

# Exploring New Zealand's Wonders

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**October 7 – 25, 2027**



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**19 Days • 26 Meals:** 16 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 8 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Auckland, Rotorua, Maori Cultural Experience, Wellington, Christchurch, Aoraki / Mount Cook Region, Milford Sound, Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu-Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration, Wellington Walking Food Tour

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

|              |                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Days 1, 2    | Overnight Flight                             |
| Days 3, 4    | Hotel Indigo Auckland, Auckland              |
| Days 5, 6    | Sudima Lake Rotorua Hotel, Rotorua           |
| Days 7 – 9   | Naumi Hotel Wellington, Wellington           |
| Days 10 – 12 | Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Christchurch |
| Day 13       | The Hermitage, Mount Cook Natl. Park         |
| Days 14, 15  | Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin         |
| Days 16 – 18 | Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown      |

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1 – 2: October 7 – 8, 2027 Depart from Home** Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

**Day 3: Saturday, October 9, 2027 Auckland, New Zealand** Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the world's best places to live. Auckland's Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. As arrival times will vary greatly, there are no scheduled activities through the afternoon. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

**Day 4: Sunday, October 10, 2027 Auckland** Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The remainder of the day is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city on your own. (B)

**Day 5: Monday, October 11, 2027 Auckland - Rotorua** Depart Auckland and travel south to the town of Rotorua, known for geothermal activity and Maori culture. On the way, stop at The Red Barn for a private guided tour of a local farm and morning tea. Upon reaching Rotorua, marvel at the height and age of the redwoods in the Whakarewarewa Forest. Some of these trees are over 120 years old and nearly 250 feet tall. (B, D)

**Day 6: Tuesday, October 12, 2027 Rotorua** Find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua, known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Whakarewarewa, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Explore an authentic Maori village where people live using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe, and heat their homes as they have done for centuries. In the evening, experience ceremonial Maori rituals at an authentic *hangi* dinner and performance. (B, D)

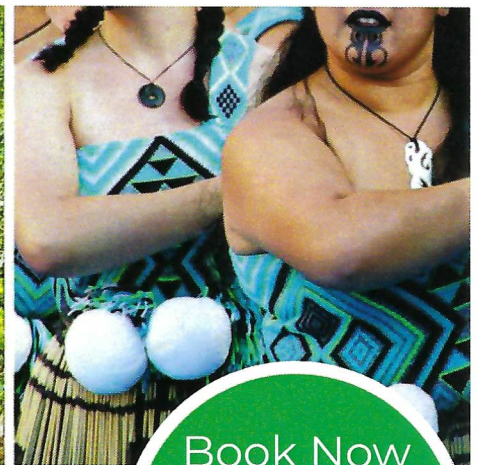
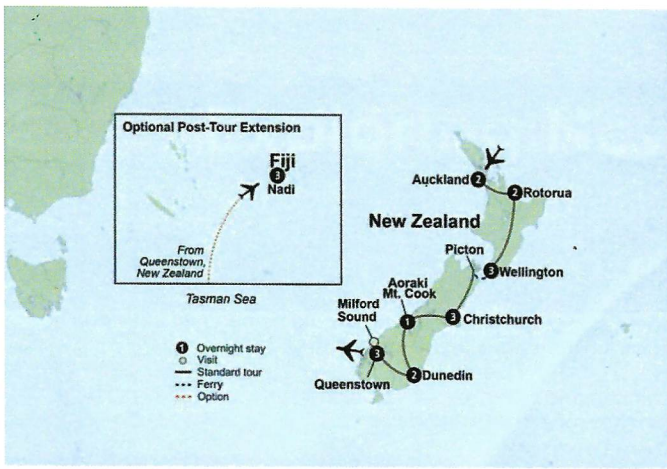
**Day 7: Wednesday, October 13, 2027 Rotorua - Wellington** Today, travel to Wellington – New Zealand's capital, known as the "Windy City," a coastal city nestled against the mountains. (B, D)

**Day 8: Thursday, October 14, 2027 Wellington** Embark on a city tour of Wellington. See the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament, and the Old Government Building, the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Then, get to know Wellington for its reputation as a foodie destination and explore the culinary scene on a private walking food tour. Visit some Wellington institutions and try some Kiwi favorites before enjoying a leisurely afternoon and evening, starting at 3:00 p.m. With your free time, perhaps you'll explore the vibrant waterfront, where you can stroll along Queen's Wharf, visit Te Papa Museum, or relax at a harborside café while soaking in views of Wellington's picturesque harbor. (B, L)

**Day 9: Friday, October 15, 2027 Wellington** Continue your exploration of New Zealand's capital city with a full free day at leisure. Perhaps you'd like to see the rugged coast of New Zealand on a half-day tour to Seal Coast or take a half-day *Lord of the Rings* tour to get closer to the filming locations and learn about its legacy in Wellington. (B)

