

## 19 Day NZ Ultimate Rail, Cruise & Coach with Flights

Auckland - Bay of Islands - Rotorua - Wellington - Christchurch - Queenstown  
- Te Anau - Dunedin

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From **\$10,999** pp Twin Share

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Travel in 'Business Class on Wheels': a custom-designed premium coach

Includes four cruises AND four incredible rail journeys!

Enjoy 17 Nights in premium, 4.5 star accommodation

Experience a Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise, TranzAlpine Rail Journey & much more

## Description

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Get ready for adventure – in style! Explore New Zealand’s most beautiful regions, across both the North and South Islands, on a premium coach nicknamed ‘Business Class on Wheels’.

Starting in Auckland, experience the bustling city streets before heading off to the stunning Bay of Islands, where you can enjoy a scenic flight and island cruise. Break up the trip back in Auckland before heading to the fantastic Rotorua, heart of the geothermal region. Jump on a vintage train, see baby Kiwis hatching, get up close to a geyser, experience a traditional Maori Hangi and much more!

Journey onwards via coach, ferry and train to Lake Taupo, Wellington, Kaikoura, Christchurch, Fox Glacier, Queenstown, Doubtful Sound, Dunedin and much, much more. Every stop presents visitors with unique and amazing travel moments, all of which will become memories to last a lifetime.

With a premium, custom-designed coach that will only carry a maximum of 20 passengers, as well as expert driver, 4.5-star accommodation throughout and a range of fantastic inclusions, you can be sure that this itinerary is going to tick all the boxes.

Don’t miss out, limited spaces available through 2023 and 2024. This trip is really popular, so lock yours in today with only a deposit, or get in touch with any questions!



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Australia ✈ Auckland

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Auckland

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### Day 2

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#### Auckland 🚌 Bay of Islands

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach and enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the 'City of Sails', before travelling to Matakohē to enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel, Bay of Islands (2 nights)

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### Day 3

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#### Bay of Islands - Free Day

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel, Bay of Islands

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### Day 4

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#### Bay of Islands 🚌 Auckland

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands including an island visit aboard a luxury catamaran. Cruise to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. On return to Paihia, travel south, call into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree before returning to Auckland.

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Auckland

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## Day 5

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### Auckland Rotorua

This morning, travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop and on return to Glenbrook Station, morning tea will be served. Depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures famous for dairying. Continue to Rotorua to visit the National Kiwi Hatchery, for a unique behind the scenes tour of the world's largest kiwi hatchery.

Accommodation: Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)

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## Day 6

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### Rotorua

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua where spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

Accommodation: Regent of Rotorua

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## Day 7

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### Rotorua Wellington

Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park and then continue south to NZ's capital city, Wellington.

Accommodation: InterContinental Wellington (Premium Room) (2 nights)

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## Day 8

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### Wellington

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. Reboard your Ultimate coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also at leisure.

Accommodation: InterContinental Wellington (Premium Room)



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## Day 9

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### Wellington Kaikoura Christchurch

This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross the Cook Strait and enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey that follows a thin wedge of land between the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura Ranges. Meet your Ultimate Coach in the fishing village of Kaikōura for the journey to the garden city of Christchurch.

Accommodation: The George (2 nights)

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## Day 10

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### Christchurch

Today visit the International Antarctic Centre designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at your leisure. This evening is free to enjoy one of the many eateries near your hotel.

Accommodation: The George

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## Day 11

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### Christchurch Arthurs Pass Fox Glacier

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your Ultimate Coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing via Franz Josef to the township of Fox Glacier where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Accommodation: Distinction Fox Glacier

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## Day 12

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### Fox Glacier Queenstown

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into Arrowtown to visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

Accommodation: Heritage Queenstown (2 nights)

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## Day 13

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### Queenstown - Free Day

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

Accommodation: Heritage Queenstown

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## Day 14

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### Queenstown Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

Today travel via Te Anau to Manapouri. Enjoy lunch as you cruise across this glacial lake. A short ride over the Wilmot Pass brings you to the boarding point to join the Fiordland Navigator for an amazing overnight experience. As you cruise through the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound, naturalist guides will provide commentary and point out the resident wildlife. When evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared by the onboard chef.

