

## 21 Days | Twin Islands Adventure | New Zealand

Queenstown - Milford Sound - Christchurch - Wellington - Auckland

From **\$5,899** Typically \$6,799 ✈ pp twin share



Return International Economy Class Airfare to New Zealand from East Coast Australia

Premium Accommodation throughout your stay on the North and South Islands

Take a scenic journey on the TranzApline Railway and a cruise on Milford Sound

## Description

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Embark on a hassle-free exploration of New Zealand with this all-encompassing journey that seamlessly combines scenic trains, buses, and a ferry.

Your adventure begins with a flight to the picturesque Queenstown, renowned as the adventure capital of New Zealand. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of Milford Sound and leisurely explore the charming lakeside town. Travel by Intercity coach to Christchurch, where a two-night stay awaits, complemented by a delightful trolley tour.

Experience the awe-inspiring TranzAlpine Scenic Train, traversing the South Island from west to east, passing through Arthur's Pass National Park, and reaching the coastal town of Greymouth. Here, amidst jade country, relish the wild ocean beaches and the possibility of spotting the revered pounamu greenstone. Return to Christchurch on the TranzAlpine for another spellbinding journey through the Southern Alps and Canterbury Plains.

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After exploring the southern capital, embark on an exciting bus journey to Picton, where the Interislander day ferry awaits to transport you to Wellington. Revel in four nights exploring Wellington, the Harbour Capital, including a city sights tour. Board the Northern Explorer train for Auckland, traversing diverse landscapes from fertile farmlands to volcanic peaks and the sparkling Kapiti coast.

Conclude your breathtaking journey with a five-night stay in Auckland, where you can savor the memories before bidding farewell to New Zealand. This worry-free itinerary offers extended stays in Queenstown, Christchurch, Greymouth, Wellington, and Auckland, allowing you to discover historic monuments, iconic sights, and cultural experiences in each city. Delight in breathtaking train rides through volcanic mountains, rich forests, and alongside icy blue rivers. The convenience of guided bus trips and a stunning ferry ride through Marlborough Sound ensures you can relax and enjoy the scenery without worrying about navigation.



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### East Coast Australia ✈ Queenstown, New Zealand

Today you will check in and board your flight bound for New Zealand. Enjoy the services of your flight as you cross the Tasman. On arrival into Queenstown, clear customs, immigration, collect your bag and then make your way to your Queenstown Accommodation. Check in and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

**Meals:** Inflight Menu (on some carriers, meals will need to be purchased)

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn or similar

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### Day 2

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#### Queenstown

Although celebrated as New Zealand's 'adventure capital', Queenstown offers far more than a fast-paced action-packed holiday. Settled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu beneath a soaring panorama of the Remarkables Mountain Range, this alpine town is surrounded by a plethora of historic, gastronomic and scenic wonders. Enjoy a free day to explore at your leisure.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn or similar

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### Day 3

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#### Queenstown 🚌 🚢 Milford Sound 🚢 🚌 Queenstown

Join a fully-guided day tour from Queenstown to the world-renowned Milford Sound; the crowning jewel of Fiordland. Highlights of the drive will include Lake Wakatipu, the Devil's Staircase, the truly majestic mountains of Fiordland, Mirror Lake, the Chasm, and Homer Tunnel. You will then travel through the mind-blowing Homer Tunnel, emerging as the valley descends sharply down to Milford Sound, with its hundreds of waterfalls cascading into the crystal clear waters beneath. At Milford Sound, board a cruise to enjoy up-close views of waterfalls, Mitre Peak and the spectacular surrounds. Following your cruise, make the return journey back to Queenstown and your guide will drop you off at your accommodation.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn or similar

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### Day 4

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#### Queenstown

Your time is free to do as you please. Browse the waterfront cafes and have lunch at Michelin star chef Josh Emett's 'Rata.' Catch a ride on the 100-year-old Steamship – the TSS Earnslaw – to Walter Peak Station for dinner and a farm tour. Take a leisurely lakeside stroll or ride the gondola for breathtaking views. If you do want the adrenaline rush Queenstown is known for, take your pick from the Shotover Jet, Bungy, Canyon Swing, Zipline, Luge or Heli-ski.

