

New Zealand Guided Tours

19 Day Ultimate Discovery

Operator: Grand Pacific Tours
Days: 19
Start: Auckland
Finish: Christchurch



Grand Pacific coach tours offer you an experience where everything is taken care of. From the time you arrive in New Zealand a friendly smile awaits. Grand Pacific Tours' professional crew will provide a high standard of service. See New Zealand's spectacular scenery in armchair comfort as you travel through each region. Grand Pacific Tours offers an "all inclusive" style of touring and believe it is important for you to return home from your holiday feeling that you have received excellent value for money.

Tour Overview

This exceptional itinerary lets you explore the highlights of New Zealand. Visit, Auckland, the Bay of Islands, Wellington, Christchurch, Fox Glacier, Queenstown, Milford Sound and more.

Inclusions

Attractions

- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Kauri Museum
- Zealong Tea Estate
- Longlands Farm & Restaurant
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools & geysers
- Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Hawke Bay Napier Express
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch
- Larnach Castle
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin



Transportation

Ultimate small group touring coach with 20 luxury leather reclining seats on a full size vehicle, panoramic windows, seat side storage, individual USB charging points and WIFI

Professionally Escorted

Professional coach captain and tour guide

Dining Inclusions

- 18 cooked breakfasts including one specialty breakfast
- 15 sumptuous dinners including three specialty dinners
- 2 lunches including one specialty lunch
- 1 ultimate high tea

Plus

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- Return airport transfers
- All sightseeing and pre-paid attractions
- Hotel portorage

Flight Information

Dinner is not included on Day 1 if you arrive after 8:00pm. You can depart anytime on Day 19.

Tour itinerary

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

Day 1: Arrive Auckland

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. Meet your travelling companions over a complimentary pre dinner drink.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Auckland. D

Day 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach, depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakoho, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, Deluxe Room (2 nights). B D

Day 3: Bay of Islands

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free and you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional). **B**

Day 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland

This morning travel aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia. Travel south via Whangarei to Auckland.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Auckland. B D

Day 5: Auckland - Rotorua

This morning enjoy a city sights tour of Auckland before travelling to the Zealong Tea Estate, New Zealand's only tea plantation for a tour & tasting. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Longlands Farm & Restaurant to enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch hosted by a rural New Zealand family. This afternoon travel to Hobbiton and discover the real Middle-earth when you visit the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings film trilogy on a fascinating guided tour.

Hotel: Regent of Rotorua (2 nights). B L D

Day 6: Rotorua

Today begins with a Gondola ride at the Skyline Rotorua for breakfast with champagne, spectacular views and also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is the Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome Geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert. **B SD**

Day 7: Rotorua - Napier

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as "The Art Deco Capital", where a city tour will showcase the most comprehensive collection of art deco buildings in the world. Board the Hawke's Bay Express and hear informative commentary on the city's fascinating history. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the MTG Hawkes Bay or to take a guided walk at your leisure (optional).

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Te Pania. B D

Day 8: Napier - Wellington

Travel south this morning into Wellington for a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here.

Hotel: InterContinental Wellington. B D

Day 9: Wellington - Blenheim

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. This afternoon board the Interislander Ferry and enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board your Ultimate Coach for the short journey to Blenheim.

Hotel: Marlborough Vintners Hotel. B D

Day 10: Blenheim - Christchurch

Tour through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine then travel to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch for an introductory city sights tour.

Hotel: The George. B

Day 11: Christchurch – Arthurs Pass – Fox Glacier

This morning board the Tranz Alpine, one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your luxury coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before arriving at Fox Glacier where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel: Distinction Fox Glacier. B D

Day 12: Fox Glacier - Queenstown

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south via Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel Queenstown (2 nights). B

Day 13: Queenstown (Free Day)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown. Your tour guide and coach captain are available to assist with the many options available. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back and relax, as you are treated to the best of New Zealand's high country cuisine in the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then re-board the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano on your return cruise. **B SD**

Day 14: Queenstown – Te Anau

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Tonight after dinner you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas (2 nights). B D

Day 15: Te Anau – Milford Sound - Te Anau

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua – Shadowland, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional). **B D**

Day 16: Te Anau - Dunedin

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the "Edinburgh of the South". Enjoy an informative city tour followed by some free time to explore at leisure. The sweet tooth might like to tour Cadbury World (optional) whilst others might be interested in a tour of the Speight's Brewery (optional).

Hotel: Distinction Dunedin. B D

Day 17: Dunedin – Mount Cook

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle, hear the tragic and scandalous stories on a guided tour with time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Mt Cook.

Hotel: The Hermitage Hotel. B D

Day 18: Mount Cook - Christchurch

This morning marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and see the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving into Christchurch. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your new found friends.

Hotel: The George. B SD

Day 19: Depart Christchurch

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday. **B**





Booking Terms and Conditions

1. Reservations and Payments

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your booking. Failure to pay the deposit within 5 days of booking may result in the cancellation of your reservation. Full and final payment must be received no later than 50 days prior to departure date. If full payment is not received by this date, Grand Pacific Tours reserves the right to cancel the booking. Bookings made within 50 days of travel date must be paid in full upon confirmation.

2. Cancellations/Amendments

If you have to cancel your tour for any reason, the following fees apply:

- Outside 45 days prior to departure loss of deposit.
- Between 7 and 45 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour price.
- Less than 7 days prior to departure, 100% of the tour price.

If you wish to cancel your existing booking and transfer to a new departure date, the above cancellation fees will still apply.

Itinerary valid: September 2016 – May 2017.

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