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**NEW ZEALAND
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KIA ORA!

With 40 years of creating tailor-made holidays to New Zealand under our belts, Austravel really are the experts in this field. All our specialist Travel Designers have travelled extensively around New Zealand, Australia and the South Pacific, so can genuinely tailor a holiday to suit your personal requirements.

Having visited the destinations they can offer essential tips, such as where to go and when, and most importantly, those day trips and experiences that just can't be missed. As there is so much to see and do we have produced a NEW separate 'Essential Guide to New Zealand' so that we can really showcase what the 'Land of the Long White Cloud' has to offer. Although similar in size to the UK it boasts such a wide variety of landscapes – from the beaches and bays of the Northland, to the volcanoes and geysers around Rotorua, and the snow-capped mountains and glaciers of the South Island.

A 'must do' addition to every trip is a stay in one of the boutique lodges dotted around the country, where the hosts look after your every need. Kinross Cottages (p69) is a perfect example, and who can resist a stay on a working vineyard? Also new this year are the unusual all glass 'Pure Pods', located in various prime locations with breath-taking views (p58).

Throughout the brochure we have also highlighted some exceptional Austravel Unique Experiences which we feel that everyone should try and include – if you can!

For even more ideas, visit austravel.com, or speak to one of our specialist Travel Designers who are ready to help you. Enjoy your travels!

Karen Joyce



General Manager



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We're the leading Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific specialist and have been creating tailor-made holidays to these incredible countries since 1977. Here's what you can expect when you choose to travel with us...

40 years' experience

We don't just go there, we really know there. Whether you're looking to discover the iconic sights of New Zealand, taste the gourmet food and sample fine wines across famous vineyards, or escape to an exotic island in the South Pacific, we've been creating award-winning holidays to Australasia for almost 40 years.

Your holiday's in safe hands

We take care of everything from your flights, accommodation, car hire and tours, to visas and travel insurance, we can even book your airport hotels and parking before you go! We're also ABTA, ATOL and IATA protected, meaning your money and booking is in safe hands when you travel with us.

Value for money

We are fully committed to keeping you up to date with our best holiday deals. Our special partner relationships give us significant buying power, enabling us to offer you exclusive discounts and great packages that you won't find anywhere else.

Award winning

We're ecstatic to have won the 'Best Holiday Company to Australasia' at the British Travel Awards five times in a row. There is no better endorsement of our passion, expertise and commitment than that.

Range of stopovers

Break up the long journey with a two-night stopover en route. Choose from Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai and many other unique destinations – it's like two holidays in one! The South Pacific is also easily accessible from New Zealand, connecting directly into the west coast of the USA for the ultimate round the world trip.

Austravel.com

Make our website a must-visit destination. Not only will you discover a great range of exclusive flight and holiday offers, but you'll learn about new places to visit and receive insider tips from our Austravel experts.

Discover Australia

For holidays to discover the Great Barrier Reef, the red earth of the Outback, or cosmopolitan cities, request our Australia brochure, with ideas for self drives, tours and unique experiences in this spectacular country. See Austravel.com for details.



Not sure when's the best time to visit New Zealand? Want to know the popular routes for road trips? Our Travel Designers are here to help and have experienced amazing New Zealand first hand so they know their stuff. With their in-depth destination knowledge, they can give you the best travel advice throughout the planning process to tailor make your perfect itinerary.



James

"The Bay of Islands to the north of Auckland is home to spectacular beaches, native wildlife and scenic coastal towns. Make sure you get out on the water – you can even swim with dolphins in the summer months."

Find out more about the Bay of Islands on p.36



Becky

"The movie set at Hobbiton is located between Auckland and Rotorua so is easy to visit for those on a self drive. It's fascinating to explore – even those who haven't seen the movies will love it!"

Find out more about Rotorua on p.38



Matt

"The day walk at Tongariro National Park on New Zealand's North Island takes you past crater lakes, volcanoes and stunning mountain scenery – it's one of the best hikes I've ever done. Make sure you pre-book though as it's incredibly popular."

Find out more about Tongariro National Park on p.44



Vicki

"Fiordland on New Zealand's South Island is like something out of a fairy tale. The scenery is outstanding and I recommend a Milford Sound cruise where you can get up close to waterfalls and see all sorts of wildlife."

Find out more about Fiordland on p.72

How we create your trip

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Tell us your travel plans

Let us know all the places you want to visit and things you want to do (or let us inspire you). We'll then get to work creating your perfect itinerary and finding you the best deals.

2

Book with confidence

If you're not ready to book straight away, that's not a problem. Once you're 100% happy with your travel plans, simply pay your deposit and start getting excited about your trip.

3

Advice on call

If you have any questions in the lead up, during or even after your holiday, we're always just a call away. We hope you have an amazing holiday!

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As the airline that flies passengers on some of the world's longest routes award-winning Air New Zealand has one of the most innovative long haul flight experiences.

Air New Zealand truly are the better way to fly. You won't find a friendlier, more welcoming or down-to-earth cabin crew—they love what they do and it shows. Approaching everything with genuine enthusiasm, it's an airline that never stops looking for ways to bring you a better way to fly. In fact, it's award-winning, which you'll understand the moment you step on board, like when you settle into the ergonomically-designed seats. When you deliberate over what to choose from the thousands of hours of on-demand entertainment. And when you taste the super-fresh food, or enjoy a top-up of the free-poured New Zealand wine.

Whether you choose their Economy cabin, designed with comfort and room in mind, stretch out on the innovative Skycouch™, their Premium Economy where you can enjoy more seat recline to stretch out and relax or their lie-flat bed in Business Premier, you are sure to experience the added luxuries that come with flying Air New Zealand. As well as a daily flight from London Heathrow to New Zealand via Los Angeles, Air New Zealand offers more ways to New Zealand with a range of attractive round the world stopover destinations using their partner airlines departing from the United Kingdom.



Emirates operate 17 flights per day from a choice of 6 UK airports to Dubai. Customers can then enjoy convenient connections to over 140 destinations in the Far East, Australasia, West Asia, Indian Ocean and the Middle East. On-board, passengers can enjoy world-class service, regionally inspired gourmet cuisine and over 2,500 channels of award-winning entertainment – plus phone, SMS and email connectivity from every seat.

In Emirates Economy Class, enjoy ergonomically designed seats with adjustable headrest and a spacious seat pitch of up to 34-inch. Fly in style, stretch out and relax in comfort when flying Emirates Business class. Explore new worlds through global cuisine, and make new friends over canapés in the elegant A380 On-board Lounge. Arrive inspired with Emirates First Class. Unwind in your own Private Suite or rejuvenate in the A380 Shower Spa. Whichever cabin you choose, you will be sure to savour multi-course gourmet cuisine and taste your way around the world.

Currently and until 24th March 2018* you can choose to fly to Auckland via Melbourne and Brisbane with Emirates as well as a daily non-stop service between Dubai and Auckland. For connections through to Christchurch Emirates offer one daily indirect service via Sydney. Travel beyond the Emirates network and go further with the Qantas partnership. You can fly internally with Qantas and Jetstar across New Zealand and Australia, with over 55 destinations available on the Explorer Pass, organising your perfect multi centre itinerary has never been so easy.

*From 25th March 2018 this will become a daily non-stop flight between Dubai and Auckland.



Singapore Airlines operates four daily, non-stop flights from London Heathrow to Singapore and five direct weekly flights from Manchester. From Singapore, passengers can experience seamless, convenient onward connections to nine gateway cities in Australia and three gateway cities in New Zealand. Singapore Airlines partnership with Virgin Australia, allows you to choose from over 45 exciting destinations spanning right across Australia and those venturing to New Zealand can enjoy increased frequencies and connections with alliance carrier Air New Zealand. Singapore Airlines customers can now choose flights to over 30 destinations in the Air New Zealand network.

The airline's multi award winning 5* service offers an exceptional level of comfort across all classes, including three-course gourmet cuisine and an extensive on demand in-flight entertainment, providing personal TV screens from 10.6" – 23" dependant on cabin class. Flying Singapore Airlines also means a hassle-free transfer through Singapore's award winning Changi Airport. As a holder of a Singapore Airlines Boarding pass, passengers can take advantage of a number of discount privileges both in the airport and around Singapore.



Based in Hong Kong, Cathay Pacific is ideally positioned with the best connections to Australia and New Zealand. With a well-deserved reputation for providing a premium product and outstanding service, Cathay Pacific offers an unrivalled 47 weekly non-stop flights to Hong Kong from Heathrow Terminal 3, Gatwick South Terminal and Manchester* Terminal 2. From its home hub Hong Kong, passengers connect seamlessly within 50 minutes minimum to 78 weekly flights to Australia and 14 weekly flights to New Zealand. Flights from/to Gatwick or Manchester are operated by the Airbus A350-900, the technologically-advanced aircraft featuring a state-of-the-art inflight entertainment system in all classes. Passengers will be assured of the best inflight experience when they travel between London and Hong Kong.

Cathay Pacific believes that travelling well is an important part of living well. That's why it continually strives to enhance the overall travel experience, investing in developing its cabins, food and beverages and inflight entertainment.

*Daily service from Manchester begins 1 December 2017



As one of the World's Leading Airlines, Etihad Airways are committed to making sure that every time guests fly, their journey is truly remarkable and an unforgettable experience. Etihad are constantly re-thinking the small things that make big differences to the way guests fly.

Etihad offers three daily flights from London, twice daily from Manchester and a five times weekly service from Edinburgh to Abu Dhabi and beyond to over 100 destinations. Onwards from Abu Dhabi they offer a double daily service to both Sydney and Melbourne and a daily flight to Brisbane and Perth. Through the partnership with Virgin Australia and Air New Zealand, Etihad are also able to offer further domestic and international connections across Australia and New Zealand.

With outstanding on-board hospitality, hundreds of hours of on-demand entertainment, excellent meal options and some of the most luxurious seats in the sky, you will quickly learn why Etihad describes its customers as guests not passengers. Experience the choice of Economy Class, stretch out on a fully-flat-bed in Business Class, or relax in your own private suite in First Class.



NEW ZEALAND



Home to cosmopolitan cities, rolling hills, lush forests, ancient Maori heritage, mystical fiordlands, hobbits and more. New Zealand is a fascinating tapestry of landscape and culture.





INTRODUCTION TO NEW ZEALAND



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Currency – New Zealand Dollar (NZD)

Time difference – GMT +11 to GMT +12

Flying time – Approx. 26 hours

Climate – New Zealand's warmest months are December, January and February, where maximum temperatures can reach 30°C. With warm, sunny weather, these summer months are peak times to travel to New Zealand. Winter runs from June to August, and is the best time of year to see the snow-capped mountains in the South Island.

Visa – British citizens do not require a visa to travel to New Zealand (for a stay of less than 6 months), making it an easy destination to travel to.

A contrasting landscape of steaming volcanoes, spectacular fiordlands, magnificent mountain ranges and dense forests, there's a reason New Zealand is voted best country in the world year after year. The added bonus is that all of this is found within a country comparable in size to the UK, and with a population of only four million, it's also one of the world's least crowded places.

A holiday haven for those looking for peace and rejuvenation, as well as a playground for thrill seekers and adventurers – New Zealand is in a class of its own!

TOP EXPERIENCES



Rotorua: This geothermal wonderland boasts spurting geysers, bubbling mud pools and natural hot springs.



Hawke's Bay: With a wealth of famous vineyards, no trip to New Zealand would be complete without a day of wine tasting.



Fiordland: Visit Milford or Doubtful Sound to see the breathtaking steep valleys and mighty peaks.



Kaikoura: Head off the coast to see the vast array of marine life, including sperm whales, dolphins and seals.



Queenstown: The adventure capital of New Zealand, home to a host of activities from bungee jumping to jet boating.



FIRST TIME ESSENTIALS

New Zealand is the perfect country for a road trip, plus you'll have the freedom to explore at your own steady pace. This 22-day self drive takes you to all New Zealand's iconic highlights across both the North Island and South Island. Experience urban Kiwi life in Auckland, witness the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua, visit Queenstown – New Zealand's adventure capital – and much more. However if there's anywhere extra you want to visit, we can tailor your ideal route or duration in a few easy steps. Plus, you're sure not to miss a thing with your courtesy co-pilot kit, complete with map and directions.



ROTORUA



Best of New Zealand

22 Day Self Drive
from £1,939 per adult



DAY 1: AUCKLAND

Spend the day exploring the harbour, shops and museums, or even venture further out to the deserted beaches or wineries that surround the city.

DAY 2: AUCKLAND - PAIHIA

The adventure starts! Travel north towards Whangarei, stopping to take in the forests or surf beaches. At Whangarei, head for lunch and wander around the town.

DAY 3-4: PAIHIA

Enjoy two days at leisure to explore the magnificent Bay of Islands, maybe take a cruise to dolphin watch, visit the historic Treaty House at Waitangi, or head to Cape Reinga to explore 90 Mile Beach.

DAY 5: PAIHIA – COROMANDEL PENINSULA

A return south today, via the Waipoua Forest, where a stop to view the Tane Mahuta (Lord of the Forest) that stands 51m high, is recommended. Continue on to the beach town of Pauanui for your two night stay.



WEST COAST, SOUTH ISLAND

— TOURING —



CATHEDRAL COVE, COROMANDEL PENINSULA

DAY 6: COROMANDEL PENINSULA

Today take the opportunity to relax, and enjoy the cool forests, picturesque beaches and rugged coastline of the Coromandel Peninsula.

DAY 7: COROMANDEL PENINSULA – ROTORUA

Travel to Rotorua, the heart of thermal activity with steaming vents and erupting geysers in the renowned Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve.

DAY 8: ROTORUA

A day at leisure in this geothermal wonderland, why not head to the Agrodome for some adrenalin activities, followed by relaxation in the hot springs of the Polynesian Spa.

DAY 9: ROTORUA – TONGARIRO

Travel through the town of Taupo and on to the National Park at Tongariro with the stunning Mount Ruapehu as your backdrop.

DAY 10: TONGARIRO - WELLINGTON

Explore the capital city of Wellington, a city vibrant with arts, bars and lively restaurants.

DAY 11: WELLINGTON – NELSON

After a free morning in Wellington, board the Interislander Ferry to Picton, cruising through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound to Nelson.

DAY 12: NELSON

Travel south from Nelson, and explore the Abel Tasman National Park region with golden beaches and walking trails.

DAY 13: NELSON – GREYMOUTH

Explore the wild, rugged west coast, as you head south towards Greymouth.

DAY 14: GREYMOUTH - GLACIERS

Just a short drive will bring you into the Westland National Park, home to the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. Experience a walk up to the Glacier face and even out onto the ice itself.

DAY 15: GLACIERS – QUEENSTOWN

Travel through the scenic wilderness of Haast Pass, past scenic Lake Wanaka and the snow-capped peaks of Mount Aspiring National Park, to arrive at the adrenaline capital of Queenstown.

