

New Zealand Grand Tour

Departs:
24 February 2011



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 50 Years and Over**

Thursday 24 February to Monday 14 March 2011 (19 days / 18 nights)

Auckland • Bay of Islands • Rotorua • Napier • Masterton • Greytown • Wellington • Picton • Blenheim • Kaikoura • Christchurch • Twizel • Dunedin • Te Anau • Milford Sound • Queenstown • Arrowtown • Fox Glacier • Franz Josef • Arthur's Pass • Christchurch

New Zealand Highlights

This tour provides an excellent coverage of both the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Beginning in Auckland, the 'City of Sails', for 8 days experience the north island as you visit the highlights before you make the crossing to the South Island for spectacular 11 days touring of the scenic south.

This tour is operated by Grand Pacific Tours who have specialised in New Zealand luxury coach holidays for over 20 years. Their 'all inclusive' style of touring represents the best value for money and includes the highest quality standard of touring.

Tour Highlights

- From the moment you touch down a friendly smile awaits
- Relive the day's highlights with your fellow travellers at Wine Time! Each evening, one hour prior to dinner, your hotel will offer Grand Pacific traveller's a discounted drink offer on selected beverages
- Experience a traditional Haggis ceremony
- Relax on a beautiful Milford Sound cruise
- A day of leisure in Queenstown
- Journey onboard The TranzApline, one of the great train journeys of the world.
- Visit the capital, Wellington
- Visit the spectacular Huka Falls
- See the boiling mud pools and the awesome Geysers of Rotorua
- Enjoy a special group farewell dinner in Auckland

Tour Pace

A luxury coach tour with two-night stays in four highlight destinations; Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Te Anua and Queenstown, Wellington, Rotorua and Bay of Islands. The travelling days have been well planned with plenty of stops both for refreshment and photo opportunities.

Fellow Passengers: Share your journey with other like-minded single travellers. Plus, we 'go the extra mile' and offer a pre-departure contact service to our group of guests (see *itinerary page for details*).

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Book early to secure your place on this popular tour.



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- 18 nights deluxe hotel accommodation
- 4 cruises
- Four 2 night stays
- All sightseeing and pre-paid attraction
- Return airfares from your homeport (in Australia)
- Personalised meet and greet at the airport
- Return airports transfers in New Zealand
- 18 cooked breakfasts (1 speciality)
- 2 lunches (1 speciality)
- 17 sumptuous dinners (6 speciality dinners) ^
- 1 delicious morning tea
- Luxury coach with 2 door access rest-room, reclining seats & panoramic views
- Professional coach captain
- Fully escorted
- Comprehensive documentation pack
- GST (New Zealand)
- Optional room mate matching service

^ dinner day 1 not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm to hotel.

Tour Date

24 February to 14 March 2011
(bookings close 23 December 2010*)

* Bookings will close before published date if places sell out.

Room-mate Matching

Avoid the single supplement with our room-mate matching service. In the event a room mate can not be offered you will be provided a single room at no additional cost.

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person	Twin Share	Single Room
Ex-Sydney/ Melbourne/ Gold Coast / Brisbane	\$4819	\$6099
Ex-Canberra	\$5013	\$6293
Ex-Cairns	\$5101	\$6381
Ex-Adelaide	\$5122	\$6402
Ex Hobart/ Launceston	\$5109	\$6389
Ex-Perth	\$5404	\$6684
Tour Only	\$4299	\$5579
Pre-tour Auckland	\$100	\$200
Post-tour Christchurch	\$90	\$180

All prices are in Australian Dollars

** Prepaid taxes included in prices quoted above are correct at time of print but are subject to change. Exact amounts will be confirmed at the time of airfare payment.

About Us

At **arendzvous travel & leisure** we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like-minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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Itinerary for New Zealand Grand Tour 19 Days



DAY 1: Homeport - Auckland (D)

Arrive to Auckland where you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your tour escort and fellow travellers for a pre dinner drink and a welcome dinner. Hotel Hyatt Regency Auckland

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

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 Matakoho, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, 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.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B,D)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available. Your tour escort will be available to assist.

