

# New Zealand



## Getting Around

### KIWI EXPERIENCE

There's just so much to see and do in New Zealand, that it's quite helpful to sometimes have a little help and guidance. Kiwi Experience is a brilliant 'hop-on hop-off' travel experience that takes you to just about every nook and cranny of both islands. The expert drivers know the country like the back of their hands and are totally passionate about this country. Their commentary, insights and advice will ensure you really discover the true New Zealand. All passes are valid for 12 months from the first day of travel. STATA700

These are three of our favourite itineraries:

#### Sheep Dog

Recommended minimum travel time: 18 days  
From Auckland - Christchurch

Travel to the underground world of Waitomo, see the Volcanic Plateau and Mt. Doom (Mt. Ngauruhoe), relax in the exclusive and remote River Valley Lodge, see the awesome Pancake rocks in Punakaiki, or throw yourself off the worlds first commercial bungee jump...and that's just for starters.



FR £322

#### Kea

Recommended minimum travel time: 18 days  
From Christchurch - Auckland

Loop around the South Island, taking in the beautiful Whale-watching capital of New Zealand Kaikoura, scenic Nelson, and the amazing West Coast, then down to the adventure capital of the world Queenstown. Then head up to the North Island and venture to Taupo, Rotorua and Waitomo to experience local culture and awesome scenery.



FR £322

#### Funky Chicken

Recommended minimum travel time: 23 days.  
From Auckland or Christchurch

Check out the the North and South Islands. Head to the exclusive and unique River Valley Lodge, have a night to remember at Mahinapua, climb a glacier, skydive in Taupo or simply enjoy the awe inspiring scenery. The choice is yours, there's so much to see and do.



FR £415

### BACKPACKER CAMPERVANS

Enjoy complete independence, and do everything at your own pace. With miles of quiet roads, loads of well equipped campsites, and a million and one places to park up and enjoy the scenery, New Zealand was made for campervans. Check out these three great options. All include unlimited kilometre travel, kitchen equipment, bedding and linen, standard insurance and 24-hour on-road assistance. THE

#### Nomad

- 1 double and 1 single bed
- Gas stove
- Fridge
- Sink
- Microwave
- AM/FM Radio
- Power steering
- Sleeps 2 adults

FR £15 p/day



#### Breezer

- 1 double bed
- Portable Gas stove
- 44 litre esky
- Sink
- AM/FM Radio
- Power Steering
- Roof Racks
- Sleeps 2 adults

FR £12 p/day



#### Quattro

- 2 double beds
- Gas stove
- Fridge
- Microwave
- Shower
- Toilet
- Manual transmission
- Sleeps 4 adults

FR £32 p/day



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# Monster trips

## in New Zealand

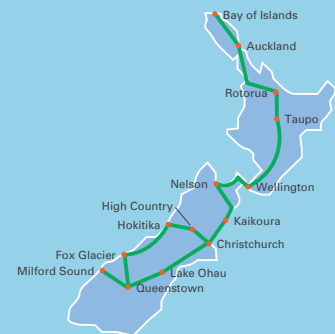
WE DON'T WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF BIAS, BUT WE REALLY, REALLY LOVE NEW ZEALAND, AND WE'RE AS CONFIDENT AS A SUPERMODEL AT A VILLAGE BEAUTY PAGEANT THAT YOU WILL TOO. FEAST YOUR EYES ON WHAT LIES BELOW.



### GRAND KIWI

15 days, Auckland – Christchurch

fr £830



- Day 1: Auckland to Paihia, Bay of Islands
- Day 2: Paihia, Bay of Islands
- Day 3: Paihia to Rotorua
- Day 4: Rotorua
- Day 5: Rotorua to Wellington
- Day 6: Wellington to Nelson
- Day 7: Nelson
- Day 8: Nelson to Christchurch via Kaikoura
- Day 9: Christchurch to the High Country
- Day 10: Flock Hill to Fox Glacier
- Day 11: Fox Glacier to Queenstown
- Day 12: Queenstown
- Day 13: Fiordland overnight cruise
- Day 14: Fiordland to Lake Ohau
- Day 15: Lake Ohau to Christchurch via Mt Cook Village

New Zealand is a microcosm of just about every landscape in the world. Lie back on white sandy beaches, bathe in hot thermal pools, hike along dramatic mountain passes, or cruise through cavernous fiords. Prepare yourself for the ultimate 'best of' compilation as you travel both islands in 15 unforgettable days. You won't be able to resist the spirit of adventure that seeps from every pore of this gorgeous country.

