

18D17N Essence of New Zealand

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MYR 36050



Tour Description

Embark on a journey of discovery with Sedunia Travel! Experience unique destinations, local culture, delicious cuisine, and unforgettable adventures. Our expert planners will take care of everything. Book now!

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 :- Arrived Christchurch

You'll want to arrive early to see just how Christchurch has transformed itself since the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes. Your Travel Director will welcome you this evening and provide you with a tour briefing.

Day 2 :- Christchurch – Omarama

Day two of your tour of the South Island of New Zealand sees you step out with your guide for a deeper dive into 'The City of Gardens' before traversing the colourful Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and wildflower-strewn meadows. It's quite the backdrop for the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 3 :- Omarama - Dunedin

Easing through the Waitaki Valley, you're en route toward the pretty town of Oamaru, known for its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings. Architectural drama of a different kind awaits in Dunedin. While away the afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution). Or venture further afield to discover Larnach Castle, which nods to Dunedin's Scottish link – it's known as 'Little Edinburgh' for a reason.

Breakfast

Day 4 :- Dunedin - Invercargill

Travel through rolling farmlands and lush pastures to Invercargill, a city obsessed with motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends colour the city so it's only fitting that you visit Transport World for a guided tour and dinner. Explore classic vehicles as you are transported on a nostalgic walk back in time. Bill Richardson began collecting old trucks in 1967 and in his words sometimes "bought a truck more with our hearts than with our heads." The collection now comprises of many rare and unusual vehicles, along with popular classic vehicles.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 5 :- Stewart Island Sightseeing

Invercargill is the gateway to the southernmost community in the country. Welcome to Stewart Island, a wild and wonderful drop of land that is 97% national parkland. Naturally, it's a magnet for endemic flora and fauna, as you'll discover on your guided Village and Bays tour. Later you have the option to join a leisurely cruise around Paterson Inlet, around Paterson Inlet that will take you past unique places including Acker's Cottage before docking at Ulva Island to admire the bird life and native flora.

Breakfast

Day 6 :- Invercargill - Queenstown

Today get a taste of country life combined with good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a 'Southern Girl' local farmer. The Real Country Farm Show, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, offers an authentic taste of what rural New Zealand is like. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Continue to Queenstown and take the afternoon at your own pace.

Breakfast

Day 7 :- Queenstown Free Time

We wouldn't blame you for using today to linger by the banks of Lake Wakatipu, marvelling at sky-scraping Remarkables. But if you want to venture further afield, we have a few ideas. Top of our list today is an epic journey through Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, carved by waterfalls and a playground for dolphins and seals as you'll discover on a Milford Sound cruise (own expense). There's a reason why this part of the island has World Heritage status.

Optional Experiences:

a. Kiwi Park – ADD NZD 55 per person

Kiwi Park is a wildlife sanctuary found in the heart of Queenstown. It holds and displays over 20 species of native NZ wildlife in a 5 acre park, all of which are part of nationally managed programmes. Your entry fee supports their conservation work. They offer guaranteed kiwi viewing in our specially constructed nocturnal houses, audio tours, conservation shows and kiwi feedings.

b. Milford Sound Day Trip – ADD NZD 279 per person

Traveling along Milford Road is one of the finest alpine drives in the world. The scenery is exceptional, ranging from broad grassy flats, dense rainforests, and towering mountains to glacial lakes and alpine herb fields. Drivers provide insightful and entertaining commentary along the way. Stop for photos and enjoy the views from glass-roof coaches. On arrival to Milford Sound itself, you'll embark on an unforgettable journey through the eighth wonder of the world with our Milford Sound Cruise. Experience the natural wonderland of sheer cliffs and get up close and personal under thundering waterfalls.

