

NEW ZEALAND

SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS & TAILOR MADE HOLIDAYS



Our welcome to your New Zealand

**SILVER FERN HOLIDAYS
IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN
NEW ZEALAND.**

**THE LAND OF THE
LONG WHITE CLOUD –
AOTEAROA IN THE MAORI
LANGUAGE – HAS BEEN
OUR PASSION FOR 25 YEARS.**

We have hiked through native bush, swum with dolphins, eaten hangi with the locals and helped with the grape harvest.

We have driven gravelled tracks and taken scenic rail journeys. We have seen the sun rise on Poverty Bay, and watched it set behind the mighty peak of Aoraki Mount Cook. We slept in beach-side shacks in the early days before the welcome spread of boutique lodges.

We want nothing more than to share this passion with you and help you to create your own amazing memories of New Zealand. Travel alone, as a couple or with friends. Let us help you plan a totally tailor-made trip to suit your budget. Or join a few like-minded travellers – no more than 16 people – on one of our unique Small Group Journeys.

With offices in Nottinghamshire, UK and Hamilton, New Zealand, you can trust Silver Fern Holidays to be fully-bonded with ABTA and ATOL in Britain, and to offer 24/7 on the ground support during your holiday.

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Silver Service Guaranteed

100% TAILOR MADE ITINERARIES

Either over the phone, or in our Kiwi Lounge in Southwell, we'll chat with you, answer all your questions and talk you through our recommendations, allowing your individual preferences and requirements to shape the outline and finer details of your holiday, there's no 'one size fits all' approach here!

Tailor-made doesn't always have to mean expensive, in fact, because we offer such a broad range of accommodation and travel options, we're able to arrange a holiday to suit most budgets and make sure that your experiences and adventures offer the very best in value for money.

UNRIVALLED FLEXIBILITY

Because we offer both Independent travel and our unique Small Group Journeys, you have even more flexibility at your fingertips.

We're able to offer a combination of both types of travel for your holiday. If you wish to start your holiday off on a Small Group Journey to allow you to find your feet before picking up a car and exploring independently, that's fine.

Similarly if you choose to finish off your trip by joining a tour so you can really relax for the last leg of your adventure, we can arrange that for you too.

We also understand that lots of our travellers have friends or family in New Zealand who are looking forward to a visit, so just let us know and we'll be happy to factor this into your itinerary.

24/7 SUPPORT IN THE UK AND ON THE GROUND IN NZ

We have a team 'on the ground' in New Zealand, so whatever happens, whatever time of the day or night you need us, we're here for you.

We'll ensure you have all the contact details you need to get in touch with our teams in both countries so should the need arise you know exactly where to go for help or advice.

This service starts from the day you book your holiday with us, right until you're safely back in the UK, giving you all the peace of mind you need to ensure you don't have to worry about a thing while you're away.

EXPERT ADVICE

We think we can call ourselves experts because we've not only visited New Zealand, but we've lived there, worked there and travelled the length and breadth of the country on more than one occasion too!

We've tried out the activities we recommend, spent the night in our handpicked accommodations (and enjoyed the first class breakfasts they offer!) and travelled on the boats, buses and trains that we include in our itineraries, so you can be assured of honest, upfront advice from the word go.

We firmly believe that this first-hand experience is what ensures you have an unforgettable holiday, from your very first contact with us, right through to your return onto home soil.

TRULY AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Because we know New Zealand so well, and because we've been working with the local guides and small businesses there for so many years, we're able to offer in depth, 'real' New Zealand experiences that you simply won't discover if you holiday with anyone else, and you certainly won't find in a guide book!

We can suggest what we call 'close-up' experiences that add magic to your trip. A Maori legend told by a direct descendant; a lesson in fly-fishing on one of the best trout lakes in the world; a soak in a spring warmed by geothermal activity; trying your hand at sheep shearing before dinner with a farmer and his family.

It's true that New Zealand has become one the world's top travel destinations, but there are still many wonderful hidden treasures and secrets it holds - you just have to know where to look to find them, and luckily, we do!

We'll happily share our secrets with you, just don't tell too many other people!!



1. Queen Charlotte Track
2. Staff welcome, Doubtful Sound overnight cruise
3. Seafood selection, Whitianga Marina

IN A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE'S SHORT ON TIME, WE TAKE THE OPPOSITE APPROACH.

WE SPEND TIME GETTING TO KNOW YOU, SO WE CAN ENSURE THAT YOUR TRIP IS PERFECTLY TAILORED TO WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE.



Trains, planes, automobiles... & more

THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO FORM OF PRIVATE HIRE OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT THAT WE CANNOT ARRANGE FOR YOU.

We can book a comfortable car from Auckland airport that you can hand back in Wellington, or a 4x4 in Queenstown to take you over the Southern Alps. A motorhome combining accommodation with wheels may appeal, but do try one out in Britain first to ensure you're happy driving a larger vehicle.

New Zealand's rail system is one of the world's most scenic, from the TranzAlpine over Arthur's Pass to the Edwardian ingenuity of the single-track Raurimu Spiral down the Tongariro plateau and we can arrange rail passes for both. You'll notice that our suggested itineraries often include some travel by train. Not only does this give you a break from driving, but it also allows you to fully appreciate the landscapes and enjoy travelling through some parts of the country that aren't accessible by road.

If you would like someone else to take on the route-planning, choose one of our unique Small Group Journeys and discover New Zealand in the company of one of our local driver-guides and no more than 16 travellers in total.

And of course, all your travel arrangements within New Zealand are tailor-made for you, including internal flights which may save time. To date, there has been no travel request that we have been unable to satisfy, but we invite you to put us to the test!

1. Bay of Islands
2. TranzAlpine train
3. Mount Cook flight
4. Interislander ferry



Kiwi hospitality to suit your style

"The accommodation you organised was superb, particularly the B & Bs in Wanaka (location and hosts), Queenstown (food) and Fox Glacier (view)."



WHATEVER YOUR PREFERENCE, WE CAN MAKE A PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION.

In 25 years of travelling around New Zealand we have slept in hundreds of beds from simple motels to luxurious lodges, as well as basic baches, the Kiwi name for a seaside holiday shack. Whatever your preference, we can make a personal recommendation.

To save time and shoe leather when sightseeing and seeking evening entertainment, we'll often recommend well-appointed, centrally located hotels in the larger cities and towns such as the Grand Rendezvous in Auckland and the Novotel in Queenstown.

In resorts popular with New Zealanders as well as international travellers, apartments are a great-value choice with the bonus of a fully equipped kitchenette and laundry room so that you can cook at home and catch up with some washing. The Quest Apartments in Napier are a good example.

'Boutique' is an over-used word in the hospitality industry, but whether you choose a hotel, lodge or guest-house in New Zealand you can expect a genuine welcome and personal service. We have spent a great deal of time seeking out small friendly and memorable places to stay that reflect the warm hospitality the country has become so well known for, and we look forward to introducing you to them.

And when you're travelling through the lush pastures of the Waikato or the tussock plains of Otago, there is nothing like a home-cooked meal around a farmhouse table, with wide-ranging conversation, tips on local sights and even a chance to help out with the livestock!

1. Farmstay, Te Awamatu
2. Kauri Cliffs, Northland
3. The Bay House, Westport
4. The Boot, Nelson



He aha te mea nui?

THIS MAORI SAYING ASKS 'WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD?' AND ANSWERS 'HE TANGATA, HE TANGATA, HE TANGATA' TRANSLATED AS 'IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE'.



"We loved the interaction with locals everywhere we went, it made our trip much more interesting and enjoyable."

We could not agree more: the people of New Zealand make a significant contribution to your holiday and it is one reason why we have our own office in Hamilton.

Because in 25 years we have built close relationships with local guides, indigenous tourism projects and on-the-ground experts in an effort to remove the invisible wall between tourist and local, and enhance your travels with unique experiences.

Our guides are proud Kiwis, whether their heritage is Maori, Pakeha or a mix of cultures. The country is also enhanced by recent immigrants drawn by the beautiful environment and open society that New Zealand offers.

So whether you ask us to arrange a guided walk in the bush, book a farmstay in Mackenzie country, or recommend a winery in Hawkes Bay, you can be sure of a warm welcome from a genuine local.

You'll often find, as you travel with us, that locals will extend their warm hospitality to you so be open to the antique-shop owner who invites you in for tea, the café owner who shares their favourite recipe with you or the B&B host who invites you to a beach BBQ. All of these serendipitous experiences make your holiday unique to you and ensure some extra special memories to take home with you

- 1. Philip at Te Papa, Wellington
- 2. Pam, Art Deco guide, Napier
- 3. Milford Sound Cruise
- 4. Grace, Milford Track guide
- 5. Caroline and Suzie, Criffel Peak View, Wanaka
- 6. Waitangi Treaty Grounds guide
- 7. Russell, boat captain, Marlborough Sounds
- 8. Aran and Reana, Whangarei Visitor Centre



Freedom of the Road

NEW ZEALAND IS A JOY TO EXPLORE INDEPENDENTLY.

Similar in size to the UK, the North and South islands pack more variety into their land mass than almost anywhere on earth, and each day reveals a new experience, whether you drive a hire car, take the train, fly between the islands or dovetail one of our Small Group Journeys with independent arrangements.

The itineraries on the following pages are just a guide and summarise our favourite places, sights and experiences. Any or all of them may be enjoyed as part of your independent touring itinerary. So browse our recommendations, highlight places you want to visit and things you want to do, and get in touch with us: together we can create an unforgettable holiday that's unique to you.

For a New Zealand tour covering both islands, as a rule of thumb consider spending a third of your time on North Island and two-thirds on South Island, because the most iconic landscape features are located in the south.

If your time in New Zealand isn't restricted, so much the better! We suggest additional days in Abel Tasman National Park and Fiordland if you want to truly discover these wonderfully scenic regions. The township of Wanaka and the city of Dunedin are other options.

Bird watchers and kiwi fans may want to go the extra mile (literally) with a flight to Stewart Island for sightings of the Stewart Island Brown Kiwi and Southern Tokoeha. For whale-watching, take a day excursion from Christchurch to Kaikoura to view the amazing mammals on a three hour marine adventure in the Pacific.



NORTH ISLAND	
Auckland to Paihia	4 hrs
Auckland to Coromandel	2 hrs 20mins
Auckland to Mount Maunganui	3 hrs
Auckland to Rotorua	3 hrs 30mins
Auckland to Waitomo Caves	3 hrs
Waitomo Caves to Rotorua	2 hrs 15mins
Mount Maunganui to Rotorua	1 hr
Whangamata to Rotorua	1 hr 30mins
Rotorua to Taupo	1 hr 30mins
Taupo to Napier	2 hrs
Taupo to Tongariro	1 hr 30mins
Rotorua to Gisborne	4 hrs
Rotorua to Napier	3 hrs 30mins
Rotorua to Wellington	6 hrs 30mins
Taupo to Wellington	5 hrs 30mins
Napier to Wellington	4 hrs 30mins
Wellington to Picton – on the Interislander ferry	3-4 hrs

SOUTH ISLAND	
Picton to Nelson	1 hr 30 mins
Nelson to Greymouth	4 hrs 30 mins
Picton to Christchurch	5 hrs
Picton to Kaikoura	2 hrs 30 mins
Kaikoura to Christchurch	2 hrs 30 mins
Christchurch to Greymouth	4 hrs
Christchurch to Mount Cook	5 hrs
Mount Cook to Queenstown	3 hrs 45 mins
Greymouth to Franz Josef	2 hrs 30 mins
Franz Josef to Wanaka	4 hrs
Franz Josef to Queenstown	5 hrs
Queenstown to Invercargill	3 hrs
Queenstown to Dunedin	4 hrs
Queenstown to Te Anau	2 hrs 20 mins
Fiordland to Dunedin	3 hrs
Dunedin to Christchurch	5 hrs
Dunedin to Mount Cook	4 hrs 15 mins
Invercargill to Dunedin	3 hrs





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Complete New Zealand

27 DAYS NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS

FROM £3,495

CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

Our suggestions

Walk trails through Rotorua's spectacular Redwood forest

Take a guided winery tour in Hawkes Bay to sample some of the country's best Chardonnays

Visit Weta Workshop in Wellington, home to an array of Lord of the Rings memorabilia

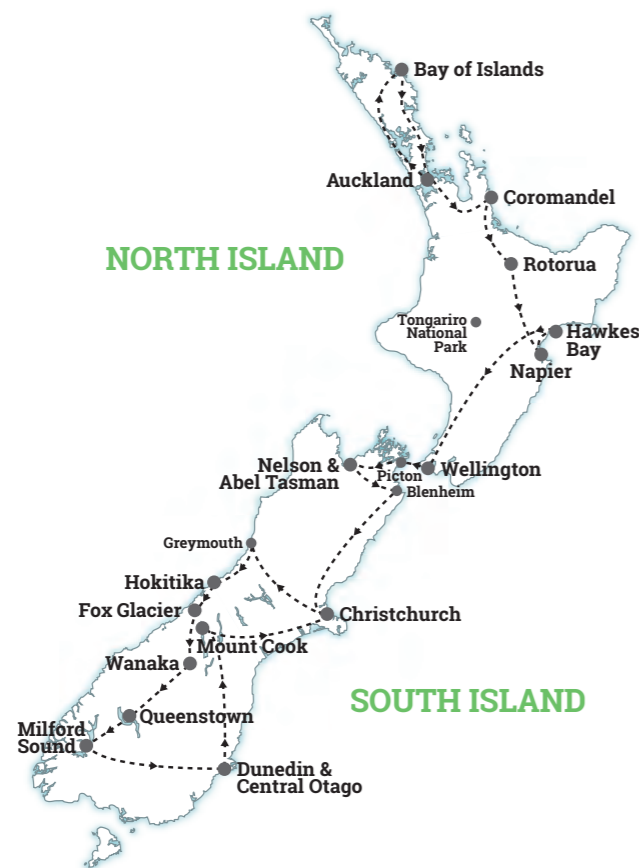
Electro bike along the traffic free cycle path out of Queenstown to Jack's Point

Try your hand at gold panning in Arrowtown

Experience a sleepover like no other aboard the Milford Mariner

Enjoy a coffee or lunch at one of the great cafes or restaurants that line the waters edge at Akaroa Harbour

This is the ultimate Independent itinerary combining outstanding hotel and boutique bed & breakfast accommodation with unforgettable scenic highlights and experiences. Dig your very own spa pool on Hot Water Beach in the Coromandel and board the TranzAlpine train in Christchurch for one of the world's greatest rail journeys.



- 1. Mount Maunganui
- 2. Fox Glacier
- 3. Friendly Kea
- 4. Silver Fern travellers, Wanaka

ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Auckland
Haere mai – welcome! We greet your flight and take you straight to your hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure. Head up the Sky Tower for great views across the city, or explore the vibrant downtown waterfront.

