

# 8 DAYS NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS

## DAY-01: WELCOME TO AUCKLAND. AUCKLAND CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR.

Arrive at Auckland International Airport. Welcome to Auckland, New Zealand! Your airport transfer will take you to Auckland City Sightseeing Tour.

Discover first-hand why Auckland is regarded as one of the best places in the world to live, with a sightseeing tour of its scenic highlights.

Travel through the city centre, including Auckland's famous Queen Street, Karangahape Road with its chequered past and eclectic vibe and fashionable Ponsonby. Cross over the Auckland Harbour Bridge, enjoy views of the Hauraki Gulf and city skyline, and visit the Viaduct Harbour and the revitalised Silo Park waterfront precinct. See historic buildings around the University of Auckland before continuing over Grafton Bridge to the Auckland Domain.

The Domain is the city's oldest park and, at 75 hectares, one of its largest.

Developed around an extinct volcano, it features tropical gardens, duck ponds and public art, and is also home to the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

**Note: No sightseeing tour after 3pm arrival.**

Check in to the hotel. The remainder of today is free at your own leisure. By walk only from your hotel, enjoy your buffet

dinner at Fortuna Restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** SkyCity Hotel Auckland or similar

## DAY-02: AUCKLAND – WAITOMO – MATAMATA – ROTORUA.

After breakfast from your hotel, your journey to Waitomo, Matamata and the Rotorua will start.

**Note:** By walk only to the pick-up point/bus stop.

Experience magical glowworms and world-famous limestone formations at Waitomo Caves. Leaving Matamata, we travel through the lush farmland of the Waikato and King Country regions. Your experienced local driver guide will provide entertaining commentary and point out historical sites of interest.

On arrival in the small town of Waitomo, enjoy a 45-minute guided tour through the world-famous **Waitomo Glowworm Caves** with their amazing stalactites, stalagmites, towering caverns, and other rock formations. Formed from limestone over 30 million years ago, the caves were first discovered in 1887 and are now one of New Zealand's most popular tourist destinations. Your tour finishes with a short but magical boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto – an underground cavern illuminated by the twinkling lights

of thousands of tiny glowworms.

Lunch in Waitomo is own arrangement. After your lunch, we continue our journey to Matamata for Hobbiton Movie Set Tour.

A very special New Zealand destination – the Hobbiton Movie Set, constructed on a beautiful 1,250-acre farm near Matamata. Take a guided tour of Hobbiton and learn how this working farm was transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth for the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies.

Your guide will show you locations like Hobbit holes, the Green Dragon Inn, and the Mill – and maybe even let you in on some secrets from filming! After the movie set tour, we head on to Rotorua.

Arrive in Rotorua. By walk only to your hotel and check in. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Rotorua or similar

## DAY-03: ROTORUA – AUCKLAND.

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel restaurant, check out your luggage and leave it to the hotel concierge.

Experience the Hangi Te Po Lunch and Maori Cultural Performance at Te Puia.

At Te Puia's marae (meeting house) you will receive a traditional welcome and be

invited to experience a Māori cultural performance with Hangi Dinner, in which ancient and modern stories are told through song, dance, poi and stick games. You'll gain an understanding of this unique culture and its history and be thoroughly entertained by the talented and charismatic performers.

After the Cultural Show, you will be transfer back to your hotel and back to Auckland. Upon arrival in Auckland, check in to hotel. By walk only, your Western Dinner will be at Orbit Restaurant above Auckland Sky Tower. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** SkyCity Hotel Auckland or similar

#### DAY-04: AUCKLAND - QUEENSTOWN.

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel restaurant. Prepare to check out from hotel and then, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Queenstown.

Flight: A local flight is included on Air New Zealand in this part of the itinerary.

Welcome to Queenstown! The adventure and winter destinations of New Zealand. You will be met & greet at the airport and will be transferred to your hotel in Queenstown. Check in to your hotel.

Enjoy your Gondola Ride up to Bob's Peak for a panoramic view of Queenstown. Buffet dinner at Stratosphere Restaurant in Skyline Queenstown is included. The rest of today is free at your own pace. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Queenstown or similar

#### DAY-05: WALTER PEAK TOUR & QUEENSTOWN HIGHLIGHTS.

After breakfast from your hotel, you will commence your full day Queenstown Highlights Tour.

See the contrast of smooth glacier rounded hills, and jagged mountain summits that reach high above the ancient ice floor. Local story has it, that the gold prospectors of the 19th century pronounced the town as "fit for any Queen", and so she was called Queenstown.

By walk only to Steamer Wharf and board the TSS Earnslaw for a cruise on Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak. Enjoy lakeside dining at Walter Peak High Country Farm, away from the bustle of Queenstown and Be entertained by the farm demonstration, see the farm dogs at work.

After your Walter Peak Tour, a brief sightseeing tour of Queenstown visiting

Arrowtown and Kawarau Bungy Bridge (viewing deck only).

Have your camera at the ready as you are transported into Middle-earth at the Kawarau Gorge, film location for the 'Pillars of the Kings' in The Lord of the Rings. Then discover beautiful Arrowtown's captivating history and colonial architecture. Highlights are the Lakes District Museum and the Chinese miners' settlement, as well as plus boutique shopping, great cafés and restaurants.

After the tour, you will be drop off to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Queenstown or similar

#### DAY-06: MILFORD SOUND EXPERIENCE.

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy your full day Milford Sound Experience.