Breakfast

Day 8 :- Queenstown - Franz Josef/Waiiau

Visit Arrowtown, which found its riches in gold, its residents building stately homes, now filled with boutiques and restaurants – that still line the street to this day. It's a bit like stepping onto a movie set. Around the next bend is the Alpine countryside of the Southern Lakes, from Lake Dunstan, where you may like to buy stone fruit picked fresh from the tree, to oh-so-blue Lake Hawea and lovely Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Over the Haast Pass, the town of Franz Josef/Waiiau at the edge of the Westland World Heritage Park, awaits. Get some perspective on an optional Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere flight tour – if the weather behaves, you may even get to land on it (own expense). New Zealand tours don't get much cooler than this.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 9 :- Franz Josef - Punakaiki

Wandering Hokitika's windswept shore on the West Coast feels a bit like you've discovered the end of the Earth. The town's other natural beauty is pounamu (native greenstone or jade). Prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 10 :- Punakaiki - Nelson

After action-packed days, all you need to do today is sit back and enjoy the drama of the Heritage Highway en route to Nelson. Gaze over Buller Gorge and Kahurangi National Park, a place of wild rivers, high plateaus, alpine herbfields and coastal forests.

Breakfast

Day 11 :- Nelson

The South Island's oldest city, Nelson is also one of the sunniest. Explore nearby Tahunanui Beach, or you may choose to head further afield to the world-famous Abel Tasman National Park. This pocket in the top of the island is a beautiful union of golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs.

Optional Experiences:

a. Wilsons Abel Tasman – ADD NZD 158 per person

The ultimate boat cruise and walk combination in the Abel Tasman National Park. With a two hour walk option, the Vista Day shows all the best the Abel Tasman has to offer with a Full Scenic Boat Cruise, visits to Split Apple Rock and a Fur Seal colony, golden beaches, forest walking and wildlife encounters all in one superb day out.

Breakfast

Day 12 :- Nelson - Wellington

All aboard the interisland ferry for a cruise through Queen Charlotte Sound, up the Tory Channel and across Cook Strait, from the South Island to the North, navigating a maze of arms and inlets into New Zealand's cool little capital of Wellington. End your tour on a high note at dinner with your Travel Director and travel companions.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 13 :- Nelson - Wellington

View the sights of Wellington including the Beehive and Parliament grounds this morning then travel to Napier. Beautifully preserved 1930s architecture is Napier's special point of difference.

Breakfast

Day 14 :- Napier

This morning meet your informative and entertaining local guide from the Art Deco Trust who will bring Napier's fascinating architectural history to life as you take an easy stroll through the compact Art Deco Quarter in the vibrant city centre. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, your participation helps preserve Napier's Art Deco heritage. This afternoon relax or perhaps choose an optional experience of either a wine tour of local Hawkes Bay vineyards, or a safari to the famous Gannet nesting colony at cape Kidnappers with Gannet Safaris Overland (both own expense).

Optional Experiences:

a. Napier Afternoon Wine Tour – ADD NZD 155 per person

A wine tour with Prinsy's will take you on a journey through gorgeous countryside and into the most famous wine growing regions of Hawke's Bay. We'll visit four internationally recognised wineries, where you'll take part in a series of comprehensive wine tastings, with explanations from your tour guide. The winery tours will visit four vineyards, to be advised on the day, and *includes tastings and a cheese platter. *all vineyards except Craggy Range.

Breakfast

Day 15 :- Napier - Rotorua

The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupo, the largest (and perhaps bluest) of its kind in the country – it feeds thundering Huka Falls, which you'll hear well before you see. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. This afternoon, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley and learn about Maori history & culture. Take a guided tour of the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, and later enjoy a Highlight Dinner of hangi inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 16 :- Rotorua Free Time

You could spend weeks discovering Rotorua. But you have today, so seize the moment and set out to explore. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the Hobbiton Movie Set featured in The Lord of the Rings & Hobbit movies. Want a bit of down time? Bliss out at Wai Araki Hotel Springs & Spa. Arguably the best way to understand just how otherworldly your destination is, from the air. Ask us about a scenic flight (all own expense).

