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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 :- Auckland

Welcome to the 'City of Sails', and a beautiful jumping off point for your New Zealand tour (flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm). You'll meet your Travel Director and travel mates over dinner at the Grill.

Dinner

Day 2 :- Auckland

Your perfect start to your time in this seafaring city, begin your day diving into Auckland's maritime history over an exclusive America's Cup tour at the New Zealand Maritime Museum with a Local Specialist before it opens to the public. Now that you've got your first taste, learn even more your beautiful surrounds on a city highlights tour from the heart of the city at the Auckland Waterfront. Continue to Mission Bay, historic Bastion Point, and the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial keeping your camera at hand to capture the Auckland skyline, and Waitemata Harbour. Then spend the rest of the afternoon exploring on your own. Why not take a stroll down Queen Street to Viaduct Harbour's main shopping precinct and enjoy a glass of New Zealand's crisp Sauvignon Blanc? Or you may like to take a cruise to see Auckland like the locals do, by water.

Breakfast

Day 3 :- Auckland - Rotorua

Leave Auckland behind and journey into the countryside for an exclusive family-style Be My Guest lunch in the Red Barn on a working dairy farm. Prior to your farm to table lunch prepared by the onsite chef, get a feel for country life as you're invited to roll up your sleeves and make your own butter – butter churners, tiny mason jars and all! The next hot-spot on your NZ holiday – in every sense of the word – is Rotorua. Visit Te Puia to see and support Maori artisans at work, then continue your Rotorua tour at the steamy Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, a staggering valley where geysers pop and thermal springs jettison skywards.

Breakfast Lunch

Day 4 :- Rotorua

Today, choose your own adventure. We have plenty of ideas for the paths you might follow. Optional Rotorua tour sightseeing experiences include zipping across Rotorua's three lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. There's also the option of relieving NZ holiday-weary limbs in the thermal waters of the Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa. The decision is yours. Tonight, dive deep into Maori culture at Te P? T? M?ori Experience, an important hub keeping tradition, art and music alive. Oh, and exciting M?ori cuisine. Enjoy forest kai horotai (seasonal canapés) and chef choice aperitif, followed by a three-course dinner.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 5 :- Rotorua - Wellington

Say goodbye to Rotorua and hello to the raging rapids of Huka Falls, where 220,000 litres of water barrel over this massive waterfall every second. Your outlook then unfolds into the aquamarine waters of Lake Taupo. Traverse the volcanic Central Plateau to NZ's cool little capital of Wellington, set on a pretty harbour.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 6 :- Wellington

Your day in Wellington should – must – begin with a coffee. The city is known for its uber-cool cafes and with coffee in hand you will head out on city sights tour to take in highlights such as its iconic cable car, parliament, and Mt. Victoria. This afternoon is yours to discover Wellington. Your tour ends at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, which you may choose to visit to explore the groundbreaking exhibitions on offer (an entrance fee applies). Later you may decide on an Optional Experience. Lord of the Rings fans will rejoice with a special tour and visit to Weta Workshop. Or the first urban completely fenced ecosanctuary of Zealandia, where the biodiversity of 225 hectares of forest is being restored. Tonight, there are so many restaurants and bars to choose from. Ask us for recommendations or explore at your leisure. Because every New Zealand holiday needs a little down time.

Breakfast

Day 7 :- Wellington - Kalkoura

This morning cruise the Cook Strait into tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound from the North Island to the South, through a maze of arms and inlets into the sleepy seaside village of Picton. Continue to Kaikoura, where Sperm Whales, dolphins and fur seals can often be seen not far from shore. On arrival you'll be treated to a biodiversity talk from the founder of Kaik?ura Wildlife Centre Trust, Sabrina Luecht, at a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Sabrina's ambitious goal is to implement a world-class wildlife hospital in this biodiversity hotspot. Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation is a critical conservation tool, providing treatment to injured and ill animals, ensuring at-risk native species have a chance at recovery and return to the wild. Tonight, you'll dine at Hiku. Hiku celebrates what Kaik?ura is all about – kai moana, fresh produce, marine life, and dramatic sea and mountain scapes.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 8 :- Kalkoura - Christchurch

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or sign up for one of several local wildlife Optional Experiences. Choose from an scenic flight over dramatic beaches framed by turquoise ocean where whales are regularly spotted, or perhaps you'd prefer a cruise to site pods of dolphin which are prolific in the area, or a kayaking tour of the coast to get up close and personal with seals basking on the rocks. You won't be disappointed. Follow the coast and Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, home to some of the country's most innovative architecture, art institutions and restaurants. We can help you make a booking in any number of the latter.

