

Embrace both islands of New Zealand including the stunning Bay of Islands

17 Day Signature Highlights



A tour highlight is a cruise and lunch on the magnificent Milford Sound.

TOUR CODE SGPN16

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

STARTS Christchurch
FINISHES Auckland

2024 GUARANTEED DEPARTURE
Oct 26 - Nov 11

ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

Fully escorted tours include return transfers to Brisbane airport, airfares from Brisbane, taxes, transfers in New Zealand, Premium Economy 32 seat coach travel, 4 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing and attractions **+ \$560 BONUS VALUE inclusions per couple***

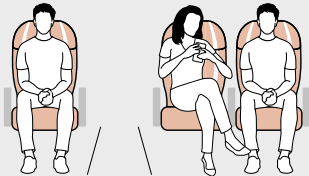
PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

\$8819

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$2360

The above tour pricing includes airfares ex Brisbane and airline taxes of \$260 per person. Airlines taxes are subject to change, exact amount will be confirmed by your Travel Agent at time of final payment.

PREMIUM ECONOMY COMFORT 32 SEAT COACH. 2 + 1 SEATING



The configuration of the coach seating is two seats on the left side of the aisle and an individual seat on the right side, all with panoramic viewing.

PROFESSIONAL COACH CAPTAIN

Handpicked for their expert knowledge and extensive driving experience the Coach Captain will be on hand to assist you with every aspect of the tour.

FULLY ESCORTED TOURING

An experienced Grand Pacific Tour Leader will accompany you throughout the tour to ensure you enjoy a memorable Kiwi experience.

No hidden extras

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Christchurch Tram
- Larnach Castle*
- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry, Queen Charlotte Lounge
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Kauri Museum
- City sights tour of Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington and Auckland

*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 transfers to Brisbane Airport*
- Return airfares from Brisbane
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- Tour Leader
- 16 nights 4 star accommodation
- 5 two night stays
- Hotel portage
- 1 rail journey
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Signature Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 15 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 12 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 3 specialty dinners: Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Farewell Dinner including pre-dinner drink, Auckland
- 1 lunch: Milford Sound Cruise
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

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



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Waitangi Treaty Grounds, NZ's most important historic site; cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands to Piersy Island, or as it's popularly known, the Hole in the Rock; you will be immersed in the traditions and customs of Māori culture in Rotorua; enjoy panoramic viewing on the 32 seat Signature Coach.

Itinerary and Hotels

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

BONUS NIGHT

Brisbane - Christchurch

Today you will be transferred to Brisbane Airport for your flight to Christchurch. On arrival you will be met by a GPT representative and transferred to your hotel. **Hotel** Distinction Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

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Christchurch - Free Day (D)

Today is free to explore Christchurch at leisure and includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

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Christchurch - Mt Cook - Twizel (B,D)

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, The Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps before travelling to Twizel. **Hotel** Distinction Mackenzie Country

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Twizel - Dunedin (B,D)

Depart Twizel and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time. **Hotel** Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

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Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional). **Hotel** Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau (Deluxe Room)

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Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

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. This

afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year-round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free, you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights)

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Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader are available to assist with many optional activities available, including the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of 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.

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Queenstown - Arrowtown - Franz Josef (B,D)

Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Franz Josef. Time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

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

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains. On arrival into the elegant city of Christchurch, your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel Sudima Christchurch Airport

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Christchurch - Picton - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikōura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through Marlborough Country. Continue to Picton, where you will board the Interislander Ferry, relax in comfort in the Queen Charlotte Lounge. Enjoy your journey through the Marlborough Sounds to Wellington.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Executive Room. 2 nights)

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Wellington (B)

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. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is free to dine at leisure.

Optional Activities



TE ANAU GLOWWORM CAVES

Venture into underground natural scenery onboard a natural scenery onboard an Amphibious WWII Landing Craft. Includes three lake visits with a 'Splashdown' into Lake Tikitapu and Okareka.



ROTORUA CITY AND LAKES TOUR

Discover Rotorua's natural scenery onboard an Amphibious WWII Landing Craft. Includes three lake visits with a 'Splashdown' into Lake Tikitapu and Okareka.



DARRYL'S LUNCH OR DINNER CRUISE

Enjoy a gentle meander up the Waitangi River to view local birdlife and the thundering Haruru Falls all whilst enjoying a fresh display of local cuisine.



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Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua (B,D)

Depart Wellington and view the snow-capped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as you travel to Lake Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls then travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua.

Hotel Pullman Rotorua (City View Room. 2 nights)

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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 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 visiting 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.

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Rotorua - Bay of Islands (B,D)

This morning depart Rotorua and travel north to Whangarei to the Bay of Islands. This afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

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Bay of Islands (B)

Today you will cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piersy Island, or as it is popularly known, the 'Hole in the Rock'. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life before returning to Paihia for a free afternoon. A range of optional activities are available, or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

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Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,SD)

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei and Dargaville to Matakoho. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Hotel Sudima Auckland City

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Depart Auckland (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday. On arrival you will transferred home from Brisbane Airport.