Optional Experiences:

a. Tarawera & Lakes Eco Tour – ADD NZD 110 per person

Discover Rotorua's spectacular lakes area from the comfort of a fully restored World War II amphibious vehicle, able to travel on land and water. A 90 minute fun-filled and scenic journey that ventures onto the three Rotorua lakes, and is accompanied by an entertaining and informative commentary.

b. Hobbiton Day Tour Ex Rotorua – ADD NZD 189 per person

Experience the real Middle-earth at the Hobbiton Movie Set, where you can step into the lush pastures of the Shire, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Venture beyond the door as you step inside an interior Hobbit Hole. Located on Bagshot Row, these Hobbit Holes offer an authentic glimpse into the charming dwellings of Hobbits going about their daily lives in the Shire. You will be fully guided around the 12-acre set; past Hobbit Holes, the Mill and into the world-famous Green Dragon Inn, where you will enjoy a beverage.

Breakfast

Day 17 :- Rotorua - Auckland

From New Zealand's longest waterway, the Waikato River, to its largest city: welcome to Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. You'll understand how it got its moniker when you glimpse yachts gliding around its two harbours. But today's Auckland tour sees your sights set firmly on New Zealand's national game: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture, and ends with a traditional haka with you front and centre.

Breakfast

Day 18 :- Auckland - Departure

How do you pick a favourite adventure from the last 18 days? You don't have to – let them all shine in equal measure in your memory

Breakfast

Tour Prices

Year	Departure Date	Return Date	Adult Twin	Adult Single	-
2026	1 Oct	18 Oct	RM 36,050	RM 48,770	
	19 Nov	6 Dec	RM 36,050	RM 48,770	
	26 Nov	13 Dec	RM 36,050	RM 48,770	
	10 Dec	27 Dec	RM 36,050	RM 48,770	
2027	21 Jan	7 Feb	RM 36,050	RM 36,050	
	28 Jan	14 Feb	RM 36,050	RM 36,050	
	4 Feb	21 Feb	RM 37,230	RM 50,340	
	18 Feb	7 Mar	RM 37,230	RM 50,340	
	4 Mar	21 Mar	RM 37,230	RM 50,340	
	22 Apr	9 May	RM 41,720	RM 55,200	
	30 Sept	17 Oct	RM 41,720	RM 55,200	
	28 Oct	14 Nov	RM 41,720	RM 55,200	
	18 Nov	5 Dec	RM 41,720	RM 55,200	
	25 Nov	12 Dec	RM 41,720	RM 55,200	
	9 Dec	26 Dec	RM 41,720	RM 55,200	
2028	30 Dec	16 Jan	RM 55,200	RM 41,720	
	20 Jan	6 Feb	RM 55,200	RM 41,720	
	27 Jan	13 Feb	RM 55,200	RM 41,720	
	3 Feb	20 Feb	RM 42,900	RM 56,780	
	17 Feb	5 Mar	RM 42,900	RM 56,780	
	24 Feb	12 Mar	RM 42,900	RM 56,780	
	2 Mar	19 Mar	RM 42,900	RM 56,780	

What's included

Destination	New Zealand
Departure Location	Christchurch
Return Location	Auckland

Price includes

- 17 nights' accommodation with daily breakfast
- Meals, Sightseeing and entrance tickets as per itinerary
- Indoor Guided Dark Sky & Astronomy Experience in Tekapo
- Privately Guided Tour and Dinner at Transport World Invercargill
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Real Country Farm Experience
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi Cruise
- Sample Queenstown's world-famous Fergburger
- View Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks from a scenic viewpoint
- Cruise the Cook Strait
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Guided Art Deco Walking tour in Napier
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Guided Te Po Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Discover the significance and craft of Pounamu (Jade) carving
- Interactive All Blacks Experience Auckland
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo

Price does not include

- Return international flight ticket
- Travel insurance
- NZeTA (NZD 17 Mobile apps)(NZD 23 Website)
- Tourism Levy (NZD 100 per person)
- Optional Tours
- Others not mentioned

Additional Information

Remarks

Minimum 2 adults to go

Travel period: March 2026 – March 2028, selective departure dates

Peak season surcharges apply on certain dates, to be advice

Sequence of itinerary is subject to change without prior notice

Final price to be confirmed upon booking time

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport

Day 18 – flights to depart any time from Auckland Airport

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.