

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!

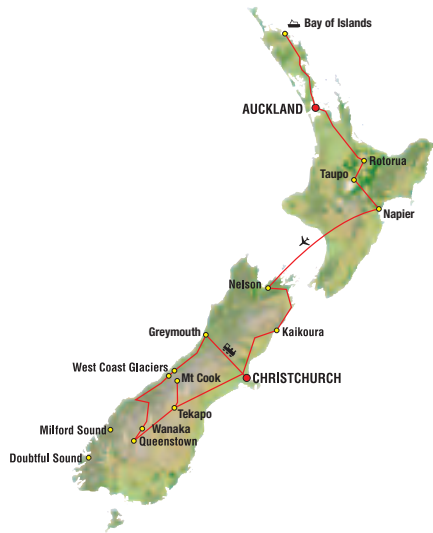
Complimentary airport transfers

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.



Panorama

24 Days – Auckland to Christchurch



Highlights & Inclusions

- Group size won't exceed 16 guests
- 22 nights accommodation in superior hotels
- Overnight Bay of Islands Cruise
- Minimum 2 night stay at every stopover
- 3 nights majestic Queenstown
- Accompanied throughout by experienced, professional Tour Host
- Domestic air travel Napier to Nelson
- Full breakfasts daily, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- Historic Bay of Islands
- Exclusive Lake Tarawera cruise & Te Wairoa Buried Village
- Blue & Green Lakes & Rotorua sightseeing
- Huka Falls, Wairakei Geothermal area & Lake Taupo
- Guided Art Deco Walk, Napier
- Abel Tasman National Park Cruise & Walk
- Whale Watch Cruise, Kaikoura
- Lake Tekapo & Church of the Good Shepherd
- World-heritage listed Mt Cook National Park
- See & touch glaciers & icebergs up-close on your Tasman Glacier Explorer expedition
- Arrowtown & Southern Lakes district
- Optional day & overnight tours to Milford & Doubtful Sounds
- Mt Aspiring & Westland National Parks
- Twin Glaciers of Franz Josef & Fox
- Spectacular coast to coast journey through the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine train
- Complimentary airport transfers by limousine

Discover why NZ remains one of the world's most sought after destinations on this ultimate touring holiday! This leisurely, 24-day journey features a minimum 2-night stay at every stopover point. With such an incredible choice of things to do & places to see, you'll enjoy plenty of time to sightsee, relax and savour the lifestyle that is New Zealand.

Day 1 – Arrive Auckland

On arrival at Auckland airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your city hotel.

Stay Duxton Hotel (2 nights)

Day 2 – Auckland sightseeing & harbour cruise (B)

At the completion of your city sights tour, board a 50-foot yacht for a 90-minute relaxing cruise on the magnificent Waitemata Harbour. You can sit back and watch it all happen or help the professional crew by taking the helm and trimming the sails.

Day 3 – Hibiscus Coast, Bay of Islands overnight cruise (B,D)

This morning, we travel over the Harbour Bridge and head through the northern suburbs of Auckland with the beachside homes of the Hibiscus Coast to the east & the bush-clad Waitakere Ranges to the west. Enjoy spectacular scenery of native forests & sub-tropical bush as we make our way to Paihia in the Bay of Islands, a seaside town nestled on the foreshore of this National Maritime Park. Early this afternoon, we board our overnight vessel, "Ipipiri", for a unique cruise that will immerse you into the region's breathtaking beauty and it's historical & cultural significance. Island walks, snorkelling & kayaking are all available before enjoying a sumptuous dinner.

Overnight aboard Ipipiri

Day 4 – Explore the Bay of Islands (B)

There is time for some optional activities such as fishing or swimming with the dolphins before returning to Opua & disembarking at 11am. The rest of the day is free to explore the local area & enjoy the many fantastic excursions available. Your Tour Host will be pleased to offer suggestions on what is available.

Stay Copthorne Bay of Islands Resort

Day 5 Bay of Islands, Rotorua (B)

Travel south to the geothermal city of Rotorua, a region whose raw beauty has enchanted visitors from around the world for more than 160 years. It is also home to a deep-rooted Maori culture and the opportunity to experience a traditional hangi (feast) & cultural show should not be missed.

Stay Heritage Rotorua Hotel (2 nights)

Day 6 – Lake Tarawera Cruise, Te Wairoa Buried Village (B,L)

Today's highlight is an exclusive cruise across the pristine, clear waters of Lake Tarawera. Experience spectacular scenery & soak in the thermal waters of Hot Water Beach. After lunch, visit the Blue & Green Lakes and then wander around the famous buried village of Te Wairoa.

Day 7 – Lake Taupo, Napier (B)

View Huka Falls & the Wairakei Geothermal project and take time to walk around the popular lakeside resort of Taupo. Journey on to Napier, often referred to as the Art Deco capital of the world. On arrival, enjoy a locally guided walking tour.

