



Saturday · October 12th, 2019 - Thursday · October 31st, 2019

## New Zealand Self Drive

Itinerary for the North and South Island

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Saturday · October 12th	Arrive Auckland Hotel Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour (2 nights)
Sunday · October 13th	Waiheke Island & Connells Bay Sculpture Park
Monday · October 14th	Auckland to Rotorua via Waitomo The Lost World Peppers on the Point, Rotorua (3 nights)
Tuesday · October 15th	Geothermal Wonderland Tour (2hr 30min) Maori Culture Performance and Traditional Hangi Feast (4hr 30min)
Wednesday · October 16th	Hobbiton
Thursday · October 17th	Rotorua to Lake Taupo Huka Lodge (2 nights)
Friday · October 18th	Explore Taupo
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Tin Tub Luxury Lodge (2 nights)

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OR  
Queenstown Odyssey Experience  
OR  
Funyaks

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Return Home

**Saturday · October 12th**



Welcome to New Zealand!

On arrival in Auckland, you will be met and provided a private transfer to your accommodation.

Today is at leisure for you to relax or explore the “City of Sails”. You could visit the Sky Tower for amazing views of the city, visit the Auckland Museum, go shopping in stylish Parnell or jump on a scenic harbour cruise. Alternatively, just sit back and enjoy one of the many bars, cafes or restaurants that Auckland has to offer, and watch the world go by.



## Hotel Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour

Image credits: Hotel Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour

Oct 12

Check-in

Oct 14

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

Located at the Viaduct Basin Entertainment Area, surrounded by restaurants and bars, this hotel boasts beautiful views of Viaduct Harbour Basin. Explore or relax at the nearby cafes which surround this beautiful harbour city.

Sunday · October 13th



## Waiheke Island & Connells Bay Sculpture Park

Image credits: Miles Holden

Today, take a ferry across to Waiheke Island, just off Auckland (30 minutes). There collect your rental vehicle and explore the island at your leisure.

Visit **Connells Bay Sculpture Park** (a 30 minute drive from Matiatia Ferry Terminal) for a 2 hour guided tour. The tours commence at 10.30 am or 3.00 pm. Be amazed by some of New Zealand's best artists, where art and nature are combined to create special spaces for site specific sculpture.

Then make your way to **Mudbrick Vineyard & Restaurant** and share a casual lunch at 'The Archive' before heading back on the ferry to Auckland.





