

# 17-Day Highlights of New Zealand

## Escorted tour

### Departures: 17 October 2022

Join Shirley Tamm on this fully inclusive 17-day tour of New Zealand. The tour showcases the unforgettable highlights the two beautiful islands have to offer. Meet new friends and share this brilliant holiday with other like-minded travellers whilst enjoying the security of having a tour escort travelling with you, giving you more time to enjoy a truly memorable holiday.




### Inclusions

- **Return airfares** from **Melbourne, Brisbane** or **Sydney** to New Zealand (add surcharge from **Perth & Adelaide**)
- Luxury, air-conditioned **coach** with 2 door access, restroom and panoramic windows
- **16 nights accommodation**, including 5 two night stays and **hotel portage**
- **Most meals** including 16 cooked breakfasts (**B**), 1 picnic lunch (**L**) and 12 dinners (**D**) including 3 specialty dinners (**SD**)
- All **sightseeing** and **attractions**, including **one rail journey** and **four cruises**

From  
**\$5424**<sub>pp\*</sub>

Adelaide Surcharge \$300pp  
Perth Surcharge \$550pp

Single supplement  
\$1660

 Larnach Castle, Dunedin

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## Map, Itinerary & Inclusions

### Day 1: Arrive Christchurch

On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your flight arrival time, this evening is free to head out and explore Christchurch.

### Day 2: Free day in Christchurch (B, D)

Today enjoy a free day to explore Christchurch - wander the city admiring the street art or jump on the Tram and head to the Botanic Gardens or Riverside Market.

### Day 3: Christchurch to Omarama (B, D)

After an introductory tour of Christchurch head to Lake Tekapo to see the brilliant turquoise water. Marvel at the mountain ranges, including Mt Cook before travelling to Omarama.

### Day 4: Omarama to Dunedin (B, SD)

Today see Lake Benmore, and follow the Waitaki River to Oamaru. Enjoy a city sights tour of Dunedin, before a Scottish evening with bagpipes, great food, and a special Haggis Ceremony.

### Day 5: Dunedin to Te Anau (B, D)

Visit Larnach Castle and learn its history on a guided tour. Wander the Garden of International Significance and enjoy a Devonshire Tea. Continue to Te Anau, gateway to the Fiordland.

### Day 6: Te Anau to Queenstown (B, L)

Explore the spectacular Milford Sound on a leisurely cruise. See Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch. Head to Queenstown, and the evening is free to choose from one of the many fine restaurants there.

### Day 7: Free day in Queenstown (B, SD)

Today is free to discover Queenstown. This evening, board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise Lake Wakatipu to enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner at Walter Peak Homestead.

### Day 8: Queenstown to Fox Glacier (B, D)

Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel to your overnight stop. Time is available (weather permitting) to take a scenic flight over the glaciers (extra cost).

### Day 9: Fox Glacier to Christchurch (B, D)

Visit the Greenstone Factory at Hokitika, then board the TranzAlpine at Arthur's Pass. Experience this great train journey, and spectacular scenery as you rail back to Christchurch.

### Day 10: Christchurch to Wellington (B, D)

Travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine. Board the Interislander Ferry at Picton for your crossing of Cook Strait to Wellington.

### Day 11: Wellington (B)

Visit the National Museum for an extensive tour, showcasing the history and culture of the city. This afternoon and evening are free to choose your own dining arrangements.

### Day 12: Wellington to Rotorua (B, D)

Today travel to Lake Taupo and see the spectacular Huka Falls, before continuing on the Thermal Explorer Highway to Rotorua.

### Day 13: Rotorua (B, SD)

Take a gondola ride to breakfast at Skyline Rotorua, followed by a thrilling luge ride. Visit Agrodome for some farming entertainment, and Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools. Finish the day with an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

### Day 14: Rotorua to Bay of Islands (B, D)

Travelling through Auckland and Whangarei, and finish at Paihia, the heart of Bay of Islands, where you will enjoy a short tour.

### Day 15: Bay of Islands (B)

This morning cruise to Cape Brett and see the famous Hole in the Rock. Return to Paihia to relax by the waterfront or join an optional activity (extra cost). Dinner is own choice tonight.

### Day 16: Bay of Islands to Auckland (B, D)

On your travels to Auckland, stop at the Kauri Museum for an informative talk, and enjoy a city tour of Auckland. This evening join Shirley and the group for a final farewell dinner.

### Day 17: Depart Auckland (B)

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