Stay Te Pania Hotel (2 nights)

Day 8 – Explore Hawke's Bay Wine country (B)

A day to explore the region at your own pace. Visit the many attractions





along the Marine Parade, take a tour to Cape Kidnappers, enjoy a guided wine & gourmet tour of some of New Zealand's leading vineyards & wineries, experience an early morning hot-air balloon ride over vineyards, orchards & olive groves, or play an exciting round of golf on one of the country's leading & most challenging courses . . . your choices are endless!

Day 9 – Fly Napier to Nelson (B)

The Nelson region is an area of diverse beauty that enjoys a Mediterranean-type climate. It boasts the greatest number of sunshine hours in New Zealand and is home to a thriving arts & crafts colony where locals enjoy a relaxed & easy-going lifestyle.

Stay Grand Mercure Monaco Resort (2 nights)

Day 10 – Abel Tasman National Park Cruise & Walk (B,L)

Choose from a number of included cruise & walk or cruise only options in the famous Abel Tasman National Park. Your Tour Host will give you details of the various choices available.

Day 11 – Blenheim, Kaikoura (B)

Travel to Blenheim, the centre of a thriving wine industry. Continue on to the coastal town of Kaikoura, a place for unparalleled wildlife adventures.

Stay White Morph Inn (2 nights)

Day 12 – Whale Watch Cruise (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.

Day 13 – Lake Tekapo, Mt Cook (B,D)

Travel across the rich pastoral farmland of the Canterbury Plains & over Burkes Pass. At Lake Tekapo, stop to view the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd. Travel up the western side of Lake Pukaki to the Mt Cook National Park, a World Heritage listed site.

Stay Mt Cook Hermitage Hotel (2 nights)

Day 14 – Tasman Glacier Explorer (B,D)

Experience the Tasman Glacier, New Zealand's largest, in the most unique way possible. An experienced guide will whisk you away in a stable MAC Boat to explore the melting ice-face of the Tasman Glacier. This afternoon is free to enjoy local walks, sightsee or simply relax in your spectacular surroundings.

Day 15 – Omarama, Lindis Pass, Queenstown (B)

Journey south through the MacKenzie Country before beginning the ascent over the Lindis Pass into the historical gold mining region of Central Otago. Emerge into the lush green farmland that surrounds the beautiful alpine village of Queenstown, regarded as New Zealand's premier holiday destination.

Stay Heritage Queenstown Hotel (3 nights)

Day 16 & 17 – Explore Queenstown and Fiordland National Park (B)

Enjoy two full days to experience this magnificent resort. Queenstown boasts adventure activities in all forms, from extreme to relaxed exploration. It is also a great base from which to explore the Fiordland National Park, gateway to the awesome Milford & Doubtful Sounds.

Day 18 – Historic Arrowtown, Crown Range, Lake Wanaka (B)

Set beneath the rugged Crown Range is Arrowtown, a fascinating collection of mining cottages. A spectacular scenic drive over the Crown Range brings us to Lake Wanaka with its breathtaking mountain & lake views.

Stay Edgewater Resort Hotel (2 nights)

Day 19 – Wanaka at leisure (B)

An inspiring place to indulge in tranquillity, Lake Wanaka also has plenty of action-packed activities available for those who can't keep still! We recommend some time out, soaking up the atmosphere & splendour that is Wanaka.

Day 20 – Haast Pass, Fox & Franz Josef Glaciers (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 before reaching the twin glaciers of Fox & Franz Josef.

Stay Te Weheka (2 nights)

Day 21 – Explore West Coast Glaciers (B)

A full day to enjoy the delights of this region at your own pace. A number of optional glacial adventure and exploration activities are available.

Day 22 – Spectacular TransAlpine Train, Christchurch (B)

Journey north along the wild & rugged West Coastline to Greymouth. Here you board the award-winning TransAlpine train for a spectacular coast-to-coast journey through the Southern Alps to Christchurch.

Stay Heritage Christchurch Hotel (2 nights)

Day 23 – Explore Christchurch & surrounds (B)

Christchurch is the nation's second largest city. It is a city alive with colour, atmosphere and world class attractions.

Day 24 Depart Christchurch (B)

At leisure today until you are transferred to the airport for your flight home or onward journey to your next destination.

Departure Dates

2011: Jan 01, 15, 29; Feb 05, 19, 26; Mar 12, 26; Apr 09; Oct 29; Nov 12, 26; Dec 03, 31

2012: Jan 14, 28; Feb 11, 18, 25; Mar 10, 24; Apr 07

Prices	Twin	Single
01 Jan - 30 Apr '11	\$10,880	\$14,475
01 Oct - 30 Apr '12	\$10,920	\$14,475