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## Day 6

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### Queenstown Christchurch

Today it's time to sit back, relax and let someone else take the wheel. Travel by InterCity bus from Queenstown to Christchurch on the direct service, which normally departs around 8AM and is expected to pull into Christchurch at 445PM. Make your way from the bus depot to the Christchurch hotel for your two-night stay.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Carnmore Hotel or similar

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## Day 7

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### Christchurch

Climb aboard a vintage tram for a unique tour of Christchurch and see the "Garden City" at your own pace with a full-day hop-on and hop-off tram ticket. Travel through the regenerated city centre to see innovative architecture. See how the city centre has been rebuilt after the devastating earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. Listen to a fascinating commentary from your driver as you take a full circuit in just 50 minutes, or jump on and off at leisure at 18 stops.

The tram currently starts at Cathedral Junction and travels through Cathedral Square, before passing the River Avon. Hop off at the Canterbury Museum, just a short stroll from the Botanic Garden and Arts Centre. Discover the city's largest urban space at Hagley Park, or explore the boutique stores of New Regent Street, New Zealand's "Most Beautiful Street."

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Carnmore Hotel or similar

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## Day 8

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### Christchurch Greymouth

Considered one of the world's great train journeys, the TranzAlpine Scenic Train takes you from Christchurch to Greymouth. Board first thing this morning and travel across the South Island, from the east to the west coast through Arthur's Pass National Park. There's an open viewing carriage that's great for taking photos and a dining car on board that serves hot and cold regional dishes and drinks. A tip: take cash with you as often EFTPOS facilities are not available for parts of the train journey. On arrival at Greymouth railway station, catch a taxi to the motel for your two-night stay.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Bella Vista Motel or similar

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## Day 9

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### Greymouth

Enjoy a free day in Greymouth, the largest town on the West Coast and an area that's known for its Greenstone (Pounamu). Walk to the coast and take in the endless sea views or pick up a souvenir at one of the many craft shops. Appreciate the country-town feel and dine at the local pubs or renowned Monteith's brewery.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Bella Vista Motel or similar

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## Day 10

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### Greymouth Christchurch

This afternoon re-board the TranzAlpine Scenic Train for the return journey to Christchurch (don't forget to take back-up cash for the dining car). From the comfort of your carriage see lush beech forest, deep river valleys and the spectacular peaks of the Southern Alps. Descend to the windswept Canterbury Plains before arriving in the city of Christchurch. On arrival at the Christchurch train station, please catch a taxi to your overnight accommodation.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Carnmore Hotel or similar

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## Day 11

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### Christchurch

The day is free for you to see more of Christchurch. Some of the popular sights include The Art Gallery, Cathedral Junction, Avon River, the Canterbury Museum and the Arts Centre.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Carnmore Hotel or similar

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## Day 12

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### Christchurch Picton Wellington

Check out of your hotel this morning and catch a taxi to the bus depot in time for your Intercity bus to Picton – the gateway of the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. The bus journey takes approx. 5 hours 40 minutes. At Picton, you'll board the Interislander ferry for the 3.5 hour (92KM) journey. The ferry is a modern ship with a range of onboard facilities. Including eateries, a shop, a movie theatre, a games arcade, a large bar with live entertainment, numerous passenger lounges, open air decks and friendly crew to assist you. The route sails through the Marlborough Sounds and out to Cook Strait, before entering the picturesque harbour of Wellington – The Harbour Capital and New Zealand's capital city. Catch a taxi from the port to your hotel for the 4-night stay.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Mercure Hotel or similar

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## Day 13

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### Wellington

Today you will be picked up from your choice of Wellington location at 930AM or 1PM and head to Mt Victoria for superb views of the city and harbour and to give you the lie of the land. Peter Jackson's Weta Cave film Empire is your next stop, with a brief look at the Museum and Shop. We continue to follow the rugged coastline around to Red Rocks and then drive back into the city and take you on a cable car ride and walk down through the picturesque Botanical Gardens to the Lady Norwood Rose Gardens. Then we head to the iconic Beehive and Parliament buildings before visiting Wellington's oldest church, Old St Pauls. We return you to your home base at 1PM or 430PM.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Mercure Hotel or similar

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## Day 14

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Enjoy time to explore at your leisure. There is loads to see, like stunning 360-degrees views of all of Wellington, the Harbour and Cook Strait from atop the famous cable car ride or travelling through the inner-city streets and seeing a stunning coastline. Spend the day getting a great overview of what the “cool little capital” has to offer its visitors!

