

The Classic Collection

The Classic Collection is our premiere touring option. With no more than 16 guests on any tour and such an incredible choice of things to do and places to see, we set out to give you plenty of time to sightsee, relax and savour the local lifestyle and culture.

Relax in stylish surroundings

Accommodation is usually high up on the list of importance on any holiday. At the end of a day's travel or activity, you'll want to freshen up and relax in a hotel that makes you feel at home. That's why the properties featured in our Classic Collection series have been very carefully chosen for their superior level of comfort, exceptional amenities, friendly staff and service and for their superb location.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to stay a few extra nights in the gateway cities, either at the beginning or end of your holiday. We particularly recommend this for travellers who may be arriving off long-haul flights. An extra day or two will certainly help you in getting over any jet lag and will ensure you are relaxed and refreshed before setting off on your journey around New Zealand.

Bed & Breakfast (price per person)	Share twin	Single
Auckland		
Duxton Hotel	\$130	\$230
Heritage Auckland Hotel	\$150	\$265
Christchurch		
Novotel	\$135	\$235
Heritage Christchurch Hotel	\$150	\$265
Wellington		
James Cook Grand Chancellor	\$135	\$240

Please note: Normal hotel check-in time is 2.00pm on the day of arrival. Whilst hotels will do all possible to accommodate an earlier check-in, this cannot be guaranteed.



More than just the usual sightseeing

Our Classic Collection tours include all the 'must-see' highlights of New Zealand plus many exclusive extras. We feature a fantastic mix of cultural, adventure & general sightseeing activities, some of which are only available to small groups.

On any given day, you could be cruising across a crater lake, swimming in natural thermal pools, flying over glaciers, mountains, waterfalls & rainforests, getting up close to & tasting ice from 500-year old icebergs, exploring spectacular fiords, experiencing the thrills of an action packed jet-boat ride or enjoying a guided heli-tour of an active volcanic island. Our trips feature them all!

But on those days when nothing is planned, we let you decide what you want to do.

Holidays are traditionally a great time to spread your wings & try something new but experience has shown that some of the best things in life involve the unexpected, which is why we don't plan everything for you. We believe it's important to have the right balance between a full, well-organised itinerary & the freedom to do your own thing, so within the framework of your journey with us, there is ample time and flexibility for your own personal exploration.

We offer excitement, leisure and adventure in their various forms and you can put them together to end up with the holiday you want! Your Tour Host will be only too pleased to advise & guide you as to all the options available.

Fabulous cuisine

We appreciate that individual appetites vary. Every day begins with a full cooked breakfast at your hotel and some tours may feature evening and specialty meals. When not included, we encourage you to seek out and enjoy the great variety of bistros, cafés and restaurants that offer indoor and al-fresco dining. After all, discovering new and exciting places to eat is a fun part of any travel experience!

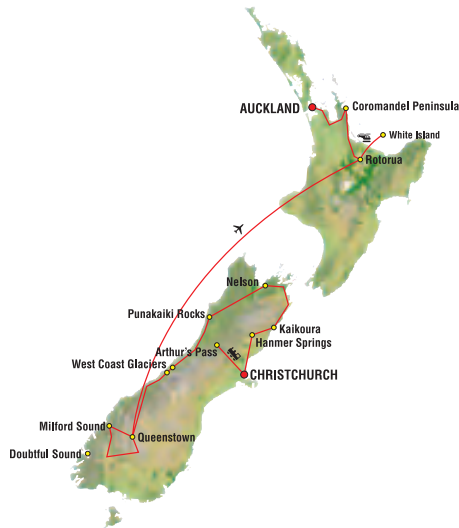
Complimentary airport transfers

We offer all our guests complimentary, private limousine transfers on arrival and departure. Simply have your travel agent provide us with your flight details and we will meet you on arrival and see you to your first night's accommodation. At the end of your holiday, we'll make sure you get to the airport in plenty of time for your onward flight.