Day 2 Auckland
A day to explore the islands of the Hauraki Maritime Gulf; take the ferry to Rangitoto Island and walk up to the summit for 360° views or head to the conservation island of Tiritiri Matangi to see rare native birds such as the Takahe and the Kokako.

Day 3 Auckland to Bay of Islands
Collect your rental vehicle and drive north on the Hibiscus Coast Highway and on to the Waipoua Forest to learn about the ancient kauri trees, including 'the lord of the forest' Tane Mahuta. Follow the path of the Ngapuhi lwi warriors to the Flagstaff battlegrounds and on to the pretty seaside town of Paihia.

Day 4 Bay of Islands
Cruise to Cape Brett and the 'hole in the rock', head out into the bay with a chance to swim with dolphins, and learn a little more of local village Russell's rip-roaring past on a guided tour.

Day 5 Bay of Islands to Coromandel Peninsula
Visit the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the treaty between Maori tribes and British settlers was signed in 1840. Head south, through the Waikato to the Miranda Shorebird Centre to learn about some of New Zealand's most fascinating birdlife.

Day 6 Coromandel
Dig your own spa pool at Hot Water Beach, or wander along the beach to Cathedral Cove to view the naturally formed archway on the beach, one of the most photographed sites in the country.

Day 7 Coromandel to Rotorua
On to the thermal wonderland of Rotorua. Visit Te Puia, with its geothermal valley and Maori Arts and Crafts Institute. In the evening enjoy a cultural experience that culminates with a traditional Maori Hangi for your evening meal.

Day 8 Rotorua to Napier or Tongariro National Park
Travel south to Taupo, nestled on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake, stopping at Huka Falls before continuing through to the township.

From here drive to Napier, an Art Deco town with a fascinating history and wonderful architecture. The town is also the gateway to the Hawkes Bay wine country. Alternatively enjoy time in Tongariro National Park.

Day 9 Hawkes Bay
We recommend leaving the car at home today, and hiring bikes to make the most of the winery tours and tastings that are a must in the area. Head out to Te Mata Peak to enjoy the beautiful panoramic views out across the mountain ranges.

Day 10 Napier to Wellington
Drive through the Wairarapa and over the winding Rimutaka Hill to arrive into Wellington, 'The Coolest Little Capital in the World' according to the Lonely Planet Guides.

Day 11 Wellington
Spend the day exploring New Zealand's compact capital city. Take the cable car up to the Kelburn lookout and wander back down through the Botanic Gardens, stopping off for tea in the Lady Rosewood Garden. Alternatively, immerse yourself in history and culture at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum.

Day 12 Wellington to Picton to Nelson
Return your rental vehicle and board the Interislander Ferry for the cruise across the Cook Strait and through the scenic Queen Charlotte Sound to the South Island. Arrive into Picton and take a coach across the top of the South Island to Nelson, your base for the next two nights.

Day 13 Abel Tasman National Park
Transfer by coach from Nelson to Kaiteriteri for a cruise into the heart of Abel Tasman National Park. Walk the most varied section of the Abel Tasman Coastal Track, along a path that weaves through Manuka groves to the long golden sands of Anchorage beach. Return to Kaiteriteri by boat then on to Nelson by coach.

Day 14 Nelson to Blenheim to Christchurch
Travel from Nelson by coach to Blenheim, and then connect with the Coastal Pacific train for an exhilarating rail journey along the east coast to the city of Christchurch, passing through Kaikoura en route.

Day 15 Christchurch to Greymouth to Hokitika
Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's greatest rail journeys through the splendour of the Southern Alps to the west coast. Travel alongside the ice-fed Waimakariri River to Arthur's Pass before continuing on to Greymouth.

Collect your rental car and drive down the west coast to Hokitika, famed for its gold mining heritage.

Day 16 Hokitika to Fox Glacier
Travel to the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers and take a walk to the terminal face. Enjoy a guided heli-hike or sightseeing flight to experience the glaciers close up. Drive to Lake Matheson for superb reflections of Mount Cook and the Tasman glacier. Remember to bring your camera!

Day 17 Fox to Wanaka
Drive through the stunning Haast Pass and into Mount Aspiring National Park. Arrive into Wanaka and enjoy views of the lake that reflect the mountain peaks that in winter offer superb skiing.

Day 18 Wanaka
Enjoy lakeside walks, or an exhilarating jet boat trip on the Matukituki River, guaranteed to set the pulse racing! Relax in the evening at Cinema Paradiso, with its comfy sofas and a classic Morris Minor to sit in to view the latest releases.

Day 19 Wanaka to Queenstown
Today it's an easy drive over the Crown Range to Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure playground and South Island's busiest resort. Spend the afternoon exploring this action packed little town.

Day 20 Queenstown
Take a short drive out to Arrowtown, or ride up the Skyline Gondola for panoramic views of the area. Local wineries welcome visitors for tastings and tours and the classic steamship TSS Earnslaw is an unforgettable way to discover Lake Wakatipu.

Day 21 Queenstown to Milford Mariner overnight
Journey by coach through stunning valleys and past the 'mirror' lakes to reach Milford Sound. Board the Milford Mariner to cruise the Sound, learning about its geology, flora and fauna from the on-board expert, before anchoring in a sheltered cove. Absorb the beauty from a seat on deck, or kayak closer to Milford's mystery.

Day 22 Milford Sound to Dunedin
Drive along the shores of Lake Te Anau and through the sheep farming heartland of South Island and on to the city of Dunedin.

Day 23 Otago Wildlife Excursions
Take a trip out to the Otago Peninsula to see the Royal Albatross at Taiaroa heads, and the Little Blue Penguins that nestle in sandy burrows on the beaches.

ACCOMMODATION

In Auckland your accommodation is a small boutique hotel, a short taxi ride from the city centre. In the Bay of Islands stay in a well-appointed bed & breakfast with views to the native bush and bay areas.

On the Coromandel your bed & breakfast offers wonderful coastal views and in Rotorua your overnight is in a lakeside hotel.

Stay with friendly hosts close to the wineries of Hawkes Bay and in Wellington your accommodation is a central four star hotel.

On South Island your first nights will be in Nelson at a hotel in a riverside setting with small welcoming bed & breakfasts completing the picture through the rest of the South Island.

All accommodation subject to availability at the time of booking.

In the city itself, the railway station is a stunning example of the city's fabulous architecture.

Day 24 Dunedin to Mount Cook
Head north along the coast, stopping to view the extraordinary Moeraki Boulders, before heading inland to Mount Cook National Park.

Drive along the western shore of Lake Pukaki with its intensely blue glacier-fed waters.

Day 25 Mount Cook to Christchurch
Head down the Tasman Valley from Mount Cook and on to Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd, where the window behind the altar frames an astonishing view of the lake. Then on across the high country's tussock plains, through Fairlie and Geraldine to the 'Garden City' of Christchurch.

Day 26 Christchurch
Today explore Christchurch. Enjoy a guided walking tour and learn how the city is reclaiming its place as the premier city on South Island after the devastating earthquakes of 2011. Take a short drive out to the Port Hills for excellent walks, or to the French settlement and harbour town of Akaroa.

Day 27 Depart Christchurch
After breakfast return your rental vehicle to Christchurch International airport to board your homebound flight via Auckland.

PRICES

Prices are per person based on twin-share:

Tour only from £3,495

Tour and flight from £4,995

Single supplement prices available on request

Price includes:
Return flights from London Heathrow in economy class – included in 'tour and flight' prices only
Meet and greet by your Silver Fern representative at Auckland International Airport
Transfers by private car as specified
26 nights' accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
Sightseeing as specified (excludes close up options, unless you choose to pre-book these)
Intermediate 1.6 litre manual/automatic rental car with unlimited kilometre and daily insurance



Grand Tour of New Zealand

25 DAYS NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS

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CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

Our suggestions

Climb the Sky Tower for panoramic views of Auckland - the SkyWalk or SkyJump are optional!

Swim with dolphins in the warm waters of the Bay of Islands

Walk through the stunning Waimangu Thermal Valley in Rotorua

Enjoy lunch or a coffee at one of the excellent bakeries in Greytown, Wairarapa

Cruise or walk in the stunning Abel Tasman National Park

Visit the fascinating Hokitika Museum

Heli-hike on Fox Glacier

Experience a trip like no other aboard the Milford Mariner

Very much the Grand Tour encompassing the sub-tropical Bay of Islands, the wine region of Hawkes Bay, (or the volcanic central area of North Island), Abel Tasman National Park, the wild West Coast and the alpine splendours of the southern South Island.



- 1. Auckland Harbour Bridge
- 2. Waimangu Thermal Valley
- 3. Silver Fern travellers, Abel Tasman National Park
- 4. Franz Josef Glacier

ITINERARY

Day 1 Welcome to New Zealand

Arrive at Auckland International Airport where you will be welcomed to New Zealand and transferred by private car to your hotel, which is located in the heart of the city.

Remainder of the day at leisure to explore the 'City of Sails'.

Day 2 Auckland

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast before taking a ferry out to the pretty seaside town of Devonport with its beautiful views and fabulous cafes.

Alternatively head out to Rangitoto Island and walk up to the summit for amazing 360° views of the Hauraki Maritime Gulf or visit the conservation island and wildlife sanctuary of Tiritiri Matangi.

Day 3 Auckland to Bay of Islands

Collect your rental car and drive north over the Auckland Harbour Bridge, along the Hibiscus Coast Highway to the seaside town of Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands.

Enjoy an afternoon cruise to the 'hole in the rock' and the opportunity to swim with dolphins if you wish, or take a ferry over to the historic village of Russell.

Day 4 Bay of Islands

After breakfast join a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty House and grounds - it was here, in 1840 that the historic document was signed between Maori chiefs and British settlers, forming the nation of New Zealand.

Day 5 Bay of Islands to Waikato Farmstay

After breakfast at your accommodation travel south through Auckland City and into the farmlands of the Waikato Valley.

Arrive at your farmstay and enjoy a tour of the property and perhaps a chance to feed the animals before sharing an evening meal with your hosts.

Day 6 Waikato Farmstay to Rotorua

Explore the geothermal wonderland of Te Puia and see Maori craftsmen demonstrating weaving, carving and other traditional skills in the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute there.

This evening experience Maori culture with a traditional ceremony, cultural performances and hangi meal.

Day 7 Rotorua to Hawkes Bay or Tongariro National Park

Head south via Huka Falls to Taupo, New Zealand's largest inland lake, with time to have lunch and explore the town.



Continue on the Thermal Explorer Highway through the Eskdale Valley and into Hawkes Bay. Alternatively enjoy time in Tongariro National Park.

Day 8 Hawkes Bay

After breakfast spend the day exploring Napier, the Art Deco capital of New Zealand. Take a guided walking tour to learn about how the town was rebuilt following the devastating earthquake in 1931.

In the afternoon, take a wine tour guided by a local expert and visit some of the many boutique wineries the area is famous for.

Day 9 Hawkes Bay to Wellington

Travel south through the farmlands of central Hawkes Bay and the Wairarapa into Wellington, the capital city and seat of Parliament. Walk down Cuba Street with its eclectic mix of cafes, boutiques and bars, or spend the afternoon immersing yourself in New Zealand culture and history in Te Papa, the outstanding National Museum.

Day 10 Wellington to Picton to Nelson

Return your rental vehicle and board the Interislander Ferry for a three and a half hour cruise to Picton. Take a coach to Nelson, the sunniest region in New Zealand, famed for its easy lifestyle and vibrant arts scene.

Day 11 Abel Tasman National Park

This morning transfer by coach from Nelson to Kaiteriteri to board your cruiser into the heart of Abel Tasman National Park. Choose to stay on board or disembark at idyllic Medlands Beach to walk the most varied section of the Abel Tasman Coastal Track, around the spectacular Torrent Bay estuary to the golden sands of Anchorage beach. Return to Kaiteriteri by boat then to Nelson by coach.

Day 12 Nelson to Blenheim to Christchurch

Depart by coach from Nelson to Blenheim, before connecting with the Coastal Pacific Train for an exhilarating rail journey along the east coast to the city of Christchurch, passing through Kaikoura en route.

Day 13 Christchurch to Hokitika

Board the TranzAlpine train in Christchurch for a scenic rail journey through the splendour of the Southern Alps to the west coast. Enjoy thrilling vistas over deep gorges as you travel alongside the Waimakariri River to Arthur's Pass before continuing on to the town of Greymouth.

Collect your rental car and drive down the west coast to the town of Hokitika, famed for its gold mining heritage.

Day 14 Hokitika to Fox Glacier

After breakfast continue south through the native rainforest of the Southern Alps mountain range to the small township of Fox Glacier. Take a walk to the glacier and around the beautiful Lake Matheson. We can arrange an ice hiking adventure, or book you onto a scenic flight to see the glacier close up.

Day 15 Fox Glacier to Wanaka

Today travel south through the ever-changing scenery of the Haast Pass across the Southern Alps, around the shores of Lake Hawea and into the charming town of Wanaka in Mount Aspiring National Park.

Spend the afternoon exploring the town's galleries, cafes and craft studios or take a walk around the shores of the lake and dine at one of the many highly rated restaurants.

Day 16 Wanaka

Spend the day at leisure today. Take a short drive out to the Matukituki Valley to view the Rob Roy Glacier, or enjoy an exhilarating river cruise on Lake Wanaka. Alternatively visit the magical Mou Waho Island nature reserve, where guide Chris Riley will introduce you to the unique landscapes and diverse flora and fauna of the island.

Day 17 Wanaka to Te Anau

Travel across Central Otago, around the shores of Lake Wakatipu and across Southland to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland National Park. Enjoy a short walk around the lake or cruise to the western shores and visit the glow-worm caves.

Day 18 Milford Sound Day Excursion

Journey by coach from Te Anau into Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Stop at the Mirror Lakes to see the near perfect reflections of the mountains before arriving in Milford Sound. Cruise the Sound, past Mitre Peak and on to the Tasman Sea. Enjoy the stunning scenery of cascading waterfalls and dense rainforest and learn about the marine life that inhabits these waters.

Day 19 Te Anau to Queenstown

Travel to Queenstown, 'Switzerland of the Southern Hemisphere', nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu.

Day 20 Queenstown

Stroll the town's lovely gardens, cruise Lake Wakatipu on the 100 year old steamship TSS Earnslaw, or choose from a host of adrenalin activities from bungee jumping and rafting to off-road tours into nearby Skippers Canyon and Arrowtown.

ACCOMMODATION

In Auckland your 4-star accommodation is in a stylish, centrally located hotel. In the Bay of Islands stay in a well-appointed bed & breakfast accommodation with views to the native bush and bay areas.

