



NEW ZEALAND - NORTH SOUTH COMBO - 10N/11D

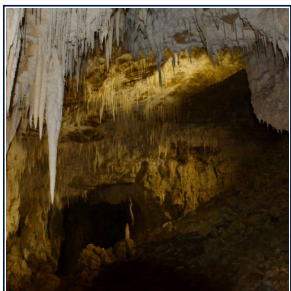


ITINERARY

Itinerary:

Day 1 - Arrive Auckland

On arrival in Auckland, 'The City of Sails', seat in coach passengers will be met by our local representative and privately transferred to your hotel. Self drive passengers will collect your rental car at the airport and drive to your hotel.



Day 2 - Auckland - Waitomo - Rotorua

Travel south through the fertile Waikato region to arrive at Waitomo. Enjoy a guided tour of the world famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves including an underground boat ride viewing the millions of glow worms on the cavern roof. On completion continue over the forested Mamaku Ranges to reach the 'Thermal City' of Rotorua. (B)

Day 3 - Rotorua - Napier

This morning visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve to see boiling mudpools and roaring geysers. Following this, visit Rainbow Springs to see New Zealand's trout, birds and wildlife before continuing to the Agrodome for a New Zealand farm show featuring sheep dog demonstrations, cow milking and an introduction to the stars of our sheep industry. Depart Rotorua and travel south via the Wairakei Geothermal area to arrive at New Zealand's largest lake, Lake Taupo. Continue over rugged mountain ranges and well cultivated farmland to arrive in the 'Art Deco' city of Napier. (B)

Day 4 - Napier - Wellington

Travel through the Manawatu Gorge and Takapau Plains to Palmerston North, famous for its agricultural university. Continue south to arrive in Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. (B)

Day 5 - Wellington - Christchurch

Journey across Cook Strait, which separates the North and South Islands of New Zealand and into the Marlborough Sounds with its sparkling clear waters and lush forests, before arriving in Picton. Travel south through Blenheim and Kaikoura to reach the 'Garden City' of Christchurch. (B)

Day 6 - Christchurch - Dunedin

Travel south across the Canterbury Plains to reach Scottish influenced Dunedin, renowned for the local wildlife and Otago University. (B)

Day 7 - Dunedin - Queenstown

This morning is free for optional activities. Leaving Dunedin, travel through South Otago, through Balclutha and Gore and across the fertile Southland Plains to Lake Te Anau. Continue around the southern arm of Lake Wakatipu to reach Queenstown. (B)

Day 8 - Queenstown

A free day to explore the endless optional attractions available. Queenstown offers bungy jumping, jetboating, white water rafting, gondola rides and much more. Optional activities not included in the tour price. (B)

Day 9 - Queenstown - Glacier Region

Depart Queenstown and travel via Lake Wanaka and through the historic Haast Pass, gateway to the World Heritage Westland National Park. Continue up the West Coast past spectacular mountain ranges, native forests and lakes to the glacier region of Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. (B)

Day 10 - Glacier Region - Greymouth - Christchurch

Travel north to Greymouth and board the world famous Tranz Alpine train (seat in coach passengers only). Ascend through lush beech forests past the alpine village of Arthur's Pass before crossing the spectacular Southern Alps. Travel over Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. (B)

Day 11 - Departure Day

Your arrangements conclude today with a departure transfer or the return of your rental car. (B)