Antipodean Encounter

18 Days – Christchurch to Auckland



Highlights & Inclusions

- Group size won't exceed 16 guests
- 16 nights superior hotel accommodation
- Overnight Milford Sound Nature Cruise
- 2 night stopovers in Christchurch, Nelson, Rotorua & Auckland
- 4 nights majestic Queenstown
- Accompanied throughout by professional, experienced Tour Host
- Domestic flight Queenstown to Rotorua
- Full breakfasts daily, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- 4WD High Country experience & jet boat ride
- World-famous TranzAlpine train
- Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve
- Whale watching cruise, Kaikoura
- Cruise & walk Abel Tasman National Park
- Punakaiki Rocks & Blowholes
- Franz Josef & Fox Glaciers
- Haast Pass & Westland National Park
- Stunning Milford Sound
- Dart River Jet Boat Wilderness Safari
- Traditional Maori hangi (feast) & Cultural evening
- Helicopter flight to White Island Volcano and guided tour
- Coromandel beaches
- Sail a genuine America's Cup racing yacht
- Complimentary airport transfers

The Antipodean Encounter will take you off the beaten track with soft adventure activities that focus on nature, wildlife, landscapes, history & culture . . . and sometimes a mixture of them all! Included activities have been designed to stimulate the body and mind so that you end the day refreshed & invigorated. Best of all, they're fun and a great way to explore and learn about the various regions you visit.

Day 1 – Arrive Christchurch

Our representative will meet you on arrival & transfer you by limousine to your city hotel.

Stay Novotel Christchurch (2 nights)

Day 2 – 4WD High Country TranzAlpine Experience (B,L)

Travel by road & jet boat deep into the Southern Alps to areas otherwise inaccessible. Rendezvous with the Unimog and travel in this unique 4WD vehicle to Mt Torlesse Station. After lunch, return to Christchurch aboard the world-famous TranzAlpine train.

Day 3 – Hanmer Springs, Kaikoura (B)

Travel inland to the naturally picturesque and tranquil alpine village of Hanmer Springs & relax in the thermal pools. Continue to Kaikoura, a small township located in a narrow strip of stunning coastline that lies between mountain peaks and the Pacific Ocean.

Stay White Morph Inn

Day 4 – Whale Watch cruise, Nelson (B)

Every Whale Watch tour is a unique experience & sightings may vary from day to day. Giant sperm whales are the star of the show and are year-round residents. A typical Whale Watch cruise may encounter fur seals, pods of Dusky dolphins & the endangered Wandering Albatross. Depending on the season, you may also see migrating Hump Back whales, Pilot whales, Blue whales & Southern Right whales. Continue north to Blenheim, gateway to the well-known Marlborough Sounds region before arriving at Nelson, a city of charm based on a harbour that is home to the busiest fishing port in New Zealand.

Stay Heritage Rutherford Hotel (2 nights)

Day 5 – Abel Tasman National Park Bush 'n' Beach walk (B,L)

Today you can choose from a number of included cruise & walk or cruise only options in the famous Abel Tasman National Maritime Park. Enjoy a great day on the water combining cruising, sightseeing, bush walks, beach stops & plenty of relaxing!

Day 6 – Nelson Lakes, Punakaiki Rocks (B)

Travel south through the Nelson Lakes region before arriving on the West Coast. Marvel at the bizarre limestone landscapes that are the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks & Blowholes.

Stay Punakaiki Resort

Day 7 – Greymouth, Franz Josef Glacier (B)

The West Coast is home to towering rainforests, mountains and glaciers, tranquil lakes and rushing rivers. It is steeped in history dating back to the gold rush era of the 1860's. Our overnight stay tonight is in the glacial village of Franz Josef.