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

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.

Hotel Hyatt Regency Auckland

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

This morning enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. Continue to Longlands Dairy Farm where a short farm talk is followed by a delicious home cooked lunch. Travel to Rotorua, visit Paradise Valley Springs, a wildlife park where you can hand feed rainbow trout.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (Superior Rooms. 2 nights)

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a Gondola ride to Skyrides Restaurant where a buffet breakfast and spectacular views are on offer. Travel to the Agrodome where you see performing sheep, a shearing display and sheep dog trial. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling out to see the boiling mud pools and awesome Geysers of Rotorua. This evening you will experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Napier - Masterton (B,SD)

Depart Rotorua and travel to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier "The Art Deco Capital Of The World", for a tour of this city that was destroyed by an earthquake in 1931. Enjoy some free time before travelling through the Wairarapa, an emerging cool-climate wine region. At the hotel this evening a wine and cheese experience will be presented. **Hotel Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park**

DAY 8: Masterton-Greytown-Wellington (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day. Later this

morning, travel to Greytown (D) to see the most complete example of original Victorian wooden architecture. Drive through Featherston before you travel through the Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington to enjoy a city tour will highlight the history and culture on show here.

Hotel James Cook Grand Chancellor

DAY 9: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim (B,D)

Enjoy free time this morning to explore Wellington at leisure. Suggested options include a visit to Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum or a tour through the Parliament buildings. This afternoon board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board your coach for the short journey to Blenheim. **Hotel Heartland Hotel Marlborough**

DAY 10: Blenheim-Kaikoura-Christchurch (B,D)

Tour through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine then travel to the quaint fishing village of Kaikoura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch including a city sights tour.

Hotel Copthorne Durham Street or Copthorne Central Christchurch

DAY 11: Christchurch - Twizel (B,D)

Travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and view the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available (time and weather permitting) to enjoy a scenic flight (optional) over the Southern Alps.

Hotel MacKenzie Country Inn

DAY 12: Twizel - Dunedin (B,SD)

Depart Twizel and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin, a well preserved Victorian city. Enjoy an informative city tour including a visit to Olveston House, a prestigious historic home. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, a Haggis Ceremony and gift.

Hotel Mercure Leisure Lodge

DAY 13: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Visit Glenfalloch Woodland Gardens and view the superb collection of flowers, followed by a delightful morning tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel to Te Anau. **Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Deluxe Rooms. 2 nights)**

DAY 14: Te Anau-Milford Sound-Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound to board for a cruise on this magnificent fiord to absorb the scenery and enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon return to Te

Anau where some free time is available. Tonight you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

DAY 15: Te Anau - Queenstown (B,SD)

Travel to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village and visit the Lakes District Museum then continue to Queenstown. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. On arrival you are treated to the best of New Zealand's high country cuisine in the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown. **Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (Lakeview Rooms. 2 nights)**

DAY 16: Queenstown (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. There are plenty of sightseeing options and your Coach Captain is available to assist. The evening is also free. You may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

DAY 17: Fox Glacier - Franz Josef (B,D)

Depart Queenstown and travel via the Haast Pass to the West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) for a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers before continuing to Franz Josef. **Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier**

DAY 18: Franz Josef - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,SD)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue to Arthur's Pass and board The TranzAlpine, one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin and across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. This evening you will be treated to a special farewell dinner with your new friends. **Hotel Copthorne Durham Street or Copthorne Central Christchurch**

DAY 19: Christchurch - Homeport (B)

Time to say goodbye. You'll be transferred to the

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE

With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) to the rest of the travellers booked with us. It's a popular choice, especially as most guests usually book solo. This contact list is provided after bookings close.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice. The tour is operated by Grand Pacific Tours (Lic No. 32046).

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