## Auckland to Rotorua via Waitomo

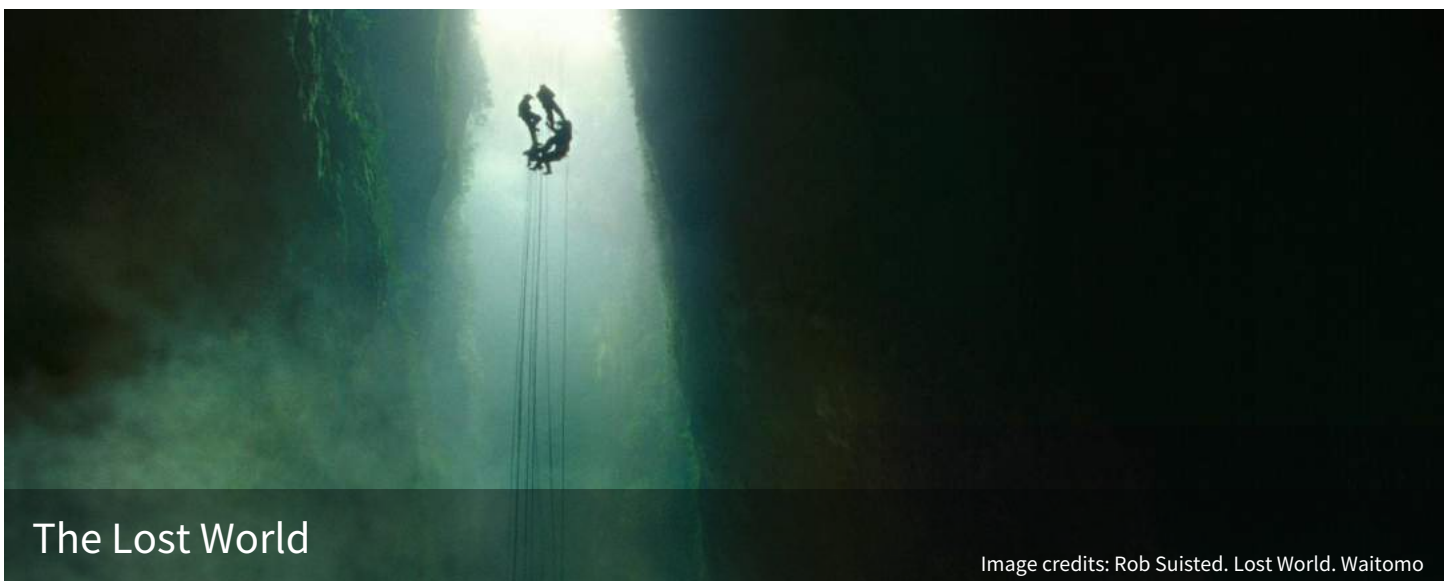
Image credits: Miles Holden

This morning you will collect your rental vehicle and make your way to Waitomo where beneath the rolling green hills, lie New Zealand's most enchanting system of caves - Waitomo Glowworm caves.

The glow-worm, *Arachnocampa luminosa*, is unique to New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their unmistakable luminescent light as an expert guide provides informative commentary on the Caves' historical and geological significance. Enjoy a boat ride under this galaxy of tiny, living lights and experience the serene ambiance of the tiny glow worms which light your way.

Alternatively, adventures seekers can abseil into or blackwater raft through the caves on a Lost World tour.

This first part of your journey will take approximately 2 hrs 50 min (120 Miles). After your Glowworm Cave experience you will then continue your journey to your accommodation in Rotorua, which is approximately a 2 hour drive (90 Miles).



## The Lost World

Image credits: Rob Suisted. Lost World. Waitomo

Abseil 100m into the Lost World entrance shaft, alongside your instructor who provides information, reassurance...and a backup safety tether. Imagine free-hanging in a massive void...bouncing a bit & turning because of the sheer length of the rope. Look around into upper levels of the cave and giant spagatites (look like giant green hands growing out of the walls). Weird plants & formations cling to the sheer walls and the roar of the Mangapu river echoes up from far below. Make your unforgettable descent down through the surreal mists and eventually land in the base of this massive cavern.

Once down, catch your breath, because this is actually just the beginning - there's a lot more to do and see as you explore the massive vaults - See excellent glowworms, gigantic flowstone formations and massive caverns, before starting on an even more amazing trip back to the surface. Climb over massive slabs of rock and a series of ladders.

From there, enjoy the guide's helpful hints as you make your way along ledges back to the surface through the huge craggy upper levels of the "Spider Hole".

Emerge from the Spiderhole into what could easily be mistaken for the Burma Jungle ( no snakes or tigers though) and then just a short stroll back to the start.



## Peppers on the Point, Rotorua

Image credits: Peppers on the Point

Oct 14

Check-in

Oct 17

Check-out

3 nights

Duration

Peppers on the Point is a fine example of the Peppers approach to creating unique properties with timeless appeal. The former 1930's mansion retains its distinct charm and design. Now operating as an exclusive Peppers lakeside retreat, this finest of lodges in Rotorua serves d'hôte dinner in the restaurant and provides a rare and delightful kind of Rotorua accommodation.

Peppers on the Point has a relaxed and tranquil ambiance, with lavish features and amazing views over Mokoia Island. Rotorua is a New Zealand Maori heartland in the Rim of Fire region. You would never guess that this lakeside Rotorua accommodation, so lovingly preserved, is just 5 minutes from the heart of the city.

Tuesday · October 15th



Image credits: Chris McLennan

## Geothermal Wonderland Tour

9:30 AM

Start Time

12:00 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

Today be inspired by a half day journey through New Zealand's most spectacular, colorful and diverse volcanic region. Witness the spectacular and violent eruptions of NZ's largest boiling mud lake, Lady Knox Geyser erupting to heights of 20 meters and experience the colourful volcanic craters, sizzling hot pools, bubbling hot springs, hissing fumeroles, vividly coloured silica terraces, steaming cliffs and much more. You feel like you could be on another planet!

The afternoon is free to relax or explore.



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## Maori Culture Performance and Traditional Hangi Feast

5:30 PM

Start Time

10:00 PM

End Time

4hr 30min

Duration



In the evening, journey to a traditional Maori village set within a stunning 200 year old native Tawa forest where you will be formally welcomed onto the sacred grounds.

