

New Zealand Guided Tours

New Zealand Splendour

Operator: AAT Kings Low Cost Tours

Days: 14

Start: Auckland

Finish: Christchurch

Our price: Check www.experiencenz.com

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Overview

Visit the must see sights of New Zealand on AAT Kings 14 Day Low Cost New Zealand Experience, see Christchurch, Queenstown, Franz Josef, Rotorua, Auckland & more.

Highlights

- Waitomo Glow worm cave
- Traditional cultural performance and feast
- Agrodome Sheep show
- Visit Te Papa
- See Mt Cook
- Tour the sights of Dunedin
- Cruise on the Milford Sound
- Experience Queenstown
- Visit Fox Glacier
- TranzAlpine and TranzCoastal train options

Tour itinerary

B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

Day 1: Arrive Auckland

After your airport transfer and hotel check-in, explore Auckland your way. Evening welcome drink with your Tour Director and fellow passengers.

Hotel: Mercure, Auckland.

Day 2: Auckland – Waitomo Caves - Rotorua

After an Auckland City Sights tour we trace the Waikato River to Waitomo Caves. We tour the amazing Glow Worm Grotto. Then arrive in Rotorua for an orientation tour. Tonight enjoy a traditional Maori Hangi feast and concert.

Hotel: Ibis, Rotorua, 2 nights. **B HD**

Day 3: Rotorua

We visit the Agrodome Sheep Show then enjoy an afternoon of 'Free Time' - visit Rainbow Springs, abundant with Rainbow Trout and native fauna including the kiwi or Te Puia, where a local Maori will guide you through the Geothermal valley with its mud pools and geysers. **B**

Day 4: Rotorua - Wellington

View the Huka Falls, visit Taupo and drive along shores of its lake. Discover the alpine scenery of Mt. Ruapehu, Tongariro National Park and the dairy farms of Manawatu. Travel along the Kapiti Coast into Wellington, for a city tour.

Hotel: Mercure Wellington Willis Street, Wellington. **B D**

Day 5: Wellington - Picton

A morning of 'Free Time', followed by a visit to Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Then we cruise Queen Charlotte Sound and later travel to the seaside village of Picton.

Hotel: Beachcomber, Picton. **B D**

Day 6: Picton - Christchurch

We'll get up close and personal with some New Zealand fur seals at Ohau Point, watch whales at Kaikoura, (optional scenic Whale Watching flight) and travel across the Canterbury Plains. A city tour of Christchurch, then it's 'Free Time'.

Hotel: Ibis, Christchurch. **B**

Day 7: Christchurch – Mt Cook

Free time to shop, ride the Christchurch Tram or just relax. Later we'll see Lakes Tekapo and Pukaki, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and soak up the alpine scenery of Mt. Cook National Park (optional Mt. Cook scenic flight).

Hotel: Heritage Gateway Hotel, Omarama. **B D**

Day 8: Mt Cook - Dunedin

Our day starts along the Waitaki River with the Waitaki Hydro Power Scheme and Benmore Dam. We travel through Oamaru with its famous white limestone buildings to Dunedin, where we tour the city. Then you've got the afternoon to yourself - take a Wildlife Cruise, visit the Cadbury Chocolate Factory or ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway.

Hotel: Kingsgate Hotel, Dunedin. **B D**

Day 9: Dunedin – Te Anau

After a free morning, we'll cross sheep-filled farming land to the South Island's biggest lake and the town of Te Anau. Optional Glow Worm Caves tour tonight.

Hotel: Kingsgate Hotel, Te Anau. **B D**

Day 10: Te Anau – Milford Sound - Queenstown

From Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound, where you will cruise on the waters of this natural wonder. Witness Mirror Lakes, Cloudu Valley, the Chasm, Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls. Travel along the Devil's Staircase and the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Enjoy a Queenstown orientation tour on arrival, followed by dinner with views over Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables.

Hotel: Mercure Queenstown Resort, Queenstown, 2 nights. **B D**

Day 11: Queenstown

Explore exciting Queenstown your way - from wine and garden tours to jet boat rides and white water rafting. For dinner you have the option to dine at the Skyline Restaurant on Bob's Peak. Access is via the steepest Gondola in the Southern Hemisphere. Dinner option includes the Kiwi Haka Maori Show. **B**

Day 12: Queenstown – Fox Glacier

Our first stop is Arrowtown. Next is Cromwell and its sensational stone fruit. Then it's a trio of lakes - Lake Dunstan, Hawea, Wanaka. Travel through Haast Pass, view Thunder Creek Falls, take a rainforest walk. Final stop is Fox Glacier, a rare, still advancing glacier (optional Fox Glacier scenic flight).

Hotel: Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier, Fox Glacier. **B D**

Day 13: Fox Glacier - Christchurch

First we visit Hokitika, home of the native greenstone (jade) for a factory visit and jewellery demonstration. We travel through coastal Greymouth then view the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes at Punakaiki before returning to Christchurch.

Hotel: Ibis, Christchurch. **B D**

Day 14: Depart Christchurch

Explore Christchurch at your leisure until your transfer to Christchurch Airport. **B**

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