



2018 BEST OF NEW ZEALAND (15 Days/14 Nights)

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- Auckland and Wellington city tour (seat in coach only)
- Kelly Tarlton's SEALIFE Aquarium
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves
- Te Puia Thermal Reserve, Agrodome Farm Show and Rainbow Springs
- Traditional Maori Hangi (Dinner) and Concert
- Te Papa Museum Guided Tour
- Interislander Ferry
- Milford Sound Cruise with lunch
- Glacier Hot Pools (self drive only)
- Tranz Alpine Train (seat in coach only)

DAY 1 - ARRIVE AUCKLAND

On arrival in Auckland, 'The City of Sails', seat in coach passengers will be met by our local representative and privately transferred to your hotel. Self drive passengers will collect your rental car at the airport and drive to your hotel.

DAY 2 – AUCKLAND

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Auckland City including a visit to Kelly Tarlton's SEALIFE Aquarium and Antarctic Encounter. The remainder of the day is free (B)

DAY 3 - AUCKLAND - WAITOMO – ROTORUA

Travel south through the fertile Waikato region to arrive at Waitomo. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. On completion continue over the Mamaku Ranges to reach the 'Thermal City' of Rotorua. (B)

DAY 4 – ROTORUA

Visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve to see boiling mudpools and roaring geysers. Following this, visit Rainbow Springs to see New Zealand's trout, birds and wildlife before continuing to the Agrodome for a New Zealand farm show featuring sheep dog demonstrations, cow milking and an introduction to the stars of our sheep industry. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening enjoy an authentic Maori Hangi (feast) and Concert. (B,D)

DAY 5 - ROTORUA – WELLINGTON

Travel south to reach the popular lake resort of Taupo before continuing on the Desert Road, dominated in the background by the three peaks of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. Continue south through farmland before arriving in the 'Capital City' of Wellington (B)

DAY 6 – WELLINGTON

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour Wellington (seat in coach only) and a short guided tour of Te Papa (the Museum of New Zealand) before enjoying a free afternoon to explore New Zealand's Capital city (B)



DAY 7 - WELLINGTON - PICTON – KAIKOURA

Journey across Cook Strait and into the Marlborough Sounds before arriving in Picton. Travel south through the town of Blenheim, before reaching Kaikoura – here you might like to take an optional whalewatch cruise or scenic flight (optional activities not included in the tour price). (B)

DAY 8 - KAIKOURA – CHRISTCHURCH

Leave Kaikoura behind as you turn inland and travel through North Canterbury to reach the 'Garden City' of Christchurch. (B)

DAY 9 - CHRISTCHURCH - MT COOK - QUEENSTOWN

Travel across the fertile Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd before continuing on to New Zealand's highest mountain - Mt Cook. Depart Mt Cook and follow the shores of Lake Pukaki south through the historic Central Otago region to the 'Alpine Resort' of Queenstown. (B)

DAY 10 - MILFORD SOUND

Follow the southern arm of Lake Wakatipu to Lumsden, and onward to Lake Te Anau. Enter the Eglinton Valley and travel through the Homer Tunnel to reach Milford Sound. Enjoy a cruise on this world famous fiord, dominated by Mitre Peak and the cascading Bowen Falls. Return to Queenstown. (B, L)

DAY 11 – QUEENSTOWN

A free day to explore the endless optional attractions available. Queenstown offers bungy jumping, jetboating, white water rafting, gondola rides and much more. Optional activities not included in the tour price. (B)

DAY 12 - QUEENSTOWN - GLACIER REGION

Depart Queenstown and travel via Lake Wanaka and through the historic Haast Pass, gateway to the World Heritage Westland National Park. Continue up the West Coast past spectacular mountain ranges, native forests and lakes to the glacier region of Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. (B)

DAY 13 - GLACIER REGION

A full day at leisure to explore this magnificent glacier region. Optional activities include a scenic flight or guided walk on one of the glaciers. Optional activities not included in the tour price. For Self Drive clients, entry to the Glacier Hot Pools is included. (B)

DAY 14 - GLACIER REGION - GREYMOUTH – CHRISTCHURCH

Travel north to Greymouth and board the world famous Tranz Alpine train (seat in coach passengers only). Ascend through lush beech forests past the alpine village of Arthur's Pass before crossing the spectacular Southern Alps. Travel over Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. (B)

DAY 15 - DEPARTURE DAY

Your arrangements conclude today with a departure transfer or the return of your rental car. We trust you enjoyed your Kiwiway Vacation! (B)