Amidst crackling village fires, discover Maori art forms, take part in ancient rituals and learn fascinating Maori traditions. Be entertained with Maori song and dance before enjoying a traditional Hangi feast, cooked beneath the ground on hot stones.

Wednesday · October 16th



Hobbiton

Image credits: Ian Brodie

Just north of Rotorua is the township of Matamata - home of the “Hobbiton” movie set and the original location where “Hobbiton” was created for the filming of ‘The Lord of the Rings’ and ‘The Hobbit’ trilogy. It offers an interesting and entertaining experience incorporating the famous film set and a special insight into rural life. Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre sheep farm with views over the Kaimai Ranges.

Your guide will then escort you through the ten-acre site recounting the fascinating details of how the Hobbiton Movie Set was created. Hobbit holes, The Green Dragon Inn, The Mill and other structures can be viewed and you will see how this beautiful piece of Waikato farmland was transformed in The Shire from Middle-earth. Specially brewed beverages are available at The Green Dragon Inn as you complete your tour. After your tour of the film set your host will then return you to The Shires Rest Cafe with the opportunity to visit The Shire Store.

Thursday · October 17th



Rotorua to Lake Taupo

Image credits: Destination Lake Taupo



Make your way to Lake Taupo today at your own leisure - only a short one hour drive.



Oct 17

Check-in

Oct 19

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

Huka Lodge lies on the banks of the Waikato River, 300m upstream from the famous Huka Falls. It started as a simple fishing lodge in the 1920s, attracting guests from around the world. Now the exclusive lodge lures the most discerning travellers from around the globe, seeking one of the world's very best retreats.

Huka Lodge spans 17 acres of manicured grounds, offering 18 Junior Lodge Suites, one Lodge Suite and two exclusive cottages the Owner's Cottage, with four suites, and the new two-suite Alan Pye Cottage.

Every last detail has been considered to ensure guests enjoy superb cuisine, seamless service and every comfort possible for those who appreciate the finer things in life.

Friday · October 18th





Perhaps today visit the Aratiatia Rapids which are not to be missed! Make sure you arrive a few minutes before the dam is due to release and make your way to one of the lookout points on the high rock bluffs that overlook this turbulent stretch of river. Be amazed of the magnitude of water and its power as the Waikato River falls 28 metres in the space of only one kilometre. These surging rapids are harnessed for hydroelectric power. Summer release hours: 10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm.

Located just a few minutes' drive outside of Taupo town, is the Huka Falls. This a thundering 11-metre high waterfall which is the most visited and photographed natural attraction in New Zealand. The sheer volume of water flowing over the falls amounts to 220,000 litres per second - enough to fill one Olympic sized swimming pool in 11 seconds!

You can enjoy the walking tracks alongside the river and wander around the different viewing platforms, taking in the falls from all angles. On a sunny day, the water is an amazing, crystal clear blue. Taupo also has some great lakeside café or restaurants to stop for lunch.

**Saturday · October 19th**



## Taupo to Cape Kidnappers

Image credits: Cape Kidnappers. Gary Lisbon

Today you will make your way to Cape Kidnappers, on Hawkes Bay which is just over a 2 hour drive (100 Miles) from Taupo.

Cape Kidnappers/Te Kauwae-a-Māui, is an extraordinary sandstone headland to the east of Hastings in Hawke's Bay. It was named by Captain Cook after an attempt by local Māori to abduct one of his crew.

The cape is home to the largest and most accessible gannet colony in the world.

The other major attraction at Cape Kidnappers is the golf course. Designed by American Tom Doak, the course makes the most of the breathtaking natural landscape. The sixth hole is widely regarded to be one of the great golf holes of the world.



## The Farm At Cape Kidnappers

Image credits: The Farm at Cape Kidnappers

Oct 19

Check-in

Oct 21

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

The Farm at Cape Kidnappers is one of the worlds most extraordinary luxury destinations. Set on a 6000 acre sheep and cattle farm with breathtaking views over the Pacific in the Hawkes Bay wine region.

With just 24 ultra-comfortable and spacious cottage suites and a four bedroom Owners Cottage and a spectacular Tom Doak designed golf course all with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean a stay at the Relais Chateaux Cape Kidnappers is truly farm luxe at its best.

Lodge guests can take advantage of Hawkes Bay fishing- beaches- local arts and crafts and fantastic wineries while the farm property lends itself to farm tours, spectacular hikes, gourmet picnics plus kiwi discovery walks and gannet safaris.