A warm reception awaits you at your farmstay in Cambridge or Te Awamatu where you'll share your evening meal with the family.

In Rotorua your overnight is in a lakeside hotel and in Hawkes Bay, you'll stay with friendly hosts at a charming bed & breakfast.

To Wellington for a stay in a central 4-star hotel and on South Island your first nights will be in Nelson at a hotel in a riverside setting.

Small welcoming bed & breakfasts complete the picture through the South Island.

All accommodation subject to availability at the time of booking.

Day 21 Queenstown to Mount Cook

Drive through the grape growing region of Central Otago and alongside the shores of Lake Pukaki into Mount Cook National Park.

On a clear evening, explore the southern sky with an expert astronomy guide at the Mount John Observatory and take a close look at distant galaxies.

Day 22 Mount Cook

Visit the Sir Edmund Hilary Alpine Centre and take the Hooker Valley track walk for panoramic views of Mount Cook.

Day 23 Mount Cook to Christchurch

Travel to Tekapo stopping at the quaint Church of the Good Shepherd, which has stunning views from the altar window across the lake to the mountains. Continue through the rural communities of Fairlie and Geraldine then across the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch.

Day 24 Christchurch

Following 2011's devastating earthquakes, the 'Garden City' is fast-rebuilding, blending old with new to reclaim its place as the premier city on South Island. A guided tour with a local is a must.

Take a short drive out to the Port Hills for great walks, or a little further afield is the French settlement of Akaroa with its pretty harbour and holiday feel.

Day 25 Depart New Zealand

After breakfast transfer to Christchurch International Airport to return your rental vehicle and board your flight home.

PRICES

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Tour only from £3,295

Tour and flight from £4,795

Single supplement prices available on request

Price includes:
 Return flights from London Heathrow in economy class - included in 'tour and flight' prices only
 Meet and greet by your Silver Fern representative at Auckland International Airport
 Transfers by private car as specified.
 24 nights' accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis.
 Sightseeing as specified (excludes close up options, unless you choose to pre-book these)
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The Best of New Zealand

19 DAYS NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS

FROM £2,266

CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

Our suggestions

Take a day trip from Auckland to the volcanic island of Rangitoto or to the conservation island of Tiritiri Matangi

Visit the fascinating Rotorua museum, housed in a former Bathhouse

Enjoy a Hangi, a traditional Maori feast

Tramp the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, New Zealand's finest one day walk

Cruise the breathtaking Abel Tasman coastline

Take a flight around Mount Cook

Explore Milford or Doubtful Sound on a Nature and Wildlife Cruise

See the best of New Zealand in three weeks from the thermal splendours of Rotorua, and the contrasting landscapes of Tongariro National Park on North Island to the majestic alpine scenery of Fiordland and vibrant arts scene of Nelson in the south, with some unforgettable experiences en route.



- 1. Te Puia, Rotorua
- 2. Pelorus Mail Boat, Havelock
- 3. Chateau Tongariro
- 4. Emerald Pool, Tongariro

ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

We greet you on arrival and take you to your city-centre hotel where you can relax for the rest of the day and spend time exploring the 'City of Sails'.

Day 2 Auckland

A great start to your Auckland sightseeing is to ascend the Sky Tower: the SkyWalk or SkyJump are optional! Nearby Queen Street is the main strip, and the Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki is well worth a visit. Colonial architecture and good shopping can be enjoyed in the 'villages' of Parnell and Ponsonby. Complete your day with a waterfront dinner in the newly-developed Wynyard Quarter.

Day 3 Auckland to Waitomo to Rotorua

Collect your rental vehicle and drive south for a visit to the Waitomo glow-worm caves before being welcomed by your hosts at a farmstay near Rotorua. Your hosts will extend their hospitality to you with a farm tour followed by a delicious home-cooked dinner and a cosy night's stay.

Day 4 Rotorua

Explore the stunning scenery, sparkling lakes and countless geothermal attractions that make Rotorua such a popular destination.

The museum set in the Bathhouse at Government Gardens tells the touching story of the Maori Battalion in WW2 and is well worth taking time to visit. We can recommend a hangi if you wish to eat Maori-style this evening.

Day 5 Rotorua to Tongariro National Park

Heading south out of Rotorua, take a couple of hours to discover the 'champagne pool', 'artist's palette' and the Lady Knox Geyser at Wai O Tapu Geothermal Park. Stop off in Taupo for lunch before driving into Tongariro National Park, a beautiful area of volcanic peaks.

Day 6 Tongariro National Park or Napier

Described as the finest one day walk in New Zealand, the Tongariro Crossing is a spectacular full day traverse of the 'saddle' between Mount Tongariro and Ngauruhoe. Shorter walks to Taranaki Falls, Silica Lakes and Tama Lakes are also possible, and there's an all-weather golf course. Take a well-earned soak in a natural hot pool at nearby Tokaanu. Alternatively visit the Art Deco town of Napier.

Day 7 Tongariro to Wellington

Travel south through the country towns of Bulls and Levin to Wellington, 'the coolest little capital in the world' according to the Lonely Planet Guide. Leave your car at the Wellington depot and relax at your hotel before dinner and an evening stroll through Civic Square to a Queens Wharf eatery.

Day 8 Wellington

Wellington is small enough to get your bearings on a guided walking tour before exploring independently. Take the cable car up to the Kelburn lookout for great city and harbour views and walk down through the Botanic Gardens, stopping for afternoon tea in the Rose Garden.

Day 9 Wellington to Picton to Nelson

Board the Interislander Ferry to cruise through the Marlborough and Queen Charlotte Sounds to Picton where you join your coach for the journey to Nelson, lucky enough to hold the title of the sunniest town in New Zealand!

Day 10 Abel Tasman National Park

Paradise Found! Abel Tasman National Park is a mosaic of golden coves and turquoise lagoons, which you can explore on a cruise along the coastline, with opportunities for wild swimming, kayaking and easy walking through sub-tropical bush and along golden beaches. The stunning natural beauty of the area makes it a real highlight of any trip to New Zealand.

Day 11 Nelson to Punakaiki

Collect your rental vehicle and drive inland towards Murchison, a scenic route through the Buller Gorge to Westport, where you can take a walk on the rocky Cape Foulwind Walkway – with viewing platforms to see the fur seal colony, shearwaters and penguins. Follow the rugged coast to Punakaiki and the extraordinary blowholes at Dolomite Point.

Day 12 Punakaiki to Franz Josef

Easy driving down the west coast to Hokitika, where you should pay a visit to the excellent museum and a selection of art and craft co-operatives. Call in at the Stella Cafe for some home cooking. Arrive in Franz Josef mid-afternoon for walks to the glacier or a helicopter flight – and landing – on the ice itself.

Day 13 Franz Josef to Queenstown

Early morning is the best time for beautiful reflections of the Mount Cook mountain panorama in the still, deep waters of Lake Matheson. Then head up over the Haast Pass into Mount Aspiring National Park and on to Queenstown.

Day 14 Queenstown

So much to do, so little time! Stroll the town's lovely gardens, cruise Lake Wakatipu on the 100 year old steamship TSS Earnslaw or choose from a host of adrenalin activities from bungee jumping and rafting to off-road tours to Skippers Canyon and Arrowtown.

Day 15 Queenstown to Te Anau or Milford Sound

There is only one road into Milford Sound, but the coach trip through Fiordland is rewarded by the breathtaking beauty of waterfalls pouring into the Sound, with Mitre Peak behind.

For a shorter day, drive to Te Anau and relax beside, or on, the beautiful lake. The glow-worm caves are well worth discovering.

Day 16 Queenstown to Mount Cook

Drive through Mackenzie Country to follow the shores of Lake Pukaki to Mount Cook Village. Short walks to Kea Point or into the Hooker Valley offer wonderful views of the mountains. Return to the nearby township of Twizel for your overnight stay.

Day 17 Mount Cook to Christchurch

Make an early stop at Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd, where the window behind the altar frames an astonishing view of the lake. Then take a scenic drive across the tussock plains through Fairlie and Geraldine to Christchurch.

Day 18 Christchurch Sightseeing

Following 2011's devastating earthquakes, the Garden City is fast-rebuilding, blending old (the Botanic Gardens, River Avon and the electric Tram) with new (the extraordinary temporary Cathedral, the Re:START Mall and countless pop-up bars and restaurants) to reclaim its place as the premier city on South Island. A guided tour with a local is a must.

Day 19 Depart Christchurch

After breakfast transfer to Christchurch International Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, have a chat with us about dovetailing your Independent itinerary with one of our Small Group Journeys to extend your time in New Zealand.

ACCOMMODATION

In Auckland your 4-star plus accommodation is in a stylish centrally located hotel, near the shops, restaurants, and waterfront. In Rotorua opt for a night at a farmstay for some real kiwi hospitality followed by a stay at a lakeside hotel and in Tongariro National Park your overnights are in a lodge at the base of Mount Ruapehu.

In Wellington you'll stay in a luxury boutique bed & breakfast, and in Nelson enjoy a two night stay at a hotel with a lovely riverside setting. Charming bed & breakfasts await you in Hokitika, Franz Josef Glacier and Queenstown – each with their own unique character. All are family owned and offer a warm welcome.

At Twizel, stay in a country inn, and in Christchurch, a comfortable, historic landmark home close to Hagley Park and the Botanic Gardens.

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South Island Spectacular

14 DAYS SOUTH ISLAND

FROM £1,995

CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

Our suggestions

Embark on a guided Franz Josef heli-hike into the dramatic alpine landscape

Head to the Matukituki Valley in Mount Aspiring National Park for a superb day walk to the Rob Roy Glacier

Blow your mind with a visit to Puzzling World in Wanaka

Help with the reforestation of Mou Waho Island and plant a tree as part of their conservation project

Explore Milford Sound on a Nature or Wildlife Cruise like no other on the Milford Mariner

Enjoy spectacular scenery for aboard the Taieri Gorge Railway in Dunedin

Experience a taste of French Colonial past on a day trip to Akaroa from Christchurch

Get closer to nature and swim with seals and dolphins or go whale spotting in Kaikoura

SOUTH ISLAND



The South Island deserves its own tour, so much is there to see and do. From the action packed adventure playground of Queenstown to the remote tranquillity of Milford Sound and the majestic peaks of the Southern Alps, this is a memorable journey through some of New Zealand's most iconic landscapes.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Christchurch

We meet your flight and transfer you to your hotel. Today is free for you to get your bearings and explore the 'Garden City' of Christchurch.

Day 2 Christchurch to Greymouth to Hokitika

Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's great rail journeys, across the Southern Alps to the west coast.

Arrive in Greymouth and collect your rental vehicle for an afternoon drive along the rugged coastline to Hokitika. This gold mining era town still has a frontier feel: open artists workshops offer carved jade and other Maori crafts, and the museum is highly recommended.

Day 3 Hokitika to Franz Josef

Travel to Westland National Park, which extends from the rugged beaches of the west coast to the stunning snow-capped Southern Alps.

Walk the trail to the glacier or wow yourself with a scenic flight over the rivers of ice: you can even land on the snow-field at the top!

Day 4 Franz Josef to Wanaka

Drive past Fox Glacier and on to Lake Matheson, on a clear day you're rewarded with unforgettable reflections of the Mount Cook range in the still waters. Continue south over the Haast Pass into Mount Aspiring National Park. Arrive in Wanaka and enjoy a lakeside walk or a stroll around this pretty town. We recommend booking a table for dinner at Relishes restaurant.

Day 5 Wanaka

Board a paddle boat or lake cruiser to explore Lake Wanaka, or drive to the delightful Glendhu Bay for easy walks and beautiful views.

Relax in the evening at Cinema Paradiso, a classic movie theatre with an interesting choice of seating!

Day 6 Wanaka to Queenstown

An easy drive over the Crown Range through orchards and farmlands to Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure playground and South Island's busiest resort.

Day 7 Queenstown

There are experiences and activities to suit every thrill-level and budget in and around Queenstown. Hire a bike to explore local routes that are part of New Zealand's National Cycle Trail. Throw yourself off a bridge whilst tied to a piece of elastic: this is the home of bungee jumping! Jet-boating on



the Shotover and Kawarau rivers is popular: the steamship TSS Earnslaw on Lake Wakatipu is a more stately option.

Day 8 Queenstown to Milford to Te Anau

It is almost impossible to visit South Island and not make the pilgrimage to Milford Sound, one of the most remotely beautiful places in the world. Most visitors opt for a coach trip to get there to avoid the challenging drive deep into Fiordland National Park. On your return, overnight at Te Anau.

Day 9 Te Anau to Dunedin

Roll through New Zealand's sheep farming heartland through Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, for city sightseeing. We suggest a visit to the city's Railway Station to admire the architecture: Ale drinkers might like to take a tour of the Speights Brewery.

Day 10 Otago Wildlife Excursions

Head out onto the Otago Peninsula to see Royal Albatross at Taiaroa Head, while on Allans Beach you may be lucky enough to see yellow-eyed penguins, fur seals and sea lions.

Day 11 Dunedin to Mount Cook

Time to head north along the coast road, but pause at the Moeraki Boulders, calcite formations 65 million years old. Turn inland to Mount Cook National Park where you can enjoy a short walk to Kea Point or walk further along the Hooker Valley for wonderful views of this alpine panorama. Overnight in Mount Cook.

Day 12 Mount Cook to Christchurch

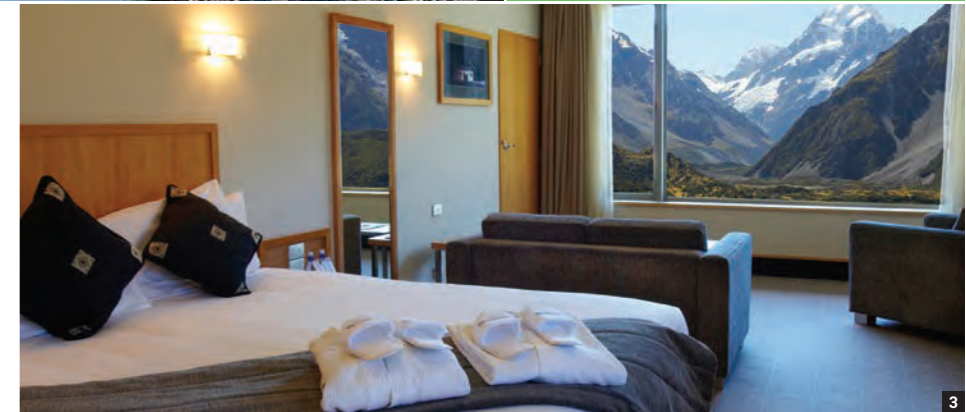
Stop at the church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo, one of New Zealand's most photographed spots. Then cross the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch where you return your rental vehicle.

