

# Great New Zealand Experience, Premier Plus Touring

- Enjoy Freedom of Choice Touring in Auckland, the Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Queenstown, Dunedin and Mt Cook
- Reduced Group Size, maximum 30 people

<b>Accommodation</b>	Select from the package list below
<b>Tour Code</b>	NAA21
<b>Tour Duration</b>	21
<b>Group Size</b>	30
<b>Style</b>	Classic Coach Tours
<b>Finest Dining</b>	Includes 39 Meals
<b>Tour Highlight</b>	Services of an APT Tour Director and Driver

## Itinerary

### Day 1. Auckland

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your centrally-located hotel. The rest of today is at leisure to explore this wonderful city.

**Two Night Stay: Auckland, Crowne Plaza Hotel**

### Day 2. Auckland, Freedom of Choice Touring

This morning is at leisure in Auckland. This afternoon, you choose the activity and we will include it. Perhaps take an Auckland City Sights tour, visit Auckland's museum or embark on a Waitakere Rainforest Adventure.

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 3. Auckland, Bay of Islands

Cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge and travel through Warkworth and Wellsford. Visit Matakoho Pioneer Museum, home to the world's largest collection of kauri gum. Continue to Waipoua Kauri Forest Reserve and view the giant kauri tree Tane Mahuta, 'Lord of the Forest'. Travel across the country to the Bay of Islands and visit the Waitangi Treaty House. You'll also visit the Maori Meeting House and see the War Canoe.

**Two Night Stay: Bay of Islands, Copthorne Waitangi Resort**  
**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 4. Bay of Islands, Freedom of Choice Touring

Not only is the beautiful Bay of Islands the birthplace of the nation and thus full of New Zealand history, it is also home to 144 islands and known as a favourite playground for lovers of anything aquatic; diving, sailing and big game fishing. After breakfast today, you have the opportunity to choose the activity that most interests you and we will include it. Among other options available, you might like to take a day trip to Cape Reinga at the top of New Zealand, sail on a unique tall ship, enjoy a dolphin watching adventure or play a round of golf at Waitangi Golf Course. Overnight Cruise option available tonight.

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 5. Bay of Islands, Auckland

This morning after breakfast, embark on a Bay of Islands catamaran cruise to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. In these world-renowned deep-sea fishing grounds, dolphins and schools of fish are frequently seen. Meander through the inner islands, viewing sandy beaches, rocky outcrops and visit a secluded bay with time for relaxation. Following your cruise, journey south back to the city of Auckland.

**Stay: Auckland, Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 6. Auckland, Waitomo, Rotorua

## What's Included

### Sightseeing Highlights

- Visit the Matakoho Pioneer Museum
- Cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock
- Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitomo caves
- See Lake Taupo and thunderous Huka Falls
- Cruise through the Marlborough Sounds
- See the intriguing Punakaiki Pancake Rocks
- Visit Hokitika and see jade being carved
- Travel across the impressive Southern Alps
- See spectacular Franz Josef Glacier
- Visit beautiful Mt Cook National Park
- Explore Christchurch and Auckland
- Visit Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland
- Tour the orchard at Kiwifruit Country
- Cruise the full length of Milford Sound

### Premier Accommodation

- Two nights in the sub-tropical Bay of Islands at the Copthorne Waitangi Resort
- Two nights in geothermal Rotorua
- Two nights in at the Sofitel Queenstown
- Overnight in Mt Cook National Park at the iconic Hermitage

### Premier Dining

- 20 breakfasts (B), 20 dinners including:
- - Dine Around Dinner in Queenstown
- - Maori Hangi feast and cultural performance in Rotorua
- - Franz Josef, West Coast Specialties



This morning after breakfast, travel south through the Waikato Province to Waitomo Caves for a guided tour of the limestone caverns and glow-worm grotto. Then continue to the geothermal region of Rotorua, known as the centre of Maori culture. Enjoy a Maori Hangi feast and cultural performance of song and dance at Mitai Maori Village tonight.

**Two Night Stay: Millennium Rotorua**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 7. Rotorua, Freedom of Choice Touring

Rotorua is New Zealand's oldest and best-known resort, where generations of visitors have enjoyed its therapeutic waters, marvelled at its fascinating geothermal activity and experienced the region's unique Maori culture. Today, you select the activity and we will include it! You may choose to take a leisurely soak in a natural thermal mineral pool, visit to the Rotorua Museum or be entertained and educated by a sheep show and shearing display.

**Country Homestay option available tonight**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 8. Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington

Today visit Wairakei Steam Valley, a unique and fascinating geothermal power project. See spectacular Huka Falls and picturesque Lake Taupo. Travelling south, cross the vast volcanic plateau of World Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park on the way to Wellington, New Zealand's national capital.

**Stay: Wellington, InterContinental Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 9. Wellington, Nelson, Dine Around Dinner

Today you'll cruise across Cook Strait and through the beautiful Marlborough Sounds to Picton on the South island. Then travel through the pretty Marlborough region to Nelson. Tonight, choose from two fine restaurants.