DAY 16: QUEENSTOWN

If you are feeling adventurous in Queenstown there are plenty of activities to choose from! Take an exhilarating trip with the Shotover

Jet Boat ride, enjoy a full day combining jet boating with inflatable 'Funyaks' on the Dart River, or cross Lake Wakatipu on the steamship TSS Earnslaw.

DAY 17: QUEENSTOWN – TE ANAU

Enjoy a marvellous drive along the shores of Lake Wakatipu, before heading towards Te Anau, on the outskirts of the Fiordland National Park. At Te Anau you may decide to continue on to Milford Sound (an extra two hour drive in each direction) to take in the grandest fiord along this coastline.

DAY 18: TE ANAU – DUNEDIN

Travel east to Dunedin, the main town of the Otago region and second largest city on the South Island.



DAY 19: DUNEDIN

Today is free to discover Dunedin and the surrounding area. You may decide to join Monarch Wildlife Cruises as they cruise to Taiaroa Head to see the fur seal colony, plus the award-winning Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve.

DAY 20: DUNEDIN – MOUNT COOK

From Dunedin take the coastal road before heading inland to the base of the awe-inspiring Mount Cook – New Zealand's largest mountain.

DAY 21: MOUNT COOK – CHRISTCHURCH

After leaving Twizel, pass the spectacular turquoise-coloured glacial Lake Pukaki, and continue over the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, with its distinctly English feel.

DAY 22: CHRISTCHURCH

Depart Christchurch for your onward journey.

Please Note: Prices are per person, and include 21 nights accommodation, an information pack, Interislander ferry crossing and are based on a Group G car hire. Accommodation prices are subject to change with availability. Apartment style accommodation is also available. Driving distances and times are approximate. Self drive package valid as of 1st April 2018, dates prior to this may have a slightly different itinerary. (AK3)



NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURES

Whilst the iconic sights of New Zealand such as a Milford Sound, the bubbling geysers of Rotorua or the magical marine life of Kaikoura are well known to visitors, getting off the beaten track will take you to some of the most spectacular places this country has to offer. See some of our favourite journeys on these pages, or ask our expert Travel Designers to build you the trip of a lifetime!



TOURING

North Island Wanderer **AVIS**



9 Day Self Drive
from £819 per adult

DAY 1: AUCKLAND – COROMANDEL PENINSULA

Head south following the Seabird Coast, before arriving in Thames. Explore the dramatic coast before a stay in Pauanui or Whitianga.

DAY 2: COROMANDEL PENINSULA

Enjoy the day at your leisure visiting the area's attractions, such as Hot Water Beach and Cathedral Cove. One option is to take a guided Nature & Coastal tour, which includes walks through Kauri forests.

DAY 3: COROMANDEL PENINSULA – ROTORUA

In the Bay of Plenty there is chance to see, or even swim with dolphins. The evening is spent in Rotorua, where you will enjoy a traditional Maori concert and Hangi meal.

DAY 4: ROTORUA – LAKE TAUPO

Spend the morning in Rotorua before travelling to Lake Taupo. Stop at Orakei Korako thermal area, before continuing on to Taupo.

DAY 5: LAKE TAUPO - NAPIER

Depart Taupo and head for the Hawke's Bay region, famous for its wine, food and scenery.

DAY 6: NAPIER

Today is free to enjoy this Art Deco and wine region – why not sample the delights of the region on the Twilight Odyssey tour?

DAY 7: NAPIER – MARTINBOROUGH

Head south and onwards to Martinborough, well known for its vineyards. Spend the afternoon on a wine trail, either by foot or bicycle.

DAY 8: MARTINBOROUGH – WELLINGTON

Drive over the beautiful Rimutaka Hills to Wellington, the nation's capital - don't miss Te Papa, the interactive Museum of New Zealand.

DAY 9: WELLINGTON

Today is time to return your hire car and continue on your journey. Austravel recommends spending an extra couple of nights in the nation's capital, why not participate in a food lovers walking tour.

Please Note: Itinerary valid from 1st April 2018 and may alter prior to this. Prices are per person and include eight nights twin share accommodation, an information pack and are based on a Group G car hire. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on some properties on certain dates. (TU1)



Whales, Wines and Wilderness

10 Day Motorhome Hire from £219 per adult

From National Parks to luxurious vineyard restaurants, a plethora of marine wildlife and mountainous landscapes, the South Island offers a wide variety of activities. Drive the coast north of Christchurch and hop aboard a cruise to spot whales at Kaikoura, before heading ashore and exploring the Ohau Stream, home to hundreds of baby seals.

Explore the Marlborough Sounds, taking a day cruise to sample local seafood, before hiking the coastline of the Abel Tasman National Park. Travel back over Arthur's Pass following the route of the famous TranzAlpine train as you arrive back into Christchurch.

UNMISSABLE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Take a walk along the coastline of the Kaikoura peninsula, making sure you stop off for at the Kaikoura Seafood BBQ for a steaming mug of chowder
- Sample the famous sauvignon blancs of the Marlborough region
- Relax in Nelson, the sunniest region in NZ, with long golden beaches backed by rugged mountains
- Travel over Arthur's Pass – the highest and most spectacular pass across the Southern Alps
- Soothe aching muscles in the thermal hot pools at Hanmer Springs

Please note: Prices are per person based on twin share and include 10 days motorhome hire based on an Apollo Euro Tourer. Touring options are available at additional expense. For further details of the South Island please see page 52 onwards.



MARLBOROUGH REGION

Lakes, Mountains and Fiordland

10 Day Motorhome Hire from £219 per adult

Heading south from Christchurch leave behind the Avon River and parklands as the scenery becomes more spectacular and the roads empty out. The coastline is home to the famous penguins at Oamaru, watch them come waddling ashore at sunset. Travelling further south journey through the Catlins, where winding roads take you to wilderness beaches, lakes and rivers. There's time to hop on a ferry to Stewart Island, recently declared one of New Zealand's newest national parks, before a stay in Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Travel back to Christchurch allowing time to stay in Queenstown and Mount Cook on the way.

UNMISSABLE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover the mysterious Moeraki boulders thought to have been formed over 60 million years ago
- Head out to the Otago Peninsula near Dunedin, home to penguins, albatross and New Zealand sea lions
- Cruise majestic Fiordland with a visit to Milford Sound – spectacular in any weather!
- Explore the adventure capital of Queenstown, or relax on the lake front sampling gourmet local produce

- Take a hike at Lake Tekapo and end the day stargazing at Mount Cook with a glass of local wine in hand

Please note: Prices are per person based on twin share and include 10 days motorhome hire based on an Apollo Euro Tourer. Touring options are available at additional expense. For further details of the South Island please see page 52 onwards.



MOERAKI BOULDERS



GREAT WALKS OF NEW ZEALAND

Hiking, or 'tramping' as the Kiwi's call it, is a great way to get off the beaten track and explore New Zealand. From single to multi day options, backcountry huts to luxury lodges, there's options for everyone.



WHANGANUI RIVER

1 Whanganui Journey

Graded: Easy to Moderate

To the west of Tongariro lies the winding Whanganui River, home to remote hills, lush green valleys and numerous waterfalls. A three day kayaking trip sees you paddle downstream along around 90km of river, with each night spent in huts or campsites on the banks of the Whanganui. Watch out for native birds and wildlife along the way!

3 DAY KAYAK FROM £529 PER ADULT



ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

3 The Abel Tasman Coast Track

Graded: Moderate

At the northern tip of the South Island, the Abel Tasman National Park is one of the sunniest regions of New Zealand, and the coastline track is blessed with golden beaches and crystal clear waters. You can hike the whole track or organise a combination of hiking and kayaking, with any duration from 1 to 5 day journeys on offer.

3 DAY KAYAK AND WALK FROM £819 PER ADULT



TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

4 Routeburn Track

Graded: Moderate

Open to hikers from October to April, the Routeburn Track is an epic alpine trek following valleys carved by ice, with the majestic Southern Alps high alongside. Hit the highest point of the track at Harris Saddle, before descending along the Hollyford Face with views out over the Darran Mountains. Your nightly accommodation is in huts which must be pre booked during the Great Walks season, alternatively it is possible to take a 1 day hike on a section of this famous track.

1 DAY WALK FROM £111 PER ADULT
4 DAY WALK FROM £443 PER ADULT



ROUTEBURN TRACK



BRIDGE OVER ARTHUR RIVER

6 Kepler Track

Graded: Moderate

Accessed from Te Anau, the Kepler Track takes a looped path making it one of the most accessible of the Great Walks. In this south west New Zealand world heritage area, climb to the ridge just below Mount Luxmore before staying overnight at Iris Burn Hut. Wind back down through gorges and lowland forest before reaching the shores of beautiful Lake Manapouri.

4 DAY WALK FROM £342 PER ADULT



KEPLER TRACK RIDGELINE

5 The Milford Track

Graded: Moderate

Whilst 'Milford' may be synonymous with the famous Fiord, the track of the same name is commonly thought of as one of the finest walks in the world. Glacial valleys, ancient rainforests and cascading waterfalls are around almost every corner, with the climb to McKinnon Pass on your third day providing jaw-dropping scenery.

4 DAY WALK FROM £458 PER ADULT



WILDLIFE AND ADVENTURE

New Zealand is known as a country bursting with nature and wildlife, and offers an incredibly diverse indigenous range, from the flightless Kiwi to a bounty of marine life. And when it comes to adventure New Zealanders are passionate about hiking. Not surprising when the country offers some of the finest scenery in the world, with well cared for tracks and highly knowledgeable guides. There are plenty of day hike options, but to really experience the wilderness a multi-night hike is a must.

DAY TOURS

1 Dolphins in the Bay of Islands

Travel north to the Bay of Islands in search of playful bottlenose dolphins. The best way to catch a glimpse of these creatures in their natural habitat is to take a cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock, before going ashore to one of the most beautiful islands in the area to explore scenic walking tracks. Take your swimmers for the opportunity to swim with these magnificent mammals!

DAY TOUR FROM PAIHIA FROM £57 PER ADULT



HOLE IN THE ROCK

2 Hike the Tongariro Crossing

The Tongariro Crossing is renowned as one of the world's finest day walks and, although steep in places, it is well worth the effort. The trail leads you past volcanic craters, lava flows, thermal vents and colourful lakes, offering unsurpassable views over central North Island. Your expert guide will ensure you are safe at all times and will provide detailed information on both the geology and the legends that surround Tongariro National Park.

DAY TOUR FROM £142 PER ADULT



TONGARIRO



TORRENT BAY

3 Kayak with seals at Abel Tasman

Paddle through the coastal paradise of Abel Tasman National Park, heading out by kayak from Torrent Bay to the seal colony at Tonga Island. Combine your trip with lunch on a golden sandy beach, plus a walk along the coastline back to Kaiteriteri.

DAY TOUR FROM £89 PER ADULT

4 Spot Whales in Kaikoura

Travel to Kaikoura to one of New Zealand's leading eco-tourism destinations, renowned for its variety of marine mammals. Spot sperm & humpback whales, dolphins and seals which are all attracted by the rich feeding grounds.

DAY TOUR FROM £91 PER ADULT



KAIKOURA

FOX GLACIER



5 Fox Glacier Half Day Walk

Combine the excitement of walking on the ice at Fox Glacier with a spectacular heli flight. Departing from Fox Glacier, circle the upper icefall before landing on a remote part of a glacier. Your experienced guide will lead you past crevasses and ice ridges and into the middle of the glacier for incredible views of this glacial wonderland.

HALF DAY TOUR FROM £272 PER ADULT



6 Routeburn Track – Guided Walk from Queenstown

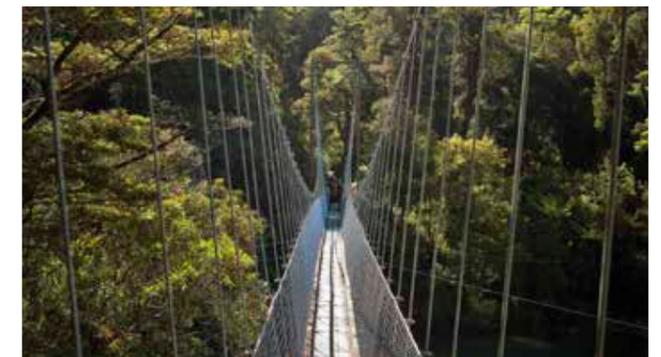
Explore World Heritage Fiordland and Mount Aspiring National Park with some of the most spectacular alpine scenery in New Zealand.

DAY TOUR FROM £111 PER ADULT

7 Hollyford Track – 3 Day Wilderness Journey

This journey is a combination of hiking, jet-boating and flying, and follows a spectacular route through the mountains to the sea. Begin by travelling from Te Anau to Pyke River Lodge, via native beech forest and a glowworm colony. Cross Fiordland's longest swing bridge before a jetboat to the historic site of Jamestown and an overnight stay at Martins Bay Lodge. On your final day experience the thrill of a jetboat to the beach, followed by a scenic helicopter to Milford Sound and Mt Tutoko, Fiordland's highest peak, before returning to Te Anau.

3 DAY TOUR FROM £1,126 PER ADULT





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The Boatshed

WAIHEKE ISLAND

★★★★★

Away from the hustle and bustle of the city lies Auckland's best kept secret. Just 35 minutes from the heart of Auckland, Waiheke Island is truly a world away, with some of the most beautiful beaches caressing its shores. Drop anchor in Oneroa Bay and come and enjoy a slice of island paradise. The Boatshed, overlooking Little Oneroa, is the perfect place to catch up on a bit of "me time". Access is by regular ferry from Auckland Harbour.

FROM £245 PER ADULT



The Sanctuary

BAY OF ISLANDS

★★★★★

The Sanctuary is a peaceful haven just 5 minutes from the centre of Paihia, set on a private native bush reserve. Each of the four rooms have uninterrupted views towards the bay and to historic Russell, with large private balconies.

FREE DINNER - Selected dates

FROM £133 PER ADULT



Solitaire Lodge

ROTORUA

★★★★★

Luxurious accommodation and stunning views on the shores of Lake Tarawera just 30 minutes from Rotorua. Executive Suites boast a wall of windows overlooking the lake, private balconies and exemplary service. Renowned for its fine dining, Solitaire Lodge serves contemporary New Zealand cuisine and world-class wines in the fabulous dining room.