Day 13 Christchurch

This most English of New Zealand cities suffered a succession of terrible earthquakes in early 2011. Christchurch is re-inventing itself with typical Kiwi spirit and exciting new sights include the 'cardboard' cathedral and Re:START shopping mall in re-purposed shipping containers. A guided tour of the city will help you to understand the past including the beautiful Botanic Gardens and the present and future hopes for the city.

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1. Soft pedalling, Queenstown
2. Wanaka River Journeys
3. Hermitage, Mount Cook
4. Re:START
5. Taieri Gorge Railway, Dunedin
6. Whalewatching, Kaikoura

Tour with us



SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

OUR ESCORTED TOURS ARE JUST THAT – OURS – CREATED BY US, EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR GUESTS. NOT ONLY ARE OUR ITINERARIES UNIQUE, BUT WE CHOOSE TO TOUR WITH NO MORE THAN 16 PEOPLE WHICH MEANS THAT OUR SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS OFFER AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES TO GET CLOSE TO THE REAL NEW ZEALAND.

Silver Fern Holidays' escorted tours are very special, not only because our itineraries are different, but because we take a very different approach to touring. So instead of a standard 'coach tour' you can enjoy a flexible, in-depth, comfortable, good-humoured and unforgettable journey.

We have named each itinerary after a native tree or flower, many of which you may encounter while travelling with us.

Our 'master journey' we call Tana Mahuta, the Mighty Kauri, a superb 21 day tour that packs in the maximum number of unforgettable experiences. If you don't have 21 days to spare, or if you wish to combine an escorted journey with tailor-made arrangements, then pick one of our shorter tours which join and leave the main tour during our three week adventure through New Zealand.





WHY CHOOSE A SILVER FERN SMALL GROUP JOURNEY?

SMALL GROUPS

Our 16-seater vehicles are agile enough to explore roads less-travelled, approaching New Zealand's most beautiful sights – both iconic and hidden gems – from a different angle. We can get off the beaten track just as easily as we can cruise Highway 1. Our vehicles are also very comfortable, with good legroom, headroom and picture windows so you can see where you're going, but we don't want you to experience New Zealand through plate glass, so we take every opportunity we can to get you off the coach!

GREAT LEADERS, EXPERT GUIDES

Perhaps it is because it is a small country on the other side of the world that the first question visitors are often asked is 'what do you think of our country?' Kiwis are passionate about showing visitors the best of

New Zealand so not only are our hand-picked leaders safe drivers in all conditions, but they are also happy personalities, full of knowledge, enthusiasm, insights and practical advice. At some points we meet up with a local guide to add his or her expertise to enhance your experience. These include Kiwis who are wildlife, eco, geothermal or Maori specialists with whom you can engage on a personal level.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES

With a small group we can be more flexible about each day's timetable, creating opportunities for surprise encounters and time for stops en route. So if someone spots a Takehe we can stop for a photo; if there's a new exhibition at a museum we can linger longer and if it's 90 degrees in the shade we can cool down at the beach before we hit the road again.

Our itineraries range from 10 to 21 days so there's one to suit you, and we are also flexible enough to top and tail any tour with tailor-made arrangements to fit in with your individual requirements.

GOOD COMPANY

In a group of no more than 16 it is easy to find common ground with like-minded travellers and at the same time enjoy a variety of dinner table conversations. Our small group size also means we can dispense with 'coach tour' admin like asking you to wear a name badge, and good manners and good humour are more important to us than strict time-keeping. Discovering New Zealand in this way is a very special experience, with the potential for serendipitous surprises, a lot of laughs and perhaps new friends for life.

GETTING CLOSE-UP

Because we are few in number, we can go places and see things that are simply not practical for 'coach tour' groups of 40 or more. So while we include all the 'must-see' sights in our itineraries, we also add smaller-scale adventures that only a small group can experience. You'll never forget your first sight across Auckland harbour, or of Aoraki/Mount Cook, but your happiest memories may well be of our guided walk through the Waimangu Valley, comparing wine notes in Hawkes Bay or enjoying a leisurely lunch in a Coromandel cafe.

HOSPITALITY

Our itineraries include a wonderful mix of hotels, lodges and home-stays along the way, because we are not confined to using mass-market hotels. Sometimes we choose a large city hotel because of its central location, but wherever

possible we opt for smaller, family-run properties with their own character, including carefully hand-picked B&B's, local farms and sheep stations so that you can enjoy some real Kiwi hospitality.

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

All our tour dates are guaranteed departures, whether we travel with two or four passengers, or a full complement of 16, so you can make your international travel plans accordingly, without concerns as to whether your holiday will go ahead.

As part of our Responsible Travel ethos, when you book a Small Group Journey we make a donation on your behalf to New Zealand's unique TREES FOR TRAVELLERS PROJECT. The project is based in Kaikoura, and is reforesting a local reserve with native trees. Find out more at treesfortravellers.co.nz.





Tane Mahuta

21 DAYS NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS

Auckland – Kauri Country – Bay of Islands – Coromandel – Rotorua – Napier – Wellington
Nelson – Abel Tasman National Park – Punakaiki – Glacier Country – Queenstown
Milford Sound – Dunedin – Aoraki Mount Cook – Christchurch

FROM £4,375

CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

Enjoy a taste of true kiwi hospitality as you're welcomed into a family home on a farm stay overnight experience

Take part in a Maori cultural experience and join in a Haka in Rotorua

Discover the history of the colourful Art Deco town of Napier on a guided walking tour

MUST SEE INCLUSIONS

Cruising and walk a section of the stunning Abel Tasman National Park

Journeyming through the majestic Milford Sound accompanied by a specialist nature guide on a unique overnight experience

Visiting the Miranda Shorebird Centre to learn about some of New Zealand's amazing migratory birdlife

Exploring Te Puia, a geothermal wonderland



Join us for a three week Small Group Journey that will take you on an adventure like no other. Experience the breath taking scenery of snow-capped Alps, wander through lush tropical rainforests and relax on wide sandy beaches.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Auckland **B**

Haere mai – welcome! Arrive into Auckland and spend the afternoon and evening getting to know the 'City of Sails' and your fellow travellers. *Rendezvous Grand Hotel*

Day 2 Auckland to Bay of Islands **B**

Leaving Auckland behind, we travel up Northland's west coast to the Waipoua Forest, where our Maori guide leads us deep into the forest to see Tane Mahuta, the largest kauri tree in the world. In the afternoon we head east to the pretty seaside town of Paihia. *Kingsgate Hotel*

Day 3 Bay of Islands **B**

We start the day in Russell with a guided tour where we learn about this pretty little town's rip-roaring past, when drunken sailors earned it the name, 'the hell hole of the Pacific'.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the area on foot or take a dolphin cruise in the spectacular Bay of Islands. *Kingsgate Hotel*

Day 4 Bay of Islands to Coromandel Peninsula **B**

A morning visit to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the treaty between Maori tribes and British settlers was signed in 1840.

Later we head south, driving through the lush farmland of Waikato to the Firth of Thames, where we stop to visit the Miranda Shorebird Centre. *Pacific Harbour Lodge*

Day 5 Explore the Coromandel Peninsula **B**

Visit Hot Water Beach, and take a walk to the marine reserve of Cathedral Cove.

We recommend lunch under the fruit trees at Colenso Cafe, where chef Carol Whitford may share the secret of her pavlova with you! *Pacific Harbour Lodge*

Day 6 Coromandel Peninsula to Rotorua **B**

Travel south on the Pacific Coast Highway to Rotorua. Here we visit the excellent Rotorua Museum, and take a trip to Te Puia, an active geothermal site, and the centre for indigenous arts and crafts and a Kiwi conservation project. *Distinction Hotel Rotorua*

Day 7 Rotorua **B D**

This morning we walk through the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, and hear about the volcanic eruption of Mount Tarawera in 1886 which destroyed the world-famous 'Pink & White' silica terraces.



Later, we'll spend time at a local Marae to listen to ancient legends and learn about Maori lifestyles today. An evening Maori cultural concert and traditional Maori meal end the day in style. *Distinction Hotel Rotorua*

Day 8 Rotorua to Napier **B D**

Today we head south, past Huka Falls to Lake Taupo where we have time for lunch. We arrive in Napier mid-afternoon and take a guided walking tour of this fabulous Art Deco city.

The area is also well loved for its fabulous wines so this evening our treat is a dinner with a glass of wine at the Mission Estate Winery. *Scenic Hotel Te Pania*

Day 9 Napier to Wellington **B**

This morning we travel south through the Wairarapa to arrive in the country's capital city Wellington. Spend the afternoon sightseeing, and take the cable car up to the Kelburn lookout before walking back down through the Botanic Gardens and enjoying tea in the Lady Rosewood Garden.

Visit Te Papa, the National Museum, to learn more about the culture and history of New Zealand. *James Cook Chancellor Hotel*

Day 10 Wellington to Nelson **B**

We board the Interislander Ferry across the Cook Strait and through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound to Picton. On arrival, travel to the delightful town of Nelson, our base for two nights.

In the afternoon we stretch our legs along on a section of the Centre of New Zealand Walkway. *Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast*

Day 11 Abel Tasman National Park **B**

Paradise found! Abel Tasman National Park is a mosaic of golden coves and turquoise lagoons sheltered by forested ranges to the south. We board a small cruiser for a day of exploration, with native wildlife a highlight of our scenery. *Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast*

Day 12 Nelson to Punakaiki **B**

Today we travel inland following the Buller River gorge, emerging at Westport for a short walk on the coastal path to Cape Foulwind where we may see fur seals, sooty shearwaters and blue penguins.

Then to Charleston to catch the Rainforest Train into the magnificent Nile River Canyon, before we follow the rugged coast road to Punakaiki. *Punakaiki Resort*

Day 13 Punakaiki to Glacier Country **B**

Drive to Hokitika and into gold mining country. Visit the excellent local museum and see greenstone being carved and polished in one of the towns workshops.

In the afternoon we reach Westland National Park, where ice meets rainforest at the foot of the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. We base ourselves in laid-back Franz Josef township for ease of access to the slowly moving 'river' of ice. *Scenic Hotel Franz Josef*

Day 14 Franz Josef to Queenstown **B**

After a morning stroll around Lake Matheson, with its stunning reflections of the mountains we head up over the Haast Pass along the river road, deep into Mount Aspiring National Park.

Arriving at Wanaka there's a choice of lakeside strolls with a stop to quench our thirst at the much photographed Cardrona Pub. *Novotel*

Day 15 Queenstown **B**

A day at leisure to relax or explore. Thrill-seekers may zip-line from Bob's Peak, get drenched on a Shotover jet-boat ride or go white-water rafting.

Those seeking a more relaxed option may choose to discover Lake Wakatipu with a cruise on the classic steamship TSS Earnslaw up to Walter Peak Station. *Novotel*

Day 16 Queenstown to Milford Mariner Overnight Cruise **B D**

We take the coach into Milford Sound, winding through deep valleys past the aptly-named Mirror Lakes to reach the Sound, where we board the Milford Mariner.

We cruise the full length of the Sound, learning about its geology, flora and fauna from the on-board nature guide, before anchoring in a sheltered cove. **Dinner, an en-suite cabin and breakfast are all included in this overnight trip.*

Day 17 Fiordland National Park to Dunedin **B**

Travel along the shore of Lake Te Anau and on to the city of Dunedin.

In the afternoon we head out to the Otago Peninsula to find penguins and seals, and, at Taiaroa Head, the only mainland nesting site of the Royal Albatross. *Scenic Hotel Dunedin*

Day 18 Dunedin to Aoraki, Mount Cook National Park **B**

Today we drive north along the coast, pausing to see the extraordinary Moeraki Boulders, before turning inland towards Mount Cook National Park.

We go on foot along the Hooker Valley trail for a close-up view of the Southern Hemisphere's highest peak, Mount Cook. *Mackenzie Country Inn, Twizel*

WHAT'S INCLUDED

All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide

Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)

Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary

The services of local guides where referenced

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

25 Meals Included (20 Breakfasts, 5 dinners)

Enjoy a wine tasting and evening meal at Mission Estate, New Zealand's oldest winery

Experience an authentic Maori Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture

Indulge in a three course evening buffet meal and breakfast on the Milford Mariner

Appreciate true kiwi hospitality with a family dinner during your farm/home stay

Day 19 Aoraki, Mount Cook to Ashburton **B D**

This morning we travel through Mackenzie country, stopping at the Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre to see a wonderful collection of Ngai Tahu tribal rock drawings.

Later, we drop you off in smaller groups at three or four farms around Ashburton, where your hosts will extend their hospitality to you to with a farm tour followed by a delicious home-cooked dinner and a cosy night's stay. *Farmstay*

Day 20 Ashburton to Christchurch **B D**

This most English of New Zealand cities suffered a succession of terrible earthquakes in 2011. Christchurch is reinventing itself with typical Kiwi spirit and exciting new projects including the cardboard cathedral and RE:Start Shopping Mall in repurposed shipping containers. A guided tour will help you understand the present and future hopes for the city.

This is the final part of our journey together so tonight we relax over a farewell dinner that showcases the best of New Zealand food and wine. *Chateau On The park*

Day 21 Depart Christchurch **B**

If you are leaving New Zealand today, after breakfast we transfer you to Christchurch Airport for your flight home. Alternatively we can extend your stay in Christchurch for a few days or arrange onward independent touring by car or TransAlpine train. Either way, we must say farewell, and waving you off with amazing memories of your time in New Zealand.

DATES & PRICES

14 Feb – 6 March 2017	£4,945
14 March – 3 April 2017	£4,945
11 April – 1 May 2017	£4,375
14 Nov – 4 Dec 2017	£5,138
Single Supplement	£1,375
13 Feb – 5 Mar 2018	£TBC
13 Mar – 2 Apr 2018	£TBC
10 Apr – 30 Apr 2018	£TBC
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* For 2017 we will be on the Doubtful Sound overnight cruise.



