



New Zealand Cross Country Tour - 12 days & 11 nights

Tour Starts - Auckland

Tour Ends - Queenstown

Come on and join this epic tour of lovely New Zealand - Waitomo, Rotorua, Taupo, Tongariro, Wellington, Marlborough, Kaikoura, Christchurch, Lake Tekapo, Mount Cook, Wanaka, Queenstown & Milford Sound. Experience nature, culture and heritage galore.

Enjoy the variety - City, rural landscape, caves, geothermal regions, volcanic lakes, rivers, waterfalls, ferry crossing, wine region, marine wildlife, glacial lakes, snow-capped mountains, glaciers and fiord.

Some optional activities to make it more exciting

Jet boating, whale watching, glacier flight, glacier boat, skydive, bungy,

Day 1

Arrive Auckland. Transfer from airport to accommodation. Free and easy to explore the urban oasis Auckland - Mount Eden crater walk, waterfront and Mission Bay beach. Stay in Auckland (1 night)

Day 2

Depart Auckland. Travel through king country to Waitomo. Enjoy a guided tour of **Waitomo Glowworm Caves**. Travel to Rotorua. Option to visit Hobbiton Movie Set tour and Waikato River trails on the way. Visit **Rotorua** sights including colorful government gardens and steaming Kuirau park. Stay in Rotorua (1 night)

Optional activities - Hobbiton Movie Set tour / Waikato River trails / Zorb / Agrodome Farm show / Polynesian Spa pools / Redwood Treewalk / Te Po (Geothermal park, Maori cultural show and dinner) / ...

Day 3

Depart Rotorua. Visit the geothermal wonderland of **Wai-O-Tapu** to see geyser, mud pools, craters and colorful geothermal pools. Travel to **Lake Taupo**, the largest lake of Australasia. Visit the lakefront, gushing Huka Falls and Aratiatia dam a Lord of the rings movie site. Stay in Taupo (1 night)

Optional activities - Huka River cruise / Huke Jetboat / Rapids Jet boat / Taupo lake cruise / Taupo bike hire / ...

Day 4

Depart Taupo. Travel along the shores of large Lake Taupo to Turangi and further through Desert Road, **Tongariro** to Wellington. Visit the highlights of **Wellington** including cable car and parliament grounds. Enjoy the capital city of New Zealand. Stay in Wellington (1 night)

Optional activities – Parliament tour, Weta Studio, ...

Day 5

Depart Wellington. Embark on a scenic **inter island ferry** crossing of the Cook straits to Picton. Travel through the **Marlborough wine region** and stunning coastal route and seal colony to Kaikoura. Stay in Kaikoura (1 night).

Optional activities - Wine tasting, ...

Day 6

Explore the **Kaikoura peninsula**. Enjoy self-guided or guided coastal walks. Option to indulge in marine wildlife activities to see whales, albatross, dolphins or seals. Afternoon travel along the beautiful coastline and then the Canterbury plains to Christchurch. Stay in Christchurch (2 nights).

Optional activities - Whale watch / Albatross encounter / Dolphin cruise / Swim with the dolphins / ...

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Day 7

See around **Christchurch** city – Cathedral Square, Botanical gardens, Port Hills Road, Lyttleton and views of Banks Peninsula. Afternoon visit the Christchurch Antarctic Centre. Continue to stay in Christchurch.

Optional activities - Punting in Avon River / upgrade Antarctic centre to Akaroa harbour cruise / ...

Day 8

Depart Christchurch. Travel to stunning turquoise blue **Lake Tekapo** and Church of Good Shepherd. Continue travel in the McKenzie region to the majestic Mount Cook area. See the tallest snow covered peak of Australasia **Mount Cook** and the scenic alpine region. Enjoy self-guided or guided nature walks. Optional activity to get closer and enjoy the glaciers. Stay in Twizel (1 night).

