

# Auckland - Rotorua - Queenstown - Glacier Region - Christchurch

## Auckland:

Auckland, based around 2 large harbours, is a major city in the north of New Zealand's North Island. In the centre, the iconic Sky Tower has views of Viaduct Harbour, which is full of superyachts and lined with bars and cafes. Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park, is based around an extinct volcano and home to the formal Wintergardens. Near Downtown, Mission Bay Beach has a seaside promenade.

## Rotorua:

Rotorua, a town set on its namesake lake on New Zealand's North Island, is renowned for its geothermal activity and Maori culture. In Te Puia's Whakarewarewa Valley, there are bubbling mud pools and the 30m-tall Pohutu Geyser, which erupts many times daily. It's also home to a living Maori village and the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, with traditional wood carving and weaving schools.

## Queenstown:

Queenstown, New Zealand, sits on the shores of the South Island's Lake Wakatipu, set against the dramatic Southern Alps. Renowned for adventure sports, it's also a base for exploring the region's vineyards and historic mining towns. There's bungee jumping off Kawarau Gorge Suspension Bridge and jet-boating on the Shotover and Dart rivers. In winter, there's skiing on the slopes of The Remarkables and Coronet Peak.

## Glacier Region:

Most of the world's glaciers exist in the polar regions, in areas like Greenland, the Canadian Arctic, and Antarctica. Glaciers also can be found closer to the Equator in some mountain regions. The Andes Mountain range in South America contains some of the world's largest tropical glaciers.

## Christchurch:

Christchurch, known for its English heritage, is located on the east coast of New Zealand's South Island. Flat-bottomed punts glide on the Avon River, which meanders through the city centre. On its banks are cycling paths, the green expanse of Hagley Park and Christchurch Botanic Gardens. In 2010 and 2011, earthquakes destroyed many of the historic centre's stone-built buildings.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Day 1: Arrive Auckland

Depending on your preferred travel choice, you will either be met and privately transferred, or self-drive to your accommodation.

Kia Ora! Welcome to Auckland, this is New Zealand's largest city, set between two harbours with gentle sandy shores on the east and black sand, wild surf beaches on the west. Home to sheltered, sparkling blue waters dotted with beautiful emerald islands, we recommend getting out on the water when you are here.

Optional Attraction: Sky Tower - Total Tower without Transfers (Flight should be Arrive before 1400 HRS)

The Sky Tower (Maori: Pourewa Rangi) is a telecommunications and observation tower in Auckland, New Zealand. Located at the corner of Victoria and Federal Streets within the city's CBD, it is 328 metres (1,076 ft) tall, as measured from ground level to the top of the mast, making it the tallest freestanding structure in the Southern Hemisphere and the 28th tallest tower in the world. It has become an iconic landmark in Auckland's skyline due to its height and design.

Optional Attraction: Kelly Tarltons Entry / Admission without Transfers (Flight should be Arrive before 1400 HRS)

Kelly Tarlton's SEA LIFE Aquarium at the Auckland waterfront. Discover the underwater magic of the Southern Ocean at more than 30 exhibits and nine themed zones. You can get up close to playful king and gentoo penguins at the Antarctic Encounter, see displays of jellyfish and stingrays, and stroll through the shark tunnel.

### Day 2: Day 2: Auckland - Waitomo - Hobbiton – Rotorua

After breakfast check-out from the hotel and proceed to journey through the rolling green hills of Waitomo and enjoy a tour through an underground wonderland of caves decorated with galaxies of glowworms. Continue to Matamata for a charming tour of unique,

character Hobbit homes, gardens and the watering hole just as you see in the movies. Finishing off a visually fulfilling day, continue Rotorua, a bubbling and steaming destination like nowhere else.

Auckland-Waitomo: 195km (approx 2hrs, 30mins)

Waitomo-Matamata: 102km (approx 1hr, 20mins)

Matamata-Rotorua: 67km (approx 55mins)

### **Day 3: Day 3: Rotorua**

After breakfast proceed to enjoy Rotorua's fascinating geothermal landscape with its unique steam vents, spouting geysers and bubbling mud pool set alongside freshwater lakes and majestic native forests. It is also a region immersed in fascinating Maori myths and legends. Today you'll visit one of the local geothermal attractions before a sensory evening display in the forest.