Beginning in Auckland, you'll travel up north to the Bay of Islands, where you'll have a couple of days to explore the 144 islands, and the secluded bays and beaches that make up this treasured part of the country. On day 3 you'll head all the way down to Rotorua, stopping off to marvel at the Whangarei Falls. That night you'll stay in a traditional Maori Marae and enjoy a Maori hangi dinner. The following morning will be spent learning about the Maori way of life at Whakarewarewa Village, before heading off into the thermal town of Rotorua; famous for its bubbling mud baths, shooting geysers and distinctive sulphuric smell. On day 5 you'll travel to Taupo, where you can check out the roaring Huka Falls, before journeying down to Wellington for a night of action!

On day 6 you'll catch the ferry over the Cook Strait to the South Island. You'll spend the evening in lovely Tahunanui Beach, before waking up early for a day of outdoor fun in the blue-green waters and native bush of the Abel Tasman National Park. Day 8 will see you travel over to Kaikoura, where snow capped mountains blend harmoniously with swaying palm trees and an abundance

of marine life including whales and dolphins. After an evening in the very English city of Christchurch, the scenery gets a little more dramatic the next day as you climb into the Southern Alps towards a 14,000 hectare working sheep station. You can tick off both the glaciers with a trip to Franz Josef and Fox, where optional activities include ice hiking, or a scenic helicopter trip. Later that day you'll make the trip towards Queenstown past Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea.

Day 12 is all about fun, as the joys of Queenstown take centre stage. Go bungy jumping, raft down the Shotover River or go hiking or mountain biking. Any extra adrenalin can be used up at night in this party capital of the South Island. There's nothing unlucky about day 13, as you travel via Mirror Lake, through the Hollyford Valley and into the Homer Tunnel on your way to Milford Sound for an amazing overnight cruise. The next day sees you travelling through Te Anau and onwards along the Kawarau River, where you'll immediately recognise the "Lord of the Rings" scenery. That night will be spent on the peaceful shores of Lake Ohau. All magnificent things have to come to an end, and they do on day 15 as you finish things with a walk in Mt Cook National Park, and a trip to Lake Pukaki and Lake Tekapo before returning to Christchurch.

Please note: This trip can also be done in reverse.

**Accommodation:** Motels, Maori Marae, holiday parks, cruise ship, lodge **Meals:** 14 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners **Departs:** Apr-Aug: Every 2nd Thu, Aug-Mar: Every 2nd Thu and Fri **Group Size:** Max 36 cx JN215



## Big Adventures

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND HALF YOUR LIFETIME TREKKING HERE, AND TRAVELLING THERE TO GET YOURSELF A WHOLE LOAD OF INDELIBLE MEMORIES. THESE AMAZING KIWI TRIPS DON'T LAST ANY LONGER THAN A FORTNIGHT, BUT THEY'LL KEEP YOU DAY DREAMING FOR YEARS.

### KIWI EXPLORER

10 Days, Auckland – Queenstown

fr £530

- Day 1: Auckland to Rotorua
- Day 2: Rotorua
- Day 3-4: Rotorua to Wellington
- Day 4-5: Wellington to Nelson
- Day 6: Nelson to Christchurch via Kaikoura
- Day 7: Christchurch to Flock Hill
- Day 8: Flock Hill to Fox Glacier
- Day 9: Fox Glacier to Queenstown
- Day 10: Queenstown

If you don't have as long as you would like in New Zealand, but you want to see lots of the country, make sure you don't waste your precious time deciding where to go and how to get there. This fantastic trip will whiz you to some of the best sights in a fun-packed 10 days. You'll see and do loads, but you'll still have plenty of free time to do some exploring on your own terms. You'll come to understand just how varied this gorgeous land is as you check out both islands. The thermal hotspots and the undulating green countryside of the North Island contrasts strikingly with the dramatic, mountainous landscapes of the South Island.

From Auckland you'll travel into New Zealand's cultural heart. You'll spend your first night at a traditional Maori Marae and you'll tuck into a hangi dinner. You'll leave the bubbling mud of Rotorua behind on day 3, travelling past much of the "Lord of the Rings" film set on your way to the country's capital, Wellington. After a morning exploring the city, you'll head over the water and on to Nelson. Day 5 will be spent exploring the Marlborough wine region before you shoot over to Christchurch stopping at Kaikoura on the way, watch out for seal, dolphins and whales! On day 7 the scenery changes once again as you climb the Southern Alps to a 14000 hectare working station, where you'll bed down for the night. The amazing glaciers of Franz Josef and Fox come next on the itinerary, before you take an afternoon trip over to Queenstown on day 9. You'll have the time to try any death defying adventure activity you desire before the trip finishes the following day. Please note: This trip also runs in reverse. Please ask for details.