Pohutukawa

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Take the 20 minute walk up to the terminal Face of Franz Josef Glacier to see the river of ice

Dig your own Hot Pool at Hot Water Beach in the Coromandel

Cruise on Lake Rotomahana in the Waimangu Volcanic valley, created in 1884 by the huge eruption of Mount Tarawera

MUST SEE INCLUSIONS

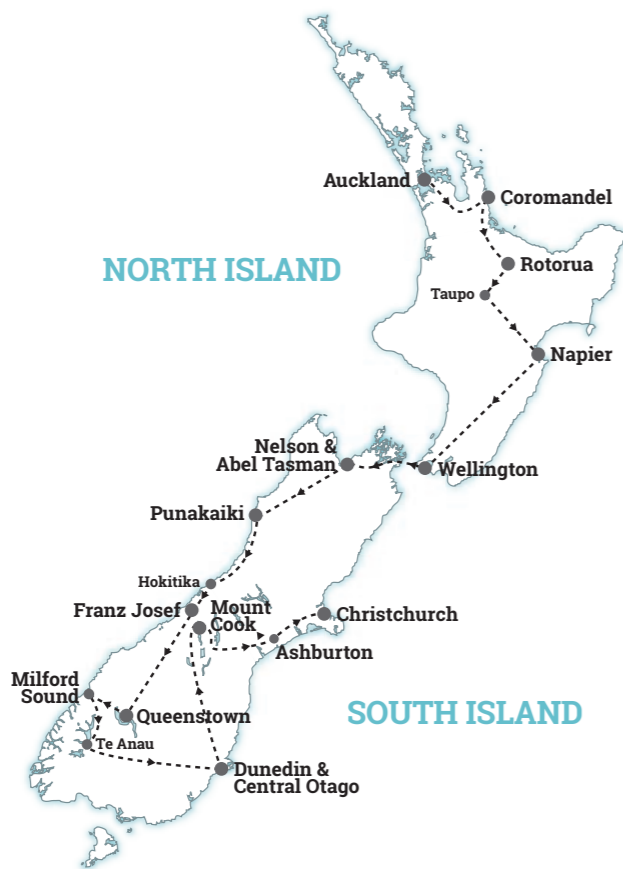
Visiting the Miranda Shorebird Centre to get close to some of New Zealand's amazing migratory birds

Listening to traditional stories of Ranganui the sky Father and Papatuanuku at a Maori Meeting House in Rotorua

Boarding a small cruiser for a day of exploration in Abel Tasman National Park

Taking a walk up the Hooker Valley to see the Mighty Mount Cook – the highest mountain in the Southern Hemisphere – close up

This Small Group Journey takes you through some of our favourite places and spaces in the North and South Islands, discovering fantastic coastlines and immersing you in Maori culture and history.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand! You will receive a warm welcome on arrival into Auckland International Airport. We meet you from your flight and take you to your hotel to freshen up. The rest of the day is yours to explore or rest at your leisure.

Rendezvous Grand Hotel

Day 2 Auckland to Coromandel Peninsula B

Our tour begins as we leave Auckland and drive south to the Firth of Thames to stop at the Miranda Shorebird Centre where you will learn about the amazing annual migrations of wrybills, godwits and shorebirds that in summer travel the 10,000km in their journey south from the Arctic Circle. Later, arrive in Tairua harbour, where pacific-island-style chalets are our home for the night.

Pacific Harbour Lodge

Day 3 Coromandel Peninsula B

Take a walk to the marine reserve of Cathedral Cove, one of the most picturesque spots in the Coromandel. Enjoy the golden beaches – it's not every day you can dig your own spa pool to relax in as you can on Hot Water Beach! There are plenty of relaxing spots to enjoy a leisurely lunch under the shade of the local fruit trees.

Pacific Harbour Lodge

Day 4 Coromandel Peninsula to Rotorua B

Travel through the Bay of Plenty en route to Rotorua where our first stop is the excellent Rotorua Museum, situated in a former bathhouse. We spend the afternoon at Te Puia where guides will share stories and give you an insight into this fascinating geothermal area.

Distinction Hotel Rotorua

Day 5 Rotorua B D

This morning we visit the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, and take a guided walking and cruising tour to learn more about the history of this fascinating region. We also travel to a local Marae (Maori meeting house) to listen to some ancient legends and learn about Maori lifestyle today. An evening Maori cultural concert and traditional hangi meal end the day in style.

Distinction Hotel Rotorua



Day 6 Rotorua to Napier B D

Take in the crashing waters of Huka Falls and the vastness of Lake Taupo, the largest freshwater lake in New Zealand, before heading on to the Art Deco town of Napier.

We'll take a guided walking tour of the city, before enjoying an evening treat of dinner with a glass of wine at Mission Estate Winery

Scenic Hotel, Te Pania

Day 7 Napier to Wellington B

We continue south through the rolling hills of the Wairarapa to arrive in Wellington. Spend the afternoon sightseeing with a visit to the Beehive, Wellingtons fondly nicknamed parliament building, and a short ride up to the Kelburn lookout in the iconic red cable car.

Te Papa, the National Museum is an absolute must see during your time in the city.

James Cook Chancellor Hotel

Day 8 Wellington to Nelson B

We board the Interislander Ferry to cross the Cook Strait and travel through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound to Picton. On arrival we drive to Nelson, officially the sunniest town in New Zealand. Enjoy an easy walk on the Centre of New Zealand Walkway to enjoy the stunning views of the area.

Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast

Day 9 Abel Tasman National Park B

Paradise found! Abel Tasman's shimmering waters and golden beaches make it a real high point to any trip to New Zealand. We board a small cruiser to explore, with opportunities for swimming and walking.

Walkers can take an easy 4-hour hike through the sub-tropical bush to Torrent Bay and its beautiful turquoise lagoon to re-join our cruiser for the trip home.

Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast

Day 10 Nelson to Punakaiki B

From Nelson we travel inland along the Buller River gorge to Cape Foulwind where we may see fur seals, sooty shearwaters and blue penguins.

Then to Charleston to view glimmering glow-worms from the Rainforest Train before continuing along the rugged coast to Punakaiki.

Punakaiki Resort

Day 11 Punakaiki to Glacier Country B

On to the goldmining town of Hokitika, and a free morning to explore the town and visit the excellent local museum or see greenstone being carved and polished in a local workshop.

In the afternoon we reach Westland National Park which extends from the rugged beaches of the west coast to the stunning snow-capped Southern Alps.

Scenic Franz Josef Hotel

Day 12 Franz Josef to Queenstown B

After a morning visit to Lake Matheson, we head up over the Haast Pass along the river road, travelling beside the icy river and deep into Mount Aspiring National Park.

Arriving at Wanaka there's a choice of lakeside strolls before we stop for afternoon refreshments at the Cardrona Pub. We continue our journey over the Crown Range and down to Queenstown.

Novotel

Day 13 Queenstown B

A day at leisure to relax or explore. Take a gentle ride on the Skyline Gondola, or discover Lake Wakatipu in style with a cruise on the classic steamship TSS Earnslaw up to Walter Peak Station.

Thrill-seekers can zip-line from Bob's Peak, get drenched on a Shotover jet-boat ride or go white-water rafting.

Novotel

Day 14 Queenstown – Milford Mariner Overnight Cruise* B D

Take a breath-taking journey by coach along the edge of Lake Wakatipu, through the Eglington Valley and the Homer Tunnel to arrive at Milford Sound where we board our cruiser.

Marvel at the fiord's spectacular rainforest, waterfalls, mountains and wildlife – we may encounter dolphins and penguins if we're lucky.

**Dinner, an en-suite cabin and breakfast are all included in this overnight trip.*

Day 15 Fiordland National Park to Dunedin B

Today we travel along the shore of Lake Te Anau, stretching our legs on the Blair Atholl Walkway on the banks of the River Clutha before continuing to the city of Dunedin.

From here we head out to the Otago Peninsula to find penguins, seals, and, at Taiaoro Head, the only mainland nesting site of the Royal Albatross.

Scenic Hotel Dunedin

Day 16 Dunedin to Aoraki; Mount Cook National Park B

Heading north along the coast we then turn inland to Mount Cook National Park. The shimmering, bright blue glacier-fed waters of Lake Pukaki provide our scenery as we drive to the top of the lake to go on foot along the Hooker Valley trail for a close-up view of the Southern Hemisphere's highest peak, Mount Cook.

Country Inn, Twizel

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide
- Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)
- Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary
- The services of local guides where referenced

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 23 Meals Included (18 Breakfasts, 5 dinners)
- Enjoy a wine tasting and evening meal at Mission Estate, New Zealand's oldest winery
- Experience an authentic Maori Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture
- Dine amongst nature on board the Milford Mariner overnight cruise
- Tuck into a delicious home-cooked dinner with your hosts at a farmstay near Ashburton

Day 17 Aoraki; Mount Cook to Ashburton B D

This morning we head through Mackenzie country, stopping at the Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre to journey into the origins of Maori folklore & heritage. Later, experience true Kiwi hospitality at a farm stay accommodation where your hosts will greet you with a farm tour followed by a delicious home-cooked dinner and a cosy night's sleep.

Farmstay

Day 18 Ashburton to Christchurch B D

Enjoy a drive through the Canterbury Plains as we set off for Christchurch, New Zealand's 'Garden City'. Take a tour of the city and stroll through Hagley Park or hire a kayak or paddle boat to enjoy the gardens from the peaceful setting of the River Avon.

This is the final part of our journey together so tonight we relax together over a farewell dinner that showcases the best of New Zealand food and wine.

Chateau on the Park

Day 19 Depart Christchurch B

If you are leaving New Zealand today, we transfer you to Christchurch Airport for your flight home after you have enjoyed your final kiwi breakfast. Alternatively we can extend your stay in Christchurch for a few days or arrange onward independent touring by car or TransAlpine train.

DATES & PRICES

16 Feb – 6 Mar 2017	£4,595
16 Mar – 3 Apr 2017	£4,595
13 Apr – 1 May 2017	£4,095
16 Nov – 4 Dec 2017	£4,763
Single Supplement	£1,295
15 Feb – 5 Mar 2018	£TBC
15 Mar – 2 Apr 2018	£TBC
12 Apr – 30 Apr 2018	£TBC
15 Nov – 3 Dec 2018	£TBC
Single Supplement	£TBC

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Kowhai

17 DAYS NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS

Auckland – Kauri Country – Bay of Islands – Coromandel – Rotorua – Napier – Wellington
 Nelson – Abel Tasman National Park – Punakaiki – Glacier Country – Queenstown
 Milford Sound – Queenstown

FROM £3,795

CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

Take a dolphin cruise in the Bay of Islands - or enjoy an even closer encounter and swim with them!

Visit the only mainland nesting site for the magnificent Royal Albatross at Tairaroa heads

Indulge in some spectacular star gazing from the deck at the Mount John Observatory

MUST SEE INCLUSIONS

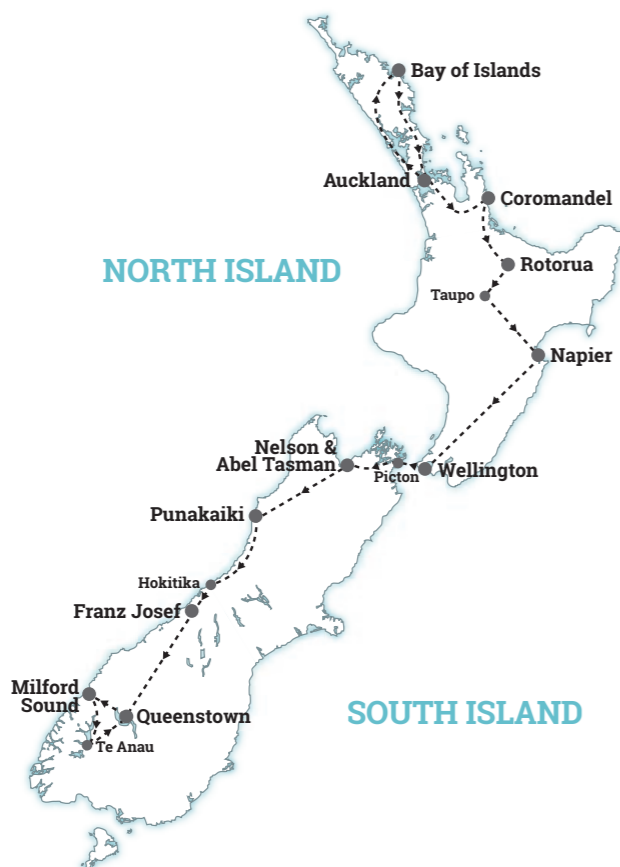
Walking a section of the stunning Abel Tasman Coastal Track with its mosaic of golden coves and turquoise lagoons

Learning more about the history of New Zealand with a tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Waking up to some of the most spectacular scenery New Zealand has to offer on the Milford Mariner overnight trip

Taking the easy stroll to Dolomite Point in Punakaiki to see the fascinating pancake rocks close up

Explore the wide sandy beaches of the Coromandel coastline; dip your toes in the azure blue waters of Abel Tasman National Park after a guided hike through the sub-tropical bush, and journey deep into Fiordland National park on the Milford Mariner Overnight experience – one of our all-time 'must do' experiences on a trip to the South Island.



- 1. Abel Tasman National Park
- 2. Puku Hill, Tairua
- 3. Glaciers guided trek
- 4. Weta Cave, Wellington

ITINERARY

Day 1 Auckland B

Haere mai – welcome! We meet you from your flight and take you straight to your hotel in the heart of Auckland city centre. Later, relax and explore, or meet your driver guide for an early evening stroll.
Grand Rendezvous Hotel

Day 2 Auckland to Bay of Islands B

Travel up Northland's west coast skirting Kaipara Harbour and following the Kaihu River to the Kai Iwi Lakes and the primeval forest of Waipoua, where we take a guided walk through the forest and meet the mighty Tane Mahuta – the largest kauri tree in the world.

In the afternoon we head east to tranquil Paihia, the 'jewel of the Bay of Islands'.

Kingsgate Hotel

Day 3 Bay of Islands B

We start the day in Russell with a tour led by a resident historian to learn about this town that was the country's first sea port and its first European settlement.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the area or take a cruise with an opportunity to swim with dolphins (weather permitting!).

Kingsgate Hotel

Day 4 Bay of Islands to Coromandel Peninsula B

This morning we visit the beautiful site of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where Maori chiefs first signed their agreement with the British settlers: the Treaty of Waitangi.

Heading south we make a stop at the Miranda Shorebird Centre to learn about the amazing annual migrations of birds that travel south from the Arctic Circle for the summer months.

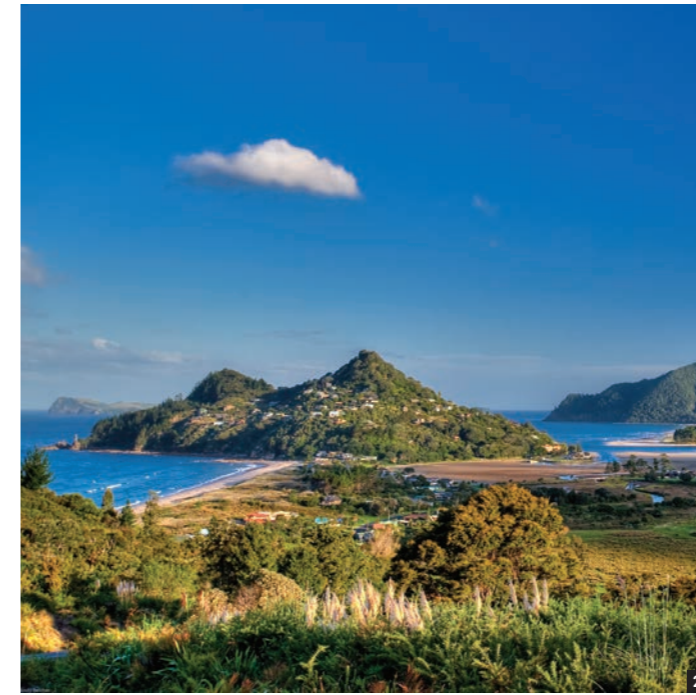
Pacific Harbour Lodge

Day 5 Explore the Coromandel Peninsula B

The white sandy beaches and laid back holiday vibe make the Coromandel a relaxing pace to spend the day. Take time to relax and dig out your very own 'spa' pool at Hot Water Beach.

