

## New Zealand Guided Tours

### New Zealand Highlights

**Operator:** AAT Kings Premium Tours  
**Days:** 15  
**Start:** Auckland  
**Finish:** Christchurch  
**Our price:** Check [www.experiencenz.com](http://www.experiencenz.com)  
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### Overview

AAT Kings 15 day New Zealand Highlights tour will give you the opportunity to see the North & South Island including Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Milford Sound and more.

### Highlights

- Waitomo glow worm cave
- Traditional cultural performance and feast
- Agrodome Sheep show
- Cruise on the Milford Sound
- Experience Queenstown
- Visit Franz Josef Glacier
- Pancake Rocks
- TranzAlpine train

### Tour itinerary

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

#### Day 1: Arrive Auckland

We'll transfer you from the airport to your hotel. Check in and the rest of the day is Auckland, your way. This evening, a welcome drink and dinner with your Tour Director and travel companions.

Hotel: Stamford Plaza, Auckland. **D**

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### Day 2: Auckland – Waitomo Caves - Rotorua

After an Auckland City Sights Tour, we trace the Waikato River to Waitomo Caves, where we'll see the amazing Glow Worm Grotto. Our Rotorua orientation tour takes in views of Lake Rotorua. Tonight experience The Realm of Tāne, a Maori Hangi feast and concert. Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Rotorua, 2 nights. **B HD**

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### Day 3: Rotorua

Sparkling wine breakfast cruise on Lake Rotorua on board the Lakeland Queen. On to the Agrodome Sheep Show and a sample of farm life. Visit Te Puia and be accompanied by a local Maori guide for a tour of the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve. An afternoon of 'Free Time'. **B**

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### Day 4: Rotorua - Wellington

From the mountains to the sea. View the Huka Falls. Visit Taupo and drive along the shores of its lake. Travel through the alpine scenery of Mt. Ruapehu, Tongariro National Park, Manawatu and the Kapiti Coast. On our Wellington city sights tour see the city from Mt. Victoria. Hotel: Novotel, Wellington. **B D**

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### Day 5: Wellington - Blenheim

A morning to explore Wellington your way. Visit Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, with time to discover it yourself. We cruise the tranquility of Queen Charlotte Sound. On to Picton then Blenheim for a city tour. Tonight we'll enjoy a tasting, tour and dinner at Allan Scott Wines, a family owned and run winery which has developed its own reputation as a Marlborough icon. Hotel: Chateau Marlborough, Blenheim. **B HD**

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### Day 6: Blenheim - Christchurch

En route to Kaikoura, we pass the Grassmere Salt Works and see New Zealand fur seals at Ohau Point. Explore Kaikoura, maybe take an optional scenic Whale Watching flight. We travel to Christchurch via the Canterbury Plains. A city tour, then it's 'Free Time'. Hotel: Novotel, Christchurch. **B**

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### Day 7: Christchurch – Mt Cook

Begin with a ride on the Christchurch Tram. **You are Invited** - enjoy a taste of country life with a barbecue lunch on a working farm (see page 10 for details). See Lake Tekapo and Lake Pukaki, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and see the sensational Mt. Cook National Park. Maybe take a scenic flight over it. Hotel: MacKenzie Country Inn, Deluxe Rooms, Twizel. **B L D**

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### Day 8: Mt Cook - Dunedin

From the Waitaki Hydro Power Scheme and Benmore Dam we travel through Oamaru to Dunedin, we tour the city and the afternoon is yours - take a Wildlife Cruise, visit the Cadbury Factory or ride the Taieri Gorge Railway - it's up to you. Hotel: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin. **B D**

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### Day 9: Dunedin – Te Anau

A guided tour of New Zealand's only castle, Larnach Castle, begins the day. Across fertile farming land to Te Anau, on the shores of Lake Te Anau. The Te Anau Glow Worm Caves is an option tonight.

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

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### Day 10: Te Anau – Milford Sound - Queenstown

In Fiordland National Park we'll cruise on Milford Sound. We'll see Mirror Lakes, Cloudu Valley, the Chasm, Mitre Peak, Bowen Falls and more. We travel along Lake Wakatipu to Queenstown for an orientation tour on arrival. For dinner you may choose to dine at the Skyline Restaurant on Bob's Peak. Access is via the steepest Gondola in the Southern Hemisphere and there'll be the Kiwi Haka Maori Show as well!

Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, 2 nights. **B**

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### Day 11: Queenstown

Explore Queenstown for yourself. Take it easy with wine or garden tours. Or go wild with jet boat rides or white water rafting. Dinner is at Walter Peak Sheep Station via New Zealand's oldest steamship, the TSS Earnslaw. **B HD**

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### Day 12: Queenstown – Franz Josef

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**

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### Day 13: Franz Josef - Punakaiki

Explore Franz Josef Glacier - take an optional flight (weather permitting) or a glacier hike! Depart for Hokitika, home of the native greenstone (jade) for a factory visit and jewellery demonstration. It's on to Punakaiki, where we'll view the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes.

Hotel: Punakaiki Resort, Punakaiki. **B D**

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### Day 14: Punakaiki - Christchurch

Enjoy time at leisure before travelling via Greymouth to Arthur's Pass where we'll board the TranzAlpine to travel through the Southern Alps to Christchurch.

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

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### Day 15: Depart Christchurch

Explore Christchurch as you wish until we transfer you to Christchurch Airport. **B**

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