**Accommodation:** Hotels & traditional Marae **Meals:** 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners **Departs:** Selected Sat & Sun **Group Size:** Max 36. cx JN210



### SOUTHERN EXPLORER

7 Days, Start & Finish: Christchurch

fr £405

- Day 1: Christchurch to Flock Hill
- Day 2: Flock Hill to Fox Glacier
- Day 3: Fox Glacier to Queenstown
- Day 4: Queenstown
- Day 5: Fiordland
- Day 6: Milford Sound to Lake Ohau
- Day 7: Lake Ohau to Christchurch

The South Island gloriously exhibits enormous snow covered mountains, alpine lakes, cavernous valleys and colossal fiords. This week-long adventure will transport you and your awe-struck countenance on a loop around many of New Zealand's most astonishing natural sights. So prepare to have all the little things in life put into perspective as you come to realise just how magnificent the planet earth can be.

Beginning in Christchurch, you'll take the trail into the Southern Alps for a night at a 14000-hectare working station. If you've seen the movie Narnia, then you'll recognise the stunning scenery that surrounds you. The next day you'll continue south, stopping at Franz Josef before heading on to Fox Glacier, where you can get up the next morning and go for a guided walk on the glacier. You'll head that afternoon for the action capital of New Zealand, Queenstown, where you'll be able to spend the whole of day 4 being as crazy as you like. On day 5 you'll travel past yet more stunning scenery on your way to Milford Sound, here you'll jump on an overnight cruise. Make sure you get yourself in a kayak while you're out there and go explore the shoreline. The following day you'll make your way through lots of "Lord of the Rings" scenery on your way to the shores of Lake Ohau. Your South Island adventure comes to an end on day 7, but before you say your goodbyes you'll check out Mt Cook National Park and the blue waters of Lake Tekapo.

**Accommodation:** Hotels, holiday parks, overnight boat, lodge **Meals:** 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners **Departs:** Selected Fri & Sat **Group Size:** Max 36. cx JN217



# New Zealand

## North Island



### Places to Stay



**Base ACB, Auckland**  
DORM fr £11  
TWIN ENSUITE £38

With nearly 400 beds, a great city centre location, a huge internet café and the most hip and happening backpacker bar in town, this really is Auckland's very own super hostel. This is a great place to hang out, meet friends, and make future travel plans.



**Nomads Fat Camel, Auckland**  
DORM fr £9  
TWIN fr £32

Towards the bottom end of Queen St, close to most attractions, the Fat Camel is laid out in an apartment style with fully stocked kitchens, lounge room and more than enough showers and bathrooms to go around.



**Aspen House, Auckland**  
SINGLE INC B'FAST fr £23  
TWIN INC B'FAST fr £34  
TWIN ENSUITE INC B'FAST fr £44

A great value B&B hotel, located by one of Auckland's oldest inner city parks, but sheltered from street noise. Facilities include a self service snack bar, a new lounge area, internet access and guest laundry.



**Nomads Capital, Wellington**  
DORM fr £9  
TWIN fr £32

Designed as a 'flash-packer', you'll notice the difference at this hostel. All rooms include security card access, fresh linen, plus lockers in the dorm. For those on a budget, hostel guests receive a free meal every night!

### Things to do

#### Bay of Islands, Awesome & The Top Bit - Minimum 2 Days

Starting in Auckland, this fab trip kicks off nice and early to get you up to the Bay of Islands for about midday. Your base is Paihia, where you can explore some of the 144 islands in the region. Relax on the beach, go fishing, sailing or even swim with dolphins. The trip includes a visit to a mineral hot spring and a trip on the Excitor fast boat to the famous hole in the rock. Stay as many days as you like, or if you're short of time leave town for Auckland in the late afternoon the following day. Accommodation is not included. STA706

FR £75

#### Geyserland - Minimum 4 Days

This round-trip 'hop-on hop-off' pass starts and finishes in Auckland. You'll head over to the mesmeric Coromandel Peninsula, the bubbly, (and slightly smelly) thermal mud at Rotorua and the weird and wonderful caves at Waitomo. You won't be short of things to do, as the activities on this itinerary range from sea kayaking, zorbing and luging, to black water rafting and quad biking. A big highlight is the traditional Maori Hangi and concert at Rotorua, where you'll eat like king, and dance like a princess. Accommodation and activities are not included. STA707

FR £110

#### Top Tip

Clean your mucky shoes before you enter the country! The Kiwis are rightly very protective about their beautiful environment, so you could into a little trouble if you bring anyone else's dirt through customs.



**Base Hot Rocks, Rotorua**  
DORM fr £11  
TWIN ENSUITE fr £30

All the rooms, including the 4-6 person dorms, have ensuite bathrooms, and most also have sunbeds. Enjoy the indoor and outdoor hot mineral pools and beware of the 'Lava Bar' - a great place to dance the night away!

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## South Island

### Places to Stay



**Base Backpackers, Christchurch**  
DORM fr £11  
TWIN fr £28  
TWIN ENSUITE fr £36

The best location in town, on Cathedral Square, this hostel boasts the very cool Saints & Sinners Bar - with bands, karaoke and lots of happy hours. Facilities include a communal kitchen, laundry, internet and TV rooms.



