

# 19 Day Ultimate Rail, Cruise & Coach Experience



## >> NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

### PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum\*
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds\*
- Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- Rainbow Springs\*
- Kiwi Encounter\*
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools & geysers\*
- Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Coastal Pacific Rail Journey
- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Lakes District Museum
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- **HIGHLIGHT** Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- Cruise Lake Te Anau, visit Glow Worm Caves
- Silver Fern Seaside Rail Journey
- Larnach Castle\*
- Olveston Historic Home\*
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin

\*Guided tour.

### ULTIMATE SMALL GROUP TOURING

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet & Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Ultimate Small Group Tour Coach with 20 luxury leather reclining seats on a full size vehicle, 2 door access and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain
- 17 nights 4.5 star hotel accommodation
- Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- 6 two night stays
- Hotel portage
- 4 rail journeys
- 5 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- **BONUS** Group photo

### MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a speciality breakfast: Skyline Restaurant, Rotorua
- 14 sumptuous dinners including 3 speciality dinners: Maori Hangi & Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch
- 1 picnic lunch
- 2 delicious morning teas including an Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle

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

### GUARANTEED departures

2018	2019
Sep 7, 21	Jan 6, 11, 26
Oct 10, 28	Feb 10, 17
Nov 14, 20	Mar 8, 15, 28
Dec 18	Apr 15
	May 3

**SEASONAL OFFER** Save \$300 per person on highlighted departure dates.

**FESTIVE SEASON** departure \$100 per person surcharge applies.

### ALL INCLUSIVE tour price

Includes airfares, taxes, Ultimate 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star hotel accommodation, most meals, sightseeing & attractions.

	Tour including airfare	Pre paid taxes**	Total per person twin share
Sydney	\$9469 +	\$185 =	<b>\$9654</b>
Melbourne	\$9469 +	\$185 =	<b>\$9654</b>
Brisbane	\$9469 +	\$185 =	<b>\$9654</b>
Gold Coast	\$9469 +	\$185 =	<b>\$9654</b>
Canberra	\$9699 +	\$225 =	<b>\$9924</b>
Cairns	\$9749 +	\$215 =	<b>\$9964</b>
Adelaide	\$9769 +	\$185 =	<b>\$9954</b>
Hobart	\$9769 +	\$175 =	<b>\$9944</b>
Launceston	\$9769 +	\$175 =	<b>\$9944</b>
Perth	\$10,019 +	\$175 =	<b>\$10,194</b>
Land Only			<b>\$9169</b>
Single Supplement			<b>\$2670</b>

### Stay a little longer

City	Twin share	Single
Auckland	<b>\$145</b>	<b>\$290</b>
Christchurch	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$400</b>

Extra night rates are per person and based on room only.

Prices are in Australian Dollars. \*\*Prepaid taxes are subject to change. Exact amounts will be confirmed by your travel agent at time of booking.

## >> ITINERARY

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

### DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative who will transfer you to your hotel. Meet your travelling companions over a complimentary pre dinner drink.

**Hotel** Crowne Plaza Auckland

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

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach and enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the 'City of Sails', before travelling to Matakoho to enjoy 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 Maori tribes and the British.

**Hotel** Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (Deluxe Room. 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 and you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

### DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

This morning travel aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia. Travel south, call into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree before arriving in Auckland.

**Hotel** Crowne Plaza Auckland

### DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,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 and on return to Glenbrook Station, morning tea will be served. Travel through magnificent countryside of green pastures famous for dairying. Continue to Rainbow Springs, spanning 22 acres of native trees. A highlight will be the Kiwi Encounter experience which offers a unique behind-the-scenes tour of a working Kiwi nursery and hatchery.

**Hotel** Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)

### DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride at the Skyline Rotorua where a buffet breakfast and spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment

and education that's 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 Maori Hangi and Concert.

#### DAY 7: Rotorua - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park and then continue south to the capital city of Wellington.

**Hotel** InterContinental Wellington (2 nights)

#### DAY 8: Wellington (B)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also at leisure.

#### DAY 9: Wellington - Kaikoura - Christchurch (B,D)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross the Cook Strait and enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey that follows a thin wedge of land between the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikoura Ranges. Met your Ultimate Coach in the fishing village of Kaikoura for the journey to the garden city of Christchurch.

**Hotel** The George (2 nights) or similar

#### DAY 10: Christchurch (B)

Today visit the International Antarctic Centre designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at your leisure. This evening is also free to enjoy one of the many eateries near your hotel.

#### DAY 11: Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Fox Glacier (B,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, 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 Ultimate Coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing via Franz Josef to the township of Fox Glacier where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

**Hotel** Distinction Fox Glacier or similar

#### DAY 12: Fox Glacier - Queenstown (B)

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

**Hotel** Heritage Queenstown (2 nights) or similar

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

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many options available. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano on your return cruise.

#### DAY 14: Queenstown - Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise (B,L,D)

Today travel via Te Anau to Manapouri. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you cruise across this glacial lake. A short ride over the Wilmot Pass brings you to the boarding point to join the Fiordland Navigator for an amazing overnight experience. As you cruise through the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound, naturalist guides will provide commentary and point out the resident wildlife. When evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared freshly by the onboard chef.

**Overnight** Fiordland Navigator

#### DAY 15: Doubtful Sound - Te Anau (B,D)

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back to Deep Cove for the trip back to Manapouri. Return back to the wharf and meet your Ultimate Coach for the journey back to Te Anau. This afternoon cruise across Lake Te Anau to visit the Glow Worm Caves where you will admire the incredible limestone caverns, waterfalls and mystery of the Glow Worm Grotto.

**Hotel** Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

#### DAY 16: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin. After time for lunch board the Silver Fern railcar for a journey along spectacular clifftops overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Blueskin Bay. On return to Dunedin's historic Edwardian Railway Station, board the coach for an informative city tour before arriving at your hotel.

**Hotel** Distinction Dunedin (2 nights)

#### DAY 17: Dunedin (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, hear the tragic and scandalous stories on a guided tour with time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Return to the city for some free time. You might like to board the Taieri Gorge Limited for a journey through spectacular scenery (optional).

#### DAY 18: Dunedin - Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning visit Olveston Historic Home, containing many treasures of a bygone era before travelling to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your new found friends.

**Hotel** The George or similar

#### 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.



#### Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

Escape to the peace & tranquillity of Doubtful Sound for an overnight cruise on the Fiordland Navigator. Your overnight experience includes:

- Cruise on a traditionally designed vessel
- Cabins with private ensuite
- Superb evening carvery buffet prepared freshly by an onboard chef
- Cooked breakfast
- Tender craft and kayaking activities
- Knowledgeable nature guide
- Relaxation time allowing you to view the fiords spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife



See spectacular scenery on the Silver Fern railcar.



#### FESTIVE SEASON departure

Witness the spectacular scenery of New Zealand during the Festive Season. On Christmas Day enjoy a sumptuous dinner with all the trimmings in New Zealand's capital, Wellington. Celebrate an unforgettable New Year's Eve on your overnight cruise through the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound. See in the New Year with new friends creating lifelong memories.