

# NORTH & SOUTH IN ONE GO

★ Included ▲ Optional Program

## DAY 1

### AUCKLAND

(No meal included)



Arrive in Auckland, pick up your rental car at the airport. Auckland, known as the "City of Sails", sprawls out in helter-skelter fashion between Manukau Harbour to the west and Waitemata Harbour to the east, with the compact central city district right beside the waterway. If time permits, you may pay a visit to the Sky Tower which has panoramic views of Auckland Harbour and its surroundings.

✳️ **Accommodation: SKYCITY Hotel or Similar**

## DAY 2

### AUCKLAND / TAURANGA / ROTORUA

(Breakfast included)



Drive from **Auckland** to **Rotorua** via **Tauranga**. Tauranga is the largest city in the Bay of Plenty.

Drive along the coastline, from one side of the isthmus to the other taking in the view of Mount Maunganui and gorgeous beaches.

★ **Kiwifruits Orchard Tour**, Te Puke is the hub of the kiwifruit industry and owes its prosperity to kiwifruit – a natural delicacy that is brown and furry on the outside, bright green and juicy on the inside. Hundreds of local growers produce millions of kiwifruits, which are exported worldwide. (Orchard is subject to change due to seasons and onsite condition)

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Next destination is Rotorua which is known as a geothermal wonderland.

Visit ★**Te Puia**, home to the world-famous Pōhutu geyser, mud pools, hot springs and silica formations. Exploring Māori culture through traditional carving, weaving and art which is created on-site at the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute. ***\*\*Itinerary may change at any time to adjust the local supplier's circumstances\*\****.

Experience ★ **Redwood Tree-walk** where you will be amazed and surrounded by the natural beauty of this forest. The Redwoods Tree-walk Experience is truly a walk to remember. Suspended high above the forest floor, encounter 75-metre-tall redwoods as you walk across eco-suspended bridges and platforms intricately designed to honour and accentuate the stunning natural environment.



✳️ **Accommodation: Millennium Hotel Rotorua or Similar**

**DAY 3 ROTORUA**

**(Breakfast included)**



This morning visit ★**Skyline Rotorua**. Hop on board one of the Gondola cabins and experience spectacular views of Lake Rotorua, the city and steaming geothermal vistas.

The 900-metre-long cableway will transport you and your friends on a gentle, scenic ride up to the Skyline Rotorua complex. Once up the top, you may, at your own expense, choose to enjoy the Luge, Mountain Bike, Zoom Zipline, Skyswing, Stratosfare Restaurant.

Afternoon free at your own leisure.

✳️ **Accommodation: Millennium Hotel Rotorua or Similar**

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**DAY 4 ROTORUA / MATAMATA / AUCKLAND / CHRISTCHURCH**
**(Breakfast included)**

Travel to Middle-earth and experience the world-famous ★**Hobbiton Movie Set Tour**. Visit the Shire, a marvellous transformation of farmland in Matamata to the home of the Hobbits which has been featured in "The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies".

\*You can grab a meal at the Green Dragon Inn on your own expense\*



Continue the journey to the **Blue Springs** located in South Waikato near Putaruru. Enjoy the picturesque scenery as you follow the Te Waihou Walkway to the famous Blue Springs, one of the purest water sources in the world.

If time allows pop into **Hamilton Garden** where there is a variety of themed gardens and plant collections. Hamilton Garden has been awarded the Hall of Fame Certificate of Excellence for five consecutive years from 2015 to 2019 by Trip Advisor. Afternoon, drive straight to Auckland domestic airport to return your rental car and catch the flight to Christchurch. *(Domestic flight not included)*



**Christchurch** has been called the most English city outside of England. Christchurch is one of the world's unique destination, combining urban regeneration and innovation with heritage, culture and exhilarating activities.

★**Accommodation: Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch or Similar**

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## DAY 5

## CHRISTCHURCH / TEKAPO

(Breakfast included)



Visit the beautiful **Christchurch Botanic Gardens** or sit back and relax aboard one of the **Punts along the Avon River** (at your own expense). Your punter will guide you quietly past the trailing willows and leafy banks of the **Botanic Gardens**. **Christchurch Trams** offer a unique experience combining history and sightseeing in beautifully restored heritage trams. The tram ride (at your own expense) is one of the city's best-loved attraction.



Continue your journey to Lake Tekapo. Travel through peaceful farmlands to the emerald fields at the foot of the Southern Alps. Next, you will arrive at the blue water of Lake Tekapo – the stunningly beautiful glacier-fed lake – Visit the beautiful Church of the Good Shepherd and Mackenzie Sheep Dog Statue on arrival.