Optional activities - Mount Cook 3D movie / Glacier explorer boat ride / Scenic flight with or without glacier landing/ ...

Day 9

Depart Twizel. Visit high country salmon farm. Travel through Lindis pass to Wanaka. Enjoy the mesmerising Puzzling World. Option to indulge in skydive or jetboat and explore more of Wanaka region. Stay in Queenstown (3 nights).

Optional activities - Skydive Wanaka / Wanaka River Journeys jetboat / UFly scenic flight / ...

Day 10

Spend the day to travel through the glacier cut mountains of Milford Road and cruise the fiords at Milford Sound. Exclusive scenery of beech forests, glacier valleys, tunnel, mountain streams and waterfalls.

Optional activities - upgrade to one way fly back Milford Sound to Queenstown / ...

Day 11

Go around beautiful Queenstown. Visit the lakefront scenic spots, the Shotover river jetboat site, historic Arrowtown, A J Hackett Kawarau Bungy site and Lake Hayes. Enjoy the Skyline Queenstown for great views of the lake and fun luge ride. Go for an optional adventure activity you like.

Optional activities - Skydive Queenstown / Shotover Jetboat / Parasailing / Bungy Jumping / Wine tasting / ...

Day 12

Today is free and easy to enjoy Queenstown as you like (self guided). Just chill or enjoy optional activities. Tour ends. Depart Queenstown anytime to next destination. Queenstown airport drop off is provided.

After tour ends, add on suggested - West Coast package

Franz Josef / Fox Glacier and Arthurs pass - 3 days / 2 nights

Starts in Queenstown and ends in Christchurch - 2 nights accommodation in Fox Glacier / Franz Josef

From additional NZ\$ 800 per person

Day 12 – Queenstown to Franz Josef / Fox Glacier. Travel through Haast Pass.

Day 13 – Franz Josef Glacier or Fox Glacier experience

Day 14 – Franz Josef / Fox Glacier to Christchurch. Travel via Arthurs Pass.

Depart Christchurch Day 14, 5 pm or later.

Alternatively choose to stay the night in Christchurch and depart the next day.



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**Tour Package inclusions:**

- Accommodation (twin sharing)
- Land transport as per itinerary (for 10 hours a day, typically 8 am to 6 pm)
- Airport transfers on first day and last day
- Sightseeing admissions to
 - Waitomo Glowworm caves tour
 - Wai-O-Tapu geothermal park
 - Wellington Cable Car
 - Ferry crossing (Wellington → Picton)
 - Christchurch Antarctic Centre
 - Wanaka Puzzling World
 - Milford Sound cruise with lunch
 - Skyline Queenstown gondola & luge

Tour Package Exclusions:

- Local airfares within New Zealand
- Meals not mentioned explicitly
- Dinner transfers
- Portage or tips
- Travel insurance
- Any other sightseeing admission cost not mentioned in the package inclusions

Package price:

NZ\$ 6,720 per person (Motel room only). Motel accommodation will basic kitchenette facility

NZ\$ 7,550 per person (Hotel with breakfast)

Price and itinerary subject to change. Please confirm at the time of booking.

Tour can have people from various bookings. Private tour can be organised on request.

Minimum of 6 people to operate tour. Maximum of 14 people per group.

Minimum group size is based on the combined booking from various people.

Optional activities - Required optional activities are to be mentioned and included at the time of booking.

Confirmation, Payment & Cancellation:

Please email all confirmation / cancellation.

10% deposit along with all participant names as per passport and passport number required to confirm the tour.

Balance payment to be made by 45 days before tour or earlier

Cancellation charges:

30+ days prior to trip – full refund

29 days to 22 days prior to trip – 50% refund

Less than 22 days prior to trip – no refund

Amendments

If due to unavoidable circumstances itinerary is altered, suitable alternatives will be provided. In the event of total cancellation of any event by HAPPY NZ TOURS, appropriate refunds will be made.

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