**Stay: Nelson, Rutherford Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 10. Nelson, Franz Josef

Follow the Heritage Highway to the West Coast. View the Pancake rock formations at Punakaiki. Stop at Hokitika to see Pounamu (jade) being carved. Then enter Westland National Park, to view the famous glaciers. Tonight enjoy a West Coast Specialities Dinner.

**Stay: Franz Josef Glacier Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 11. Franz Josef, Wanaka

View incredible scenery today as you travel through Haast Pass, over the Southern Alps and along the shores of lakes Wanaka and Hawea to Wanaka township.

**Stay: Wanaka, Edgewater Resort**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 12. Wanaka, Queenstown, Dine Around Dinner

Depart Wanaka and journey to the village of Arrowtown, an old goldrush settlement. Continue to Queenstown, a popular year-round holiday destination on the banks of Lake Wakatipu. Tonight choose from 15 different restaurants with our Dine Around Dinner options.

**Two Night Stay: Sofitel Queenstown Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 13. Queenstown, Freedom of Choice Touring

Today, thanks to our Freedom of Choice Touring concept, you are able to personalise your sightseeing from a range of activities. You might like to go rambling through a selection of beautiful local gardens or take a relaxing local winery tour. Perhaps take an exciting jetboat ride or a fun Double Decker Bus tour through the streets of Queenstown to the goldrush settlement of Arrowtown.

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 14. Milford Sound, Te Anau

This morning travel through Fiordland National Park where lush rainforest meets snow-capped mountains. Drive along Milford Road, renowned as one of the world's most spectacular alpine drives. On arrival at Milford Sound, cruise the full length of this beautiful fiord, travelling below

Dinner

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- Extend your stay in Auckland for only US\$50pp twin share or US\$99 single traveller
- Enjoy an extra 2 night stay in the beautiful city of Auckland at the Crowne Plaza when booking a 21 Day Great New Zealand Experience with APT
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#### Tour Notes

- Day 4: Overnight Cruise option available from October 2009
- Land content only
- At the time of making your booking, let APT's experts secure you the best airfares available
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famous mile-high Mitre Peak. This afternoon, return through the Eglinton Valley and Homer Tunnel to the lakeside settlement of Te Anau.

**Stay: Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 15. Dunedin, Freedom of Choice Touring

Today, journey via beautiful Lake Manapouri to Dunedin, settled by the Scottish in 1848 and renowned as the Edinburgh of the South. This afternoon select an activity from our Freedom of Choice Touring options. Perhaps visit Larnach Castle, tour the Otago Peninsula, visit Speight's Brewery, or enjoy a Taieri Gorge Railway excursion.

**Stay: Dunedin, Southern Cross Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 16. Dunedin, Mt Cook, Freedom of Choice Touring, Dine Around Dinner

Today travel north along the coast to view the fascinating Moeraki Boulders on Koekohe Beach. Stop at Oamaru, known for its distinctive limestone architecture. Then pass massive hydro-electric dams and glacier-fed lakes on the journey to Mt Cook National Park, home to Australasia's highest mountain. On arrival, join your selected Freedom of Choice Touring activity. Choose from a guided nature walk through the national park, an afternoon of discovery at the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, or stargazing with an astronomy guide. Tonight choose to dine at either The Panorama Room or Alpine Restaurant within The Hermitage.

**Stay: Mt Cook, The Hermitage**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 17. Mt Cook, Christchurch, Dine Around Dinner

This morning you'll travel to Lake Tekapo and visit the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd, built from locally gathered stone and oak. Leaving the High Country behind, cross the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury plains. On the way to Christchurch, you might like to ride the TranzAlpine train from Arthurs Pass or perhaps continue with the coach, which will travel through the Rakaia Gorge to Christchurch. Tonight enjoy a Dine Around Dinner, choosing from three superb restaurants at your hotel.

**Stay: Christchurch, Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 18. Christchurch, Wellington

Today travel to Kaikoura, a renowned whale watching town. Continue to Picton at the top of the South Island and board the Interislander ferry for the return cruise across Cook Strait to Wellington.

**Stay: Wellington, InterContinental Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 19. Wellington, Taupo

Leaving Wellington this morning, cross the Rimutaka Ranges into the farming district of the Wairarapa. Continue to the coastal township of Napier, an area dominated by orchards and vineyards. There is time to explore this unique Art Deco city before you continue to Taupo.

**Stay: Taupo, Wairakei Resort**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 20. Taupo, Auckland

stop and visit Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, a geothermal area well-known for its beautiful colours and mystical quality. Then visit Kiwifruit Country before travelling to the beach resort of Mt Maunganui and on to Tauranga. Later, return to Auckland.

**Stay: Auckland, Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 21. Auckland

Your tour concludes this morning after breakfast. Today is at leisure for you to explore this beautiful city, before it is time for your included departure transfer to the airport.

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