A luxury spa for indulging in a facial or massage while gazing out across some stunning farm landscape to the Pacific Ocean beyond is a highlight.



## Napier - A Twilight Odyssey - A Progressive Winery Tour

Image credits: Mission Estate

This evening, experience Hawke's Bay at it's best. A progressive three-course meal across some of NZ's top winery restaurants. Awaken every sense on this awesome Odyssey.



Take a scenic drive through the vineyards as you learn about the region and its wines. Enjoy a full interactive wine tasting alongside gourmet platters at Vidal Estate. Take in the breathtaking panoramic views from Te Mata Peak while enjoying a glass of bubbles as the sun sets from 399m above sea level.

Proceed to Craggy Range or Elephant Hill for the main course served with wine. Finish the evening at the country's oldest and grandest winery the Mission Estate for dessert and coffee.

## Sunday · October 20th



Today you will travel in comfort in air conditioned 4 x 4 wheeled vehicles, through Cape Kidnappers Station - traversing riverbeds, broad rolling pastures, through stands of native bush, steep gullies and breathtaking inclines.

There is a stop on the way at a spectacular cliff top with panoramic views of Hawke Bay right across to Mahia peninsular. The amazing geology of the area can also be taken in. The 36 km, three-hour trip includes commentary by your tour guide / driver on the farming operation on Cape Kidnappers Station and an introduction to the gannets.

On arrival at the gannets you can stretch your legs and take in the mouthwatering scenery from your position at the brink of the cliffs edge - 100 metres above the ocean. Here your driver / guide will serve you refreshments whilst you enjoy watching the gannets perform around you.

Cape Kidnappers is the largest and most spectacular mainland nesting place of gannets in the world. The 20,000 gannets are members of the Booby family with distinctive black eye markings and a pale gold crown. Visitors to the colony will see adults and young nesting in serried rows. In the air birds swoop and dive as they bring back fish. On the ground, the pairs preen and perform the dance of the gannets' recognition ritual.

Enjoy all the breathtaking scenery of the rugged coastal 2,000 hectare (5,000 acre) Cape Kidnappers Station in the comfort of our 4 x 4 vehicles. The Station is a one of Hawke's Bays most picturesque working sheep and cattle stations.

Monday · October 21st



## Cape Kidnappers to Wellington

Image credits: Wellington. Julian Apse

Make your way at your own leisure to New Zealand's capital - Wellington.

Travel distance is approximately 334kms (209 miles). Allow at least 4.5 hours drive time.



## QT Wellington

Image credits: QT Wellington

Oct 21

Check-in

Oct 22

Check-out

1 night

Duration

Quintessentially Wellington with the signature QT style, QT Wellington captures the heart of New Zealand's creative capital as it draws on the city's vibrant cultural playground. Immerse yourself in a fascinating fusion of high and low brow art as you explore the imaginative depths of one of the country's most eccentric art collections.

This hotel is where those in the know come for a taste of the avant garde while indulging in their most creative selves. Sitting harbourside in the city's cultural hub, QT Wellington is the epitome of cool, luxury, high tech sophistication and a paradise for foodies.