In the afternoon, we take a walk to Cathedral Cove with its naturally formed archway, sparkling blue-green waters and sandy beaches that make it one of the most photographed beaches in New Zealand.

Pacific Harbour Lodge



Day 6 Coromandel Peninsula to Rotorua B

Travel south on the Pacific Coast Highway to Rotorua, the centre of New Zealand's geothermal activity and Maori heritage.

During our time in Rotorua we visit the excellent museum, and spend the afternoon at Te Puia, home to the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, a live Kiwi enclosure and the world-famous Pohutu Geyser.

Distinction Hotel

Day 7 Rotorua B D

This morning we walk through the fascinating Waimangu Volcanic Valley, the world's youngest geothermal system, home to steaming volcanic craters and dramatic thermal activity.

In the evening we experience an authentic cultural experience, and try our hands at Mau Rakau (stick fighting) or Raranga (weaving) before indulging in a traditional hangi meal to end the night in style!

Distinction Hotel Rotorua

Day 8 Rotorua to Napier B D

Take in the crashing waters of Huka Falls on our way to Lake Taupo, the largest freshwater lake in New Zealand, surrounded by the mighty peaks of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. Take time to explore the bustling township of Taupo.

Later arrive in Napier and take a guided walking tour of this fabulous Art Deco city.

The area is also well loved for its fabulous wines so this evening we enjoy a tour and dinner at the Mission Estate Winery.

Scenic Hotel Te Pania

Day 9 Napier to Wellington B

This morning we travel south through the rolling countryside of the Wairarapa to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city.

Enjoy a walking tour of the city, where your guide will introduce you to the culture, history and sights of the 'Coolest little capital in the world'.

A visit to Te Papa is also highly recommended to learn more about New Zealand, the shaping of its land, the spirit of its people and its special wildlife and landscapes.

James Cook Chancellor Hotel

Day 10 Wellington to Nelson B

Board the Interislander Ferry to travel across the Cook Strait to arrive in Picton

This afternoon we drive to the delightful town of Nelson to walk a stroll along a section of the Centre of New Zealand Walkway that winds alongside the Matai River.

Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast

Day 11 Abel Tasman National Park B

Paradise found!! Abel Tasman National Park's golden beaches, glittering waters and world famous coastal track are a highlight of any trip to New Zealand. We board a small cruiser to spend the day exploring the region.

Choose to relax on board or take an easy 4-hour hike through the coastal forest to Torrent Bay and its beautiful tidal lagoon to rejoin the cruiser for the trip home.

Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast

Day 12 Nelson to Punakaiki B

Today take a stunning drive inland along the Buller River gorge, to stop at Cape Foulwind, home to a breeding colony of fur seals.

From here we continue on to Charleston where we catch the Rainforest Train to journey into the Metro Cave and view the magical glimmer of glow-worms in their natural environment.

In the afternoon we arrive in Punakaiki with time to explore its extraordinary rock formations that look like thousands of stacked pancakes!

Punakaiki Resort

Day 13 Punakaiki to Glacier Country B

Journey along the coast to Hokitika, a small town that got its name on the map during the gold rush of the 1870's. Visit the excellent local museum or drop in to a workshop to see greenstone being carved and polished.

In the afternoon we reach Westland National Park which extends from the peaks of the Southern Alps to the wild beaches of the west coast. We base ourselves in laid-back Franz Josef Township.

Scenic Franz Hotel

Day 14 Franz Josef to Queenstown B

After a morning visit to Lake Matheson, we head up over the Haast Pass along the river road, into Mount Aspiring National Park.

Arriving at Wanaka, there's time for a stroll by the lake before we stop for afternoon refreshments at the famous Cardrona Pub. Later we continue our journey over the Crown Range to Queenstown.

Novotel

Day 15 Queenstown B

A day at leisure to explore. Enjoy a relaxing ride on the Skyline Gondola, or a 4x4 safari to the nearby historic goldmining town of Arrowtown.

Thrill-seekers may zip-line from Bob's Peak, get drenched on a Shotover jet-boat ride or go white-water rafting.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide
- Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)
- Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary
- The services of local guides where referenced

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 19 Meals Included (16 Breakfasts, 3 dinners)
- Enjoy dinner and wine at Mission Estate Winery in Napier
- Taste true tradition at a Maori Hangi Meal in Rotorua
- Experience an evening meal with close up views of Milford Sound

You may choose to discover Lake Wakatipu in style with a cruise on the classic steamship TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station.

Novotel

Day 16 Queenstown to Milford Mariner Overnight Cruise* B D

Take a coach along the edge of Lake Wakitipu, through the Eglington Valley and past the stunning Mirror Lakes to arrive at Milford Sound where we board our cruiser.

We travel the full length of the Sound, learning about its geology, flora and fauna from the on-board expert, before anchoring in a sheltered cove.

**Dinner, an en-suite cabin and breakfast are all included in this overnight trip.*

Day 17 Depart Queenstown B

We retrace our journey along the shore of Te Anau whose calm waters reflect the Franklin mountain peaks, and roll through sheep country and back into Queenstown.

If you have time before your departure, you may choose to enjoy some time in Queenstown today, picking up last minute souvenir's or perhaps squeezing in a skydive (!) before we transfer you to the airport ready for your flight home.

DATES & PRICES

14 Feb – 2 Mar 2017	£4,175
14 – 30 Mar 2017	£4,175
11 – 27 Apr 2017	£3,795
14 – 30 Nov 2017	£4,335
Single Supplement	£1,125
13 Feb – 1 Mar 2018	£TBC
13 – 29 Mar 2018	£TBC
10 Apr – 26 Apr 2018	£TBC
13 Nov – 29 Nov 2018	£TBC
Single Supplement	£TBC

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Rimu

15 DAYS NORTH AND SOUTH ISLANDS

Auckland – Coromandel – Rotorua – Napier – Wellington – Nelson – Abel Tasman National Park – Punakaiki – Glacier Country – Queenstown – Milford Sound – Queenstown

FROM £3,395

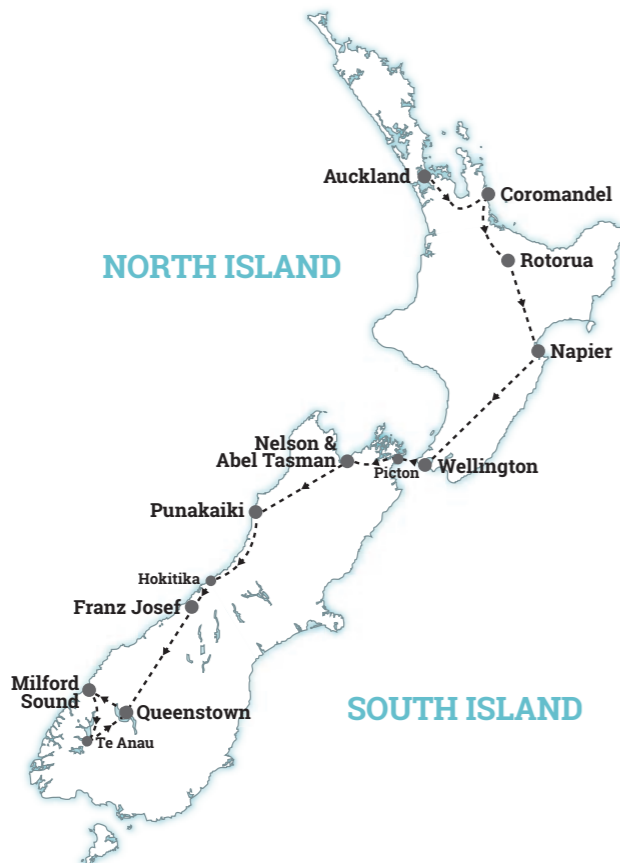
CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

- Dig your own 'spa' pool at Hot Water Beach
- Get close to The Lost World film site aboard the Rainforest Train in Charleston
- Spot fur seals and sooty shearwaters on Cape Foulwind
- Discover Lake Wakitipu on the classic steamship TSS Earnslaw

MUST SEE INCLUSIONS

- Cruising, swimming and walking in Abel Tasman National Park
- Peeking inside some of the interiors of the fabulous Art Deco styled buildings on a walking tour of Napier
- Getting up close to the Franz Josef Glacier in Westland National Park
- Exploring sixty hectares of geothermal wonderland at Te Puia

Join us for this Small Group Journey to explore the highlights of the North and South Islands. Unleash your adventurous spirit in the adrenaline capital of Queenstown, take the unforgettable journey into Milford Sound for a unique overnight experience and make the most of the abundance of walking opportunities the country has to offer as you travel through New Zealand's fabulous landscapes.



- Kayaking, Abel Tasman National Park
- Geothermal area, Rotorua
- Wine tasting, Napier
- Te Papa, Wellington

ITINERARY

Day 1 Auckland B
Haere mai – welcome to New Zealand! We greet your flight and take you straight to your hotel: very central and with easy access to the many attractions Auckland has to offer. Meet your driver-guide for an early evening stroll.
Grand Rendezvous Hotel

Day 2 Auckland to Coromandel Peninsula B
From Auckland we drive south through the lush farmlands of the Waikato to the Firth of Thames where we meet Keith Woodley and his enthusiastic team for a tour of the Miranda Shorebird Centre. Here we learn about the amazing annual migrations of Bar-tailed Godwits and Wrybills, whirling flocks of thousands of shorebirds and the rare geology of shell bank cheniers.
Pacific Harbour Lodge

Day 3 Explore the Coromandel Peninsula B
Dig your own spa pool at Hot Water Beach, and take a walk to Cathedral Cove with its water-worn rock formations sparkling against the blue-green of the Pacific.
Later, relax and enjoy a leisurely lunch under the shade of the local fruit trees at one of our favourite cafes.
Pacific Harbour Lodge

Day 4 Coromandel Peninsula to Rotorua B
We take the Pacific Coast Highway to Rotorua where we visit the excellent Rotorua Museum situated in a former bathhouse, and take a trip to Te Puia - not only a fascinating active geothermal site, but also the nation's centre for indigenous arts and crafts and a Kiwi conservation project.
Distinction Hotel, Rotorua

Day 5 Rotorua B D
This morning take an easy walking tour through the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, to discover more about the eruption of Mount Tarewera in 1886 that destroyed the famous 'Pink and White' silica terraces.
A Maori cultural experience and traditional hangi meal are the perfect way to end the day.
Distinction Hotel, Rotorua

Day 6 Rotorua to Napier B D
Journey south, with a stop at magnificent Huka Falls before continuing to Lake Taupo. Weather permitting we will see the peaks of Ruapehu, Ngaruhoe and Tongariro across the lake.
Later we arrive in Napier for a guided walking tour of this colourful Art Deco city and a visit to some of the most iconic sights.
The area is also well loved for its fabulous wines so this evening, our treat is a dinner with a glass of wine at the Mission Estate Winery.
Scenic Hotel Te Pania

Day 7 Napier to Wellington B
This morning we travel south through the Wairarapa, over the Rimutaka Hill to arrive in the country's capital city Wellington.
Enjoy a ride up to the Kelburn lookout in the cable car and take a gentle stroll back down through the native forests and plant collections of the Botanic Gardens.
We also recommend a visit to Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum.
James Cook Chancellor Hotel

Day 8 Wellington to Nelson B
Today take the Interislander Ferry across the Cook Strait to Picton. From there it's a two hour drive to the delightful town of Nelson, officially the sunniest place in New Zealand and our base for two nights.
In the afternoon we stretch our legs on a path that follows the Matai River on a section of the Centre of New Zealand Walkway.
Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast

Day 9 Abel Tasman National Park B
A highlight of the tour is a trip to Abel Tasman National Park with its golden coves and turquoise lagoons sheltered by forested ranges to the south. We board a small cruiser for a day of exploration, with opportunities for swimming and walking.
Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast

Day 10 Nelson to Punakaiki B
Today we journey inland stopping at Westport for a short walk along the coastal path at Cape Foulwind where we may see fur seals and blue penguins.
Then to Charleston to catch the Rainforest Train that passes through 'The Lost World' film site, before we head on to Punakaiki and its extraordinary rock formations at Dolomite Point.
Punakaiki Resort

Day 11 Punakaiki to Glacier Country B
We travel to Hokitika, a small town that became famous during the gold rush of the 1870's. Enjoy a free morning to explore: visit the excellent local museum or see greenstone being carved and polished in one of the workshops.
In the afternoon we reach Westland National Park, where ice meets rainforest at the foot of the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers.
Scenic Franz Josef Hotel

Day 12 Franz Josef Glacier to Queenstown B
After a morning visit to Lake Matheson, we head up over the Haast Pass along the river road, deep into Mount Aspiring National Park.
Arriving at Wanaka there's a choice of lakeside strolls before we stop for afternoon refreshments at the Cardrona Pub. We continue our journey over the Crown Range and down to Queenstown.
Novotel

Day 13 Queenstown B
Queenstown is New Zealand's adventure capital and a bustling tourist centre throughout the seasons. Today is free for you to take advantage of the many sights and activities the town has to offer. Thrill seekers may zip-line from Bob's Peak, get drenched on a Shotover jet boat ride or go white water rafting. Less hair raising but no less enjoyable is the ride up in the Skyline Gondola or a 4x4 safari to skippers canyon and Arrowtown.
Novotel

Day 14 Queenstown – Milford Mariner overnight cruise* B D
Without doubt, one of the highlights of your trip. Today we take a wonderfully scenic coach journey into Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound, where we board the Milford Mariner for an unforgettable cruise that takes us the full length of the Sound, learning about its geology, flora and fauna from the on-board expert, before anchoring in a sheltered cove. Absorb the beauty from a seat on the deck, go exploring in the ships tender, or even kayak on the calm waters to get closer to Milford's mystery.
**Dinner, an ensuite cabin and breakfast are all included in this overnight trip.*

Day 15 Depart Queenstown B
This morning we retrace the road out of Fiordland, travelling along the shore of Lake Te Anau back to Queenstown, before transferring you to the airport for your flight home.