✳️ **Accommodation: The Godley Hotel or Similar**

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## DAY 6

## TEKAPO / MOUNT COOK / DUNEDIN

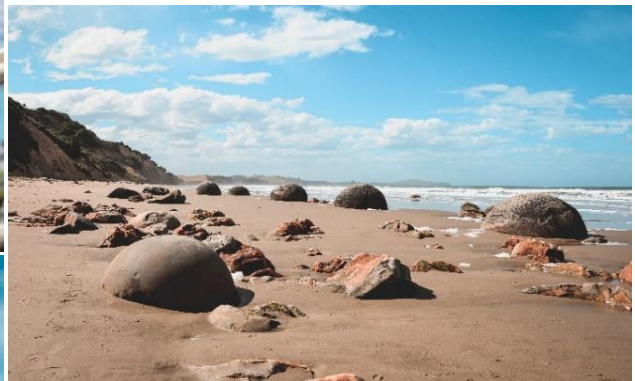
(Breakfast included)

Depart to **Mount Cook National Park**. Mount Cook is also the home to breath-taking landscapes and the kiwi spirit of adventure. You can take a short scenic hike into **Hooker Valley** and visit the Tasman Glacier's terminal lake or take an optional tour helicopter flight up to Tasman Glacier (subject to weather conditions).



Leaving Mount Cook, you may visit an eco-sustainable **salmon farm in Twizel** to feed the salmon or sample their renowned high-quality King Salmon (at your own expense) before heading to Dunedin.

On the way, stop at **Oamaru**, a small town on the east coast, with a rich history and proud heritage. Enjoy the town's recently resurrected heritage modes of transport – penny farthings and steam trains, which reflect an unhurried pace. Most travelers come here for **the penguins** but hang around and you will sense the wellspring of eccentricity bubbling under the surface.



Continue the trip down to **Koekohe Beach** to see **Moeraki Boulders**. These boulders are concretions that have been exposed through shoreline erosion from coastal cliffs. The boulders are one of the most fascinating and popular attractions on New Zealand's Otago coast.

Arrive Dunedin and check in your hotel.

✳️ **Accommodation: The Victoria Hotel or Similar**

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## DAY 7

## DUNEDIN / TE ANAU

(Breakfast included)



Take a half-day to explore the Scottish style city of Dunedin, take in top attractions and stop at popular sites including Dunedin Railway Station and the University of Otago. Along the way, gain insight into Dunedin's rich heritage and hear stories from the city's colourful past. Then visit the beautiful botanic garden and hike up Baldwin Street, which is the steepest residential street in the world.

Depart Dunedin for Te Anau, it is known as a gateway to Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound. The region is home to endangered, flightless takahē birds and abundant trout in Lake Te Anau. Te Anau Caves feature a limestone grotto of glow worms and an underground waterfall. To the southwest, the Kepler Track winds through beech forests, glacial valleys, and mountains. Experience a mysterious underground world with a guided cave tour past the rushing water of an underground stream before drifting in silent darkness beneath the luminous shimmer of hundreds of glowworms.

Your trip to the Te Anau Glowworm Caves begins with a cruise to the western shores of Lake Te Anau on one of our purpose-built scenic cruise vessels.

At the entrance to the caves at Cavern House, view the informative displays and learn about this geological wonder before you join your guide underground. On the tour of the caves, our friendly guides will point out the highlights and share their knowledge of the caves and its history.



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This underground world is astonishingly beautiful. By geological standards, the caves are very young (12,000 years) and are still being carved out by the force of the river that flows through them. The result is a twisting network of limestone passages filled with sculpted rock, whirlpools, and a roaring underground waterfall.

Deep inside the caves, beyond the roar of the water, you will be taken by small boat into a silent hidden grotto inhabited by hundreds of glowworms, unique to New Zealand. In the subterranean darkness, they produce a glittering display that is nothing short of extraordinary.

✳️ **Accommodation: Distinction Luxmore Hotel Te Anau Hotel or Similar**

**DAY 8**
**TE ANAU / MILFORD SOUND / QUEENSTOWN (Breakfast included)**


Enjoy travelling to ★ **Milford Sound** Enter Fiordland National Park along Eglinton Valley and travel through Homer Tunnel to reach Milford Sounds. Take the time to enjoy the best of Milford Sound with our leisurely cruise aboard the Milford Haven.

Exploring the length of the fiord you will learn about the history of the region and benefit from the knowledge of your specialist nature guide. Experience the cool spray of a waterfall as you move in close to sheer rock faces or watch out for dolphins, seals and, in season, the rare Fiordland crested penguins.



Continue driving to Queenstown.

Queenstown is known as one of the world's top holiday spots, is a year-round drawcard for adventure activities, spectacular scenery, and luxury style.

