

# New Zealand Discovery

**19 Days** of fully escorted luxury touring at a relaxed pace

**DEPARTING FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

***SUPERIOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION***



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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE**

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools & geysers
- Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- Milford Sound Cruise & Lunch
- Haggis Ceremony & Gift
- Larnach Castle
- City sights tour of Auckland, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin

### **DAY 1: FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER D HOME TO AUCKLAND**

After pick up from your home we travel to Tullamarine and our flight to Auckland, where we will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to our hotel.

Accom: Sky City Hotel Auckland.

### **DAY 2: SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER B.D AUCKLAND - BAY OF ISLANDS**

We depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakohe, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

Accom: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands. 2 nights

### **DAY 3: SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER B.D BAY OF ISLANDS**

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening dinner has been included at our hotel.

### **DAY 4: MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER B. BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND**

This morning travel aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia. Travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This afternoon includes a visit to Sky Tower at your leisure, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. This evening is also free to explore the variety of eateries surrounding the hotel.

Accom: Sky City Hotel Auckland.

### **DAY 5: TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER B.L.D AUCKLAND - ROTORUA**

Today enjoy a city sights tour of Auckland. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the movie set from the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into the Shire from Middle Earth

Accom: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua. 2 nights

### **DAY 6: WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.SD ROTORUA**

Today begins with a Gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a luge ride!

Next stop is the Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you have seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome Geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

**DAY 7: THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.D**  
**ROTORUA - NAPIER - MASTERTON**

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as “The Art Deco Capital”, where a city tour will showcase the most comprehensive collection of art deco buildings. Enjoy some free time to explore the fascinating architecture before travelling through the Wairarapa, an emerging cool- climate wine region.  
Accom: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park.

**DAY 8: FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.D**  
**MASTERTON – GREYTOWN - WELLINGTON**

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day before travelling to Greytown where you see the most complete example of original Victorian wooden architecture. Drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington, then enjoy a city tour of the nation’s capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here.  
Accom: James Cook Grand Chancellor. 2 nights

**DAY 9: SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.D**  
**WELLINGTON - PICTON - BLENHEIM**

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War Exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand’s National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. This afternoon we board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where we board our coach for the short journey to Blenheim.  
Accom: Scenic Hotel Marlborough.

**DAY 10: SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.D**  
**BLENHEIM - KAIKOURA - CHRISTCHURCH**

Today we tour through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine, then travel to the seaside village of Kaikoura. We continue on to the garden city of Christchurch.  
Accom: Distinction Christchurch Hotel.

**DAY 11: MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.D**  
**CHRISTCHURCH - FRANZ JOSEF**

This morning we board the TransAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as we ascend to Arthur’s Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing to Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the

spectacular glaciers.  
Accom: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier.

**DAY 12: TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.**  
**FRANZ JOSEF - QUEENSTOWN**

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast to Fox Glacier. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.  
Accom: Mercure Queenstown Resort. 2 nights

**DAY 13: WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.SD**  
**QUEENSTOWN**

Today is a free day. There are plenty of sightseeing options and your Tour Guide and Coach Captain is available to assist. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon or get up close to a Kiwi bird. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. On arrival sit back relax, and enjoy a gourmet BBQ dinner featuring a menu of seasonal fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel’s Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as we cruise back to Queenstown.

**DAY 14: THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.D**  
**QUEENSTOWN - TE ANAU**

We enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where we visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. This afternoon you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).  
Accom: Distinction Luxmore Hotel. 2 nights

**DAY 15: FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.L.D**  
**TE ANAU - MILFORD SOUND**

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua-Shadowland which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

**DAY 16: SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.SD**  
**TE ANAU - DUNEDIN**

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the “Edinburgh of the South” and enjoy an informative city tour. We travel along the Otago Peninsular to Lanach Castle where we hear the tragic and scandalous history on our guided tour. There is time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Tonight a Scottish evening will

be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and a gift.

Accom: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City.

**DAY 17: SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.D  
DUNEDIN – MT COOK - TWIZEL**

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you continue to marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Travel to Twizel for your overnight stay.

Accom: MacKenzie Country Hotel.

**DAY 18: MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.SD  
TWIZEL - CHRISTCHURCH**

The tour continues to Lake Tekapo and a view of the brilliant turquoise water, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and see the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving into Christchurch. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner with the tour group.

Accom: Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

**DAY 19: TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER B.  
CHRISTCHURCH - HOME**

It's time to say goodbye. We will be transferred to the airport for our flight home to Tullamarine after a memorable 19 Day New Zealand holiday. Upon arrival at Tullamarine you will be returned to your home.

**PRICE: \$7960.00 per person**

**SINGLE SUPP: \$2490.00**

**All prices include GST**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- 1. The above price includes the compulsory departure taxes associated with this tour.**

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Return airfares from Tullamarine flying Air New Zealand
- Luxury coach travel with 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows
- Personalized Meet & Greet on arrival
- 18 nights 4 Star hotel accommodation
- 4 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre-paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack.
- Durable travel bag
- 1 Ticket wallet per couple
- Toiletry wet pack
- 1 Laundry bag per couple
- Luggage label
- Personal name badge
- Personalized itinerary
- Postcard

- Customs required resealable plastic bag
- Touring map

**MEALS**

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast at Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 16 sumptuous dinners including 4 specialty dinners: Maori Hangi & Concert - Rotorua,
- Walter Peak Homestead - Queenstown, Haggis Ceremony - Dunedin,
- Farewell Dinner - Christchurch
- 2 lunches including 1 specialty lunch: Shire's buffet lunch, Hobbiton.
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle.

- **All Meals as Specified.**
- **B: Breakfast, L: Lunch,**
- **D: Dinner, SD: Specialty Dinner**

- **Pick up & return to your home.**

- **Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.**

- **Please note: This itinerary if necessary, may be subject to change.**

- **Passengers travelling to New Zealand are required to hold a current passport.**



Brendan's Australian Tours associating with Grand Pacific Tours gives you the chance to explore both the South and North Islands of New Zealand over 19 magical days.





**Enjoy 19 days of fully escorted luxury as we tour beautiful New Zealand**