Take an unforgettable journey into the heart of Milford Sound, New Zealand's most famous tourist destination. You'll experience the world-famous fiord in all its natural glory – surrounded by dense rainforest, glacier-carved valleys, and beautiful waterfalls. Leaving Queenstown, travel in comfort along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and into southern farmland to Lake Te Anau, the largest lake in the South Island. Travel along the lake and into Fiordland National Park. Enter the picturesque Eglinton Valley, a place of ancient alpine forest and gushing waterfalls and one of only a few road-accessible glacier valleys in New Zealand, and take advantage of the photo opportunities on offer along the Milford Road, like the stunning Mirror Lakes, where on calm day the surrounding mountain ranges are perfectly reflected in the still waters, and Knobs Flat, where glaciers have carved their mark on the terrain.

At **Milford Sound**, board your 1-hour 45-minute cruise and set off to explore the region that Rudyard Kipling called the 'eighth wonder of the world'. Travel the length of the fiord and out to the Tasman Sea, gliding past glacier-scarred rock walls and waterfalls that tumble into the sea. Lush native forest clings to steep cliffs, while wildlife including seals, penguins, and dolphins are regular visitors to the icy waters. Mountain ranges surround the fiord, including Mitre Peak which rises dramatically from the depths to a height of 1,692 meters above sea level.

Obento Lunch will be served on board (included in your tour). After your cruise, return to Queenstown. You will be dropped off at your hotel. The rest of the day is free at your own leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Hotel:** Millennium Hotel Queenstown or similar

#### DAY-07: QUEENSTOWN - MT. COOK – CHRISTCHURCH.

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel restaurant. Your day trip from Queenstown to Christchurch passes by Aoraki / Mount Cook, home to New Zealand's highest mountain. Travel north, with a photo stop over at Lake Pukaki lookout en route.

Continue a scenic trip from Mount Cook to Christchurch through the lush farmland of the Canterbury Plains to **Lake Tekapo**, where you can see the iconic **Church of the Good Shepherd** as it stands in solitude next to the vibrant blue waters.

Lunch is own arrangement.

Leaving Tekapo, we continue into the Southern Alps towards Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park, home to New Zealand's tallest mountain. Along the way, your driver-guide will keep you entertained and informed with commentary on the area's history and sites of interest. Arrive Christchurch in the evening. Dinner is own arrangement. Overnight at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza Hotel Christchurch or similar

#### DAY-08: DEPARTURE CHRISTCHURCH.

Your journey comes to an end after your breakfast this morning.

You will be transferred to Christchurch International Airport for your International flight bound home taking with you the unforgettable and fond memories of a wonderful New Zealand.

**Meals:** Breakfast

*End of our service, hope to welcome you again!*

#### 1) TOUR DATES & PRICES:

**Valid: April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 Departure (Min of 2 guests)**

#### Tour Cost Per Person

02 + 0FOC Twin share	PHP 156,180.00	US\$ 2,740.00
Triple share	PHP 3,990.00	US\$ 70.00
Single room supplement	PHP 46,170.00	US\$ 810.00

**Note.** \*Tour price is not valid during Christmas, New Year, Easter, New Zealand National and International Events.

\*\*Extra night/s in Auckland and Christchurch are available upon request.

## 2) INCLUSIONS:

- New Zealand Goods and Services Tax
- Air New Zealand air ticket with 1 checked bag (23kg)
- Seat-in-touring coach with English speaking driver guide
- Accommodation with daily breakfast inside the hotel
- Attractions as specified in the itinerary
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Private arrival/departure airport transfers
- Free travel insurance (for up to 59yo)
- Travel Kit

## 3) ITEMS NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfares
- Any extra meals
- Drinks (soft drinks/juices/wine/beers ordered during meals)
- Optional tours and activities are not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Air New Zealand excess checked bag
- New Zealand Airport Departure Tax if any. (At the moment there is none)
- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, pay movies, room services, mini bars laundries, or other expenditures during the tour.
- Daily tipping (Approx NZ\$ 15.00 per person per day)

## 5) CHILD POLICY:

**\*NOTE: Child = 2 – 11yrs inclusive**

- Infant under 2 years of age: FOC
- Child share room with 1 adult: Upon request
- Child share room with 2 adults with bed: Upon request
- Child share room with 2 adults not occupying a bed: Upon request
- **\*\* For 2 children sharing one twin room, both will be charged at.** Upon request

## 6) DEPOSIT / TERMS OF PAYMENT:

- Upon confirmation of all services, we require PHP 28,500.00 per person **EQV** US\$ 500.00 per person tour deposit
- Full payment is payable four (4) weeks prior to commencement of service.
- For bookings less than four (4) weeks prior to commencement of service and during peak seasons and block out periods shall be considered "book & buy". Full payment has to be made immediately upon confirmation of all services.

## 7) SURCHARGE:

- Surcharge may apply for tours traveling during New Zealand public holidays and special events period.
- The quoted price is subject to sudden price increases or surcharges imposed by our suppliers that are beyond our control (eg. room surcharge if the original quoted price is not available)

## 8) CANCELLATION POLICY:

We will endeavour to minimize any cancellation charges imposed. However, our general cancellations policy is as follows:

- 61 days or more – Deposit
- 60-30 days prior to arrival – 50% of tour fare
- 29-2 days prior to arrival – 80% of tour fare
- 1-0 days prior to arrival – 100% of tour fare



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