INCLUDES MEALS - Selected dates

FROM £425 PER ADULT

Hidden Lodge

QUEENSTOWN

★★★★★

Situated on the edge of Lake Wakatipu, Hidden Lodge boasts one of the best views in Queenstown. With only 4 luxurious suites guests can experience personal outstanding service and excellent warm hospitality. The lodge places an emphasis on being eco friendly and using fresh local produce, in fact host Claudia's delicious home cooked breakfasts alone are a reason to stay here.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £114 PER ADULT



Te Waonui Forest Retreat

FRANZ JOSEF

★★★★★

Wake up to the melodic call of native birdsong and majestic mountains rising out of lush rainforest from your luxury accommodation. This unique lodge-styled hotel is surrounded by some of the West Coast's finest natural wonders. Enhanced by soft timbered detailing, natural colour schemes and recycled local materials make this hotel at one with its surroundings.

COMPLIMENTARY SPARKLING WINE - Selected Dates

FROM £199 PER ADULT

Hapuku Lodge

KAIKOURA

★★★★★

Nestled between the Kaikoura seaward mountain range and the Pacific Ocean, the contemporary Hapuku Lodge is just a 10 minute drive north of Kaikoura. Hapuku Lodge features five luxury tree houses with sensational views to the mountains and the sea, plus cosy lodge rooms.

FROM £229 PER ADULT





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ANTIGUA BOAT SHED, CHRISTCHURCH



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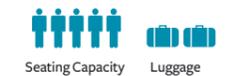
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TOP NEW ZEALAND SELF DRIVES

- **BEST OF NEW ZEALAND**
The essential route for any visitor to the Land of the Long White Cloud – covering both the North and the South Islands this is all you need! (see pages 12-13).
- **FOLLOW THE GRAPEVINE**
A must do for any wine lover – expert or novice. From Auckland set off south towards the capital city of Wellington, with leisurely stops at Napier, in the Hawke's Bay region, and Martinborough for the Wairarapa, you will sample some of the best Pinot's that's for sure (see page 47).
- **SOUTH ISLAND WANDERER**
This showcases just how different the South Island is – with snow capped peaks, wild coastlines and tranquil fiordlands (see page 68).

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4 BERTH - EURO STAR
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from £55 per day



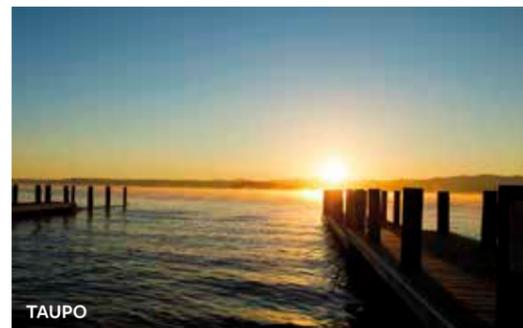
ESCORTED TOURING WITH APT

APT provide a whole range of escorted touring options to help you discover the incredible delights for which New Zealand is known. Sit back, relax, and allow your expert guide to ensure that all those famous sights – plus some lesser known ones – are not missed. With two tour levels to match all budgets, there is something to suit everyone.

On these pages are a small selection of APT's escorted tours available for New Zealand, but for a full range please ask for a copy of Austravel's Essential Touring brochure, or visit austravel.com

The APT Difference:

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TAUPO

The Southern Tourer

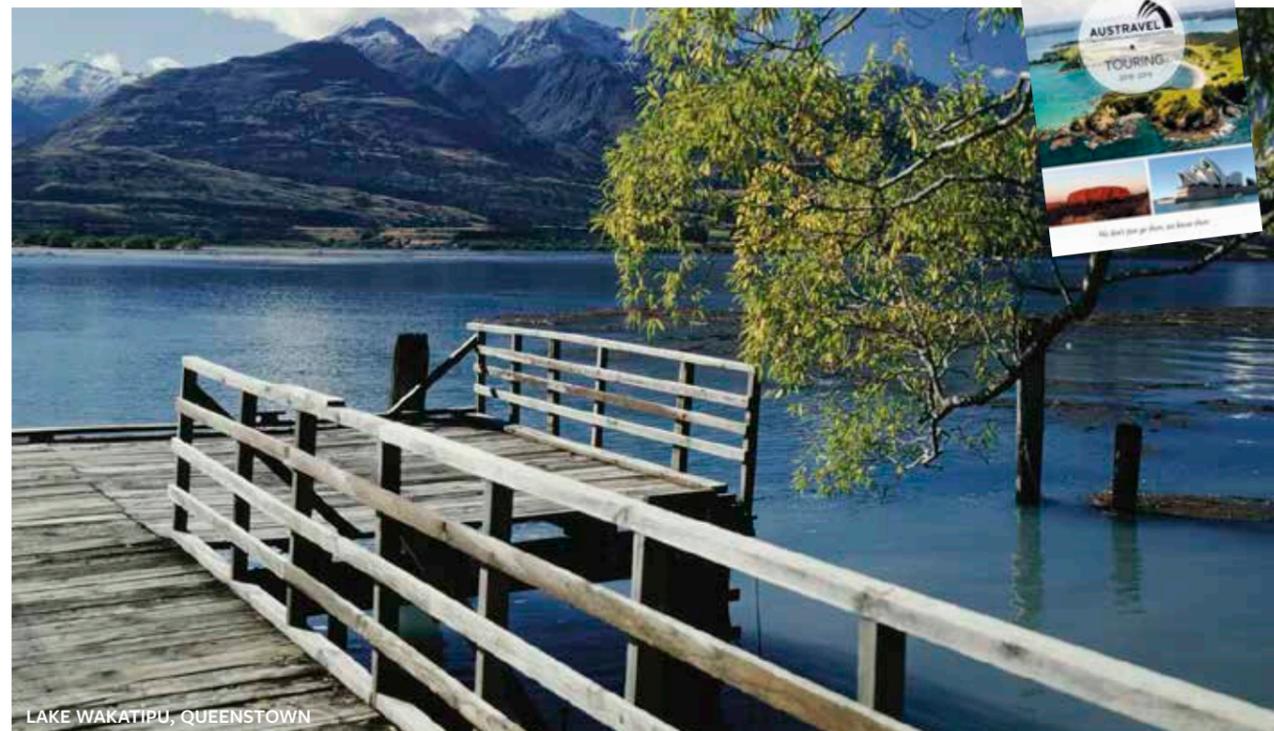
9 Day Luxury Escorted Tour from £2,895 per adult

With soaring mountains, ancient glaciers and gentle fiordlands, the contrast of scenery in the South Island captures the hearts and minds of all who visit. Let APT guide you through this awe-inspiring land – so you can make sure you capture plenty of pictures to remember... or share! (NCC09)

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- TranzAlpine Rail journey to Arthur's Pass
- Overnight stays in Franz Josef, Dunedin, Te Anau, Mount Cook and Christchurch
- Milford Sound Cruise - a highlight of any visit to New Zealand
- Relaxing two night stay at Queenstown with time at leisure for a range of activities
- Freedom of Choice Touring options: 15 to choose from including Jet Boating in Queenstown, Mt Cook guided nature tour or visit to New Zealand's only castle in Dunedin
- All transportation, overnight accommodation, 8 breakfasts and 7 dinners

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE - SELECTED DATES



LAKE WAKATIPU, QUEENSTOWN



TOURING

New Zealand Getaway

15 Day Premium Escorted Tour from £3,145 per adult

This fifteen day guided tour encompasses both the North and South Islands of New Zealand, from Auckland to Christchurch, and is the perfect option for any first time visitors who want to make sure that they don't miss a thing! Starting in Auckland the tour takes in the famed sights and sounds of the Bay of Islands, steaming geothermal Rotorua, the Glacier region, Queenstown and so much more. (NT15)

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Relaxing two night stay in the Bay of Islands, plus a cruise to spot dolphins
- Authentic Maori Hangi and Cultural performance in Rotorua
- Overnight in Wellington and Interislander Ferry Cruise through the Marlborough Sounds
- Day of leisure to explore the adrenaline capital of Queenstown
- Cruise the full length of Milford Sound viewing cascading waterfalls and spectacular sheer cliffs
- All transportation, overnight accommodation, 14 breakfasts and 8 dinners

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE - SELECTED DATES



CAPE REINGA



New Zealand Wonderland

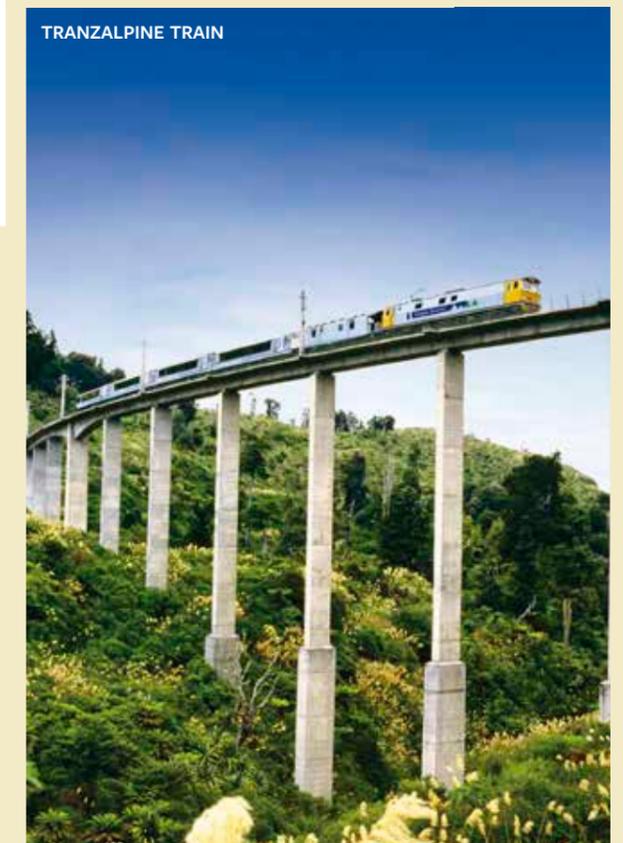
17 Day Luxury Escorted Tour from £4,995 per adult

An extraordinary journey through the highlights of this unique country, take 17 days to explore both islands and a host of fantastic experiences. Begin in the city of sails in Auckland and journey to Australasia's highest peak at Mount Cook before finishing in Christchurch. (NCC17)

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Visit the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds and look out for dolphins on a magical Hole in the Rock cruise
- Immerse yourself in Maori culture at a Hangi Feast in Rotorua
- Cruise to the South Island aboard the Interislander ferry
- Ride on the famous TranzAlpine train
- Stay at the Hermitage Mount Cook plus Te Waonui, Franz Josef
- Marvel at the impressive icy contours of Franz Josef Glacier
- Cruise the full length of Milford Sound
- All transportation, overnight accommodation, 16 breakfasts and 12 dinners

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE - SELECTED DATES



TRANZALPINE TRAIN



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16 Day Highlights of New Zealand (Affordable): Christchurch - Auckland



From £3,019 per adult

One of our most popular tours! Best value for money travelling from south to north, including glaciers, Fiordland and Maori culture.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Take part in a Haggis Ceremony at famous Larnach Castle near Dunedin, perched high overlooking the spectacular coastline
- Cruise through glorious Milford Sound, cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw, and visit the Lakes District Museum
- Take a journey on the TranzAlpine train across Arthur's Pass, before crossing the Cook Strait on the Interislander Ferry. In Wellington visit Te Papa, NZ's National Museum.
- Discover the sights of Rotorua at the Skyline Gondola & Luge, Agrodome, and thermal mud pools & geysers. Enjoy a traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- In the stunning Bay of Islands cruise to the Hole in the Rock, watching out for dolphins along the way and explore the Kauri Museum
- Also includes city sights tours of Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington & Auckland

Guaranteed Departures available until May 2019.

Please note: Includes modern touring coach with 2 door access, professional Coach Captain, 3 to 3.5 star accommodation, 29 delicious meals, sightseeing and pre-paid attractions. An experienced Tour Guide is included from Sept '18 departures onwards (GPN16)



19 Day New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach Holiday (Signature): Auckland - Christchurch



From £4,029 per adult

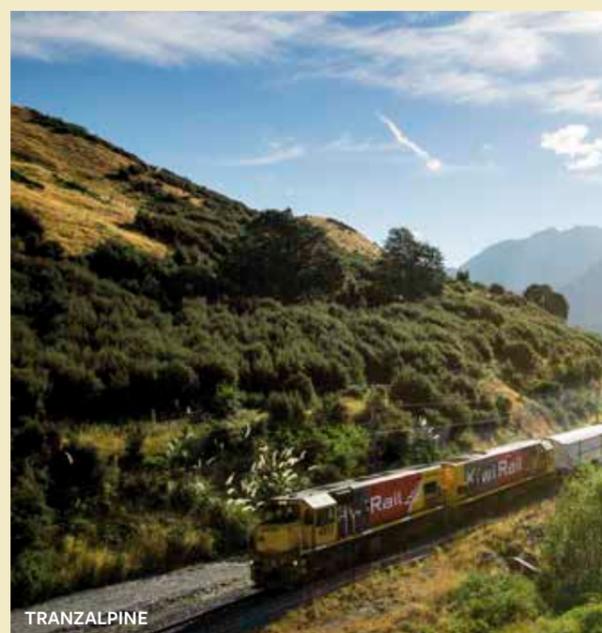
Fully escorted featuring 4 breathtaking rail journeys and a scenic Milford Sound overnight cruise.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Ride the famous train journeys at Glenbrook Vintage Railway, the Coastal Pacific, TranzAlpine, and the Silver Fern Seaside
- Explore the Waitangi Treaty Grounds in the Bay of Islands, before hopping on a cruise to the Hole in the Rock
- Explore the geothermal activity at Te Puia with thermal mud pools & geysers, before enjoying a traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Cruise across to the South Island on the Interislander Ferry, travelling down the coast to Christchurch to see the International Antarctic Centre and Christchurch Tram
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw, before the tour highlight of an overnight cruise on spectacular Milford Sound
- Cruise Lake Te Anau, and visit Glow Worm Caves
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TSS EARNSLAW, QUEENSTOWN



NORTH ISLAND

TOP EXPERIENCES

- Cruise from Auckland Harbour to Waiheke Island and discover the ultimate island retreat – and the great wine!
- Immerse yourself in the Maori culture with a traditional Hangi feast and show.
- Enjoy a natural spa bath on Coromandel Peninsula's Hot Water Beach.
- Explore the geothermal mud pools, geysers and volcanic crater lakes of Rotorua.

FACT FILE

Climate: The North Island enjoys a subtropical climate with seasons opposite to those of the UK. Summer is from December to February with temperatures ranging from 20 - 30°C and winter is from June to August with lows of 10 - 15°C.

Flying time to Auckland: 27 hours + 1 stop

Driving times:
 Auckland to Rotorua – 3 hours 30 minutes
 Auckland to Bay of Islands – 4 hours 30 minutes
 Auckland to Coromandel Peninsula – 2 hours 30 minutes

GMT: +12 hours (Apr - Sep) or +13 hours (Sep - Apr)

New Zealand's North Island is home to vibrant cities, rolling hills, sprawling forests and rich Maori influences, creating a fascinating tapestry of landscape and culture. From the beaches of the Bay of Islands, to the mud pools, geysers and Maori heritage of Rotorua. The deserted bays and Kauri forests of the Coromandel Peninsula, to the world-class wines of Hawke's Bay, all accessed by the exciting cities of Auckland and the country's capital, Wellington. You're sure to be impressed by this captivating and varied island.