**Stonehurst, Christchurch**  
DORM fr £10  
TWIN fr £28  
TWIN ENSUITE fr £36

With a mix of hotel and hostel accommodation, Stonehurst has something for everyone, with loads of room types. Just two blocks from the centre of town, the award winning facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, internet and TV lounge.



**Grand Chancellor, Christchurch**  
SINGLE ENSUITE fr £70  
DOUBLE ENSUITE fr £70

Looking to rest your weary bones? Then opt for a little more luxury at the centrally located Grand Chancellor. Sprawled in the big beds and enjoy the in-room facilities that include a mini-bar, cable TV, shower and bath.



**Base Discovery Lodge, Queenstown**  
DORM fr £11  
TWIN fr £32  
TWIN ENSUITE fr £40

Boasting a great central location and the buzzing Altitude Bar with happy hours and all day food. All rooms and dorms have a fridge, central heating and most have balconies with mountain and lake views.

### Things to do

#### Tandem Skydive, Queenstown

Tandem Skydive from 15000, 12000 or 9000ft and freefall at 200kph over New Zealand's most scenic resort - Queenstown. Once the chute opens, you'll have time to marvel at the stunning mountain landscapes as you glide peacefully to the ground. STA712

FR £102

#### AJ Hackett Bungy, Queenstown

This is where the bungy phenomenon began, and AJ Hackett started it all off. There are bungy options for every level of adrenalin junkie, from the original 43m Kawarau Bridge leap to the massive 134m Nevis Highwire. Prepare to scream your lungs out. STA713

FR £62

#### Shotover Jet, Queenstown

Get ready for thirty minutes of thrill therapy as you career at breakneck speed in a jet boat through the Shotover River Canyon. Big white water spray, 360 degree spins and close encounters with the canyon walls are all part of this legendary experience. STA714

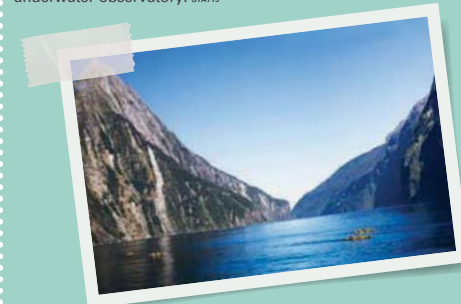
FR £45

#### Milford Sound Explorer - Queenstown, Full Day

Milford Sound simply has to be seen. Tagged as the 'most beautiful place in New Zealand and the 'eighth wonder of the world'; please don't even consider missing it out. The Sound is actually a fjord surrounded by high rainforest-covered cliffs. Rainfall is some of the highest in the world and temporary waterfalls cascade up to 1000 metres into the water. Watch out for seals, penguins and dolphins, who are regular visitors to the area.

FR £70

You'll leave early from Queenstown, stopping off in scenic Te Anau for a quick morning tea. Some of the beautiful sights on the way to Milford Sound will leave you thinking that it surely can't get any better, but it does when you board a magical two hour boat cruise. Sit out on the deck and gaze goggle-eyed at what surrounds you. You'll also have time to visit the amazing underwater observatory. STA715



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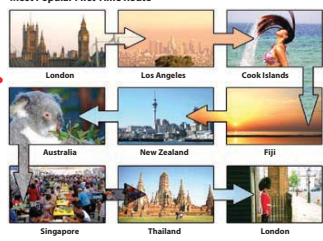
Santiago (Chile), Lima (Peru) and Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

#### 2. POPULAR ROUTES THAT INCLUDE SOUTH AMERICA:

London - Beijing - overland - Hong Kong - Bangkok - overland - Singapore - Bali - Sydney - overland - Melbourne - Auckland - Santiago - overland - Buenos Aires - Sao Paulo - overland - Rio De Janeiro - London

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#### Most Popular First Time Route

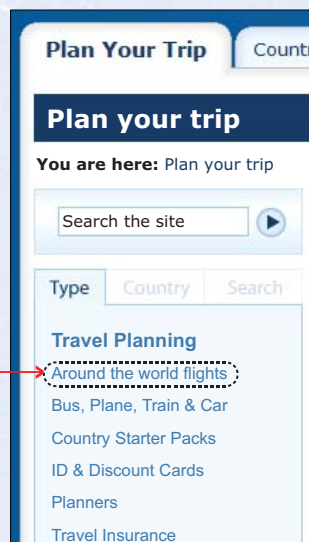


#### Thailand



#### Joe Bloggs writes...

In Thailand you can find cheap and varied food, cheap excursions, friendly Thai people, smiles, humid weather, street stalls, beaches, night markets, a lively nightlife in Bangkok, beautiful temples, friendly monks, the King and floating markets! That should do you for starters.



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