



Silver Fern Holidays

The New Zealand Specialists



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**SUGGESTED NEW ZEALAND ITINERARY AND QUOTE ESPECIALLY PREPARED
FOR MR AND MRS SMITH**

Day 01

Welcome to New Zealand

Arrive Auckland International Airport where you will be welcomed to New Zealand and given your tour documents.

Transfer by private car and driver from Auckland International Airport to the hotel, which is located in the heart of the city, placing you within walking distance of a variety of the city's dining, shopping and entertainment venues.

Normal check in time applies.

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

Accommodation: Grand Millennium Hotel Auckland (2 Nights)

Deluxe Room

Day 02

Auckland

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure.

Day 03

Auckland/Rotorua

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning collect a Holden Cruze or similar intermediate automatic rental vehicle and drive south across the Waikato Valley to the thermal wonderland of Rotorua.

Novotel Rotorua Lakeside is ideally situated in the central city and overlooking the picturesque Lake Rotorua, making the hotel's location to Rotorua's cafés, restaurants and popular local attractions easily accessible. The Novotel Rotorua Lakeside hotel offers 188 modern and comfortable guest rooms and 11 suites, over 5 levels of the hotel.

Accommodation: Novotel Rotorua Lakeside (2 Nights)

Run Of House Room

Day 04

Rotorua

(BD)

Breakfast at the hotel

Day at leisure to enjoy the area then in the evening experience the warmth of the Maori



people during an evening of ceremonial rituals, powerful cultural performance, storytelling and hangi feast! Enter the replica pre-European village, witness the earth being scraped carefully away from the hangi pit and enter the Meeting House to relax as the kapa haka group entertain you with a powerful cultural performance before dining on the hangi buffet dinner.

Day 05
(B)

Rotorua/Hawkes Bay

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today travel south to Taupo, nestled on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake, perhaps stopping at Huka Falls where the clear waters of the Waikato River gush through narrow gap in the rocks, then continue through the township and around the shores of the lake turning east to travel past large pine plantations before driving over the ranges, through the Eskdale Valley and into the Hawkes Bay.

Hawthorne House is a stunning Edwardian villa located in the heart of Hawkes Bay wine country. With four luxuriously appointed en-suite bedrooms, the villa is set in formal and informal gardens and surrounded by paddocks with views to the surrounding Hawke's Bay hills. The tranquil rural setting is conveniently located only minutes from Hastings and Havelock North.

Accommodation: Hawthorne House (2 Nights)

Oak Room with en suite

Day 06
(B)

Hawkes Bay

Breakfast at the guesthouse.

Day at leisure to explore the vineyards or the Art Deco city of Napier.

Day 07
(B)

Hawkes Bay/Wellington

Following breakfast at the guesthouse travel south through the farmlands of Central Hawkes Bay and Wairarapa then over the Rimutaka Hill and around the harbour into Wellington, the Capital City and Seat of Parliament.

At the heart of Wellington's commercial and retail districts, the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor is within easy reach of the Wellington Waterfront and Te Papa National Museum.

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (1 Night)

Terrace Room

Day 08
(B)

Wellington/Picton/Nelson

Breakfast at the hotel

Return rental vehicle to the Wellington Ferry Terminal (NZ\$51.75 incl GST return fee applies, pay direct).

Depart Wellington on the Interislander Ferry cruising across Cook Strait and through the scenic Queen Charlotte Sound to the South Island.

Depart Picton travelling by coach across the top of the South Island to Nelson, an area known for its high ratio of sunshine.

Trailways Hotel Nelson is a modern hotel complex located in the heart of Nelson City, on the banks of a tidal river and within walking distance to downtown and the shopping centre.

Accommodation: Trailways Hotel (2 Nights)

Standard Room

Day 09
(BL)

Abel Tasman National Park

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning transfer by coach from Nelson to the summer resort of Kaiteriteri for a Swing Bridge, Bush and Beach excursion. Cruise into the heart of Abel Tasman National Park pausing at Anchorage to view your destination then continue on to disembark at idyllic Medlands Beach. Walk the most varied section of the Abel Tasman Coastal Track, around the spectacular



Torrent Bay estuary to the long, golden sands of Anchorage Beach. The track weaves through groves of Manuka and fern between views of the granite coast and lush gullies of mature forest, to reach tranquil forest pools. Cross the rushing Falls River by an impressive swing bridge. Packed lunch included. Return to Kaiteriteri by boat then to Nelson by coach.

Day 10
(B)

Nelson/Christchurch

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart Nelson by coach travelling via the Lewis Pass or Blenheim and then down the east coast to the city of Christchurch.