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## Day 16

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### Wellington Auckland

This morning you board the Northern Explorer train for a full day rail journey. Head along Wellington's coastline to the rolling farming landscape of the Palmerston North. Climb through stunning river gorges of the central North Island to the volcanic plateau. From National Park, your journey passes the volcanoes of Mt Ngauruhoe and Mt Tongariro, before descending the famous Raurimu Spiral to the rugged bush country, through rolling farming landscape of the Waikato region and onto Auckland – the city of sails.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** QR Suites on Queen Street or similar

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## Day 17

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### Auckland

Start your Auckland hop-on hop-off bus tour at Philips Corner/Princes Wharf. You can create your own sightseeing itinerary with a flexible ticket, valid for one day. Listen to interesting audio commentary during the entire loop on the red circle or blue circle route. Buses depart regularly throughout the day on a seasonal schedule. If you'd like, hop on and off throughout the day to explore Auckland on your own or visit top attractions. Discover New Zealand history at the Auckland Museum, meet King and Gentoo penguins at Kelly Tarlton's SEA LIFE Aquarium and soak up the city skyline from the Sky Tower, to name a few.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** QR Suites on Queen Street or similar

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## Day 18

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### Auckland

Auckland, based around 2 large harbours, is a major city in the north of New Zealand's North Island. In the centre, the iconic Sky Tower has views of Viaduct Harbour, which is full of superyachts and lined with bars and cafes. Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park, is based around an extinct volcano and home to the formal Wintergardens. Near Downtown, Mission Bay Beach has a seaside promenade.

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## Day 21

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### Auckland ✈ East Coast Australia

It's time to check out of your hotel room this morning. Please catch a taxi to Auckland airport for your flight home to Australia. As the journey concludes, the fond memories begin!

**Meals:** Inflight Menu (on some carriers, meals will need to be purchased)



## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- Return International Economy Class Airfare to Queenstown and from Auckland Fly from Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane (ask for other cities)
- 20 nights in standard rooms, twin share
  - 5 nights Queenstown – Holiday Inn or similar
  - 4 nights Christchurch – Carnmore Hotel or similar
  - 2 nights Greymouth – Bella Vista Motel or similar
  - 4 nights Wellington – Mercure Hotel or similar
  - 5 nights Auckland – QR Suites on Queen Street or similar
- One-way bus travel from Queenstown to Christchurch
- One-way bus from Christchurch to Picton
- TranzAlpine Scenic Train, return from Christchurch to Greymouth
- Northern Explorer Train, one-way from Wellington to Auckland
- Interislander Ferry from Picton to Wellington
- Milford Sound Day Tour
- Christchurch Hop On Hop Off Tram Tour
- Wellington City Tour
- Auckland Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour

**Wanting to arrive earlier or stay later:** Please contact us to arrange pre or post-arrangements.

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### Exclusions

- Meals not mentioned
- Any additional requests
- Travel Insurance
- Tipping/Gratuities

**Passport and Visa Requirements:** All visitors require a passport to enter New Zealand. Your passport must be valid for at least three months beyond the date that you intend to leave New Zealand. For Australian citizens travelling on an Australian passport, you do not need a visa or permit to visit New Zealand. Visitors from visa-waiver countries must request an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) prior to travelling to New Zealand. For visitors from non-visa waiver countries, it is recommended you contact your Travel Agent or NZ Immigration for full entry requirements. If you are not an Australian Citizen or permanent resident, you may also have to pay for an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). Please check with your Travel Agent for up-to-date immigration requirements.

**Solo Supplement:** There is a single supplement of \$2600 payable on check out.

**Travel Insurance:** We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).