AUCKLAND

Known as the 'City of Sails' for its love of the water, Auckland's urbanites are extremely lucky – they live just half an hour from beautiful beaches, hiking trails and holiday islands. The city itself is a hive of activity. Head to the top of the Sky Tower for panoramic city views, lunch with the locals in popular Ponsonby, and admire the superyachts along Viaduct Harbour. Then hop over to Waiheke Island for its excellent wineries and secluded beaches – the perfect place to relax.



— DAY TOURS —



Wilderness Experience: Bush and Beach

Explore both the city and the countryside surrounding Auckland in just one day. Spend the morning visiting Auckland's most spectacular sights, before crossing the Harbour Bridge to Auckland's North Shore. In the afternoon continue to the Waitakere Ranges, just 30km from downtown Auckland. At the Arataki Centre admire the magnificent Maori carvings, before exploring the rugged west coast, home to giant tree ferns and native birds.

FROM £89 PER ADULT



Wine on Waiheke

Head out of the city and cruise over to Waiheke Island where you will enjoy premium wine tastings at Mudbrick Vineyard. Next stop is The Goldie Room, Waiheke's first and most established vineyard. You may choose to extend your stay and take advantage of the complimentary all day bus pass, allowing you to discover the island further.

FROM £75 PER ADULT



Auckland Harbour Sailing Cruise with Fullers

Take to the sparkling waters of Auckland's harbour and view the city landmarks and skyline. The cruise also includes a return ticket to Devonport across the harbour - where you can discover the historic naval base. Jump off at Rangitoto Island and see the unique volcanic rocks, before sailing back to the wharf.

FROM £25 PER ADULT

Adina Apartment Hotel Auckland Britomart

★★★★★

Close to the harbour and the trendy Britomart Precinct, this new hotel boasts modern and spacious apartments.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £65 PER ADULT



Rydges Auckland

★★★★★

Spacious, comfortable and modern rooms offer views of either the Sky Tower or out towards Waitemata Harbour.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £66 PER ADULT



Grand Millennium Auckland

★★★★★

Located in the city centre close to Queen Street, all rooms have floor to ceiling windows. Relax in the impressive lobby bar or take a dip in the indoor heated pool.

MEAL CREDIT - Selected dates

FROM £81 PER ADULT



M Social Auckland

★★★★★

Situated on the waterfront close to Viaduct Harbour, this brand new hotel has contemporary rooms and one of Auckland's coolest bars.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £99 PER ADULT



Hotel DeBrett

★★★★★

A small luxury boutique hotel located in downtown Auckland, the Hotel DeBrett is only a short walk from the Viaduct harbour and the famous Sky Tower.

FROM £114 PER ADULT

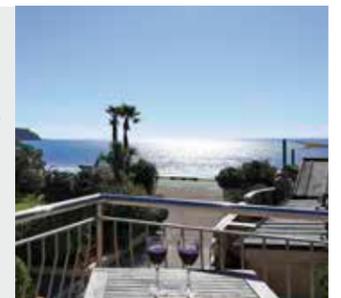


Onetangi Beach Apartments, Waiheke

★★★★★

Facing a beautiful 2km white sandy beach, accommodation includes studios, one and two bedroom apartments providing the ideal getaway on Waiheke Island.

FROM £59 PER ADULT



Marino Ridge Lodge, Waiheke

★★★★★

Overlooking one of the most picturesque bays on the island, the Lodge has been designed with home comforts in mind while providing personalised touches that you would expect from a luxury retreat.

FROM £211 PER ADULT



The Boatshed, Waiheke Island

★★★★★

Just 35 minutes ferry ride from the heart of Auckland, the Boatshed is home to chic luxury accommodation and panoramic ocean views.

FROM £245 PER ADULT





Delamore Lodge, Waiheke ★★★★★

Commanding breathtaking views over Owhanake Bay, Delamore Lodge is a luxurious boutique property where you will find superior facilities coupled with a first class service. Located close to some of the islands best beaches, fantastic restaurants and world famous vineyards this is the perfect base for those seeking the ultimate in luxury.

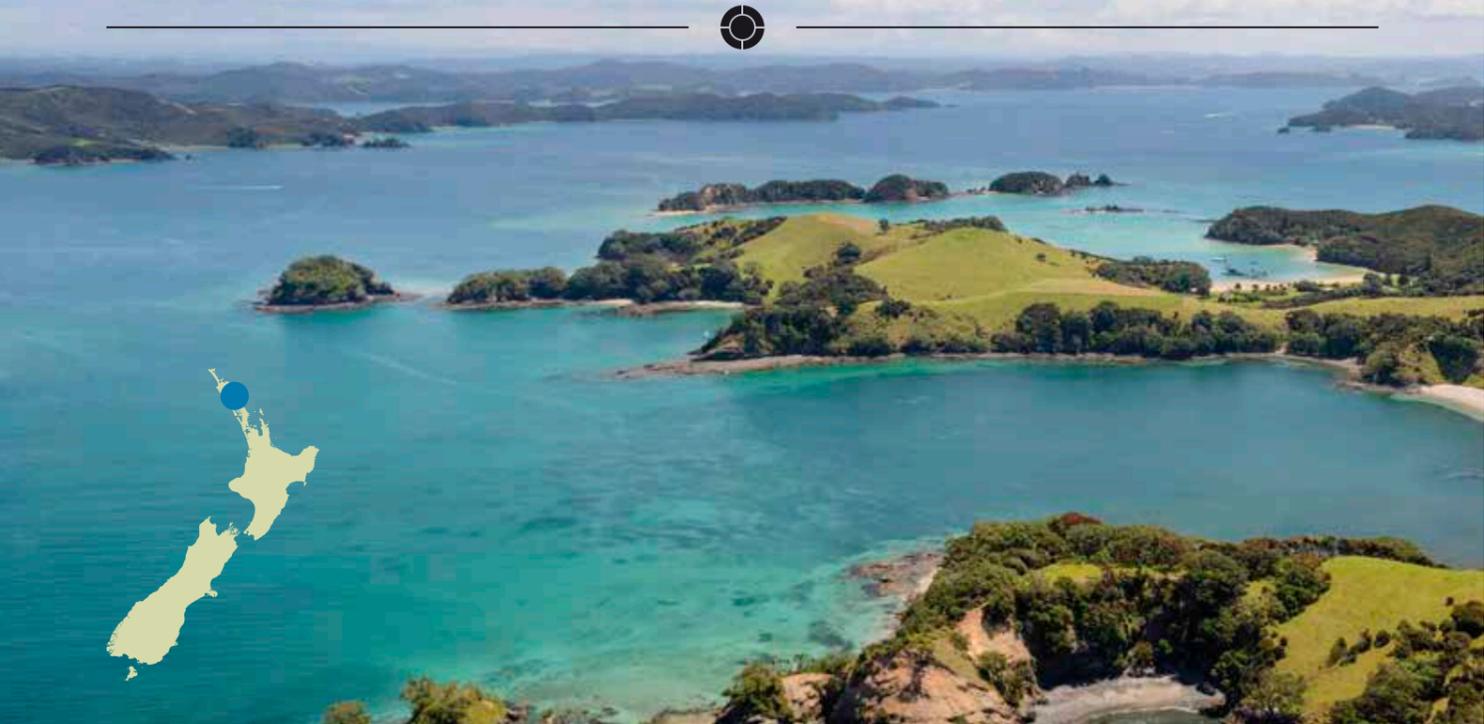
FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £271 PER ADULT



BAY OF ISLANDS

To the north of Auckland lies the Bay of Islands – an aquatic playground of adventures. With over 140 islands and countless beautiful bays and coves, much of its extensive coastline remains untouched. Waitangi, on the mainland, is the seat of Maori culture where New Zealand’s founding document was signed. Take the time to cruise around these stunning islands before heading back on land where you can venture into Opua Forest to stand in awe of the huge kauri trees.



DAY TOURS



Island Adventurer Cliffs and Caves

Take to the waters and discover the rugged seaward side of the Bay of Islands. Cruise past the majestic black rocks, so rare they only feature in 3 locations worldwide, also visit Marsden Cross - the site of New Zealand’s first missionary settlement. The Island Adventurer can get you closer to the islands and even land you on the beach for a truly unique experience.
FROM PAIHIA FROM £46 PER ADULT



Hole in the Rock Cruise

Cruise along the picturesque coastline to Cape Brett to sail through the famous ‘Hole in the Rock’ natural stone archway. Ask your Travel Designer for prices to upgrade to swim with the dolphins. This cruise is also available as a day tour from Auckland travelling up the Hibiscus Coast past uncrowded beaches and native forests.
FROM PAIHIA FROM £57 PER ADULT
FROM AUCKLAND FROM £147 PER ADULT



Cape Reinga and 90 Mile Beach

Wander the boardwalks through the Puketi Kauri Forest, head to the magnificent Ninety Mile Beach, and explore the famous lighthouse. With the opportunity to sledge or board down the dunes, take a dip in the ocean, or dig for shellfish, you’ll soon build up an appetite in time for an exclusive BBQ lunch overlooking the stunning Houhora Harbour.
FROM PAIHIA FROM £81 PER ADULT

TOURING

Spectacular Bay of Islands: AAT Kings

4 Day Escorted Tour from £599 per adult



Travel with AAT Kings to see all the highlights of northland, from bustling Auckland to the picturesque Bay of Islands.

DAY 1: AUCKLAND – BAY OF ISLANDS

Drive out of Auckland up the west coast of northland and visit Waitangi Treaty House and Grounds, where local guides will provide you with a history of this area. A cruise will then take you across the bay to the spectacular Hole in the Rock, where you’ll hold your breath as the skipper navigates you through the narrow space. (D)

DAY 2: BAY OF ISLANDS AT LEISURE

A day where the itinerary is up to you – perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga, the most northern point of New Zealand, where the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean meet. You’ll also have the option to visit Ninety Mile Beach, enjoy a day’s sailing or even head onto the water on a guided kayak trip. (B)

DAY 3: BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND

There’s time to wander along the beachfront at Paihia, join the locals at a waterfront café, or hop on the ferry to Russell, the first capital of New Zealand with its unique whaling history, before returning in the afternoon to Auckland. (B)



DAY 4: DEPART AUCKLAND

After breakfast you’ll be transferred to Auckland airport for your onward journey, or ask our expert Travel Designers about options to continue your journey south to Rotorua or the Coromandel Peninsula.

Please Note: Prices are per person and include three nights twin share accommodation, selected meals, and touring as mentioned. Accommodation, board bases and prices are subject to change with availability. Tour departs daily at 6.45am from Auckland hotels. (ZB4)

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options.

Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands ★★★★★

A short stroll from the main wharf at Paihia, this resort-style retreat is the ideal base from which to explore the area with modern, spacious rooms.
FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £46 PER ADULT



Edgewater Palms ★★★★★

Set in a truly superb location opposite the main beach with safe harbour swimming and surrounded by the local restaurants, cafés and bars of Paihia town.
FROM £68 PER ADULT



The Sanctuary ★★★★★

The Sanctuary is a peaceful haven just a 5 minute drive from the centre of Paihia, every room has uninterrupted views towards the bay and to historic Russell, with large private balconies.
FROM £133 PER ADULT



Eagles Nest ★★★★★

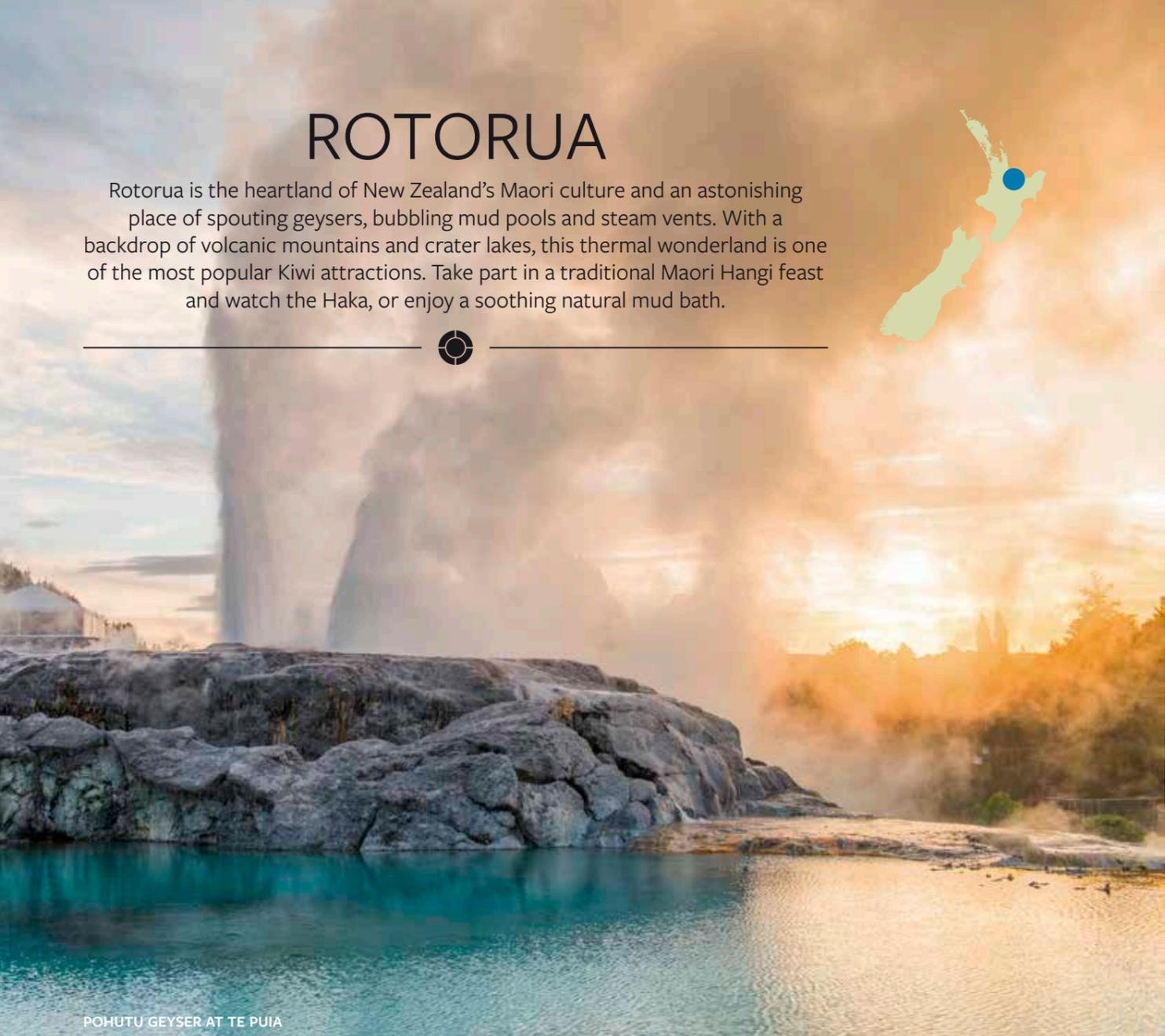
Luxurious villas all with their own private Jacuzzis, this contemporary retreat is positioned on its own private ridge offering spectacular views across the Bay of Islands.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £353 PER ADULT





ROTORUA

Rotorua is the heartland of New Zealand's Maori culture and an astonishing place of spouting geysers, bubbling mud pools and steam vents. With a backdrop of volcanic mountains and crater lakes, this thermal wonderland is one of the most popular Kiwi attractions. Take part in a traditional Maori Hangi feast and watch the Haka, or enjoy a soothing natural mud bath.