Stay Punga Grove

Day 8 – Haast, Wanaka, Queenstown (B)

Today, view incredible scenery as you travel past the untouched native forests and pristine lakes of the World Heritage Westland National Park and Haast Pass. There is time to wander around the popular lakeside townships





of Hawea and Wanaka before travelling over the spectacular Crown Range to the historic gold mining village of Arrowtown. On to Queenstown, a beautiful alpine resort regarded as New Zealand's premier holiday destination.
Stay Heritage Queenstown Hotel (2 nights)

Day 9 – Explore Queenstown & its surrounds (B)

Enjoy a free day today to experience this magnificent resort. Surrounded by majestic mountains, Queenstown boasts adventure & leisure activities in all forms, from extreme to relaxed exploration. Your Tour Host will be pleased to recommend and offer advice on the many options available.

Day 10 – Milford Sound Overnight Cruise (B,D)

At Milford Sound, board the Milford Mariner for a relaxing cruise of the entire length of the Sound to the Tasman Sea. View spectacular waterfalls, rainforests, mountains & wildlife. Activities include kayaking and excursions in the tender vessels (stabi craft) to explore the coastline.
Stay Overnight in sheltered Harrison Cove.

Day 11 – Return to Queenstown, day at leisure (B)

For those wishing to return to Queenstown by air, an optional scenic flight is available (subject to weather conditions). Upon our return, the rest of the day is free to relax & enjoy all that this spectacular resort has to offer.
Stay Heritage Queenstown Hotel (2 nights)

Day 12 – Mighty Dart River Jetboat Safari (B)

Join the Dart River Safari and jet boat on crystal clear waters in a wild and scenic landscape amidst the towering peaks, glaciers and ancient rainforests of the Mt. Aspiring National Park.

Day 13 – Fly Queenstown to Rotorua (B,D)

Today, fly north to the geothermal city of Rotorua. Here you can stand upon volcanoes, peer into massive craters, see boiling mud, exploding geysers and marvel at the unspoiled native forests that cloak the land. Tonight enjoy a traditional Maori hangi (feast) & cultural evening.
Stay Duxton Okawa Bay Hotel (2 nights)

Day 14 – Helicopter to White Island Volcano (B)

Board your helicopter for an incredible flight over the geothermal region of the Volcanic Plateau to White Island, New Zealand's only active marine volcano. Located 52kms off the Bay of Plenty coastline, the islands' active volcanic

vents, steaming crater lake, bubbling hot streams and desolate mining ruins combine to create a surreal experience. When present, the sighting of dolphins in the Pacific Ocean over which you fly contrast to create an awesome & inspiring excursion.

Day 15 – Bay of Plenty, Coromandel Peninsula (B)

Travel north this morning to the popular beachside towns of Tauranga & Mt Maunganui. Continue your journey to Pauanui on the eastern side of the Coromandel Peninsula, a region where many kiwis choose to escape the bustle and stress of city life.
Stay Mercure Grand Puka Park Resort

Day 16 – Pauanui Beach, Auckland (B)

After a leisurely breakfast and a stroll along the local beaches, travel on to Auckland, the 'City of Sails', New Zealand's largest and most vibrant, offering an exciting array of cosmopolitan experiences. Enjoy a sightseeing & orientation tour on arrival.
Stay Heritage Auckland Hotel (2 nights)

Day 17 – Sail Auckland Harbour (B)

Today you have the opportunity to crew on an original America's Cup racing yacht. You will have the chance to take the helm, trim on the grinders or simply sit back and relax and enjoy the action as you sail down the Auckland Harbour. This afternoon is free for some last minute sightseeing and shopping.

Day 18 – Depart Auckland (B)

Your tour arrangements end after breakfast this morning. Here we bid you farewell and hope you leave with many happy memories of your stay.

Departure Dates		
2011: Jan 09, 16, 30; Feb 06, 13, 20, 27; Mar 06, 13, 20, 27; Apr 03, 10, 17; Oct 16, 30; Nov 13, 27; Dec 04, 18		
2012: Jan 08, 15, 29; Feb 05, 12, 19, 26; Mar 04, 11, 18, 25; Apr 01, 08, 15		
Prices	Twin	Single
01 Jan - 30 Apr '11	\$9,670	\$12,320
01 Oct - 30 Apr '12	\$9,699	\$12,375