Accommodation: Overnight Fiordland Navigator

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## Day 15

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### Doubtful Sound Te Anau

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back to Deep Cove for the trip to Manapouri. Return to the wharf and meet your Ultimate Coach for the journey to Te Anau where you will enjoy an afternoon at leisure. You may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Accommodation: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

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## Day 16

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### Te Anau Dunedin

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, famous for its stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture dating back to the gold rush of the 1800s. Today Dunedin is New Zealand's oldest university city.

Accommodation: Distinction Dunedin Hotel (2 nights)

## Day 17

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### Dunedin

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle. On a guided tour you will hear the tragic and scandalous stories followed by time to wander around this Garden of International Significance and an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom. Return to Dunedin for a city tour followed by some free time. Optional activities available include a tour of the Speight's Brewery, which produces New Zealand's most popular beer, see wildlife in their natural habitat or take a tour of Olveston Historic Home, containing many treasures of a bygone era.

Accommodation: Distinction Dunedin Hotel

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## Day 18

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### Dunedin Christchurch

This morning travel to the city of Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue north to Pleasant Point Museum and Railway for a short rail experience followed by lunch and time to explore the preserved heritage of the South Canterbury railway. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with selected beverages and your newfound friends.

Accommodation: The George

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## Day 19

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### Christchurch Australia

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.



## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

Tour includes transfers in New Zealand, Business Class 20 seat coach travel, 4.5 star accommodation, most meals, sightseeing, attractions and a range of VIP extras.

- Professional Coach Captain
- Flights with Air New Zealand Economy Class from Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane (If you are departing from elsewhere please enquire for final pricing)
- 17 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- Doubtful Sound overnight cruise
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 4x Rail journey
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Tours Programme
- Deluxe Documentation Pack

### Meals:

- 18 cooked breakfasts, incl. specialty breakfast Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 14 dinners
- 2 Lunches
- 2 Morning Tea

### Pre-paid Tours:

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- National Kiwi Hatchery Tour
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Coastal Pacific Rail Journey
- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Lakes District Museum
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- HIGHLIGHT - Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- Larnach Castle and Ultimate High Tea
- Pleasant Point Museum and Railway
- Auckland City Sights Tour

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## Exclusions

- Meals not mentioned
- Any additional requests
- Travel Insurance

## Child Policy:

Children under 16 years are not permitted.

## Add ons:

Pre/ Post Accommodation: (per night)

Auckland: \$160 pp twin share / \$320 Single Room

Christchurch: \$205 pp twin share / \$410 Single Room

## Payment Terms:

Deposit on booking

Final payment 100 days prior

## Room Types and max occupancy:

Twin or double, maximum occupancy of 2

## Passport and Visa Requirements:

All visitors require a passport to enter New Zealand. Your passport must be valid for at least three months beyond the date that you intend to leave New Zealand. For Australian citizens travelling on an Australian passport, you do not need a visa or permit to visit New Zealand. Visitors from visa-waiver countries must request an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) prior to travelling to New Zealand. For visitors from non-visa waiver countries it is recommended you contact your Travel Agent or NZ Immigration for full entry requirements. If you are not an Australian Citizen or permanent resident, you may also have to pay for an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). Please check with your Travel Agent for up to date immigration requirements.

## About your Tour Company

With Grand Pacific Tours, a coach tour is more than a holiday – it's a chance to see, feel and learn about the people, places and the history of a unique part of the world you have chosen to explore. From the time you arrive in New Zealand a friendly smile awaits. Our professional crew will share their knowledge ensuring you learn as you continue your journey with like-minded travellers.



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