POHUTU GEYSER AT TE PUIA

Novotel Rotorua Lakeside ★★★★★

With commanding views over the lake and surrounding hinterland, the Novotel is just a short stroll to the city centre and to the restaurant hub of 'Eat Street'.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £49 PER ADULT



Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua ★★★★★

A location second to none, next door to the Polynesian Spa and set on the shores of Lake Rotorua, upgrade to a superior room for additional space and comfort.

FROM £52 PER ADULT



Millennium Hotel, Rotorua ★★★★★

Ideally situated to enjoy the many activities in this region including the Polynesian Spa. This impressive deluxe lakeside hotel offers well-appointed rooms and comfortable accommodation.

FREE UPGRADE - Selected dates
FROM £58 PER ADULT



Solitaire Lodge ★★★★★

Solitaire Lodge offers secluded luxury accommodation and attentive hosting from a spectacular lakeside location just 30 minutes from Rotorua.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £425 PER ADULT



— TOURING —

Rotorua Highlights: AAT Kings



4 Day Escorted Tour
from £764 per adult

Short on time? Travel with AAT Kings to discover the 'City of Sails' – Auckland, as well as the phenomenon of Rotorua, with rising steam and spouting geysers.

DAY 1: AUCKLAND - ROTORUA

Travel south through rolling green farmland to the Waikato and King Country regions, stopping off for morning tea at Rangiriri, the location of an historic Maori War site. Join a local guide to travel through the Waitomo glow worm caves, where you'll hop aboard a small boat to float silently through the subterranean cavern lit by thousands of tiny glow worms - a unique experience.

DAY 2: DISCOVER ROTORUA

A day exploring Rotorua, first head to Te Puia, a place of Maori culture with an impressive thermal wonderland with geysers and mud pools, and a fascinating Maori carving and weaving school. Explore Rainbow Springs with native flora and fauna, and the chance to spot a kiwi! Finish your day at the Agrodome



with a sheep shearing display, and sheep dog trials, before an evening of celebration at an authentic Hangi feast cooked deep in the thermally heated ground. (B, D)

DAY 3: ROTORUA - AUCKLAND

The day is at leisure to explore Rotorua. Why not head to the Polynesian Spa for a soothing dip in the thermally heated waters? Later travel through Waikato farmlands on your return to Auckland. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART AUCKLAND

After breakfast you'll be transferred to

Auckland airport for your onward journey, or ask our expert Travel Designers about options to continue your journey through New Zealand. (B)

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— DAY TOURS —



Hobbiton Movie Set

Perfect not just for fans of the movie trilogy, but also for those who've never set foot on a film set before. Based on some of New Zealand's most picturesque farmland, take a 2 hour guided tour to learn the tricks of the camera, secrets of Hollywood, explore the Hobbit holes, and finish with food in the Shires Rest Café.

FROM £49 PER ADULT



Polynesian Spa

Unwind and relax in the natural hot mineral springs of the Polynesian Spa on the banks of Lake Rotorua, where people have been flocking to experience the healing qualities since the 1800s. With 28 pools of varying temperature, plus a luxury spa where you can choose body wraps, massages or facials, this is the ultimate place to end your days sightseeing.

LAKE SPA FROM £29 PER ADULT



Floatplane to Mt Tarawera Volcano

From Lake Rotorua take to the skies in a floatplane and see the area from a different perspective. Head towards the Crater Lakes district, and wonder at Mount Tarawera, where a massive volcanic eruption changed the landscape in 1886. Continue south past the steaming cliffs and hot lakes of the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, before returning to Rotorua over the Blue and Green Lakes and the geysers of Whakarewarewa.

FROM £369 PER ADULT

Te Puia

Situated in Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve just 5 minutes' drive from central Rotorua, watch the famous Pohutu Geyser as it bubbles and shoots water high into the sky, and view native kiwi in a nocturnal enclosure. Within this interactive guided tour guests can hand pick their own lunch which is then cooked in a traditional steam vent in the geothermal area.

FROM £61 PER ADULT



Tamaki Tours Hangi & Concert, Rotorua

Enjoy a night of truly authentic, traditional Maori culture and entertainment, where you'll be introduced to a world of ancient Maori and proud warriors. Journey back in time through the Maori village of 'Te Tawa Ngahere Pa' and experience pre-European lifestyle and customs with tribal songs, dances and activities. As the night unfolds share a Hangi feast, cooked the traditional way on hot stones in an earthen oven.

FROM £69 PER ADULT



COROMANDEL PENINSULA

The Coromandel Peninsula is one of New Zealand's best-loved holiday destinations. It's a dramatic combination of rainforest, volcanic hills and beaches, while further down the coast you'll find the Bay of Plenty, home to beautiful harbours, excellent surf and an easy-going lifestyle.



CATHEDRAL COVE

— DAY TOURS —



Glass Bottom Boat Whitianga

Explore the breathtaking volcanic coastline of the Coromandel and watch the amazing marine life up close as your skipper takes you on an adventure through the Marine Reserve. Including a fun commentary enriched with local history and culture, spot dolphins, seals and penguins – with equipment provided if you fancy snorkelling!

FROM £53 PER ADULT



Cathedral Cove – Classic Kayak Tour

Paddle through sea caves and interact with the local wildlife on this half day sea kayaking tour around the Te Whanganui-A-Hei marine reserve. Explore beaches, islands and rock gardens before landing at Cathedral Cove to enjoy a hot chocolate on the beach.

FROM £84 PER ADULT



Kiwi Dundee - Nature & Coast Full Day Walk

Highlights of your day will include a leisurely walk through beautiful regenerating Kauri forest full of fern trees, and glow worms in an old gold cave. There's also the opportunity to visit to Hotwater beach (tide permitting) or a walk down in to the famous Cathedral Cove.

FROM £164 PER ADULT



Marina Park Apartments

★★★★★

All 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments are of a modern design and are perfect for a luxury stay in the Coromandel region.

FROM £74 PER ADULT



Grand Mercure Puka Park

★★★★★

Guests are accommodated in elegant and luxurious chalets, each with private balcony. Superb dining and a spectacular beach all add up to a very special experience.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £82 PER ADULT



Hahei Bed & Breakfast

★★★★★

With just four individually unique guest rooms, guests can look forward to luxurious accommodation, quiet surroundings and a relaxing environment.

FROM £98 PER ADULT



Colleith Lodge ★★★★★

Situated in native bushland at the gateway to the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula, Colleith Lodge provides relaxed and comfortable accommodation for you to explore the surrounding area.

FROM £162 PER ADULT





— DAY TOURS —

**Lake Taupo Scenic Cruise**

Relax and take in the spectacular mountain views as you cruise across beautiful Lake Taupo to the famous Maori Rock Carvings on a comfortable modern catamaran. Listen to the live informative commentary from the crew as you enjoy a delicious morning tea.

FROM £28 PER ADULT

**Huka Falls Jet Boat**

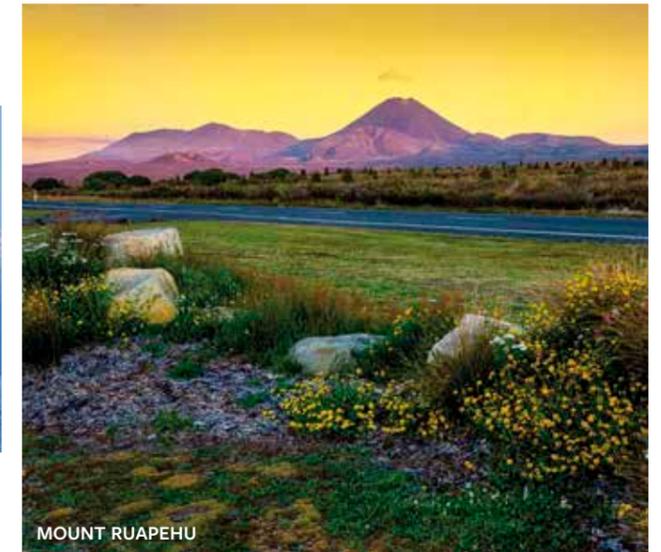
Travel past native bush and natural hot springs as you speed towards the impressive Huka Falls at up to 80km an hour. Test your nerve with 360° spins on a 30 minute adrenaline rush. Ask your Travel Designer for details of combo packages which include heli flights over spectacular scenery.

FROM £72 PER ADULT

**Tongariro Crossing Day Walk**

The Tongariro Crossing is renowned as one of the world's finest day walks and, although steep in places, it is well worth the effort. The trail leads you past volcanic craters, lava flows, thermal vents and colourful lakes, offering unsurpassable views over central North Island.

FROM TONGARIRO FROM £142 PER ADULT
FROM TAUPO FROM £292 PER ADULT



MOUNT RUAPEHU

Château Tongariro Hotel

★★★★★

Situated at the foot of Mount Ruapehu, retaining many original features dating back to 1929, this is a perfect retreat following a day in the Tongariro National Park.

FROM £59 PER ADULT

**Anchorage Resort**

★★★★☆

Facing onto the shores of the beautiful Lake Taupo, Anchorage Resort offers a range of modern and well equipped studios and apartments.

FROM £59 PER ADULT

**Millennium Hotel**

★★★★★

Located on the shores of Lake Taupo, offering views of the lake and mountains. The lakefront rooms are tastefully decorated in French provincial style.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £62 PER ADULT

**Hilton Lake Taupo**

★★★★★

With sweeping views out over the lake, the original hotel dates back to 1889; Heritage Wing rooms feature private balconies, or upgrade to a spacious apartment.

FREE UPGRADE - Selected dates
FROM £67 PER ADULT



TAUPO AND TONGARIRO

Located in the centre of the North Island, Lake Taupo is an adrenaline hub. The list of activities is endless, from jet boating to skydiving and geothermal hikes, to the more relaxed trout fishing and exciting kayak expeditions where ancient rock carvings can be spotted. Slightly south, you'll find World Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park with its three mighty volcanoes; it hosts one of the finest day walks in the world.





NAPIER AND HAWKE'S BAY

Hawke's Bay is one of New Zealand's premier wine regions, with its main city of Napier boasting an outstanding collection of 1930s Art Deco architecture. Other special attractions include the gannet colony at Cape Kidnappers and as the first stop on the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail, a bicycle vineyard tour is a must.



— DAY TOURS —



Takaro Trails – Cycle the Vineyards: Havelock and Cape Coast Wineries

With routes catering for all levels of fitness, cycling in Hawke's Bay is really easy - cycling is on trails rather than roads, and trails are predominantly flat. There are plenty of self-guided options to choose from catering for all ages, or you can upgrade your tour to include a private guide to show you the best of the local area and also include all wine tastings throughout the tour.

PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR FROM £172 PER ADULT



Twilight Odyssey Tour

Experience Hawke's Bay at its best with this progressive three course meal across some of New Zealand's top winery restaurants. Start your evening at a boutique brewery before participating in a wine tasting, indulge in gourmet platters and enjoy a Champagne sunset on Te Mata Peak. Complete your meal at New Zealand's oldest winery, the Mission Estate.

VIP PLATINUM TWILIGHT ODYSSEY FROM £191 PER ADULT



GANNETS AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS

Scenic Hotel Te Pania

★★★★☆

The hotel enjoys a desirable, central waterfront location on Marine Parade, just two minutes from Napier's famous art deco style main street.

FREE UPGRADE - Selected dates FROM £55 PER ADULT



The Crown Hotel, Napier

★★★★☆

Overlooking the waterfront in the village of Ahuriri, the hotel offers luxury boutique accommodation. The hotel has 43 stylish and unique guest suites.

FROM £62 PER ADULT



The Farm at Cape Kidnappers

★★★★★ The boutique luxury lodge is a combination of rustic materials and luxurious style. Located on the breathtaking coastline of Hawke's Bay.

FREE BREAKFAST AND DINNER - Selected dates FROM £482 PER ADULT



— TOURING —

Follow The Grapevine



6 Day Self Drive from £693 per adult

DAY 1: AUCKLAND - TAUPO

Drive via the geothermal region of Rotorua, famous for its mud pools and geysers before arriving at Taupo, the main centre of the region.

DAY 2: TAUPO – NAPIER

Continue on your gourmet trail to the Hawke's Bay region, renowned for its vineyards and orchards. Today you'll take part in the Twilight Odyssey wine tasting and dinner.

DAY 3: NAPIER

Spend the day at leisure in Napier enjoying the many vineyards and wonderful restaurants in the area.



DAY 4: NAPIER – MARTINBOROUGH

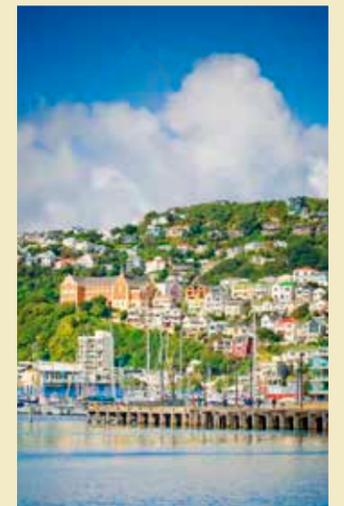
Travel south to the picturesque village of Martinborough, via the small country towns of Carterton, Greytown and Featherston. Here you can walk or cycle to the numerous vineyards nearby and enjoy fine dining in what has become an increasingly popular gourmet destination.

DAY 5: MARTINBOROUGH AT LEISURE

With a day free why not join a Gourmet Wine Escape Tour, where you can enjoy tastings at four Martinborough vineyards and lunch in a vineyard café, with sample tastings of the world famous pinot noir.

