of the North and South Islands including the Classic Fighters Airshow

# **13 Day** Classic Fighters New Zealand Tour

### No hidden extras

#### PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Auckland War Memorial Museum\*
  Museum of Transport and Technology Aviation Collection
- Sky Tower
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and lunch
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers\*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Air Force Museum of New Zealand\*
- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch
   "Guided tour.

#### AIRSHOW INCLUSIONS

- 3 Day Classic Fighters Gold Pass
- Grandstand seating
- Souvenir Cap
- Airshow Programme
- Entry to the Knights of the Sky WWI
   Exhibition
- Complimentary lunch voucher, tea and coffee

### Itinerary and Hotels

#### DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

Hotel SkyCity Hotel (2 nights)

#### DAY 2: Auckland Sightseeing (B)

This morning visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum for a guided tour, where you will hear how warfare played a major role in shaping New Zealand's identity. The display here is extensive and includes a Spitfire and Japanese Zero. This is followed by a city sights tour which includes the Auckland Domain, Parnell Rose Garden and Bastion Point. This afternoon visit the aviation display hall at the Museum of Transport and Technology. The impressive collection includes the only Solent Mark IV Flying Boat left in the world, a rare World War II era Avro Lancaster Bomber as well as the de Havilland Mosquito and the modern Skyhawk and Aermacchi. This afternoon includes a visit at leisure to Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. This evening is also free to explore the many eateries surrounding your hotel.

#### **COACH FEATURES**

- 48 seats on a Classic touring coach
  2 door access; overhead travel bag
- storageRestroom; panoramic viewing

#### **EXPERIENCE**

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- Tour Leader
- 12 nights 4 star accommodation
- 3 two night stays
- 1 four night stay
- Hotel porterage
- 1 rail journey1 cruise
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Classic Documentation Pack
- BONUS Tour Jacket

#### MEALS

- 12 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 9 sumptuous dinners including a specialty dinner: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua
- 1 Shire's buffet lunch: Hobbiton
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 3: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

This morning travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15-kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop followed by a delightful morning tea. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for lunch followed by an experience of the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set. A guide will escort you through the tenacre site recounting fascinating details of how the set was created. Continue to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua. **Hotel** Pullman Rotorua (City View Room. 2 nights)

#### DAY 4: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is the Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.







#### HIGH-OCTANE AVIATION EXCITEMENT

Your 3 Day Gold Pass ensures you the best seats in the Airshow grandstand for an extravaganza of aerial action. Restored classic fighters from around the world will take part in mock airfield attacks during the Airshow. Witness extraordinary flying acts and a vast array of aircraft on show at Omaka Airport.

#### DAY 5: Rotorua - Napier (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where a city tour will showcase an impressive collection of art deco buildings. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city, you might choose to do a guided walk (optional). **Hotel** Scenic Hotel Te Pania

#### DAY 6: Napier - Wellington (B,D)

Travel south this morning into Wellington for a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Executive Room)

## DAY 7: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim (B,D)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. This afternoon board the Interislander Ferry and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board your coach for the short journey to Blenheim.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Marlborough (4 nights)

## DAY 8: Classic Fighters Airshow (B,D)

Today you have the choice of either a free day in Blenheim or travelling to the site for the opening day of the Airshow. No flying will occur today, however some practice will be happening overhead. On the ground check out the static displays which include classic cars and military vehicles. Why not use your pass to visit the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, which houses the exhibition entitled 'Knights of the Sky'.

## DAY 9: Classic Fighters Airshow (B)

Over the next two days the Omaka Airport will become your home as you are entertained by the world's best display pilots flying aircraft overhead. Your ticket will gain you access to the Gold Pass Enclosure. Enjoy the ultimate in Airshow luxury as you will be situated on the flight line with grandstand seating where you will watch the show from the best seats in the house. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

### DAY 10: Classic Fighters Airshow (B,D)

On the final day of the Airshow you will see a vast array of display aircraft, extraordinary flying acts with famous military fighter aircraft spanning 100 years through to the jets of today. The show culminates in a huge mock air battle complete with pyrotechnics.

#### DAY 11: Blenheim - Christchurch (B)

Tour through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine, then travel to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Continue south to the Garden City of Christchurch and visit the Air Force Museum of New Zealand where a 'behind the scenes' tour showcases the restoration projects in action. You will experience the rare opportunity to walk through the Bristol Freighter and Andover. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

#### DAY 12: Christchurch (B,D)

Today visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by a city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram, one of the leading attractions in Christchurch. This evening enjoy dinner with your newfound friends.

#### DAY 13: Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable NZ holiday.