WHAT'S INCLUDED	
All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide	
Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)	
Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary	
The services of local guides where referenced	
CULINARY INCLUSIONS	
17 Meals Included (14 Breakfasts, 3 dinners)	
Enjoy dinner and wine at Mission Estate Winery in Napier	
Taste true tradition at a Maori Hangi Meal in Rotorua	
Experience a delicious carvery buffet on board the Milford Mariner during an overnight cruise on Milford Sound.	



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DATES & PRICES	
14 – 28 Feb 2017	£3,745
14 – 28 Mar 2017	£3,745
11 – 25 Apr 2017	£3,395
14 – 28 Nov 2017	£3,888
Single Supplement	£1,038
13 Feb – 27 Feb 2018	£TBC
13 Mar – 27 Mar 2018	£TBC
10 Apr – 24 Apr 2018	£TBC
13 Nov – 27 Nov 2018	£TBC
Single Supplement	£TBC

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Mount Cook Lily

13 DAYS SOUTH ISLAND

Wellington – Nelson – Abel Tasman National Park – Punakaiki – Glacier Country
Queenstown – Milford Sound – Dunedin – Aoraki Mount Cook – Christchurch

FROM £2,875

CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

Spot the Yellow Eyed Penguin, the rarest in the world, at Taiaroa Head on the Otago Peninsula

See the most significant collection of ancient Maori rock art in New Zealand at the Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre

Walk along the Hooker Valley and get close up to the Southern Hemisphere's highest peak, Mount Cook

MUST SEE INCLUSIONS

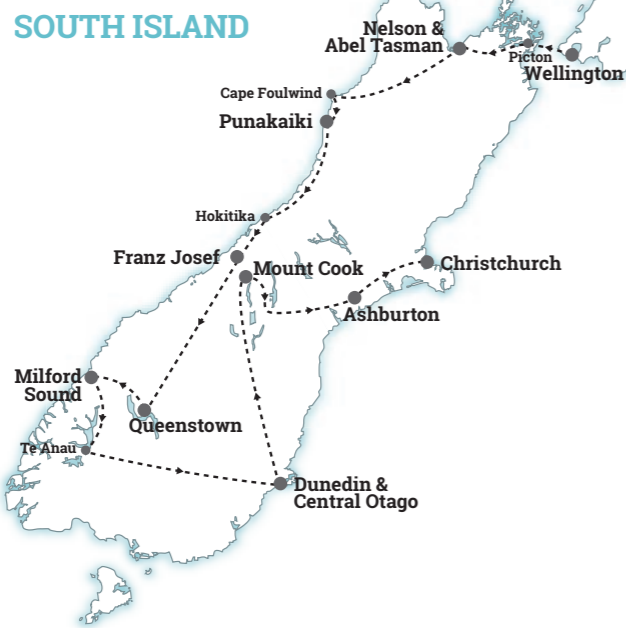
Taking a walking tour around Christchurch to see the kiwi 'can do' attitude in full swing as the city is rebuilding itself after the 2011 earthquake

Enjoying a walk on the Centre of New Zealand walkway in Nelson and taking in the stunning surrounding views

Cruising through the turquoise waters of Abel Tasman National Park and walk a section of the world famous Coastal Track

This tour squeezes more jaw-dropping scenery into 13 days than any other! The South Island has an unparalleled variety of landscapes from the majestic Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers, to the stunning views over Dunedin harbour from the Otago Peninsula.

SOUTH ISLAND



ITINERARY

Day 1 Wellington B

Welcome!

Have a lazy day finding your bearings, wander along Oriental Parade and around the bays, or explore Cuba Street, 'New Zealand's Coolest Street' with its eclectic mix of boutiques, cafes and restaurants.

A visit to Te Papa, the National Museum is a must!

James Cook Chancellor Hotel

Day 2 Wellington to Nelson B

We take the Interislander Ferry through the Marlborough and Queen Charlotte Sounds to Picton. Here we begin our South Island journey with a drive to the delightful town of Nelson. After lunch we take a walk on the Centre of New Zealand Walkway to take in the stunning views of the surrounding landscapes.

The rest of the afternoon and evening are free for you to relax and explore this sunny town with its easy lifestyle and vibrant arts scene.

Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast

Day 3 Abel Tasman National Park B

The lush coastal forests, sparkling azure waters and golden beaches make this world famous coastal track a highlight of your tour.

Board a small cruiser for a day of exploration, with opportunities for swimming and walking.

We suggest landing at Bark Bay for an easy 4-hour hike to Torrent Bay and its beautiful tidal lagoon where we re-join our cruiser for the trip home.

Trailways Inn or local Bed & Breakfast

Day 4 Nelson to Punakaiki B

Today we travel to the west coast, stepping out to Cape Foulwind to stretch our legs and view fur seals and blue eyed penguins that congregate on the rocky shoreline.

Then to Charleston to catch the Rainforest Train where we view the magical glimmer of glow-worms in their natural environment in the recently-discovered Metro cave, before continuing on to Punakaiki.

Punakaiki Resort

Day 5 Punakaiki to Glacier Country B

Hokitika made its name during the gold rush of the 1870's. There's some free time to visit to the excellent local museum and see greenstone being carved and polished in one of the local workshops.

In the afternoon we reach Westland National Park, where we relax for the evening in the laid-back township of Franz Josef.

Scenic Franz Josef Hotel

Day 6 Franz Josef to Queenstown B

After a morning visit to Lake Matheson and its stunning reflective waters that perfectly mirror Mount Cook (weather permitting) we head up over the Haast Pass along the river road into Mount Aspiring National Park.

Stop for a refreshment at the Cardrona Pub, said to be the most photographed pub in New Zealand, before continuing to Queenstown.

Novotel

Day 7 Queenstown B

A free day to relax or explore. Discover Lake Wakatipu in style with a cruise on the classic steamship TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station.

Take a Gondola ride up to Bob's peak and enjoy lunch in the Skyline restaurant before lugging back down, or visit a local boutique winery to sample some of the region's best offerings.

Novotel

Day 8 Queenstown to Milford Mariner Overnight Cruise* B,D

The wonderfully scenic road into Milford Sound makes the journey feel like part of the experience, as we travel to the Sound to board the Milford Mariner.

Cruise the full length of the Sound before anchoring in a sheltered cove where you can enjoy the views from the deck or kayak closer to Milford's Mystery.

**Dinner, an en-suite cabin and breakfast are all included in this memorable overnight trip.*

Day 9 Fiordland National Park to Dunedin B

Travel along the shore of Lake Te Anau and on to the city of Dunedin.

We head out to the Otago Peninsula to find penguins, seals, and at Taiaroa Head, the only mainland nesting site of the Royal Albatross.

Then on to the beach, where blue penguins nest in sandy burrows.

Scenic Hotel Dunedin

Day 10 Dunedin to Aoraki; Mount Cook National Park B

Journeying north we pause to see the extraordinary Moeraki Boulders. Maori legend says the boulders are gourds washed ashore from the voyaging canoe Araiteuru.

In the afternoon we drive inland along the western shore of Lake Pukaki to Mount Cook village.

We walk along the Hooker Valley trail for a close-up view of the Southern Hemisphere's highest peak, Mount Cook.

Country Inn, Twizel

Day 11 Aoraki; Mount Cook to Ashburton B,D

This morning we head through Mackenzie country, stopping at the Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre to see an interesting collection of Ngai Tahu tribal rock drawings.

Later, we drop you off in smaller groups at farms around the Ashburton area where your hosts will extend their hospitality to you to with a farm tour followed by a delicious home-cooked dinner and a cosy night's sleep.

Farmstay

Day 12 Ashburton to Christchurch B,D

Christchurch was shaken to its core by the succession of earthquakes at the turn of 2010/11. Many historic buildings were damaged, but the river Avon and its punts, Hagley Park, and the Botanic Gardens are all as beautiful as ever, and during our visit we will embrace the city's past, present and future.

This is the final part of our journey together so tonight we relax together over a farewell dinner that showcases the best of New Zealand food and wine.

Chateau on the Park

Day 13 Depart Christchurch B

If you are leaving New Zealand today, we transfer you to Christchurch Airport for your flight home after you have enjoyed your final kiwi breakfast. Alternatively we can extend your stay in Christchurch for a few days or arrange onward independent touring by car or TransAlpine train. Either way, we must say farewell, and wave you off home with amazing memories of your time in New Zealand.

This Small Group Journey can be combined with an Independent tailor-made holiday on North Island.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide

Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)

Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary

The services of local guides where referenced

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

15 Meals Included (12 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners)

Dine out on Milford Sound as part of your Milford Mariner overnight experience

Experience true kiwi hospitality on a farmstay in Ashburton

Spend your final evening together with a meal at one of Christchurch's excellent restaurants



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DATES & PRICES

22 Feb – 6 Mar 2017	£3,225
22 Mar – 3 Apr 2017	£3,225
19 Apr – 1 May 2017	£2,875
22 Nov – 4 Dec 2017	£3,350
Single Supplement	£925
21 Feb – 5 Mar 2018	£TBC
21 Mar – 2 Apr 2018	£TBC
18 – 30 Apr 2018	£TBC
21 Nov – 3 Dec 2018	£TBC
Single Supplement	£TBC

These are land prices only, international travel IS NOT included (please telephone for up to date flight pricing and information).

* For 2017 we will be on the Doubtful Sound overnight cruise.



Koromiko

10 DAYS NORTH ISLAND

Auckland – Kauri Country – Bay of Islands – Coromandel – Rotorua – Napier – Wellington

FROM £2,325

CLOSE UP EXPERIENCES

Get close to the largest kauri tree in the world in the Waipoua Forest

Swim with Dolphins in the Bay of Islands

Experience true Maori culture and traditions at Te Puia

Take afternoon tea in the Lady Rosewood garden in Wellingtons Botanic Gardens

MUST SEE INCLUSIONS

Heading up the Skytower in Auckland for fantastic panoramic views of the area

Enjoying a tour of the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Taking a guided tour around the Mission Estate Winery in Napier - the country's oldest vineyards

Visiting the excellent Rotorua Museum, housed in a former bathhouse



NORTH ISLAND

This tour takes in the stunning sights of North Island on a journey past ancient kauri trees to the sparkling pacific waters of the Bay of Islands. Further south you'll visit the Art Deco town of Napier and enjoy the wonderful wines of the Hawkes Bay region before arriving in Wellington, 'The coolest little capital in the world'.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Auckland B

Haere mai – welcome! Arrive into Auckland and spend the afternoon and evening getting to know the 'City of Sails' and your fellow travellers. Head up the Sky Tower for great views across the city, or explore the vibrant downtown waterfront. *Grand Rendezvous Hotel*

Day 2 Auckland to Bays of Islands B

The start of our adventure! We travel up the west coast to the Bay of Islands. En route we take a guided walk into the Waipoua Forest, home to ancient kauri trees and the mighty Tane Mahuta, the king of the forest.

We continue to head north to tranquil Paihia, a bustling seaside town in the heart of the bay. *Kingsgate Hotel, Paihia*

Day 3 Bay of Islands B

After breakfast we cross to Russell by ferry to meet our guide for an insight into this pretty little town's rip-roaring past, when drunken sailors earned it the name 'the hell hole of the Pacific'. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the area on foot or take a dolphin cruise through the spectacular crystal clear waters. *Kingsgate Hotel, Paihia*

Day 4 Bay of Islands to Coromandel Peninsula B

This morning we are welcomed to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the treaty between Maori tribes and British settlers was signed in 1840. Later we head south to the Firth of Thames where we meet Keith Woodley and his enthusiastic team for a tour of the Miranda Shorebird Centre. *Pacific Harbour Lodge*

Day 5 Explore the Coromandel Peninsula B

A day to explore this glorious region with its golden coastlines and relaxed atmosphere. Walk to the marine reserve of Cathedral Cove (don't forget your camera!) or dig your own spa pool at Hot Water Beach. Under the fruit trees at Colenso Cafe is an ideal spot for a relaxed lunch, chef Carol Whitford may even share the secret of her Pavlova with you! *Pacific Harbour Lodge*



Day 6 Coromandel Peninsula to Rotorua B

We travel along the Pacific Coast Highway through the beachside towns of Whangamata and Tauranga in the Bay of Plenty en route to Rotorua. On arrival we visit the excellent Rotorua Museum and in the afternoon we take you to Te Puia, not only an active geothermal site, but also home to the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and a Kiwi conservation project. *Distinction Hotel Rotorua*

Day 7 Rotorua B D

This morning we take a guided walk and cruise across Lake Rotomahana to learn about the eruption of Mount Tarawera in 1886, which destroyed the world-famous 'Pink & White' silica terraces. Later we spend time at a local Marae (Maori meeting house) before attending a Maori concert and enjoying a traditional Maori meal known as a 'hangi' in the evening. *Distinction Hotel, Rotorua*

Day 8 Rotorua to Napier B D

Arriving in Napier we take a guided walking tour of this fabulous Art Deco town hearing about some of the local residents who were involved in rebuilding the town after the devastating earthquake of 1931. The area is also well loved for its fabulous wines so this evening we enjoy dinner at The Mission Estate Winery. *Scenic Hotel, Te Pania*

Day 9 Napier to Wellington B

Travel south through the Wairarapa to the capital city Wellington for an afternoon sightseeing. We take the iconic red cable car to the Kelburn lookout and walk back down through the Botanic Gardens. Te Papa Museum is an absolute must see during your time in the city, and a perfect chance to learn more about the diverse culture and history of New Zealand. *James Cook Chancellor Hotel*

Day 10 Depart Wellington

If time allows enjoy lunch on the waterfront at Oriental Bay before we transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

This Small Group Journey can be combined with a Independent Tailor-Made South Island Itinerary.



DATES & PRICES

14 – 23 Feb 2017	£2,595
14 – 23 Mar 2017	£2,595
11 – 20 Apr 2017	£2,325
14 – 23 Nov 2017	£2,695
Single Supplement	£625
13 – 22 Feb 2018	£TBC
13 – 22 Mar 2018	£TBC
10 – 19 Apr 2018	£TBC
13 – 22 Nov 2018	£TBC
Single Supplement	£TBC

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- 1. Waitangi Treaty House
- 2. Bay of Islands
- 3. Wellington
- 4. Waitangi
- 5. Skydiving, Taupo
- 6. Tane Mahuta

A Walker's Paradise



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NEW ZEALAND IS A COUNTRY THAT IS MADE FOR WALKERS.

Wide open spaces, cascading glaciers, and spectacular mountain ranges form a natural paradise for lovers of the great outdoors.