DAY 6: MARTINBOROUGH – WELLINGTON

Drive to the capital city Wellington through beautiful rolling hills; head up to the botanical gardens via the cable car or join a gourmet walking tour where you will visit a boutique coffee roaster and food stores.



Please Note: Itinerary valid from 1st April 2018 and may alter prior to this. Prices are per person and include five nights twin share accommodation, an information pack and are based on a Group G car hire. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on some properties on certain dates. (TU2)

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WELLINGTON

New Zealand's compact capital city boasts a chic, creative atmosphere and vibrant café culture. A visit to Te Papa – the national museum – is a must. And for stunning views over the city and harbour, head to Mount Victoria Lookout in the east. Within an easy drive of the city you'll also find Martinborough, home to numerous vineyards and further along the coast the beautiful wilderness of Palliser Bay.



WELLINGTON WATERFRONT

— DAY TOURS —



Visit Zealandia

This unique eco-sanctuary is located in a 225 hectare site on the outskirts of Wellington. Take the day to explore, with guided tours around the sanctuary, spot native plants and wildlife, and hike to the upper reservoir – where you'll find yourself a world away from the city! For those keen on extending their day, book Zealandia by Night as you endeavour to seek out the elusive nocturnal New Zealand mascot, the kiwi.

GENERAL ADMISSION FROM £12 PER ADULT
ZEALANDIA BY NIGHT FROM £47 PER ADULT

Novotel Wellington

★★★★★

In a fantastic central location close to many of the city's main attractions including Te Papa Museum. Rooms are modern and spacious and have either a city or harbour view.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £57 PER ADULT



Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay

★★★★★

Situated in an enviable position right on the waterfront, only two minutes walk from Te Papa Museum, rooms boast a city or harbour view from the balcony.

MEAL CREDIT - Selected dates
FROM £74 PER ADULT



Zest Walking Tour: Capital Tastes

Explore the tastes of the capital city with a 3 hour walking tour including a visit to a boutique coffee roastery and tastings at specialist stores. Also included is a 3 course tasting lunch with matching wines. A great way to explore the city and get your bearings, whilst enjoying this foodies paradise!

FROM £116 PER ADULT

Distinction Hotel Wellington

★★★★★

Within a 10 minute walk of Wellington's key attractions, the property has a range of impeccably designed rooms from studios to penthouse suites.

FROM £59 PER ADULT



QT Wellington

★★★★★

Eccentric creativity and luxury style is the order of the day at this design driven boutique hotel. Rooms are spacious, individually designed and full of quirky little extras.

FROM £85 PER ADULT



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Interislander Ferry – Wellington to Picton

The Interislander offers a convenient daily service across the twelve mile Cook Strait separating the North and South Islands. In three hours, you'll cruise across Wellington's stunning harbour, around the remote North Island coastline and into the peaceful Marlborough Sounds – which is the breath-taking entrance to the South Island.

PASSENGER SEAT FROM £41

PER ADULT

**Upgrade to the Kaitaki Premium
Plus lounge from £67 per adult
each way**



SOUTH ISLAND

TOP EXPERIENCES

- Stay in the adrenaline capital of Queenstown, home to jet boats, bungee jumping and canyon swings.
- Swim with dolphins and go whale watching in Kaikoura.
- Experience one of the world's most scenic rail journeys, the TranzAlpine, from Christchurch to Greymouth.
- Discover New Zealand's most stunning natural attraction – Milford Sound in Fiordland National Park.

FACT FILE

Climate: South Island is temperate with seasons opposite to those of the UK. Summer is from December to February with temperatures ranging from 12 - 22°C and winter is from June to August with lows of 2 - 12°C.

Flying time to Christchurch: 27 hours + 1 stop

Driving times:

Christchurch to Kaikoura – 3 hours
 Christchurch to Nelson – 5 hours 30 minutes
 Queenstown to Te Anau – 2 hours 30 minutes
 Queenstown to Dunedin – 4 hours

GMT: +12 hours (Apr - Sep) or +13 hours (Sep - Apr)

Soaring snow-capped mountains, spectacular coastline, tumbling glaciers and tranquil Fiordland are but a few of the attractions of New Zealand's South Island. Experience the thrill of swimming with dolphins or whale watching in Kaikoura, heli-hiking a glacier on the west coast, kayaking with seals in Abel Tasman National Park or cruising the breathtaking Milford or Doubtful Sound – the list is endless.





PICTON AND MARLBOROUGH

With year-round sunshine, stay in the picturesque port town of Picton and explore the sunken river valleys of Marlborough Sounds. Choose to discover these ancient waterways by kayak or take in the wonderful views by walking the Queen Charlotte Track. Journey inland and you'll find the world-class wineries of New Zealand's largest wine region producing 90% of New Zealand sauvignon blanc.



— DAY TOURS —



Marlborough Wine Tours

Experience the magic of Marlborough with a visit to a world famous winery, taste the wines, olive oils and the foods that make this region a gourmet province. Travel through the iconic vineyards such as Cloudy Bay, Villa Maria and Brancott Estate, while your guide gives you an insight into how these great wines are crafted.

FROM £56 PER ADULT



Seafood Odyssey Cruise

A must for any seafood lovers! Cruise into the Marlborough Sounds, taking in the natural beauty and tranquillity of this picturesque area. Visit a King Salmon farm with the opportunity to hand feed and learn of the fascinating farming process. After seeing oysters and mussels growing in the fresh waters, it's of course time to taste a selection of beautiful seafood, complete with a glass of sauvignon blanc.

FROM £86 PER ADULT

Scenic Hotel, Marlborough ★★★★★

Conveniently located just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Blenheim. Having recently undergone a renovation, it now boasts contemporary rooms.

FROM £52 PER ADULT



Raetihi Lodge ★★★★★

Catch a water taxi from Picton, or the launch from Havelock out to Raetihi Lodge, nestled in the Marlborough Sounds. This is a great base from which to explore the walking trails of the Queen Charlotte Track.

FROM £82 PER ADULT



Bay Of Many Coves ★★★★★

At this small luxury property, dine at the restaurant, swim in the freshwater pool, or enjoy a short bush walk, with spacious hillside apartments in the unspoilt Marlborough Sounds.

SPA CREDIT - Selected dates
FROM £142 PER ADULT



Marlborough Lodge ★★★★★

This small boutique hotel offers accommodation in a former convent heritage building, and with just 10 rooms this is the perfect Marlborough experience.

FROM £178 PER ADULT





NELSON AND ABEL TASMAN

Located at the top of the South Island, Abel Tasman National Park basks under the most sunshine hours in the country. With scenery ranging from golden beaches to forests and valleys, you can go hiking, sailing, kayaking and much more, the park is rife with adventure. However, one of the best ways to experience Abel Tasman National Park is by a multi-day guided kayaking trip. Abel Tasman is an absolute must on any South Island itinerary.



— DAY TOURS —



Abel Tasman: Kayak, Seals and Walking

After a scenic boat trip to Torrent Bay, paddle to Split Apple Rock, followed by lunch on a golden sandy beach. After a cruise to Onetahuti, passing the seal colony on Tonga Island, you will disembark and enjoy a two hour coastline walk before returning to Kaiteriteri.

FROM £89 PER ADULT



Farewell Spit Eco Tour

After joining your guide you will spend the day exploring the northern most point of New Zealand's South Island. Stops include Cape Farewell where you can watch the fur seals and their pups basking on the rocks below, also visit the Lighthouse Reserve where you will enjoy some refreshments in the lighthouse keeper's cottage, whilst soaking up some local history in this nature lover's paradise.

FROM £84 PER ADULT

— TOURING —



Abel Tasman Kayaking & Walking Adventure

3 Day Package from £819 per adult

DAY 1: NELSON/MOTUEKA - AWAROA

Begin with a cruise from Kaiteriteri along the coastline of the Abel Tasman National Park, disembarking at Totaranui for a two hour walk through mature forests and along secluded golden beaches. Walk or cruise across the scenic expanse at Awaroa Inlet - depending on the tides. Stay the night at the Meadowbank Homestead with pre dinner drinks and fine food. (L, D)

DAY 2: AWAROA - TORRENT BAY

After a hearty breakfast, walk over to Tonga Saddle where you'll settle into your kayaks - with a full training session this is perfect for all abilities. Visit the Seal Colony on Tonga Island, and paddle through the clear waters of the National Park before lunch at sheltered Bark Bay. After lunch and a swim continue to Falls River, beach hopping until you reach Torrent Bay for a hot shower and dinner. (B, L, D)

DAY 3: TORRENT BAY - KAITERITERI

This morning paddle along the coast to pristine bays and beaches for a 4.5 hour kayak, visiting Te Pukatea and Appletree Bay stopping for lunch along the way. At Kaiteriteri board the coach for a return trip to Nelson. (B, L)

Please Note: Prices are per person and include two nights twin share accommodation, selected meals, and touring as mentioned. Accommodation, board bases and prices are subject to change with availability. Tour departs Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun - itinerary may operate in reverse on some days.

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options.



Grand Mercure Monaco Apartments ★★★★★

Located across from Waimea Inlet, this resort offers hotel rooms and fully self-contained cottages, overlooking gardens and the village green.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £53 PER ADULT



Awaroa Lodge ★★★★★

Close to one of the best coastal walks in New Zealand, with 26 villa rooms - all boasting private outdoor decks. Explore the National Park with sea kayaking, estuary walks and sailing all close by.

FROM £65 PER ADULT



The Resurgence, Motueka ★★★★★

This eco lodge is situated on the edge of two national parks, with luxury rooms in the main lodge or in bush chalets tucked away in the forest.

FROM £179 PER ADULT



Split Apple Retreat ★★★★★

Exclusive luxury accommodation with the Abel Tasman National Park on its doorstep, wander to one of the private beaches, or just relax taking in the panoramic views.

INCLUDES MEALS - Selected dates
FROM £639 PER ADULT





PurePods

Experience the unforgettable with PurePods, scattered across 4 remote locations in the South Island. With glass walls, roof and floor, at night sleep with the constellations of the southern sky, before waking to your own private view of remote New Zealand.

DINNER AND BREAKFAST FROM £253 PER ADULT





CHRISTCHURCH AND CANTERBURY

Stretching from Kaikoura on the east coast, the region of Canterbury encompasses Christchurch and the surrounding mountains of Mount Cook National Park. Christchurch is a vibrant, ever-evolving city which still retains its English heritage as seen within the beautiful Hagley Park or the Botanic Gardens. Further afield lies the seaside retreat of Akaroa where you can swim with dolphins, or head inland to soak in the natural thermal spas of Hanmer Springs.



DAY TOURS



Dolphin Swim Akaroa

On arrival in Akaroa join Black Cat 2 for a cruise on the harbour, sighting dolphins, penguins and seals en route. On spotting the dolphins, you will join them in their natural habitat and swim with the rare and endangered Hector's Dolphin in the open sea.

FROM £96 PER ADULT



Whale Watch Kaikoura

One of New Zealand's leading eco-tourism destinations, Kaikoura is renowned for its variety of marine mammals. Spot sperm and humpback whales, dolphins and seals (weather permitting) which are all attracted by the rich feeding grounds. Ask your Travel Designer for details to upgrade to a scenic flight.

**FROM KAIKOURA
FROM £91 PER ADULT
FROM CHRISTCHURCH
FROM £191 PER ADULT**



TranzAlpine Train - Christchurch to Greymouth

Embark on one of the top ten train journeys in the world. Travel through the pastoral scenes of the Canterbury Plains before passing through the Southern Alps climbing up to Arthur's Pass.

**CHRISTCHURCH TO ARTHURS PASS FROM £86 PER ADULT
CHRISTCHURCH TO GREYMOOUTH FROM £115 PER ADULT**



Wings Over Whales

A 30 minute flight allows a birds eye view of the sperm whales and other marine life, along with spectacular coastline and mountains. Experienced pilots will also provide an informative commentary, and you'll spot Maori fortifications (Pa sites) as you fly over the township.

FROM £107 PER ADULT

TOURING

The Alpine Adventure: AAT Kings

6 Day Escorted Tour from £1,022 per adult



Short on time? Travel with AAT Kings to discover the picturesque Southern Alps, the majestic glacier at Franz Josef, and the alpine adventure town of Queenstown.

DAY 1: ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH

Welcome to Christchurch where AAT will greet you at the airport with transport waiting to take you to your hotel, before dinner at your hotel. (D)



DAY 2: EXPLORE CHRISTCHURCH

Join your group on a classic 1960s London Double Decker for an informative journey around Christchurch, learning of the fascinating history and how the city is moving on from the devastating earthquake in 2011. (B)

DAY 3: CHRISTCHURCH - MT. COOK

Travel through lush farmlands to Lake Tekapo, visiting the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd, before some great photo opportunities in Mt Cook National Park, home to New Zealand's tallest mountain. There's also the chance to take a scenic flight over this alpine region (own expense). (B,L,D)



DAY 4: MT. COOK - QUEENSTOWN

Spend the morning in the national park, before travelling south across the Lindis Pass and the small township of Cromwell. Arrive into Queenstown for your first views of this spectacular alpine town. (B)

DAY 5: QUEENSTOWN

Visit one of New Zealand's growing wine regions, learning how the wine is made and of course sample some of the local drops. There's also the chance to visit an underground wine cave and taste some local cheeses. (B,L)

DAY 6: DEPART QUEENSTOWN

Your tour concludes after breakfast; however there's so much more to discover in this scenic part of New Zealand - ask your Travel Designer for details. (B)

Please Note: Prices are per person and include five nights twin share accommodation, selected meals, and touring as mentioned. Accommodation, board bases and prices are subject to change with availability. Tour departs daily. (ZQC6)

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options.

The White Morph

★★★★★

On the esplanade in Kaikoura just a short walk from the visitor centre, upgrade to the Premium Spa rooms for full ocean views.

FROM £53 PER ADULT

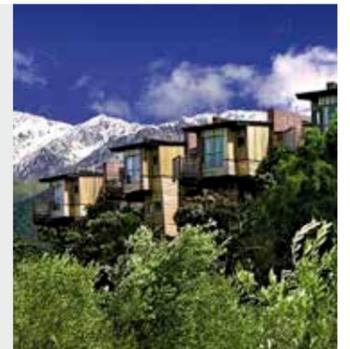


Hapuku Lodge

★★★★★

Nestled between the Kaikoura seaward mountain range and the Pacific Ocean, the contemporary Hapuku Lodge is just a 10 minute drive north of Kaikoura. Hapuku Lodge features five luxury tree houses plus lodge rooms.

FROM £229 PER ADULT

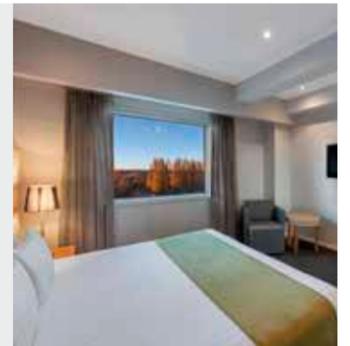


Rendezvous Hotel

Christchurch ★★★★★

Close to Cathedral square and within walking distance of the trendy Re:START Mall, the Rendezvous Hotel is in an ideal position to explore all Christchurch has to offer.

**FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £65 PER ADULT**

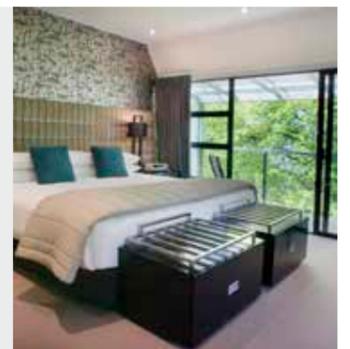


The George, Christchurch

★★★★★

This boutique hotel is renowned for its luxurious style, warm personalised service and attention to detail. Also noted for its award winning cuisine offered in both restaurants.

**FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £104 PER ADULT**

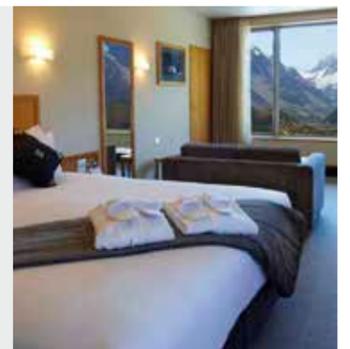


The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook

★★★★★

Lying deep within the national park, rooms offer breathtaking views of Aoraki Mount Cook, and the hotel has some of the finest dining options in the South Island.

FROM £53 PER ADULT





WEST COAST AND GLACIERS

Head on over to the South Island's west coast and you'll find some of the most beautiful, rugged coastline in the world. Witness Punakaiki's unique rock formations to the north and explore the majestic glacier region of Franz Josef and Fox Glacier in the south. Take a scenic flight to see the full magnitude of these spectacular glaciers; the more adventurous should book an ice landing to hike through ice ridges and crevasses.



— DAY TOURS —



Fox Glacier Heli Hike

Combine the excitement of walking on the ice at Fox Glacier with a spectacular heli flight. Departing from Fox Glacier, circle the upper icefall before landing on a remote part of the glacier. Your experienced guide will lead you past crevasses and ice ridges and into the middle of the glacier for incredible views of this glacier wonderland.

FROM £272 PER ADULT



Twin Glacier Heli Flight

Take a scenic helicopter from either Franz Josef or Fox Glacier over both of these mammoth glaciers, which slowly carve their way down through spectacular mountains. The flight includes a snow landing for you to jump out and take some unforgettable photos!

FROM £183 PER ADULT

Punga Grove, Franz Josef ★★★★★

Offering a selection of warm studios and one and two bedroom motel units. Also available are Executive Studios featuring a luxurious spa bath & underfloor heating.

FROM £39 PER ADULT



Glenfern Villas ★★★★★

Just a few kilometres north of the township of Franz Josef, Glenfern has spacious, chalet style villas for a home from home stay.

FROM £57 PER ADULT



Distinction Te Weheka, Fox Glacier ★★★★★

This is a friendly and welcoming hotel with a relaxed atmosphere. The hotel is surrounded by a mountainous backdrop with magnificent views.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £89 PER ADULT



Te Waonui Forest Retreat ★★★★★

This unique lodge-style hotel is surrounded by fine natural wonders. Enhanced by soft timbered detailing and natural colour schemes, this hotel is at one with its surroundings.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £199 PER ADULT



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WANAKA

Sitting on the lakefront with the Southern Alps as a backdrop, Wanaka is one of the most scenic towns in New Zealand. Go for a relaxing stroll along the shores of Lake Wanaka, fly high above the surrounding mountains by helicopter or enjoy an exhilarating jet boat ride on the Clutha River. Take advantage of the adventures on Wanaka's doorstep or simply sit back and absorb the tranquil surrounds.



— DAY TOURS —

Oakridge Resort, Wanaka

★★★★☆

This resort features 174 hotel rooms and apartments, a superb restaurant and swimming pool with pool bar.

FROM £53 PER ADULT



Edgewater Resort

★★★★☆

On the shores of Lake Wanaka, choose from hotel and studio rooms, plus large apartments, all with fantastic views of the lake and Southern Alps.

FROM £55 PER ADULT



Tin Tub Luxury Lodge

★★★★★

All rooms have king-size beds, unique spa baths and private outdoor tubs from which you can admire the stunning alpine scenery at this elegant luxury lodge.

FROM £99 PER ADULT



Maple Lodge ★★★★★

With stunning views across the surrounding mountain ranges, this boutique lodge with luxurious guest rooms is just 4km from beautiful Lake Wanaka.

FROM £105 PER ADULT



Jet Boat and Wilderness Walk

Join Wanaka River Journeys for this half day Jet Boating adventure along the Matukituki River. Take in the spectacular scenery of the Glaciers and many of the filming locations used in The Lord of the Rings. After your Jet Boat tour, disembark to enjoy a 50 minute wilderness walk where you will get off the beaten track and explore moss covered forest, waterfalls and glacier fed streams.

FROM £229 PER ADULT



Boutique Wine Trail: Wanaka Wine Tours

Discover some of the best vineyards and scenery Wanaka has to offer. This half day tour includes tastings at four vineyards, a gourmet food and wine match and a friendly knowledgeable guide. With a maximum of eight guests this small group tour will take you to the hidden gems making a big name for themselves in wine production.

FROM £119 PER ADULT



QUEENSTOWN

Renowned for its epic scenery, Queenstown is the 'Adventure Capital of New Zealand'. It's a lively town situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu where you can choose to throw yourself into high-energy activities from 4x4 safaris into The Remarkables mountain range, jet boating on the Dart River to helicopter landings in Mount Aspiring National Park. Alternatively, opt for a slower pace with gentle bike rides around the lake's tranquil shores or a cruise on a restored steamship. Either way, Queenstown will take your breath away.



QUEENSTOWN

— DAY TOURS —



Shotover Jet Boat

Speed through the narrow canyons of Shotover on an adrenaline fuelled Jet Boat ride. Highly skilled drivers take you just centimetres from the edges of the sheer cliffs on a journey that has thrilled over 3 million people since opening in 1970. Ask our expert Travel Designers for Combo packages which include the Safari of the Scenes by 4WD to make a full day tour.

FROM £83 PER ADULT
SAFARI OF THE SCENES 4WD COMBO FROM £156 PER ADULT



Queenstown Helicopter Flight

Take to the skies with The Helicopter Line on their 30 minute Grand Circle tour and discover the beauty of the Wakatipu Basin from the air. Fly over the mouth of the Shotover River and beyond Coronet Peak and discover the amazing scenery of this stunning alpine setting. This flight also includes a landing on the Remarkables mountain range for a bird's eye view of Queenstown below.

FROM £183 PER ADULT

— DAY TOURS —



TSS Earnslaw Lake Cruise

Cruise across Lake Wakatipu on a coal fired vintage steamship – the only way to truly see just how spectacular Queenstown is! Disembark at Walter Peak country homestead for a hearty BBQ lunch before time to explore and see the working farm, and returning back to Queenstown.

FROM £36 PER ADULT



Skyline Gondola and Luge

Rise 450 metres high above Queenstown to the top of Bob's Peak, on the steepest gondola lift in the Southern Hemisphere. With breathtaking views of Coronet Peak, the Remarkables Mountain Range, and Lake Wakatipu below, you won't get a more spectacular view! Also included is a (slightly more sedate!) downhill ride on the luge, a 3 wheeled cart for all ages – ask for upgrade to include lunch, dinner or a traditional Kiwi Haka performance.

FROM £33 PER ADULT



Dart River Wilderness Jet Boat

Travel from Queenstown into the heart of the river and forests of the Dart River Valley, through backroad country and past scenes from the Lord of the Rings, and walk in the ancient forest. Board a high-speed wilderness jetboat and skim the clear glacial waters on your journey back home on this full day adventure.

FROM £138 PER ADULT



Safari of the Scenes by 4WD

This scenic 4WD tour gives a spectacular look at the diversity of the local scenery, including several of the sites where filming took place for the Lord of the Rings. These are real places, not film sets, they are areas of outstanding natural beauty. Here it is possible to experience the magical atmosphere captured in Peter Jackson's Trilogy, The Lord of the Rings.

FROM £104 PER ADULT
ADD SHOTOVER JET COMBO FROM £156 PER ADULT



Doubtful Sound Day Cruise

Enjoy a relaxing drive along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and the rolling countryside to Pearl Harbour, Manapouri. Cruise across picturesque Lake Manapouri to West Arm and then travel by coach over the Wilmot Pass to Doubtful Sound, where you'll join the brand new catamaran 'Patea Explorer' for a three hour cruise. View awe-inspiring waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife such as Bottlenose dolphins, fur seals and at times, rare penguins.

FROM £153 PER ADULT



Milford Sound Nature Cruise

Board a luxury glass-roofed coach and enjoy a relaxing drive along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau and on to Milford Sound. Enjoy spectacular views in this stunning area, including waterfalls, rainforests, towering mountains and wildlife in abundance. Following the cruise, return by coach or for the ultimate experience enjoy a panoramic sightseeing flight back to Queenstown.

FROM £106 PER ADULT
RETURN BY SCENIC FLIGHT FROM £278 PER ADULT



WHERE TO STAY IN QUEENSTOWN

With Queenstown being a popular year-round destination, there's a host of different accommodation options on offer. Choose from lakeside hotels, spacious self-catering apartments or splurge on a luxury boutique hotel set high up the mountainside for superb panoramic views.



— TOURING —

South Island Wanderer

12 Day Self Drive from £1,066 per adult **AVIS** 

DAY 1: CHRISTCHURCH – BLENHEIM

Depart from Christchurch and head north to Kaikoura, one of the few places in the world where whales can be seen all-year-round. Continue to Blenheim, gateway to the Marlborough wine region and home to 65 wineries.

DAY 2: BLENHEIM – NELSON

Leaving Blenheim, drive northbound via the Queen Charlotte Drive on the edge of the Marlborough Sounds region where there are numerous walks and boating activities.

DAY 3: NELSON

Take a harbour cruise or perhaps venture to nearby Abel Tasman National Park with spectacular ocean views and a popular coastal track walk.

DAY 4: NELSON – HOKITIKA

From Nelson journey through scenic reserves to Westport, a historic coal-mining settlement. Visit the seal colony or explore Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and Blowholes before continuing to Hokitika.

DAY 5: HOKITIKA - GLACIER REGION

Visit the aquarium, Kiwi House or the local museum before continuing your journey to Franz Josef, an area of mountain peaks and glaciers.

DAY 6: GLACIER REGION – QUEENSTOWN

Leaving the west coast, travel through the scenic wilderness of Haast Pass to Lake Wanaka, and the snow-capped peaks of Mount Aspiring National Park towards Queenstown.

DAY 7: QUEENSTOWN

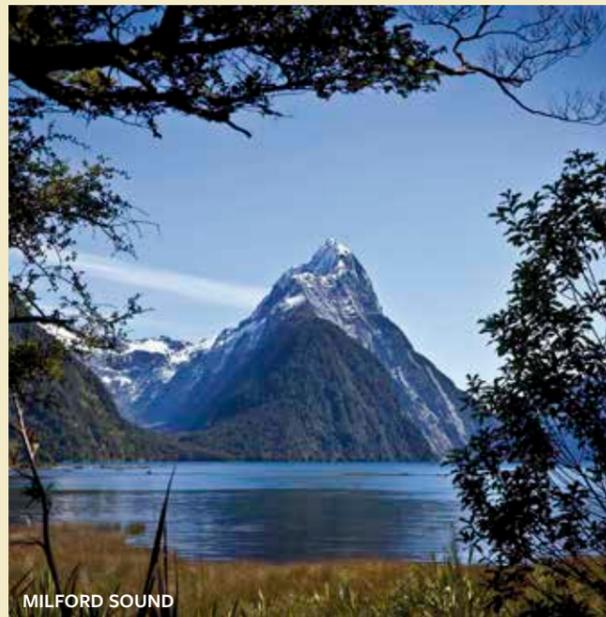
Spend the day at leisure in Queenstown, nestled in a picturesque valley. See page 67 for ideas!

DAY 8: QUEENSTOWN – TE ANAU

Travel through mountains and alongside lakes to Te Anau, with the afternoon free to explore the lakeside area.

DAY 9: TE ANAU

Take a day trip to the stunning Milford or Doubtful Sound, not to be missed!



MILFORD SOUND

DAY 10: TE ANAU – DUNEDIN

Depart Te Anau and drive via the Catlins to Dunedin, with an abundance of wildlife and some of the world's rarest marine animals in this region.

DAY 11: DUNEDIN

Spend the day in and around Dunedin. Perhaps visit the wildlife area on Otago Peninsula to see the royal albatross and yellow-eyed penguin colonies.

DAY 12: DUNEDIN - CHRISTCHURCH

Return your Avis car in Christchurch, or continue your onward journey.

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options

Please Note: Itinerary valid from 1st April 2018 and may alter prior to this. Prices are per person and include eleven nights twin share accommodation, an information pack and are based on a Group G car hire. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on some properties on certain dates. (TU3)



Novotel Queenstown Lakeside ★★★★★

This lakeside hotel is in the perfect location to discover the town, upgrade to a Lake View Room for stunning views from your balcony.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £64 PER ADULT



Crowne Plaza Queenstown ★★★★★

Just across the road from the bars and restaurants of Steamer Wharf, all rooms boast a private balcony with mountain or lake views.

MEAL CREDIT - Selected dates
FROM £68 PER ADULT



The Rees ★★★★★

This luxurious hotel is home to a fine dining restaurant, private wharf, and sophisticated rooms and apartments you'll never want to leave!

FROM £68 PER ADULT



St Moritz Queenstown ★★★★★

This alpine style boutique hotel is a 10 minute walk along the lake from the bars, cafés and restaurants of central Queenstown.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £79 PER ADULT



Scenic Suites Queenstown ★★★★★

Relax in your spacious, modern apartment, with all the amenities of a home from home. The Scenic Suites are just a 5 minute walk from the centre of town.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £71 PER ADULT



Kinross Cottages Queenstown ★★★★★

On a working vineyard in the Gibbston Valley, just 30 minutes from central Queenstown. Kinross is a boutique accommodation offering peace, tranquillity and a back garden second to none.

FROM £79 PER ADULT





Hidden Lodge, Queenstown ★★★★★

Situated on the edge of Lake Wakatipu, Hidden Lodge boasts one of the best views in Queenstown. With only 4 luxurious suites guests can experience personal outstanding service and excellent warm hospitality. The lodge places an emphasis on being eco friendly and using fresh local produce, host Claudia's delicious home cooked breakfasts alone are a reason to stay here.