Transfer to the guesthouse – this lovely old heritage house has been restored and refurbished to its former elegance retaining its original kauri framework, and is now complete with all the modern comforts of home.

The rooms are spacious and guests have the use of the private lounge and dining room as well as their own private entrance. It is situated within easy walking distance of the Museum, Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park.

Accommodation: Orari B&B (1 Night)
Superior En Suite Room

Day 11
(B)

Christchurch/Hokitika

Breakfast at the guesthouse then transfer to the Christchurch Railway Station.

Depart Christchurch on the Tranz Alpine train for a scenic rail journey through the splendour of the Southern Alps to the West Coast. Travel over gorges on viaducts that were an engineering feat of their time then after a short stop at Arthur's Pass journey through the 8km Otira Tunnel continuing on to the gold and coal mining town of Greymouth.



Collect a Holden Cruze or similar intermediate automatic rental vehicle and drive down the West Coast to the town of Hokitika.

The guesthouse was originally built in 1910 as a private residence for Dr Teichelmann and is located in the heritage area of the town, opposite the Hokitika Museum and a few short steps to cafes, restaurants, gold and greenstone (pounamu) carvers and galleries.

Accommodation: Teichelmann's Bed & Breakfast (1 Night)
King En Suite Room

Day 12
(B)

Hokitika/Fox Glacier

After breakfast at the guesthouse continue south through native rainforest with the Southern Alps Mountain Range to the village of Fox Glacier.

Fox Glacier Mountain View B&B lives up to its name with wide-open landscapes, views of Mt Cook and Mt Tasman, surrounded by bush-clad hills and just a short drive from the village centre.

Accommodation: Fox Glacier Mountainview B&B (1 Night)
En Suite Room

Day 13
(B)

Fox Glacier/Wanaka

Breakfast at the guesthouse.

Today travel south through the ever-changing scenery of native rainforest, bush-fringed lakes, crystal clear mountain streams and wild beaches into the rugged beauty of the Haast Pass to cross the Southern Alps mountain range. Travel around the shores of glacial Lakes Hawea and Wanaka into the charming township of Wanaka.

The guesthouse is a short walk from the town centre. Guests enter through the front door and have exclusive use of the front of the house. Beyond the entrance way is the spacious open plan living and dining area where guests can relax in the lounge or soak up the sun and mountain views from the private north facing deck and garden. The guest rooms are modern and airy, with TV and tea/coffee facilities.

Accommodation: Criffel Peak View B&B (3 Nights)
En Suite Room

Day 14
(B)

Wanaka

Breakfast at the guesthouse then the day is at leisure to enjoy the town and surrounding district.

Day 15
(B)

Wanaka

Breakfast at the guest house and then the day is at leisure. Enjoy a thrilling jet boat ride along the Matukituki river with a Maori guide who will regale you with stories of the early Maori settlements in the area (as well as giving you an amazing boat trip!) or join group on an eco-adventure to Mou Waho Island, where you'll be asked to plant a native tree.

Day 16
(B)

Wanaka/Te Anau

Breakfast at the guesthouse.

Today travel across Central Otago then around the shores of Lake Wakatipu and across the Southland countryside to Te Anau, gateway to the Fiordland National Park.

Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas is situated across the road from the shores of Lake Te Anau and is a short walk to the town centre.

Accommodation: Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas (1 Night)
Lakefront Room

Day 17
(B, L)

Milford Sound Day Excursion

Breakfast at the guesthouse.

This morning travel by coach from Te Anau into the dramatic landscape of the Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Stop at the Mirror Lakes to see the near perfect reflections of the mountains in the calm waters, see the Disappearing Mountain as you drive down 'The Avenue' then take a short walk to the Chasm and see where the waters disappear into the rocks before arriving in Milford Sound. Cruise the fiord past Mitre Peak to the Tasman Sea enjoying the stunning scenery of cascading waterfalls, dense rainforest, steep cliff faces and marine life that inhabits these waters. Picnic box lunch is included and your nature guide will give a commentary on the interesting features of the area. Return to Te Anau by coach.



Day 18
(B)

Te Anau/Queenstown

Breakfast at the guesthouse then travel back to Queenstown, nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu.

The guesthouse was built to replicate the traditional Swiss Chalet style and is centrally located, just a short drive from the town centre and lakefront. All 7 guest rooms are contemporary and stylish with en suites and lake or mountain views from the balconies.

