



TOUR CODE SGPS19

STYLE Signature Mid-Size Group
COACH 32 seat Premium Economy
ACCOMMODATION 4 star

STARTS Auckland
FINISHES Christchurch

2025 GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
 Dec 10

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Fully escorted tour includes airfares, taxes, transfers in New Zealand, Premium Economy 32 seat coach travel, 4 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing and attractions.

FESTIVE SEASON ADJUSTMENTS

Due to public holidays, some included attractions will be rescheduled to alternate days.

"A great experience and wonderful holiday. Fantastic scenery. The coach was comfortable with nice large windows. Both Coach Captain and Tour Leader were friendly, polite and informative."

W.R. - Australia



Tour Highlight: Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch.

Experience the iconic attractions of New Zealand in the comfort of a mid-size group

19 Day Signature Showcase

No hidden extras

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- 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
- Hawke's Bay Express*
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Larnach Castle*
- City sights tour of Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 32 Premium Economy Comfort seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; seat back tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

EXPERIENCE

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- Experienced Tour Leader
- 18 nights 4 star accommodation
- 4 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 rail journey
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Signature Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 15 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 3 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Farewell Dinner including pre-dinner drink, Christchurch
- 3 lunches: Hobbiton, Shire's buffet; Milford Sound Cruise; picnic lunch enroute to Dunedin
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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

Itinerary and Hotels

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

DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival in Auckland, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Depart Auckland and travel to Matakohē for a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British Government in 1840.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B)

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piercy Island, or as it is popularly known, the 'Hole in the Rock'. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. Return to Paihia and travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This evening is free to explore the local eateries surrounding your hotel.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

This morning, enjoy a city sights tour before departing Auckland. Journey through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. A guided tour of the 12-acre set, will take you past whimsical Hobbit Holes, the Mill and into the Green Dragon Inn. You can now venture beyond the door and into an authentic Hobbit Hole interior for a fully immersive experience.

Hotel Pullman Rotorua (2 nights)

DAY 6: 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 that is unlike anything you've seen before. 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.

DAY 7: 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 the most comprehensive collection of art deco buildings in the world can be found. Board the Hawke's Bay Express and hear informative commentary on the city's fascinating history. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Te Pania

DAY 8: Napier- Wellington (B,D)

This morning, travel south to Wellington for a city tour of New Zealand's capital, showcasing its rich history and vibrant culture. After arriving at your central hotel, you'll have time at leisure to explore the sights, stroll down to the harbour, or relax before rejoining your group for dinner.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

DAY 9: 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 enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Board your coach for the short journey to Blenheim.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Marlborough

DAY 10: Blenheim - Kaikōura - Christchurch (B,D)

Tour through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine, then travel to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch for a city sights tour.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 11: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

This morning board the TransAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing to the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier



Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Today, journey from Te Anau to Dunedin, enjoying a scenic drive with a picnic lunch along the way. In Dunedin, gather with your fellow travellers for a festive and a delicious Christmas dinner at the hotel including a pre-dinner drink.

DAY 12: Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast to the Fox Glacier township. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 13: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride (optional) or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon (optional). This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

DAY 14: Queenstown - Te Anau (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (2 nights)

DAY 15: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua - Shadowland, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

DAY 16: Te Anau - Dunedin - Christmas Day (B,L,D)

Merry Christmas! Embark on a scenic journey from Te Anau to Dunedin, enjoying a scenic drive with a picnic lunch along the way. A city tour will showcase the stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture, dating back to the gold rush of the 1800's. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring at your own pace before enjoying a festive dinner at your hotel with your fellow travellers including a pre-dinner drink.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

DAY 17: Dunedin - Twizel (B,D)

This morning travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, where a guided tour will reveal it's tragic and scandalous history. Wander through the Garden of International Significance before indulging in a delicious Devonshire Tea. Bid farewell to Dunedin and travel to Oamaru renowned for its limestone and historic architecture. Continue along the Waitaki River to Twizel where you will spend the night.

Hotel Distinction Mackenzie Country

DAY 18: Twizel - Mt Cook - Christchurch (B,SD)

Today, travel to Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the stunning Southern Alps. Continue to Lake Tekapo to admire the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue. Arrive in Christchurch, where this evening you will enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch Hotel

DAY 19: Depart Christchurch (B)

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