**Day 10: Saturday, October 16, 2027 Wellington - Picton - Christchurch** Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. Experience what is considered to be one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world. Arrive in Picton on the South Island, then continue along the breathtaking east coast to the largest city on the South Island, Christchurch. (B, D)

**Day 11: Sunday, October 17, 2027 Christchurch** Christchurch, the "Garden City," is still rebuilding and recreating itself after a devastating earthquake in 2011. See firsthand how this city is evolving on a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, a leader in the conservation of New Zealand species. Here, you'll have the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" – kiwi, kaka, tuatara, kea, and takahe. Learn about the local Indigenous culture of the Maori, with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional canoe, or *waka*. (B)



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**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

**Day 12: Monday, October 18, 2027 Christchurch** This morning, **it's your choice!** Visit Quake City, a museum dedicated to remembering the Canterbury earthquakes and how the city has rebuilt **-OR-** get to know Christchurch's long history of exploration in Antarctica during a visit to the International Antarctic Centre. Continue to explore Christchurch your way with free time for the rest of the day, starting at 1:00 p.m. (B)

**Day 13: Tuesday, October 19, 2027 Christchurch - Aoraki / Mount Cook Region** Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Aoraki / Mount Cook region, where extensive glaciers blanket the rugged peaks. The Maori word *Aoraki* means "cloud piercer." This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You can take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate in the quiet of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

**Day 14: Wednesday, October 20, 2027 Aoraki / Mount Cook Region - Dunedin** Travel to Dunedin, situated on the southeast coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Visit Baldwin Street, the world's steepest public road, as awarded by the Guinness Book of Records. Enjoy a free afternoon before dinner at a local ale house. (B, D)

**Day 15: Thursday, October 21, 2027 Dunedin** Start your morning with a panoramic tour of Dunedin before stepping back in time with a visit to Larnach Castle. Built in 1871, this gothic castle offers insight into Victorian culture during a pivotal time in Dunedin history. Afterward, pay a visit to the Royal Albatross Centre, the

only mainland breeding location in the world for these otherworldly birds. Albatrosses are the focus in many seafaring myths, and their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet. (B)

**Day 16: Friday, October 22, 2027 Dunedin - Queenstown** Drive past vineyards, amazing landscapes, and the charming towns of Central Otago as you head to Queenstown. Dubbed the "adventure capital of the world," it's a mountainside town set against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Arrive in the afternoon and take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. (B)

**Day 17: Saturday, October 23, 2027 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown** During a cruise of the beautiful Milford Sound, you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sites on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4000 feet (1219 meters) on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. On your return to Queenstown, perhaps you will consider an optional scenic flight, allowing you to see the landscape from an entirely new perspective. (B, L)

**Day 18: Sunday, October 24, 2027 Queenstown** Enjoy a relaxed start to your day or head out to explore. Consider an optional tour through the stunning Queenstown countryside, showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed and learn about the gold rush that first brought travelers to the region. Leaving at 5:00 p.m. this evening, cruise Lake Wakatipu, surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a lakeside barbecue dinner, followed by a sheepdog demonstration, before cruising back. (B, D)

**For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit**  
**<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1417492>**

**Day 19: Monday, October 25, 2027 Queenstown - Tour Ends**  
Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many memories. (B)

### Important Tour Information:

**Book Now rates valid until Mar 09, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.**

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

**Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).**

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this tour. In addition, travelers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip, and we strongly recommend a different tour.

Your experience of Milford Sound will require a departure from your hotel at 7:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m.

There are 2 long transfer days with 8 hours or more of driving, including stops.

Personal audio devices (headsets) are not included on this tour.

Due to its proximity to Lake Rotorua, the Sudima Rotorua Hotel may have a distinct sulfur smell caused by the geothermal activity in the region.

Due to early arrival times in some cities, rooms may not always be ready for immediate check-in.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, please notify us at the time of booking. While we do our best to accommodate requests, options may be limited and cannot be guaranteed.

Meals are prepared in shared kitchens, and we cannot guarantee they will be free from cross-contamination.

International travel may present challenges as menus reflect local tastes, and alternative diets may not be widely understood. Group meals typically feature pre-fixed menus designed to suit a variety of travelers.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

If you've booked your own air, we kindly ask that you provide your full flight schedule. This helps us coordinate any additional services you may have purchased, such as hotel transfers, and ensures your Tour Manager knows

when to expect your arrival. It also allows us to stay in touch in case of any emergencies.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

### Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

For US and Canadian citizens traveling to New Zealand: an ETA and Tourism Levy are required for entry. These must be processed in advance of travel through the New Zealand Immigration website <https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/> (approximate cost of \$23 NZD for ETA) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of \$17 NZD for ETA.) The Tourism Levy has a cost of approximately \$100 NZD when paid through either method. Please allow for up to 72 hours for processing your NZeTA application. Many requests are processed in a timely manner. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/w/approve-emergency-drugs-and-psychoactive-materials> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required. For regular prescription or over-the-counter medication, no prior approval is necessary.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 02, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 09, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until March 09, 2027.**

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