

ITINERARY 2022



30 Jun: Arrive Auckland

Accommodation: 30 Jun – 2 Jul Stamford Plaza Auckland

- Met on arrival Auckland Airport by private coach and transferred to central city hotel
- Free afternoon to explore the central city at your leisure
- Evening dinner at Harbourside Ocean Bar & Grill



01 Jul: Auckland

- Morning private coach tour of Auckland's rugged west coast highlights including Muriwai Beach, Gannet Colony & Scenic Drive
- Enjoy the immersive All Black Experience tour in the afternoon located in the central city



02 Jul: Auckland

- Free day to explore optional activities including America's Cup sailing experience, hike up Rangitoto Island, a wine tour on Waiheke Island or give back with a voluntourism experience ocean cleaning with Sea Cleaners
- Transfer to Irish Society Club located near Eden Park for pre match dinner and drinks before walking to Eden Park, an easy 15 minute stroll
- Ireland v New Zealand Opening Test Match
- Transfer by coach back to hotel after the game, unless you are kicking on for post match drinks in one of the local establishments in Sandringham



03 Jul: Rotorua

Accommodation: 3 – 5 Jul Distinction Hotel Rotorua

- After breakfast head south by private coach through farmlands to Matamata to experience the magical Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Continue onto Rotorua to Te Puia where you will view the spectacular Pohutu Geysers and bubbling mud pools which is also incorporated with The New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute
- Continue onto Rotorua to your hotel for your 3 night stay



04 Jul: Rotorua

- Day is at leisure to explore Rotorua or do one of the abundant optional activities including Agrodome Farm Tour, Buried Village Tour, Skyline Gondola & Luge, Lakeland Queen cruise or soak in the Polynesian Spa to name a few
- This evening experience the very educational and inclusive Tamaki Maori Village and hangi located in the forest on the outskirts of Rotorua



05 Jul: Rotorua

- After breakfast, you will travel around the famous Green & Blue Lakes of Rotorua before heading out to Waimangu Volcanic Valley geothermal park to experience spectacular volcanic craters, enormous hot water springs & incredible geothermal features
- Drinks at dinner at local Kahukura Rugby & Sports Club enjoying company of locals and a local guest speaker.



06 Jul: Napier

Accommodation: 6 Jul – 7 Jul Scenic Hotel Te Pania Napier

- Depart south in the morning stopping at Aritiatia Rapids just outside of Taupo to view the dam release over the rocks which changes into rapids in front of your very eyes
- Continue onto Huka Falls for a short stop before arriving on the shores of Lake Taupo where you can stroll the lakefront and enjoy some lunch
- You will then head 4 hours south east to the seaside city of Napier



07 Jul Napier

- Enjoy an art deco guided tour of Napier city this morning, discovering its history and fate after the earthquake in 1931
- In the afternoon immerse yourself in the history of Church Road Winery, one of the oldest wineries in New Zealand. Learn more about our winemaking philosophy on a Church Road Winery tasting & Museum tour



08 Jul: Wellington

Accommodation: 8 Jul – 10 Jul Distinction Wellington
Century City Hotel

- Your coach will depart further south this morning through the rolling farmlands of central New Zealand
- Stopping at the iconic Tui Brewery in Mangatainoka, experience a beer tasting followed by lunch. Tui – the brand behind some of the funniest marketing campaigns in NZ.
- Continue onto New Zealand's capital city, Wellington



09 Jul: Wellington

- Morning is free to do optional activities, or explore Wellington at your own leisure
- In the afternoon we will walk to Mac's Brewery & Bar for pre match drinks and dinner
- We will then join the hoards as they walk their way to Sky Stadium for the Wellington test match.



10 Jul: Wellington

- A morning tour includes a trip around the waterfront and to the top of Mt Victoria for spectacular views across Wellington region.
- Following on is a Weta Workshop Cave Tour, the company behind special effects in so many block buster movies. Truly fascinating
- Evening is free to enjoy the nightlife in Wellington



11 Jul: Queenstown

Accommodation: 11 Jul – 14 Jul Hotel St Moritz Queenstown

- This morning we head out to Wellington Airport for your short, but very scenic flight through to Queenstown
- After checking into your hotel in the early afternoon, explore this resort town which is easily accessible on foot from your hotel.



12 Jul: Queenstown

- Start the day with an exciting jet boat ride over the Shotover River, before taking a tour of the gorgeous historic village Arrowtown
- Spend the afternoon doing one of the many optional activities including Gibston Valley Wine Tour, helicopter tours, cruise on the SS Earnslaw, riding the luge or even bungy jumping for the most daring
- This evening we will travel to Bobs Peak at the top of the Skyline Gondola at Stratosphere Restaurant for dinner and spectacular views across the Wakitipu Basin



13 Jul: Queenstown

- An early start today as head out to Milford Sound for the day
- Head around Lake Wakitipu and through to Te Anau, then on through the spectacular Fiordland National park and into Milford Sound. Your driver will make stops along the way including Mirror Lakes and the entrance to the Homer Tunnel
- You will board your Real Journeys cruise for a 2 hour Scenic Cruise through the spectacular Milford Sound, capturing Mitre Peak amongst other incredible landscapes before making your way back to Queenstown for the night



14 Jul: Queenstown

- Free day in Queenstown at your leisure and squeeze in more of the many activities available in this adventure resort
- July is mid ski season, and there are three fields easily accessible from Queenstown if you feel like a day on the slopes
- There are some great golf courses around Queenstown, including Millbrook Resort, and as long as they are not covered in snow, you can expect a great day on the course