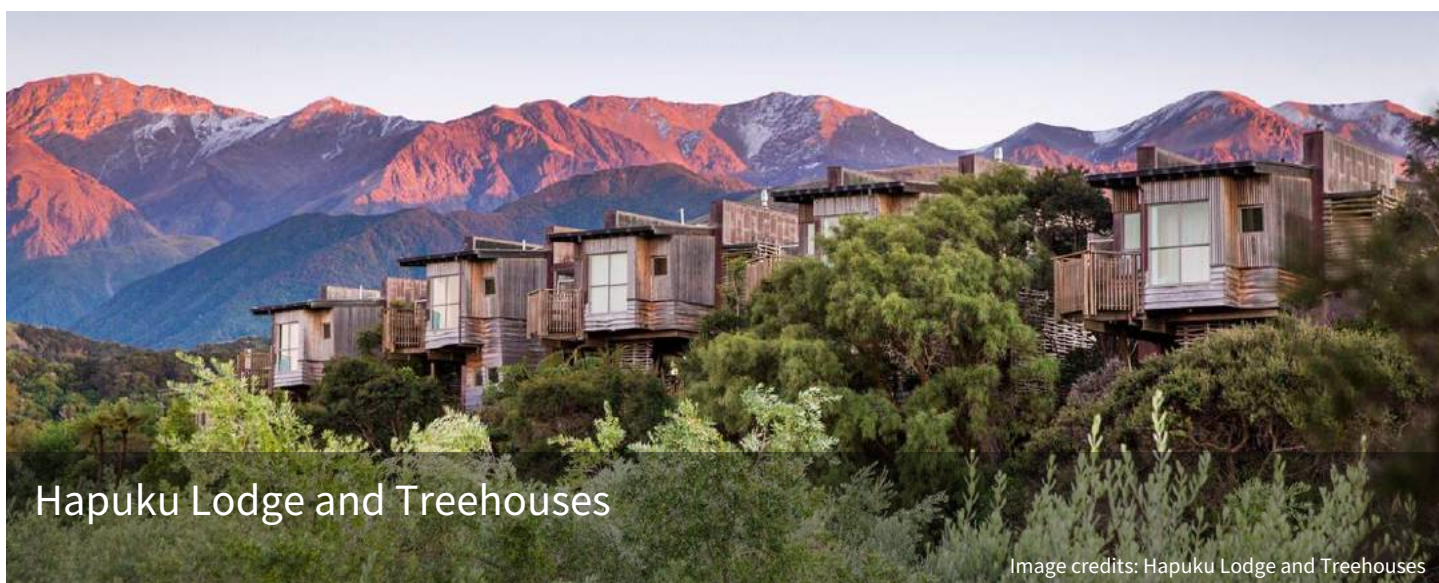
Go beyond your boundaries as you are challenged by the scale of our art while experiencing everything the modern traveller needs at your fingertips. Art design curiosities and a dash of the absurd - QT Wellington is redefining the design driven hotel experience.



Tuesday · October 22nd



Today, drive to the InterIslander Ferry terminal, where you will drop off your rental vehicle and board the ferry for your journey across Cook Strait and through the magnificent Marlborough Sounds to the South Island and on to Kaikoura. When you arrive in Picton, collect your rental car and make your way to your accommodation in Kaikoura, which is about 2 hours scenic drive.



Oct 22

Check-in

Oct 23

Check-out

1 night

Duration

Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses is a contemporary country hotel located on a deer breeding farm in the South Island of New Zealand, 12 kilometres North of the renowned eco-marine town of Kaikoura. It sits snugly at the base of the Kaikoura Seaward Mountain Range, with the Kaikoura coast and famed Mangamaunu Bay only a kilometre to the east. The Lodge provides luxurious accommodation on Kaikoura's rugged coastline, a place for guests to relax in its intimate indoor/outdoor setting and a place from which they can explore the larger maritime landscape of Kaikoura.





## Swimming with Dolphins - Kaikoura

Kaikoura is famous for marine mammals and birdlife and is regarded as the best place in New Zealand to view whales and albatross and to swim with dolphins. The Dolphin Encounter tour offers swimming with the dusky dolphins but if swimming is not for you, watching from the comfort of the boat is equally as special an experience.

Alternatively, enjoy a Kaikoura whale watching experience.



## Kaikoura to Christchurch

Image credits: Christchurch. Graeme Murray

This morning, begin your a scenic drive from Kaikoura to the garden city of Christchurch. Driving distance is 125 miles and will take approximately 3 hours.

The trip south takes you along the edge of the rugged coastal ranges. From Cheviot you can detour to Gore Bay to see the fascinating cliff formations. The landscape becomes more gentle as you approach Waipara - a region known for its vineyards and olive groves. The last leg of your journey takes you past the surf beaches of Amberley, Leithfield, Waikuku and Woodend.





The George  
50 Park Terrace,  
Christchurch NZ

Image credits: The George

Oct 23

Check-in

Oct 24

Check-out

1 night

Duration

The George, a luxury boutique hotel, is the essence of supreme comfort and is renowned for offering a personalised stay and attentive staff. Located in the heart of Christchurch overlooking the picturesque Hagley Park and Avon River, you will find this peaceful Christchurch accommodation just steps from the cultural precinct and key attractions. Impeccable service in an intimate ambiance is guaranteed at The George, the only Christchurch hotel with a one-to-one staff to guest ratio.

Thursday · October 24th



TranzAlpine Train - Christchurch to Greymouth

Image credits: TranzAlpine

In the morning, make your way to Christchurch railway station to return your rental vehicle and board the TranzAlpine Scenic Train, which departs at 8:15am. The TranzAlpine Scenic Train travels between Christchurch on the east coast of New Zealand's South Island, to Greymouth on the west coast.