Breakfast

Day 9 :- Christchurch - Twizel

Kick off a big day with a short overview of Christchurch sites including the Canterbury Museum, Christchurch Earthquake Memorial, Bridge of Remembrance, and streets lined with bars, cafes, and riverside markets. Then it's off to the country stopping in the quaint farming town of Geraldine for an independent lunch in one of its cafes and perhaps Talbots Forest Cheese for complimentary samples. Continue your journey over the patchwork countryside of the Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo where you will stop at the little stone hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. From there its a short hop to the home of retired farmers Angie and Stan Taylor on the shores of Lake Tekapo. Enjoy real New Zealand hospitality at a Be My Guest afternoon tea as Angie invites you into her kitchen as she prepares the New Zealand specialty dessert, Pavlova. Watch and learn her special recipe and enjoy this favourite treat. Your sweet tooth satisfied, you'll arrive in your destination, Twizel. This cute town and popular holiday destination is the perfect place end the day. Pulling into the hotel, kick back and enjoy classic New Zealand cuisine overlooking the garden before another day of exploration.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 10 :- Twizel - Dunedin

Begin your journey to the Edinburgh of the South travelling along the Waitaki River en route to Oamaru. This quirky town of tree-lined streets, white limestone buildings, and 19th century architecture is known for its Victorian style. Feel like you're stepping back in time browsing shops and galleries of traditional crafts, and perhaps refresh with a morning tea. Get ready for a change of scene in your next destination of Scottish-inspired Dunedin. You have the rest of the day free to stroll the streets of this vibrant university town and 'mini-Edinburgh'. Or explore more of the area visiting the famous Speight's Brewery, or touring New Zealand's only castle, Larnach Castle. Recap the day's adventures with your travel mates over dinner at the Scenic Southern Cross Hotel. In the heart of Dunedin and blocks from the waterfront, here you'll feast on local meats and produce.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 11 :- Dunedin - Te Anau

Today you'll head out of Dunedin through farmlands to Te Anau. Your first stop is Gore, a hot spot for country music fans, and all who appreciate nature and simple rural charm. Journey through sheep-filled farming land winding your way up into the Fiordland National Park and the South Island's largest lake to Te Anau. A truly memorable thrill awaits you next, exploring the islands on a jet boat ride down the Waiau River to Lake Manapouri savouring its many tranquil spots. Take in the birds and swimming trout as you learn about this unique environment's history. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience is not only scenic but supports the Pomona Island Charitable Trust's conservation efforts to restore the largest inland island in New Zealand to its natural state where native birds can thrive. This afternoon is yours to stay in or opt to explore the fascinating, glittering glowworm caves before dinner at the Distinction Hotel.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 12 :- Te Anau - Queenstown

Today you're bound for New Zealand's adventure capital with a drive of stunning scenery along the way. Journey through Fiordland National Park past native rainforests, beech forests, alluvial flats, and meadows. Passing Mirror Lakes, catch the reflection of mountain scenery shimmering in the water. Then continue through Homer Tunnel, an attempt to tame the sheer rocky ranges, emerging in the Cleddau Valley. Take your exploration to water as you cruise the tranquil waters of the Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi filled with plenty of photo ops – keep an eye out for fur seals basking on the rocks. See the breathtaking sites of Bowen and Stirling Falls plummeting from hanging valleys into the sea and the sheer pinnacle of Mitre Peak rising from the deep waters of the fiord. After a spectacular afternoon on Milford Sound, you'll arrive in adventure-lovers Queenstown at your picturesque hotel on the shores of Lake Wakatipu.

