

New Zealand Highlights



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 50 Years and Over**
Thursday 25 October - Friday 9 November 2012
16 days / 15 nights

Christchurch • Omarama • Dunedin • Te Anau • Milford Sound • Queenstown • Arrowtown • Fox Glacier • Picton • Wellington • Rotorua • Auckland • Bay of Islands

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This tour provides an excellent coverage of both the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Beginning in Christchurch, discover the delights of the South Island such as Dunedin, Milford Sound and Queenstown. Spend 8 days touring the North Island, visiting cultural Rotorua, the stunning Bay of Islands and finishing the tour in Auckland—the 'City of Sails'.

This tour is operated by Grand Pacific Tours who have specialised in New Zealand 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 New Zealand's capital, Wellington with a guided tour of New Zealand's national museum
- 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

This is a well paced tour with two-night stays in 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

- 15 nights quality accommodation
- Return airfares from your homeport (in Australia) *
- Airport to hotel transfers on arrival and departure
- 15 cooked breakfasts
- 12 dinners including 5 speciality dinners
- 1 picnic lunch & 1 morning tea
- Luxury coach travel
- Professional coach captain
- Fully escorted with a tour guide
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing & pre paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack

* there is an option to exclude the airfares and only book the tour.

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.

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE

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

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person	Twin Share	Single Room
Ex-Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Gold Coast	\$4305	\$5325
Ex-Canberra	\$4581	\$5601
Ex-Cairns	\$4581	\$5601
Ex-Adelaide	\$4598	\$5618
Ex-Hobart/ Launceston	\$4595	\$5615
Ex-Perth	\$4835	\$5855
Tour Only	\$3775	\$4795
Pre-tour night Christchurch	\$105	\$210
Post-tour night Auckland	\$95	\$190

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 Highlights



Day 1: Homeport - Christchurch (SD)

Fly from your homeport to Christchurch where you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your tour guide and fellow travellers for a pre dinner drink followed by a welcome dinner.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

Day 2: Christchurch - Omarama (B,D)

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and 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 before travelling to Omarama.

Hotel Heritage Gateway Hotel

Day 3: Omarama - Dunedin (B,SD)

Depart Omarama and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. After a true Victorian welcome, enjoy an informative update on this unique Precinct where several amazing buildings and shops are on show. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift.

Hotel Mercure Leisure Lodge

Day 4: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you 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 through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Tonight you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Superior Rooms)

Day 5: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

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. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (2 nights)

Day 6: Queenstown, Free Day (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain is available to assist with the many sightseeing options available, whether it be the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or the helicopter ride of a lifetime. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. On arrival sit back and relax as 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.

Day 7: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Fox Glacier (B,D)

Travel to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel to Fox Glacier. Time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Heartland Hotel Glacier Country

Day 8: Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,D)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board The TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to the elegant city of Christchurch. On arrival your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

Day 9: Christchurch - Picton - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine. Continue to Picton, where you board the Interislander Ferry for your journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Strait to Wellington.

Hotel Ibis Wellington (2 nights)

DAY 10: Wellington (B)

Today explore this exciting region and enjoy an extensive city tour which explains the history and culture on show in New Zealand's capital, Wellington. A highlight will be a guided tour of Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views of the land, environment and people. Enjoy some free time to explore at leisure this afternoon. This evening is also free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

DAY 11: Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua (B,D)

Depart Wellington and view the snow capped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as you travel to Lake Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka

Falls then travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (2 nights)

DAY 12: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a Gondola ride to Cableway 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. Next visit. Paradise Valley Springs, a superb wildlife park where you can hand feed rainbow trout. Some free time is available 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 13: Rotorua - Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel via Auckland to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Continue to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy an introduction to the Bay of Islands, location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British. This evening enjoy a moving cultural experience at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds presented by Culture North.

Hotel Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge (2 nights)

DAY 14: Bay of Islands (B)

Today cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands on board a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning via Russell to Paihia for a free afternoon where a range of optional activities are available. This evening is also free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

DAY 15: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,SD)

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei and Dargaville to Matakoho. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening you will be treated to a farewell dinner with your new found friends.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel Auckland City

DAY 16: Auckland - Homeport (B)

Time to say goodbye. You'll be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

B-Breakfast L-Lunch
D-Dinner SD-Speciality Dinner

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