Cross the Canterbury Plains and farmland followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Your train then climbs into the Southern Alps before descending through lush beech rain forest to the West Coast. This world renowned journey is 140 miles long and takes just 4.5 hours. There are 19 tunnels and 4 viaducts, the highest being The Staircase at 240 ft.



On arrival in Greymouth at 1.05 pm, you will pick up your rental vehicle and head south to Franz Josef Glacier where you will spend the night, adjacent to NZ's iconic glaciers. Total distance is 106 miles and travel time is approximately 2 hours' 20 minutes.



Boasting some of the most untamed and stunning scenery in the world, the coastal road between Greymouth and Hokitika provides great views of the genuine 'Wild West Coast'. Make sure you stop off along the route to enjoy the sharp tang of the sea air and enjoy a stroll along the beach while enjoying the entertaining shapes and sizes of the driftwood that adorns our West Coast beaches.

Travel distance is approximately 173 km's (108 miles) - best to allow at least 2.25 hours drive time (not including stops).



Oct 24

Check-in

Oct 26

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

A haven from the city rush, a foray into New Zealand's pristine wilderness Te Waonui Forest Retreat is truly a place to relax and refresh. All focus has been on creating a healthy, environmentally safe habitat to maximise guests' wellbeing. With a natural, earthy ambience and attentive service, there's no better place to take a deep breath and simply unwind.



Every aspect of the 5-star Qualmark rated Forest Retreat has been crafted to an impeccable standard. From deluxe soundproofing technology between rooms to the five course degustation menu featuring local cuisine, every detail you can imagine has been thought out and developed.

Friday · October 25th



## Franz Josef Heli-Hike and Hot Pools

Image credits: Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters

The Franz Josef Glacier is an artwork of peaking translucent blue ice, perfectly clear skies and green rolling valleys. There are several ways to experience this glacial region and none better than a glacier heli hike. The Franz Josef glacier helicopter tour is a once in a lifetime experience that should not be missed. From the moment you step on board our chopper, your experience and highly trained pilot will whisk you away, up and over the jaw-dropping landscape.

After a thrilling flight, high above the rugged terrain, you will land on the glacier, ready to undertake a two-hour guided glacier hike. Your friendly guide will lead you through some of the most pristine and awe-inspiring glacier scenery in the world. He will choose your route carefully as you go and, with an eye for the most spectacular ice formations, you'll soon be making your way through an extraordinary land of towering peaks and glistening blue ice.

You'll enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding mountains, and with plenty of photo opportunities, and the chance to learn more about this magnificent glacier, this will almost certainly be one your most memorable New Zealand experiences and one you will remember forever.

In the afternoon, reward yourself by exploring the Franz Josef township and try the glacier hot pools. Nestled in lush rainforest, the glacier hot pools are a haven of natural tranquility. The pools are the perfect way to unwind and experience a blissful state of pure relaxation after glacier valley walk.



## Franz Josef to Wanaka

Image credits: Julian Apse

The drive from the Franz Josef to Wanaka over the Haast Pass is one of the most beautiful scenic drives in the world. This is a drive you certainly don't want to rush.

Following a relaxing breakfast, continue your journey down the rugged West Coast through the breathtaking Haast Pass, into the heart of the Southern Alps. You'll travel through the spectacular glacier region, two national parks and past two of New Zealand's largest lakes, Lake Hawea and Lake Wanaka. From coastal scrub, rain forest, glaciers and native bush, to alpine tussock lands, lakes and mountains - this road showcases the best of South Island scenery all in one go.

From Franz Josef continue to Fox Glacier which is only a short distance away. From here you begin traversing the coast to the small seaside settlement of Haast. With lush native forest one side and the wild Tasman Sea on the other, the views are spectacular wherever you look.

Stop at Knights Point lookout where elephant seals can often be seen basking on the rocks, before continuing on to Haast where you'll begin the journey through the World Heritage Area, Haast Pass. A winding inland journey, leave the coast behind and head through a pristine world of rainforest, waterfalls and rushing rivers.

Crossing the Haast River you'll come to Makarora, known as the gateway to Mt Aspiring National Park. If you have time, stop and explore as there are many stunning walks in and around this small town. From Makarora, it's a short distance through alpine scenery and snow capped mountains to Lake Hawea and your destination, Lake Wanaka.

The drive time is approximately 3 hours 30 minutes (177 miles).