15 Jul: Auckland

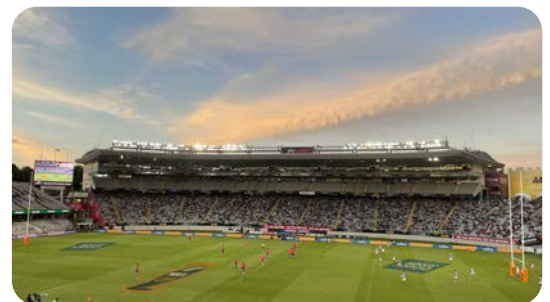
Accommodation: 15 Jul – 16 Jul Rydges Hotel Auckland

- You will depart the South Island mid morning as your flight heads back to Auckland
- Enjoy the afternoon and evening in Auckland at your leisure. Head out to the Viaduct Basin, Wynyard Quarter or Ponsonby for great dining options.



16 Jul: Auckland

- A free day in Auckland at leisure to take in any adventures you may have missed on your first visit to the City of Sails
- In the afternoon we will head out to The Ponsonby Rugby Club for pre match dinner and drinks, at one of Auckland's most famous rugby institutions
- You will then be transferred to Eden Park to the last game in the match series
- Transfer by coach provided for you back to hotel after the game



17 Jul: Auckland departure

- Time to farewell Aotearoa, after transferring to Auckland Airport for your flight back home. Ka kite anō—until we see you again.



Auckland

Auckland is New Zealand's largest population centre, is poised between two enormous harbors and dotted with extinct volcanic cones. The region is a fusion of four cities – Auckland, Manukau, North Shore and Waitakere – with cultural elements that span from Polynesia and Asia to the United Kingdom and also a destination Eastern Europe. While Auckland acts as a gateway to New Zealand, it's in its own right. Visitors can explore the islands of the Hauraki Gulf by ferry or charter boat, walk the forest tracks of the Waitakere Ranges, follow wine trails and enjoy the relaxing pleasures of urban life by the sea.

Rotorua

Rotorua sits squarely on the Pacific Ring of Fire, so volcanic activity is part of the city's past and present. The city is also the tribal home of the Te Arawa people, who settled in lakeside geothermal areas more than 600 years ago. Entertaining in any weather, and at any time of the year, Rotorua promises to keep you captivated with geothermal phenomena and special cultural experiences. Geysers, boiling mud pools, marae stays, hangi feasts, an authentic pre-European Maori village and indulgent spa therapies will provide plenty of content for your emails home. Rotorua also has a well developed adventure culture – everything from sky diving to zorbing.

Napier

The seaside city of Napier stunningly restored Art Deco buildings have made Napier famous as one of the most complete collections of Art Deco buildings in the world. The 1931 massive earthquake lasted only 3 minutes, but completely destroyed the commercial centre of Napier. The Hawkes bay area is also famous for it's sunny climate and wide range of wineries.

Wellington

Wellington is the political capital of New Zealand. The city is compact, cultured and full of character. Nestled between the harbour and the hills, the downtown area is ideal for explorations on foot - shopping, cafes, transport, accommodation and the city's major attractions are compressed into an area that's conveniently walkable. Wellington's visitors come to browse museums, historic places and galleries, including the highly acclaimed national museum Te Papa. From a food and wine point of view, the city is truly delectable. Night time entertainment includes professional theatre, live concerts, comedy shows and many boutique bars.

Queenstown

The resort town of Queenstown is sophisticated and fantastically scenic. Its lake and mountain landscape is suited to almost any kind of adventure; but Queenstown is just as well known as a place for indulgence. The area's history is intertwined with gold. In 1862, two sheep shearers struck it rich at the edge of the Shotover River. The ensuing gold rush town was named Queenstown because '...it was fit for Queen Victoria'. Adventure activities include snow sports, bungee jumping, jet boating, horse trekking and river rafting. Indulgent experiences include exceptional food and wine, lake cruises, spa treatments and boutique shopping.



Inclusions:

<u>Tour Length</u>	17 nights / 18 days
<u>Hotels (4 star / 4 star plus)</u> 3 nights Auckland 3 nights Rotorua 2 nights Napier 3 nights Wellington 4 nights Queenstown 2 nights Auckland	Stamford Plaza Distinction Hotel Te Pania Hotel Distinction Century City St Moritz Hotel Rydges Hotel
<u>Transport</u> Coaching: Oceania Coachlines Domestic Flights: Air New Zealand	Private luxury coach for all transfers, sightseeing and touring Wellington to Queenstown Queenstown to Auckland
<u>Meals</u> Auckland Auckland Rotorua Rotorua Mangatainoka Wellington Queenstown Auckland	17 full breakfasts at hotel 1 dinner Harbourside Ocean Bar & Grill 1 dinner Irish Society 1 dinner (hangi) Tamaki Maori Village 1 dinner Kahukura Rugby Club 1 lunch & beer tasting Tui Brewery 1 dinner Macs Brewery 1 dinner Skyline Restaurant 1 dinner Ponsonby Rugby Club
<u>Activities</u> Auckland Matamata Rotorua Rotorua Rotorua Napier Napier Wellington Queenstown Queenstown Milford Sound	All Blacks Experience Tour Hobbiton Move Set Tour Te Puia experience Tamaki Maori Village experience Waimangu Volcanic Valley Art Deco guided walking tour Church Road Winery tasting & tour Weta Workshop Cave Tour Shotover Jet Skyline Gondola Real Journeys Scenic Cruise