### **Day 4: Day 4: Rotorua - Queenstown (Domestic Flight Not Included)**

After breakfast, proceed for check out formalities and depart for your domestic flight to Queenstown. (Please Note: Domestic Airfare is not included in the final pricing).

Flight Time Rotorua to Queenstown is approx. 3 Hours & 30 Min depending on the airline

Magnificent vistas and majestic mountains dominate this compact alpine resort town and with such an expansive natural physical environment it is not surprising that Queenstown has been described as the Adventure Capital of the World. Check in at the hotel as per standard procedures and explore Queenstown on your own.

### **Day 5: Day 5: Queenstown**

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Optional Attraction: Shotover Jet Boating

Take a jet boat ride on the Shotover River during an extreme ride and experience adrenaline-fueled fun as the jet boat skims the water's surface at high speed & fishtails into 360-degree spins. Hold on tight as the captain maneuvers the jet boat over rapids and through narrow canyons during one heart-pounding adventure you won't soon forget.

## **Day 6: Day 6: Queenstown - Milford Sound – Queenstown**

After breakfast check-out from the hotel and proceed to Fiordland, one of the world's last great wildernesses. Today's stunning journey takes you past mirror lakes, spectacular waterfalls and water-sculpted rocks. Venture into Milford Sound, a New Zealand treasure carved by ice age glaciers and famously described as the eighth wonder of the world. After a big day out, reflect on memories of a lifetime on your return to Queenstown.

## **Day 7: Day 7: Queenstown - Glacier Region**

Travel through wilderness towns, waterfalls and river scenery on today's scenic journey to Queenstown. We recommend stopping for a break at Wanaka's wonderful world of weirdness at Puzzling World or stretching your legs, at Makarora's Blue Pools on the way to Glacier Country.

New Zealand's rugged West Coast is a wild and untamed place known for its rivers, rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures. Here, mighty rivers of solid white ice, relics of the world's last ice-age, tumble down the rocky valleys. Spend the night in Glacier Region.

## **Day 8: Day 8: Glacier Region**

After breakfast, enjoy the temperate climate at a low altitude which makes Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers among the most convenient to visit in the world. Steep valleys bear scars from where glaciers have retreated and advanced over millennia and here, the ice age is still underway.

Today is a free day to add your preferred activity. Make a visit to Punakaki's Pancake Rocks or for an absolute bucket list experience, take to the air on a scenic flight with a glacier landing and a thrilling hike across the icy wonderland.

## Day 9: Day 9: Glacier Region – Christchurch

Travel from coast to coast through the spectacular scenery of Arthurs Pass National Park and across the Canterbury Plains, a fertile patchwork made with every shade of green, to the Garden City of Christchurch. Christchurch is set between the deep blue Pacific Ocean and the mighty snow-capped Southern Alps. This is a vibrant, ever-changing city with inner city parks and gardens delightfully interwoven by the meandering Avon River.

Glacier Region - Christchurch: 240-380km (approx 3.5-5hrs)

## Day 10: Day 10: Depart Christchurch

Arrangements conclude today with a departure transfer or return of your rental car.

Do spare a few minutes to share your feedback with our representative or via email - as your valued suggestions will be most appreciated. Arrive home with pleasant memories of your overseas tour, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

## INCLUSIONS

- Round trip air tickets including all the inter city flights
- Hotel accommodation based on double/twin sharing
- Daily Breakfast at hotel
- All the tour programs per the itinerary
- Deluxe Air-condition transportation
- Airport pick up and drop in all the cities

- Tourist visa
- English speaking Guide.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Insurance
- Expenses of personal nature such as drinks, telephone, laundry bills, etc.
- Any other service/s not specified above
- Donations / National parking fee

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### About Final cost

Note: The above itinerary timings are approximate and may change as per the availability at the time of final confirmation and subject to change as per the availability of air ticket.