Image credits: Tin Tub Wanaka

## Tin Tub Luxury Lodge

Oct 26

Check-in

Oct 28

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

If you ever wondered if the words Luxury, Tranquility, Exclusive, Elegance, Lake and Mountain views etc etc are overused....well not at Tin Tub Luxury Lodge.

Our guest book has so many comments not only about how quiet and relaxing it is, but also how delicious Trish's breakfast are, and how wonderful the hospitality was.

Trish and Barry have created for you an alpine hideaway where you can escape the hustle and bustle of busy lives, be it for a few hours or a few days. Some quiet time in paradise to recharge batteries.

Sunday · October 27th



Image credits: EWA Rob Roy Glacier Guided Walk

## Rob Roy Glacier Hike

Known as one of the best hikes in NZ, Rob Roy Glacier is situated in the beautiful Mt Aspiring National Park. Beginning high above on Rob Roy Peak (2,606 metres) the glacier clings to the ever-steepening mountain side as it descends into the Rob Roy Valley.



With a personal experienced guide, who knows all the secret places for that perfect photo, take yourself on a journey of freedom and solitude as you encounter some of the most scenic wilderness this world has to offer.

The day begins with a scenic drive around Lake Wanaka, and into the Matukituki valley driving through several fords, stopping for photos along the way. From here, the guided walk begins through sheep and cattle farmland, and then across a swing bridge into the alpine rainforest to emerge above the tree line into the alpine herb fields opposite four glacier faces a perfect lunch spot and a base for further exploration of this magical valley, the jewel of Mt Aspiring National Park.

This glacier is very active, and hanging - meaning large thunderous ice falls may be seen from your lunch spot, crashing down to the valley floor directly opposite! Swing bridge, waterfalls, rainforest, crystal clear mountain streams and glaciers the Rob Roy Glacier guided walk has it all! Following lunch, the remainder of the walk is all downhill.

Monday · October 28th



Following a relaxing breakfast make the short drive (42 miles) to Queenstown. You must stop at the quaint and historical little town called Arrowtown, which is approximately 20 miles outside of Queenstown.

Explore the original Chinese settlement huts, alongside the Arrow River dating back to the gold rush days, take a leisurely stroll along the main street exploring the craft and art shops or spoil yourself on the local produce a one of the many cafes for lunch.



Oct 28

Oct 31

3 nights



Check-in

Check-out

Duration

Eichardt's Private Hotel is a Queenstown icon providing fine accommodation in seven luxurious Lake View Suites, four comfortably appointed Lakefront Apartments, The Residence and The Penthouse, all situated on premium lakefront positions in the heart of Queenstown.



Image credits: Julian Apse

Following breakfast, be treated to panoramic views of the mountains, lake and township of Queenstown from the enclosed gondola, which carries you up 1,476 feet (450 meters) to "Bob's Peak". Considered to be the Southern Hemisphere's steepest cable car ride, both adults and children alike will enjoy the excitement and thrill of the luge (part go-kart / part toboggan) rides down the scenic race track.

