



NEW ZEALAND - NORTH SOUTH COMBO - 11N/12D



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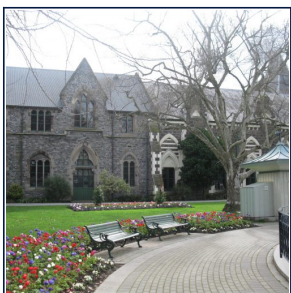
Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, "The City of Sails" you will be met by our representative for either a private transfer to your hotel or collection of your rental car.

Day 2: Auckland Sightseeing

Morning tour including Victoria Park Market, Westhaven Marina and the volcanic crater of Mt Eden for spectacular views of the city and harbour. (B)



Day 3: 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,D)

Day 4: Rotorua 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. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening enjoy an authentic Maori Hangi (feast) and Concert. (B,D)

Day 5: Rotorua - Christchurch Transfer to Rotorua Airport today for your flight to the 'Garden City' of Christchurch. Flight Rotorua to Christchurch NOT included. (B)

Day 6: Christchurch - Mt Cook - Queenstown Travel across the fertile Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo and the 'Church of the Good Shepherd' before continuing on to New Zealand's highest mountain-Mt Cook. Depart Mt Cook and follow the shores of Lake Pukaki south through the historic Central Otago region to the 'Alpine Resort' of Queenstown. (B)

Day 7: Milford Sound Follow the southern arm of Lake Wakatipu to Lumsden, and onward to Lake Te Anau. Enter the Eglington Valley and travel through the breath taking man made Homer Tunnel to reach Milford Sound. Enjoy a cruise on this world famous fiord, dominated by Mitre Peak and the cascading Bowen Falls. Return to Queenstown. (B)

Day 8: Queenstown

An opportunity today 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 this morning and travel along the shores of Lakes Wanaka and Hawea to the Haast Pass, gateway to World Heritage Western National Park. Continue up the West Coast past spectacular mountain ranges, native forests to the glacier region of Franz Josef & Fox Glaciers. (B)

Day 10: Glacier Region - Christchurch

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

Day 11: Christchurch Sightseeing

Highlights of this morning tour include the Anglican Cathedral, Town Hall, the Arts Centre, Canterbury Museum, the University, Botanic Gardens and the Avon River. (B)

Day 12: Departure Day Your arrangements conclude today with a departure transfer or the return of your rental car. (B)