Accommodation: Chalet Queenstown (2 Nights)
En Suite Room

Day 19 **Queenstown**
(B) Breakfast at the guesthouse then the day is at leisure to enjoy the many activities and attractions available in the area.

Day 20 **Queenstown/Mount Cook**
(B) Following breakfast at the guesthouse drive through the grape growing region of Central Otago then across the barren terrain of the Lindis Pass and alongside the shores of Lake Pukaki into the Mount Cook National Park.
The Mount Cook Lodge and Motels are located in Mount Cook Aoraki Alpine Village, deep within the Aoraki Mount Cook National Park and the World Heritage area, and surrounded by the silent splendour of the Southern Alps.
Accommodation: **Mount Cook Lodge and Motels (2 Nights)**
 Motel Studio Unit

Day 21 **Mount Cook**
(B) Breakfast included at the nearby hotel.
Day at leisure to enjoy the alpine atmosphere.

Day 22 **Mount Cook/Christchurch**
(B) Breakfast included at the nearby hotel.
Travel back alongside Lake Pukaki to Tekapo, perhaps 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.
Accommodation: **Orari (2 Nights)**
 Superior Room



Day 23 **Christchurch**
(B) Breakfast at the guesthouse. Day at leisure to explore this city that is rebuilding itself from the ground up into a city of the future after the devastating earthquakes of 2011.

Day 24 **Depart New Zealand**
(B) Breakfast at the guesthouse.
Return rental vehicle to the Christchurch Airport depot.
Check in for your onward flight and depart New Zealand.

Room for: 2 Adults 1 Double

Important Note

All costs are subject to availability of the accommodation and other services specified when travel dates are set.

Silver Fern Holidays retains the right to adjust prices up or down based on services actually received.

<p>TOUR COST</p> <p>COST PER PERSON – £</p> <p>TOTAL COST – £</p> <p>Based on 2 people travelling and sharing rental vehicle costs</p>

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Meet and greet on arrival at Auckland International Airport
- Transfers by private car and driver/shuttle as specified
- 8 nights hotel accommodation on share twin/double basis with full breakfast (non-smoking rooms)
- 13 nights guesthouse accommodation on a share twin/double basis with breakfast (non-smoking rooms)
- 2 nights motel accommodation on a share twin/double basis with full breakfast (non-smoking rooms)
- 18 x 24 hours hire of a Holden Cruze or similar intermediate automatic vehicle with unlimited kms and standard motor vehicle insurance (non-smoking fleet)
- Touring/transport on a seat in coach/train basis as specified (non-smoking services)
- Wellington/Picton Interislander ferry – passengers only
- Tranz Alpine rail service – seat in train basis – one class only – non-smoking service
- Sightseeing activities and admissions as specified
- Meals as specified
- GST at 15% (costs subject to increase should GST % change)

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Meals except as specified and indicated by (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner
- Wine or other beverages with meals
- Use of rooms before/after normal check in/out times
- Items of a personal nature eg; laundry, phone calls, emails, internet access, excess baggage etc
- Additional or suggested sightseeing arrangements
- Special Event Surcharges
- Petrol/oil/CDW insurance for rental vehicle (airport/ferry terminal collection/return fee / one-way fee / bond / excess applies – pay direct)
- Budget Rental Cars Airport/Ferry Terminal Fee (NZ\$51.75) – pay direct
- Car parking fees
- International airfares
- Domestic airfares other than those expressly stipulated
- Any credit card or bank fees

NOTE:

QUOTE ONLY. NO RESERVATIONS ARE HELD. All costs are subject to availability of the services specified in the itinerary when travel dates are set. Additional surcharges may be applicable during Special Events and/or statutory public holidays, e.g. Christmas, New Year's Eve, Easter etc. Any additional surcharges will be advised at the time of the booking. Costs are subject to increase should any government taxes or levies be increased or introduced. All touring is subject to favourable weather, road, flying and sea conditions.

ACCOMMODATION:

Check in time at most hotels is 2pm or 3pm. If you are arriving earlier, the hotel will store your luggage until your room is ready. Alternatively, at time of booking you may wish to pre-register your hotel room for immediate check in – an extra nights' charge will apply. Upon check in, most hotels will request an imprint of your credit card to cover any personal extras. If you do not have a credit card they may ask for a cash deposit.

All accommodation is automatically reserved as 'non-smoking' as properties are now designated smoke-free. Please advise if you require smoking facilities so you can be advised of the properties' policy and ashtrays/smoking areas can be arranged outside the room where available.