On arrival in Queenstown, you can either relax in the hotel or take a stroll along beautiful Lake Wakatipu.

✳️ **Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Queenstown or Similar**

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**DAY 9** QUEENSTOWN

**(Breakfast included)**


Today, you will get on the **★Scenic Helicopter** with a highly experienced and friendly pilot. Enjoy a 20 minutes spectacular helicopter flight with snow or alpine landing (subject to weather and snow conditions). The trip is from Queenstown airport over the Wakatipu Basin and Cecil Peak where you will take in the stunning views of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and Glenorchy. This is an unforgettable experience that has never failed expectations.

**\*Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Queenstown or Similar**

**DAY 10** QUEENSTOWN / WANAKA/ FRANZ JOSEF

**(Breakfast included)**


This morning before heading to Wanaka, let start the journey to one of the most amazing places in New Zealand to experience the colours of the four seasons, Arrowtown. It is a historic gold mining town and is very lovely in any season! Just walking to the museum and the streets with the cafes & shops are worth doing and do not cost a cent.

Explore **★Puzzling World** Wanaka's Wonderful World of Weirdness. Since 1973 Puzzling World has been messing with people's heads no matter what age, nationality, or experience. With a mix of bizarre buildings, rooms of illusion, and the world-famous Great Maze this attraction is designed to baffle your brain and challenge your perceptions of reality.



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**Wanaka** is a spectacular and diverse region of mountains, rivers, lakes, glaciers, and native forests. Located at the heart of some of the South Island's most stunning spots, also the ideal base for venturing into the surrounding regions, where you will discover vineyards, historic towns, and stunning scenery.

Visit **"That Wanaka Tree"** which is one of the most photographed trees in all of New Zealand. Walking along the lake to find the lone tree is a beautiful sight. When you arrive, you will find beach access on the shore just a stone's throw away from the tree, the perfect place to have a picnic and watch the sunset or rise. The lone tree is right at the foothills of Mount Aspiring National Park, a World Heritage Site, acting as a doorway into even more of the breathtaking landscapes that embody the South Island of New Zealand.



The Blue Pools are a major tourist highlight when driving through the Southern Alps from Lake Wanaka to Haast Pass. The walk to the Blue Pools will take you 30mins one way down a nice walking track. The pools are very blue and worth having a look at.

Before heading out to Franz Josef, one-stop that cannot miss is a detour to Lake Matheson. Famous for reflecting a near-perfect image of Aoraki Mount Cook in its waters, Lake Matheson was formed around 14,000 years ago when the Fox Glacier retreated from its last major advance towards the sea.



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Journey north to glacier country, where picturesque mountains and azure lakes will have you reaching for your camera at every turn. While glaciers around the world are retreating, the Fox and Franz Josef glaciers here in New Zealand still flow almost to sea level.

✳️ **Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier or Similar**

**DAY 11**
**FRANZ JOSEF / HOKITIKA / PUNAKAKI / CHRISTCHURCH  
(Breakfast included)**

The Glacier was first explored in 1865 by Austrian Julius Haast and it has been advancing and retreating ever since and now it's your chance to get up close and personal with a variety of activities to tickle your fancy.

You have a chance to explore the public glacier independent walks and you could choose to take in the sights and sounds of the stunning glacier, make sure you pack your bag for all weather as things can change quickly up at the glacier.



Continue your journey to **Greymouth** by passing **Hokitika township** where is NZ's major centre for the working of greenstone. After arriving in Greymouth, suggest an optional activity visit Monteith's brewery tour and tasting (on your own expenses). **Monteith's** is one of NZ's most famous exports and the master brewers will talk you through the process of creating multi-award-winning beers and then you will get to try them for yourself.

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The next spectacular destination must see **Punakaiki** where is the best known for its Pancake Rocks and Blowholes when visiting the West Coast. These 30-million-year-old limestone formations are nothing to be scoffed at. They are towering cliffs of rock that do look like a sky-high layer of grey pancakes stacked one on top of the other. With a well-maintained path leading out to the best spots, this is a great chance to see the huge waterspouts that blast out towards the sky from blowholes.



**Arthur's Pass Village** is a great stop-off point on your journey and a great chance to stretch your legs before heading to Christchurch for an overnight.

After the devastating earthquakes in 2011, Christchurch was rebuilt as a more creative and funkier urban centre. Wander through the streets admiring the colourful murals that tell stories of the city's resilience and indomitable spirit.



✳️ **Accommodation: [Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch](#) or Similar**

**DAY 12**

**CHRISTCHURCH**

**(Breakfast included)**

Depart hotel and self-drive to airport and drop off your rental car. We hope you have had a fantastic and memorable trip!!

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