Tuesday · October 29th

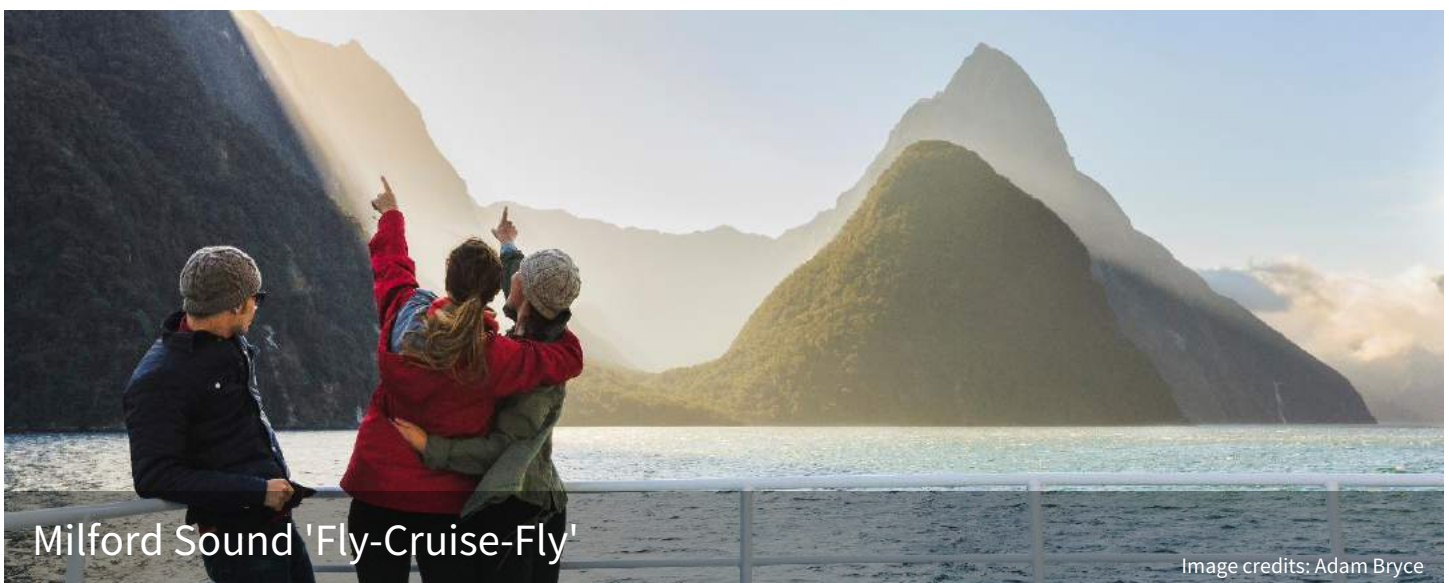


Image credits: Adam Bryce

Take a stunning scenic flight from Queenstown today to New Zealand's spectacular fiordlands.

Fly over the southern alps with breathtakingly spectacular and endless panoramic views of lakes, forested river valleys, waterfalls, jagged razor backed ridge lines and snow covered peaks before landing at Milford where you will be guided to your cruise boat to enjoy a 1.5 hour cruise along the full length of the stunning Milford Sound. Be amazed by the sheer scale and staggering beauty of the Sound which can be experienced from all viewpoints.



After the cruise your pilot will escort you back to the aircraft for the return flight to Queenstown along a different flight path. A light picnic lunch is included and all seats are guaranteed a window!

Wednesday · October 30th



## Shotover Jet, Queenstown

Image credits: Shotover Jet, Queenstown

Just 10 minutes out of Queenstown is the legendary Shotover River. Prepare yourself for the ultimate jet boating experience with Shotover Jet - the unique, breathtaking white water ride and adrenaline rush you'll never forget. From the moment the accelerator hits the floor, your adrenaline hits the roof. It's an amazing white water ride as your expert pilot puts his state-of-the-art jet boat through its paces, skillfully whipping the powerful boat past rocky outcrops, skimming around crags and boulders and speeding through the dramatic and narrow canyons.

OR



## Queenstown Odyssey Experience

Image credits: Julian Apse

On this tour you'll see some of the most amazing scenery in the country while indulging in exquisite local gourmet produce and world class wines. Experience a tasting in New Zealand's only wine cave and take a behind-the-scenes look at a vineyard, then dine at one of the country's top winery restaurants. Includes;



- Wine tasting at a minimum of four wineries chosen including Gibbston Valley, Cromwell and Bannockburn.
- Behind the scenes tour of Gibbston Valley vineyard and New Zealand's only wine cave.
- À la carte lunch with matching wine at one of the region's top winery restaurants such as Amisfield, Mount Difficulty, Gibbston Valley or Carrick.
- Sightseeing with fully guided commentary including the historic Kawarau Gorge, home of the world's first Bungy jump
- Gourmet platter at top winery restaurant.

OR



Begin with a 75 minute jetboat ride deep into Mt Aspiring National Park. Combine wilderness jet boating with unique 'Funyak' inflatable canoes/kayaks for a fun way to explore the Dart River as well as hidden side streams, rock pools and dramatic chasms. Stop and enjoy a delicious wilderness buffet lunch before continuing in you Funyak downstream to 'Paradise'. Then travel back country route passing by locations used in the movies to illustrate Middle Earth. No experience necessary.

Please bring swimwear or a change of underclothes, a lightweight wool/thermal vest for under wetsuit, a towel, sunglasses and money for optional purchases such as photographs, snacks etc. If it's warm bring a sunhat, sunscreen and insect repellent or if it's cold a long sleeved wool/thermal vest, hat and gloves.

**Thursday · October 31st**

## Return Home

Today, make your way to the Queenstown airport to return your rental vehicle before your return flight home.