GREAT JOURNEYS OF NEW ZEALAND – LUGGAGE ALLOWANCES FOR RAIL SERVICES (Northern Explorer; Coastal Pacific; Tranz Alpine)

- One item of check-in baggage per person
- Maximum weight for a single bag is 32kg
- Bags weighing over 23kg will require two crew members to lift onto the train – assistance from the passenger may be required
- Wheeled cabin bags and backpacks are classed as check-in luggage
- Two additional items of baggage can be purchased for \$20.00NZD including GST per piece – pay direct at the station
- Repack bags available to buy at the station for \$10.00NZD – pay direct at the station

BUDGET RENTAL CARS 2017/2018

Additional fees:

First hire: The following fees apply – they are extra and payable direct at the time the vehicle is collected:

- NZ\$51.75 Ferry Terminal Return Fee

Second hire: The following fees apply – they are extra and payable direct at the time the vehicle is collected

- NZ\$51.75 Airport Terminal Collection/Return Fee

Budget Protection Plan - Excess Reduction:

Budget Rentals have a standard excess of NZ\$3450.00 for which the hirer is responsible for vehicle damage regardless of who is at fault. This excess liability can be reduced to NZ\$258.75 by payment of an additional NZ\$28.75 of hire a day direct to Budget Rentals on collection

**** A more cost effective method of paying for this is through a UK insurance company offering excess cover, such as insurance4carhire which can be found on our website www.silverfernolidays.com/excess-car-insurance/**

“RSN” (Roadside Assistance Package)

This is an optional product on top of BPP. It can only be paid directly at the counter costing NZ\$6.90 per day. Roadside Assistance when purchased provides the customer with a ‘no call out fee’ adding peace of mind to common issues that the customer may cause that are not included in the rental.

Roadside Assistance covers:

- Out of fuel (Up to \$10 fuel delivery)
- Key replacement for lost keys/keys locked in vehicle
- Flat Tyre Assistance
- Tyre Replacement (just the tyre – the rubber) excludes the spare wheel/wheel cover/hubcap
- Flat Battery

Credit card:

At the time of vehicle collection, clients are required to present a bank issued credit card issued in their name (card must have embossed numbers on front of card). A preauthorisation will be taken as security and for any additional products and services. This is payable direct. The preauthorisation balance will vary, with a minimum of NZ\$100.00 and any further amount calculated on estimated payable direct charges (for optional extras such as additional insurance coverage, airport/ferry terminal fees, one-way fees, or accessories such as baby seat, GPS unit etc). After return of the vehicle, the preauthorisation will be released (approximately 3-days after return of vehicle), and any actual charges will be processed. The preauthorisation can be made by any major international credit cards (American Express, Visa, Mastercard or Diners Club). Budget does not accept electronic or prepaid or preloaded or reloaded debit cards or cash payments for excess, bond etc.

Any additional charges over what has been included in the nett rate will be collected direct from the client – eg. fuel, additional coverages, additional hours, accessories, fees etc.

A card transaction may apply. This fee is general between 2-3% of the total payable direct charges.

Driver Licence / Minimum Age

All drivers must be 21 years old or over and hold a current non-probationary driver's licence (with a full and accurate English translation shown on the licence) from their home country. An international driver's permit must be accompanied by a home country licence. The international driver's licence or permit must be in English, or an accurate English translation of the licence or permit must be given. An accurate English translation means that the translation must be given by a diplomatic representative at a high commission, embassy or consulate, or an overseas issuing authority or a translation service acceptable to the New Zealand Transport Authority.

There is no maximum age to hire a vehicle. There is no charge for additional authorised drivers; however they must meet the criteria of the Driver's Licence requirements. Additional drivers must be registered on the Budget Rental Agreement, and prior to driving they must visit a Budget branch in New Zealand to show their full and valid driver's licence.

Driver's licence must be carried whenever driving in New Zealand.

GPS units are available with rental vehicles at extra cost. These GPS units can be reserved in advance if requested but the **customer must pay for the unit hire direct to Budget Rentals at the time of collection.** Costs are NZ\$11.45 per day, or NZ\$57.45 per week, or NZ\$114.95 per month incl GST. In the event of the unit being lost, damaged or stolen while on rent to client, the client will be charged NZ\$230.00 incl GST.

Payment Terms: Once booking is confirmed, full balance payment is required 10 weeks prior to departure.

No refunds on any unused portions of any itinerary. The exception is if a sightseeing service is cancelled by operator due to weather conditions/safety concerns etc and the operator authorises a refund. Any such refunds will be processed through agent.

Guided Track Walks Cancellation Policy

Please note: Full payment is required 14 days after booking has been made to confirm booking and there are strict cancellation conditions.