



Scenic Highlighter



Tour Summary

Tour name: Scenic Highlighter

Days: 15

Tour Highlights

- Journey to the top of Mt Eden
- Travel the Karangahake Gorge on Goldfields Railway
- See the Pohutu Geyser at Rotorua
- Visit Huka Falls and the Wairakei Steam Valley
- Enjoy the Art Deco town of Napier
- Cruise through Marlborough Sounds
- Journey on the TranzAlpine railway
- View the awesome Franz Josef Glacier
- Jet boat ride on the mighty Haast River
- Relaxing 3 night stay in Queenstown
- Cruise unforgettable Milford Sound
- Visit Te Anau Glowworm Caves
- Discover Dunedin on a city sights tour
- View Mt Cook (weather permitting)

Dining & Highlight Meals

- 25 Quality Meals including 14 breakfasts (B), 1 highlight lunch (HL), 4 highlight dinners (HD) and 6 dinners (D)

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand! On arrival transfer to your hotel.

Overnight Stay: Langham Hotel.

Meals: B

Day 2 Rotorua

Travel to the top of Mt Eden then south to Goldfields Railway and take the vintage train through Karangahake Gorge. **Scenic Enrich** Visit Longlands Homestead a working dairy farm, for a home cooked lamb roast lunch. Afterwards visit Whakarewarewa Village and the geothermal area for a guided tour.

Two Night Stay: Novotel Royal Lakeside Resort.

Meals: B, HL

Day 3 Rotorua

Scenic FreeChoice choose from: (1) Agrodome; or (2) Buried Village; or (3) Rotorua Museum; or (4) Te Puia; or (5) Polynesian Day Spa; or (6) Kiwi Encounter; or (7) City and Lakes tour; or (8) 4WD safari adventure.

Meals: B

Day 4 Napier

Visit Huka Falls, Wairakei Steam Valley and Lake Taupo. Continue to the coastal township of Napier. This afternoon explore at leisure this unique city renowned for its Art Deco architecture. **Scenic Enrich** Tonight sample fine New Zealand wines and enjoy dinner at Church Road Winery.

Overnight Stay: Scenic Circle Te Pania Hotel. **Meals**

B, HD

Day 5 Wellington

This morning we travel to Wellington. On arrival enjoy a guided tour of Te Papa, the national museum

Overnight Stay: Copthorne Oriental Bay Hotel, Superior Harbour View Rooms.

Meals: B, D

Day 6 Marlborough Sounds - Christchurch

Scenic Enrich Enjoy our exclusive upgrade on board the InterIslander ferry in the Kaitaki Plus Premier Lounge. Cruise through the breathtaking beauty of the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Continue along the spectacular east coast to Christchurch, including a short stop at the Kaikoura seal colony.

Overnight Stay: Millennium Hotel.

Meals: B, D

Day 7 TranzAlpine - Franz Josef Glacier

Take an unforgettable journey through the magnificent Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine railway. Disembark at Arthurs Pass and continue to Hokitika and stop to view the awesome Franz Josef Glacier. This evening enjoy our highlight dinner at the hotel.

Overnight Stay: Te Waionui Forest Retreat, Franz Josef.

Meals: B, HD

Day 8 Haast River Safari – Queenstown

Take an exhilarating jet boat ride on the mighty Haast River. Continue to picturesque Queenstown.

Three Night Stay: St Moritz Hotel. Luxurious suites*.

Meals: B

Day 9 Queenstown

Scenic FreeChoice choose from: (1) massage or foot revitalisation; or (2) gardens tour; or (3) Mt Aspiring guided walk; or (4) winery tour; or (5) Shotover Canyon jet boat; or (6) Southern Lakes 4WD tour; or (7) Secrets of Bungy followed by lunch; or (8) Skippers Canyon. Tonight enjoy your **Scenic FreeChoice Dining** evening choose from: (1) TSS Earnslaw cruise to dinner at Walter Peak Station; or (2) Skyline Gondola Restaurant; or (3) à la carte dinner at Lombardi's Restaurant.

Meals: B, HD

Day 10 Queenstown

Today is free to explore at your own pace.

Meals: B

Day 11 Milford Sound - Te Anau

Travel through the breathtaking Fiordland National Park. Experience an unforgettable cruise on Milford Sound. Tonight stay in the village of Te Anau.

Overnight Stay: Village Inn.

Meals: B, D

Day 12 Te Anau - Dunedin

Enjoy a scenic cruise across Lake Te Anau to the Glowworm Caves. Continue on to Dunedin, New Zealand's oldest city. **Home Stay:** Opportunity to experience the warmth of the local people during an overnight 'Home Stay' (included in tour at no extra cost, must be pre-booked).

Overnight Stay: Southern Cross Hotel or Dunedin Homestay.

Meals: B, D

Day 13 Dunedin – Mt Cook – Lake Tekapo

This morning enjoy our Dunedin city sights tour then head north stopping at the famous Moeraki Boulders. Continue our journey and stop to view Mt Cook on the way (subject to weather). Continue to our hotel on the shores of Lake Tekapo.

Overnight Stay: Peppers Bluewater Resort.

Meals: B, D

Day 14 Lake Tekapo - Christchurch

This morning see the Church of the Good Shepherd, situated on the lakes edge. This tiny church was built in 1935 from locally gathered stone and oak. Continue to Christchurch. **Scenic Enrich** Tonight's highlight is cocktails on the Christchurch historic tram followed by our farewell dinner.

Overnight Stay: Millennium Hotel

Meals: B, HD

Day 15 Depart Christchurch

Scenic FreeChoice choose from: (1) punting on the Avon River; or (2) a leisurely guided bike tour; or (3) a historic tram sightseeing pass; or (4) International Antarctic Center. Tour concludes this afternoon, transfer* to the airport for your homeward flight (please book flights from 2pm onwards).

Meals: B