Breakfast

Day 13 :- Queenstown

Discover for yourself why Queenstown has earned its reputation as New Zealand's adventure capital with a full day to explore. You could join an Optional Experience riding the adrenaline pumping Skippers Jet or tour through Skippers Canyon. After a big day of adventure, it's time to Dive Into Culture on an evening cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard New Zealand's oldest steamship, the TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Here at the Colonel's Homestead, you'll feast on a gourmet barbecue dinner piled high with ribs and fresh vegetables before an entertaining after-dinner farm show – offering a glimpse into high-country farm life. After you've seen the sheep dogs in action and gotten a feel for life on the homestead, cruise back to Queenstown, joining in a chorus or dancing across the polished wooden floors of the Earnslaw.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 14 :- Queenstown - Franz Josef

Leave the alpine wonderland of Queenstown behind and begin your adventure through Central Otago and out to the West Coast. Stop in the restored gold-mining settlement of Arrowtown strolling its tree-lined avenues and 19th-century wooden buildings, feeling as if you're in a movie set. Then journey to Cromwell on the sparkling shores of Lake Dunstan to stop at the Jones Family fruit stall, connected to a local orchard, for a taste of some of the town's juicy stone fruit including apricots, nectarines, peaches, and plums. More gorgeous lakes call as you travel further into Central Otago to take in the vivid blue waters and willow-lined shoreline of Lakes Hawea and Wanaka. Follow an ancient greenstone trail, cross Haast Pass, and exchange the alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes for the rainforests of the wild West Coast. Your destination, and worth the journey, is the famous Franz Josef/Waiau, home to Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere, where you'll have an opportunity to take an Optional helicopter flight for views you'll never forget.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 15 :- Franz Josef - Punakaiki

Sleep in or take the morning to explore the small but lively Franz Josef/Waiau village – perhaps visiting the West Coast Wildlife Centre, before venturing to Hokitika, home of the native jade greenstone. From natural jewellery to natural surroundings, you're off to Punakaiki to view the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes. Stand at the edge of the water and take in these eroded limestone foundations – they really do look like pancakes! – which began forming 30 million years ago. Imagine the water and wind forming this pancake-like stack of limestone but be sure to listen closely. When you hear a 'whoosh' of water, you can be sure a burst of sea spray is coming through the blowholes. After a spectacular day, spend the night at the eco-friendly, waterfront Scenic Hotel Punakaiki, dining on local specialities with wine and views of the thundering surf just steps away.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 16 :- Punakaiki - Christchurch

Embark on a unique self-guided journey on the Ponaumu Pathway. Delve into the history and culture of the local Maori (Poutini Ngai Tahu) and the Mawhera Pa settlement. Make your way through this extraordinary storytelling experience born from a collaboration with the Weta Workshop. An inspiring and unforgettable cultural experience. Enjoy a pub-style lunch at legendary Monteith's Brewery. Now that you've wet your whistle, board the famous TranzAlpine train to Christchurch on one of the world's most scenic train trips through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges, and river valleys. This 223 kilometres journey across the South Island along the Waimakariri River and across the Southern Alps is a grand finale to the landscapes you've come to love. Celebrate the highlights of your trip joining your Travel Director and new friends for dinner showcasing food from the Canterbury region.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Day 17 :- Christchurch

Sadly all good things must come to an end as your New Zealand tour concludes this morning after breakfast. After a fond farewell, you'll be transferred by to Christchurch Airport (flights anytime).

Breakfast

What's included

Destination

[New Zealand](#)

Departure Location

Auckland

Return Location

Christchurch

Price includes

- Accommodations
- Meals as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance as per itinerary
- Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
- An Expert Travel Director and Professional Driver Self-Guided Tour.
- Experience tour guide
- Intra-Air Flight: Auckland to Queenstown

Price does not include

- International air ticket
- Travel insurance
- NZeTA (NZD 17 Mobile apps)(NZD 23 Website)
- Tourism Levy (NZD 100 per person)
- Optional Tours
- Others not mentioned above