You'll find a wonderful variety of walking opportunities, from relaxed strolls along coastal paths to more energetic treks into alpine environments, from a 'ten minute stretch' to a full day hike (or 'tramp' as it is locally known).

We include a wide selection of walks within our New Zealand Great Walking Tours and also offer the opportunity to undertake one or more of the Guided Great Walks of New Zealand, please refer to our website for more information.

These are usually of three to six days duration, and are led by expert guides through outstanding scenery. They include comfortable accommodation, wholesome meals, and the opportunity to enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

We also offer a wide range of day walks which can be combined with many of our holidays.

- 1. Hooker Valley, Mount Cook
- 2. Milford Track
- 3. Routeburn Track



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Cycling Holidays



NGA HAERENGA, THE NEW ZEALAND CYCLE TRAIL

Peddalling through some of New Zealand's most breathtaking scenery must be one of the best ways to immerse yourself in the landscape – through native bush, around pristine lakes, beside glacial rivers and wetlands and along stunning coastlines: a truly exhilarating experience!

Today there's a whole new network of off-the-road trails for you to enjoy and explore, all part of the Nga Haerenga – New Zealand's National Cycle Trail. So switch to two wheels for flat and easy day rides, with great views, on the Hauraki Rail Trail from Thames to Paeroa on the Coromandel, North Island. On South Island you can follow the Queenstown trail around Lake Wakatipu which takes in the Gibbston Wine Area, the former goldmining settlement of Arrowtown and the stunning landscapes of Lake Hayes, Frankton and the Remarkables.

- 1. Riverside break
- 2. Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown
- 3. Through the vineyards, Blenheim

For more energetic cycling or mountain biking, take a ride through the ancient forests on the Timber Trail, Central North Island, or across the open river valleys and gorges of the Old Ghost Road on the West Coast for a reminder of a bygone era and of gold-digging dreams.

There are currently 23 Great Rides the length and breadth of New Zealand, and these day or multi-day tours can be incorporated into any tailor-made holiday.

[Nga Haerenga is an ongoing project, so please refer to our website for updates on newly opened cycle routes.](#)



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Special Interest

THERE IS MUCH MORE TO NEW ZEALAND THAN SPECTACULAR SCENERY, GEOTHERMAL WONDERS AND ADRENALIN THRILLS.

It also has award winning vineyards, unique wildlife reserves that welcome visitors, exotic flora to discover, great skiing, a thriving film industry and of course, sport: rugby, cricket, golf, and sailing to name but four.

Whatever your personal interest, we'll endeavour to point you in the right direction, suggesting rewarding places to visit during your tailor-made trip. For special interest groups we can also create bespoke touring itineraries.

- 1. Skiing in the Remarkables
- 2. Wharariki Beach, Nelson
- 3. Bellevue Gardens, Whangarei
- 4. Hobbiton, Matamata



Getting you there

ENJOY THE JOURNEY

There is a wider-than-ever choice of scheduled airlines, seating classes, fares and routes (west via the USA or east via Asia) to reach New Zealand and we are glad to share our knowledge and secure the best price for your holiday.



And as many of our customers say getting to New Zealand is the easy bit, compared to getting to the check-in desk, we also offer optional services to make your journey run smoothly, such as executive taxi transfers, regional departure add-ons, pre-flight airport hotels and VIP lounge access.

We can also recommend stop-overs in the USA, Asia, the Pacific or Australia so that you arrive in New Zealand rested and ready to make the most of your holiday. When you book a tailor-made package including international flights, not only are all your holiday arrangements ATOL-protected, but we also meet you on arrival in New Zealand to talk you through your holiday and hand over your local travel documents.

Many of our travellers opt to break the flight to New Zealand (allow a day's total flying time) with a stopover in the main gateways of Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Los Angeles or San Francisco. Of course it is also possible to add additional holiday arrangements in Australia, Asia or North America if you are undertaking a trip of a lifetime! Pacific 'paradise' stopovers in Fiji, Hawaii or the Cook Islands are becoming popular. Have a look at some of our stopover suggestions and we'll talk through your preferences with itinerary and accommodation recommendations.

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- 1. Sydney
- 2. Dubai
- 3. Hawaii

Booking

Your contract is with Roads Less Travelled trading as Silver Fern Holidays. ATOL 5305 ABTA Y001X

All bookings are made and accepted in accordance with the terms set out in these conditions.

1. Booking Confirmation

Once you have chosen your holiday, please complete the booking form and send it to us together with a deposit of £250 per group member. Your booking is accepted by us when we issue and send you a confirmation invoice. If a booking cannot be confirmed, the deposit will of course be returned.

2. Balance of Payment

The balance of your invoice is due to be paid 10 weeks prior to the start of your holiday. If you book your holiday less than 8 weeks before your proposed departure date, the full price of your holiday (including any insurance premiums) must be paid at the time of booking. Failure to pay the balance by the specified time will result in the cancellation of your holiday and we will then impose the relevant cancellation charge as set out below.

3. If you wish to alter your booking

Subject to availability, and an administration fee of £25 per person, you may change your holiday arrangements after the issue of a confirmation invoice. If you wish to make a change to your holiday, we will do our best to accommodate you, but any change will be subject to availability and subject to you covering any associated costs of the amendment imposed by our suppliers. We treat as a cancellation and rebooking any transfer to another holiday within 10 weeks of departure.

4. If you wish to cancel your booking

Should you wish to cancel your holiday, you may do so by writing to us, but no cancellation will be effective until such written notice is received by us. If you cancel, you will be liable to pay the following cancellation charges:

Period before departure date in which cancellation is made	Charge
More than 56 days	Deposit
43-56 days inclusive	30% of holiday price
29-42 days inclusive	45% of holiday price
15-28 days inclusive	75% of holiday price
8-14 days inclusive	90% of holiday price
0-7 days inclusive	100% of holiday price

5. If we alter or cancel your holiday plans

(i) We reserve the right to make changes to your holiday arrangements after we have confirmed your booking and if we do so, we will use our best endeavours to inform you before departure and make suitable alternative arrangements.

(ii) Any change we make to your holiday will be either major or minor. A major change is a change to your flight departure time of more than 12 hours, a change of departure airport (except between Gatwick and Heathrow) or a change to a lower category of accommodation. Any other change is a minor change. If there is a minor change, we will do our best to notify you of this, but we are not under any obligation to do so or to pay you compensation. If there is a major change, we will advise you as soon as is reasonably possible. You will then have the choice of accepting the change, taking an alternative holiday (and where this is of a lower price, we will refund the difference, but where it is of a higher price, you will be expected to pay the difference), or withdrawing from the contract and accepting a full refund of all monies paid. In addition, in appropriate cases, (on the assumption that the full balance has been paid) we will pay you compensation which is reasonable given the circumstances in question. Compensation will not be considered appropriate, for example, in cases where a major change has to be made as a result of force majeure (as defined below).

(iii) If we have to cancel your holiday before the date of departure, you will have the choice of taking an alternative holiday (and where this is of a lower price we will refund the difference, but where this is of a higher price, you will be expected to pay the difference) or withdrawing from the contract and accepting a full refund of all monies paid. In addition, in appropriate cases, (on the assumption that the full balance has been paid) and where such cancellation is not due to underbooking or force majeure

(as defined below), we will pay you compensation which is reasonable given the circumstances in question. Where such cancellation is due to underbooking, we will inform you within 56 days of the departure date.

(iv) Underbooking is the situation in which the minimum number of bookings required to run a holiday programme is not met. Force majeure is unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which neither we nor our suppliers could avoid, examples of which are war or threat of war, riots, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial disputes, natural or nuclear disaster, fire or adverse weather conditions, level of water in rivers or other similar events beyond our control.

6. Surcharges

We will not impose any surcharges on the price of our arrangements less than 30 days before departure. In addition, if surcharges become necessary before that time, we will absorb an amount up to the first 2% (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges) of any surcharges that apply. Surcharges may be imposed to cover increases in transportation costs, including the cost of fuel, dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports, or the exchange rates applied to the particular package. If this means paying more than 10% of the holiday price, you will be entitled to cancel your holiday with a full refund of all monies paid to us except for any premium paid for insurance and amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel because of this, you must exercise your right to do so within 14 days of the date of our invoice.

7. Silver Fern's liability to the Client

(i) We accept liability under Regulation 15(1) of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations ("the Regulations") subject to the defences in Regulation 15(2) of the Regulations, set out at sub-paragraph (ii) below, the limitations set out in sub-paragraphs (iii) to (v) below, and the condition precedent set out in sub-paragraph (vi) below.

(ii) When you suffer any loss, damage, personal injury or death as a result of our failure to perform or improper performance of the holiday contract we shall be liable to pay you compensation, except where the cause of the failure is not our fault or that of our servants, agents or suppliers, and is your own fault, or the actions of someone unconnected with your holiday arrangements, or due to unusual or unforeseeable circumstances or events which neither we, nor our servants, agents or suppliers could have reasonably anticipated or reasonably avoided even with the exercise of due care.

(iii) We are permitted to limit the amount of compensation we will pay you in the event of a claim. Where any claim arises out of loss or damage suffered during the course of rail travel, sea travel, road travel or hotel accommodation, the amount of compensation you will receive will be limited in accordance with the provisions of any relevant International Conventions, namely the Berne Convention 1961, the Athens Convention 1974, the Geneva Convention 1973 and the Paris Convention 1962. Copies of these Conventions are available for inspection at our offices.

(iv) Under Regulation 15(4), we are entitled to limit the amount of compensation we will pay you in the event of a claim, where that claim concerns non-personal injury. It is impossible to assess in advance the exact sums which may be payable to you. We will do our best to assess the appropriate sums due to you in the circumstances of your particular complaint

(v) Any sums received by you from suppliers such as from airlines due to the Denied Boarding Regulations 1992 (in this case sums paid by the airline constitute the full amount of your entitlement to compensation for all matters flowing from the airline's actions) will be deducted from any sum paid to you as compensation by us. Further, if we pay you any compensation, you shall, if required by us in writing, assign to us any rights of action that you may have against any third party who was in any way responsible for the failure to perform or improper performance of the holiday contract.

(vi) Finally, it is a condition precedent of such acceptance of liability that you follow the procedures for the notification of complaints set out below in clause 9.

(vii) Other than as set out above, and as is detailed elsewhere in these booking conditions, we shall have no legal liability to you in respect of personal injury or death (unless caused by our negligence), or in respect of any other damage which you suffer arising directly or indirectly from any aspect of holiday arrangements booked with us.

8. Complaints

If you have a complaint during your holiday, you must notify our host or local representative immediately and they will do their best to resolve the problem. Should it not be possible to resolve your complaint on the spot and you wish to write to us after your holiday, this must be done no later than 28 days after your return. Full details should be provided and an investigation will then be made. We aim to settle all complaints amicably.

9. Excursions

Our representatives may, at your request, make arrangements for excursions locally on your behalf. However, please note that if they do, the contract for the provision of the excursion

will be between you and the supplier of the excursion and not between you and us. Therefore, when you purchase an excursion locally, your contract is with the local company and we have no liability whatsoever for anything which may go wrong on the excursion.

10. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, you should inform us of such requests at the time of booking. We will advise the relevant supplier of your requirements but we cannot guarantee that such requests will be met. Furthermore, we have no liability to you if such requests are not met.

11. Suppliers' Conditions

Airlines and other transport and accommodation providers have their own booking conditions or conditions of carriage and you will be bound by these as far as the relevant supplier is concerned. Some of these conditions may limit or exclude liability on the part of the relevant supplier. Where relevant, copies of such conditions may be available for inspection at our offices, or at the offices of the relevant supplier.

12. Transport Delays

There is no guarantee that flights or other transportation will depart at the time specified, and we do not have any liability to you for any delay which may arise. Where such delay does arise, the relevant airline or other transport provider may provide refreshments and take any further appropriate action, but we will not have any responsibility to do so.

13. Baggage and personal effects

All baggage and personal effects are at all times at your risk. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage or accident to any luggage or personal property.

14. Insurance

You must be suitably insured either through us or with another insurer offering at least equivalent cover before we accept your booking. We can arrange insurance for you, endeavouring to get the best policy to suit your individual needs. Please contact us for further information.

15. Financial Protection

When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme¹⁶. Law and Jurisdiction

Your contract with us and any matters arising from it shall be subject to English law and to the jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.

17. Data Protection

In order to process your booking and ensure that your travel arrangements run smoothly and meet your requirements, we need to use the information you provide such as name, address, passport details, any special needs / dietary requirements etc. We take full responsibility for ensuring that proper security measures are in place to protect your information. However, we must pass the information on to the relevant suppliers of your arrangements such as airlines, hotels, transport companies etc. The information may also be provided to public authorities by our suppliers, for customs / immigration purposes or as required by law. Where such information is required, if we do not receive this in time, your booking may have to be cancelled or an administration fee may be levied by the supplier and we reserve the right to pass this cost on to you. Additionally where your holiday is outside the European Economic Area (EEA), controls on Data Protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country. We will not, however, pass any information on to any person not responsible for part of your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give us such as details of disabilities, or dietary / religious requirements. If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we cannot process your booking. In making your booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons.

AGENT STAMP

Booking Form

HOLIDAY TITLE	POINT OF DEPARTURE	DEPART	RETURN
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IF YOU ARE MAKING YOUR OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS PLEASE GIVE DETAILS BELOW

TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	D.O.B	ROOM PREFERRED Twin/Double/Single/Family

<p>INSURANCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wish to take your travel insurance.</p> <p>PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED MY PAYMENT OF:</p> <p>NO. OF PEOPLE.....X DEPOSIT £250 (PER PERSON) £.....</p> <p>INSURANCE PREMIUM £.....</p> <p>TOTAL ENCLOSED £.....</p> <p>PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD Please note: Due to the high transaction fees imposed by credit card companies, we are obliged to levy a charge of 2% on final balances. However, there is no charge on deposits or if you pay by Debit card.</p> <p>VISA / MASTERCARD / OTHER DEBIT CARD (please circle) Debit card</p> <p>Card Number Issue No</p> <p>Expiry Date Security Number</p> <p>Signature of cardholder Date</p> <p>MEDICAL CONDITIONS WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF</p>	<p>I HAVE ARRANGED MY OWN INSURANCE COVER (details below)</p> <p>My Insurance Company:</p> <p>Policy Number</p> <p>Telephone Number of Insurance Company</p> <p>Signed</p> <p>PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR NEW ZEALAND BROCHURE TO:</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Postcode</p> <p>ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE NAMED PERSONS, I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO SILVER FERN HOLIDAYS BOOKING CONDITIONS. I AM OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE.</p> <p>Signed Date</p> <p>Name (please print)</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Postcode</p> <p>Telephone (Day) (Evening)</p> <p>Email</p>
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