FREE BREAKFAST – Selected dates

FROM £114 PER ADULT





FIORDLAND AND TE ANAU

The Fiordland National Park is a World Heritage Site and home to Milford and Doubtful Sound. Put simply, it is absolutely breathtaking! In these sublime fiords you will cruise by waterfalls, ancient rainforests, towering mountains and shimmering lakes. Just two hours drive from Queenstown, Te Anau is the gateway to Fiordland.



Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas ★★★★★

Just a short stroll from the town centre on the lakefront, upgrade to a villa set in the expansive gardens for a spacious lounge area.

FROM £58 PER ADULT



Fiordland Lodge ★★★★★

Tucked away on the road to Milford Sound, this peaceful retreat can accommodate just 29 guests. All lodge rooms have picture windows framing the lake.

FROM £229 PER ADULT



DAY TOURS



Faith in Fiordland

Guided by an authentic Kiwi crew, sit back and relax whilst you take to the waters of Lake Te Anau aboard a historic 1930s sailing ship. Explore the beautiful Fiordland National Park before stopping to take in the peaceful surroundings and sample fresh local cuisine.

FROM £35 PER ADULT

TOURING

Milford Sound Overnight Cruise

Milford Wharf from £186 per adult

Te Anau from £226 per adult

Queenstown from £243 per adult

An overnight stay in the long southern twilight on board the Milford Mariner provides a very special experience in magnificent surroundings.

DAY 1: Board the coach in either Queenstown or Te Anau and travel through the rolling countryside before arriving at Milford where you will board the Milford Mariner. At a leisurely pace, the vessel explores points of interest, so there is plenty of time to

view waterfalls, mountains and wildlife with an experienced nature guide. Once you reach the open sea, the vessel will hoist the sails (subject to weather conditions), and later you will return to the fiord and anchor at Harrison Cove. Take this opportunity to enjoy kayaking and explore the shoreline on the tender craft before a delicious buffet evening meal.

DAY 2: After a hearty cooked breakfast, continue cruising this stunning water arena before returning to Milford Wharf. After disembarking, return to Queenstown or Te Anau by coach, or alternatively why not upgrade to a return flight over spectacular Fiordland.

Please Note: Cruise does not operate between May and mid Sept. Price includes breakfast, dinner and guided touring.



Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

Manapouri from £263 per adult

Te Anau from £269 per adult

Queenstown from £297 per adult

Cruise on board the Fiordland Navigator combining overnight comfort with a great opportunity to explore this beautiful fiord once the day-trippers have gone home.

DAY 1: Travel by coach to your departure wharf at Manapouri for a short launch transfer to West Arm and coach over Wilmot Pass. Board the Fiordland Navigator, with spacious decks which allow great viewing of the wilderness scenery and wildlife. Spot fur seals, dolphins, and in season, rare penguins. Once the crew drop anchor in one of Doubtful's hidden arms, take to the waters in a kayak or small tender and explore the coastline. After a buffet-style dinner retire to your en-suite cabin.

DAY 2: Wake up to a full breakfast before continuing to Deep Cove for the trip back to Manapouri and your onward journey.

Please Note: Cruise does not operate between mid May and mid Sept. Price includes breakfast, dinner and guided touring.





DUNEDIN AND SOUTHLAND

Dunedin is the main town of the Otago region, renowned for having the world's only mainland albatross breeding colony. This area is superb for wildlife spotting including ocean birdlife, seals and the yellow-eyed penguin. Further down the coast Invercargill is New Zealand's most southerly town and an ideal base to explore the spectacular Catlins Coast and Stewart Island. This wild island offers unique accommodation and amazing walks to discover the kiwi and other endemic species.



DAY TOURS



Speights Brewery and Cadbury World, Dunedin

Visit this award-winning, informative and interactive tour through a working brewery; join an appreciation session of six of Speights' beers and stock up on your favourites in the brewery shop. After this head to Cadbury World to indulge in chocolate heaven!

FROM £17 PER ADULT



Peninsula Cruise and Penguins with Monarch Wildlife Cruises of Dunedin

Cruise the length of the beautiful Otago Harbour; enjoy the wildlife cruise of spectacular Taiaroa Head and a scenic Otago Peninsula bus tour. Also included is a guided tour of the award-winning Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve.

FROM £79 PER ADULT



Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary

Ulva is a unique predator-free environment, a real nature sanctuary and a must for anyone interested in New Zealand birds and flora. Travel by water taxi from Golden Bay on Stewart Island, before taking a guided walk to discover rare and endangered birds and plants.

FROM £77 PER ADULT

Quest Apartments, Invercargill ★★★★★

Redeveloped from the old Post Office in the centre of Invercargill, all apartments feature fully equipped kitchens, and are close to all amenities. A great base before hopping over to Stewart Island.

FROM £52 PER ADULT



Scenic Hotel Southern Cross ★★★★★

Enjoying a premium location in the heart of Dunedin city centre, close to the Octagon, theatres and shops.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £65 PER ADULT



The Lodge at Larnach Castle ★★★★★

Only 20 minutes from Dunedin City lies New Zealand's only castle. The boutique lodge is located in a renovated colonial building all with splendid views.

FROM £69 PER ADULT



Stewart Island Lodge ★★★★★

Stewart Island Lodge is a retreat nestled in a bush setting in Halfmoon Bay, with unsurpassed views of the bay and surrounding hills. The ferry crossing from Bluff on the mainland takes around one hour.

FROM £73 PER ADULT





SOUTH PACIFIC AND STOPOVERS

Discover the South Pacific's tropical islands with crystal-clear waters and white-sand beaches, the hustle and bustle of a Far East city, or the deserts of the Arabian Gulf.





WORLDWIDE STOPOVERS

With a multitude of stopover options available on flights to Australasia, you can tailor make your holiday to include a whole host of experiences. From the gleaming skyscrapers of Southeast Asian cities, to the deserts of the Arabian Gulf or bright lights of California, the choice is yours. Here we've showcased some of the most popular, but contact us for more destinations.



1 Dubai

A desert metropolis combining city life and beachside relaxation, Dubai embodies the style, glamour and wealth of the Middle East. Shop till you drop or escape the city with a sand dune safari followed by sunset and a traditional barbecue dinner.



2 Bangkok

Bangkok offers the full Thai experience – ancient temples, saffron-robed monks, and bustling markets. One of the best ways to explore is on the water. Ride a longtail boat along the small canals for a backstage pass of local life.



3 Hong Kong

Explore this vibrant harbourside city where east meets west and ancient meets modern. Enjoy breathtaking harbour views after a tram ride to Victoria Peak, meander through bustling Stanley Market, and not forgetting a sunset cruise on an authentic Chinese junk.



4 Hawaii

Relive the historic moment that thrust the USA into World War II at Hawaii's most visited attraction – Pearl Harbour. Sure to be a poignant and memorable trip.



5 Los Angeles

The 'City of Angels'. See all the best bits with a hop-on hop-off bus pass covering four loops, including Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Downtown LA.



6 Kuala Lumpur

With the soaring Petronas Towers, KL boasts one of the most iconic skylines in the Far East. Take time to explore the city's colonial buildings, religious temples and mosques, and a visit to the National Museum is also a must.



7 Singapore

With a lively mix of Chinese, Malay, Indian and British colonial history, Singapore is a fascinating place to break up your journey. Plus, don't forget to try a Singapore Sling at the Long Bar in Raffles Hotel, where the famous cocktail was first created.



8 Bali

Escape the throngs and head north to Ubud, where the heart of Balinese culture beats. Pass through rice terraces to the holy spring waters at Tampaksiring for a taste of the real Bali or head south to see the crashing surf at Uluwatu.



9 Fiji

With over 300 islands and a warm, year-round climate, you're sure to find your own piece of paradise in Fiji. Sail out to Tivua Island and take part in a traditional Fijian Kava ceremony, before snorkelling amongst pristine coral gardens.



10 Cook Islands

Tear yourself away from the turquoise waters to explore inland on a 4-wheel drive tour overlooking the Muri lagoon. Travel ancient rainforest roads before enjoying a traditional meal cooked underground in an umu oven.



11 The Islands of Tahiti

With secluded beaches and crystal-clear waters, the islands of Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora boast some of the most exclusive hotels in the world. Explore the marine life with a fantastic snorkelling trip to spot turtles and manta rays.





FIJI

With over 300 tropical islands to discover, Fiji is the ideal island-hopping destination.

The main island of Viti Levu offers a combination of beach resorts surrounded by lush mountain scenery. Or for a true 'cast away' experience, head to one of the outer islands of the Mamanucas or Yasawas to enjoy some of the best snorkelling and diving in the world.



DAY TOURS



Flavours of Fiji Cookery School

Take a journey of discovery through authentic Fijian homestyle cookery, learning traditional techniques and using freshly bought produce. Recreate delicious dishes with recipes you can take home! With no more than 12 participants this is a unique experience.

HALF DAY TOUR FROM £63 PER ADULT

Tivua Island Cruise

Sail to Tivua Island, surrounded by a circle of white sand beach and over 500 acres of stunning coral gardens. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch plus a traditional Fijian Kava ceremony, before exploring the island by canoe, or taking a guided snorkelling tour or glass bottomed boat to see the reef and tropical marine life.

FROM £99 PER ADULT



With over 60 years experience cruising the islands of Fiji, Blue Lagoon Cruises know how to show you the best of the South Pacific. With a maximum of 4 hours cruising per day there is more time for exploring onshore - visit remote island villages, discover ancient Fijian culture, enjoy our breathtakingly beautiful private beach on Nanuya Lai Lai Island. Swim with manta rays (seasonal), and stop off at the Sacred Islands and Sawa-I-Lau Caves. Our boutique ship, Fiji Princess accommodates 68 passengers, meaning our cruises are always personal and friendly, complimented by our 100% Fijian crew.



4 Day Explorer Cruise

Hibiscus Deck From £922 per person
Orchid Deck From £1,169 per person

Book early and save 25%

DAY 1: Set sail aboard Fiji Princess, heading to Modriki Island, where the Tom Hanks movie Castaway was filmed. There's time for a swim before enjoying the Captain's Welcome dinner and performances by the crew.

DAY 2: Beach walk, snorkel or perhaps swim with sharks, and visit the chiefly village of Soso. Tonight the anchorage is Soso Bay, where you can enjoy cocktails on the sun deck and a Thali dinner.

DAY 3: Sunday is a day of rest, so relax and enjoy the island way of life. Visit an island village church for a humbling and quintessential Fijian experience, or join the chef for a Fijian cooking lesson. Tonight, our anchorage is Naukacuvu Island.

DAY 4: After an early morning snorkel, swim or kayak trip, cruise to the Sacred Islands, boasting some of the most beautiful beaches and coral reefs in Fiji. After lunch on board, say farewell to your friendly crew and take the high speed catamaran for Port Denarau.

Please Note: Departs Fridays at 3pm.

TOURING

5 Day Wanderer Cruise

Hibiscus Deck From £1,149 per person
Orchid Deck From £1,478 per person

Book early and save 25%

DAY 1: Head out from Port Denarau on a dedicated high speed vessel to the Sacred Islands, a breathtaking backdrop for an afternoon of swimming, snorkelling and relaxation. Enjoy the Captain's Welcome dinner at Yalobi Bay, our anchorage for the night.

DAY 2: The private island peninsula and stunning azure waters of Blue Lagoon are your next port of call. Watch as the crew position the vessel right up to the beach and tie her off to the coconut trees! Spend the evening under the stars feasting on a traditional Lovo meal.

DAY 3: Start the day with a guided island walk with panoramic views, before cruising to Sawa-I-Lau Island. From here you can visit the sacred caves and Tamasua village where villagers host the evening's food and entertainment.

DAY 4: The last island stop is Drawaqa, which offers a chance to snorkel with the magnificent manta rays between May and October. Visit the local island school or relax on board. Dinner this evening is served under the stars.

DAY 5: Time to cruise back to Port Denarau for your onward journey.

Please Note: Departs Monday at 12.15pm.

Combine both of these itineraries for a 7 night Escape to Paradise cruise.

Please Note: Prices are per person and based on twin share accommodation. Choose between Hibiscus or Orchid Deck Cabins. Orchid Deck Cabins include a welcome fruit platter, Nespresso coffee machine and tea selection, daily stocked mini-bar and Pure Fiji sunscreen gift. All cruises depart from Port Denarau. Alternatively it is possible to organise direct transfers from selected Mamanuca resorts so you can enjoy the best combination of island resort and cruising.

First Landing Resort

★★★★★

Just 15 minutes from the airport, First Landing is the perfect choice for your stay before hopping out to one of Fiji's paradise islands.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £98 PER ADULT



Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort

★★★★★

Located just one hour from Nadi airport on the Coral Coast, nestled in an enchanting garden setting of fragrant blossoms with incredible ocean views.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £109 PER ADULT



Softel Fiji Resort & Spa

★★★★★

Set on 10 acres of beachfront at Denarau Marina adjacent to the Golf Club, Austravel recommends an upgrade to rooms with Beach Club access with pool butler service and sunset cocktails.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £109 PER ADULT



Royal Davui Island Resort

★★★★★

Located off Fiji's southern coast, Royal Davui is an adults only sanctuary with just 16 villas, all boasting paradise ocean views.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £482 PER ADULT





MAMANUCA ISLANDS

Fiji's main island of Viti Levu is home to lush rainforest and home to beautiful Coral Coast. However, to truly experience the magic of Fiji, combine your stay with a visit to the paradise islands of the Mamanucas. With porcelain-white beaches and stunning reefs just offshore, these are a must-visit and easily accessible from the main island.



LIKULIKU LAGOON RESORT



MALOLO



MATAMANOA ISLAND RESORT

Matamanoa Island Resort ★★★★★

Found in the Mamanuca Group just 30km from the main island of Viti Levu, this adult only resort offers spacious bures opening onto patios overlooking the ocean.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £138 PER ADULT



Malolo Island Resort ★★★★★

An idyllic private island where you can escape the stress of modern living and bask in total peace and serenity on your own rustic island paradise.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £155 PER ADULT



Musket Cove Island Resort ★★★★★

This island sanctuary is just 50 minutes from Viti Levu, all spacious rooms have spectacular ocean views, and private balcony overlooking tropical gardens.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £162 PER ADULT



Tropica Island ★★★★★

Looking out over a white sandy beach lined with palm trees, nestled into a private sheltered bay on the beautiful island of Malolo. Offering elegant accommodation and lush tropical gardens.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates
FROM £226 PER ADULT



Castaway Island Resort ★★★★★

This private island resort offers individual thatched bures set amongst tropical gardens, surrounded by white sand beaches and coral reefs.

HONEYMOON OFFER - Selected dates
FROM £244 PER ADULT



Tokoriki Island Resort ★★★★★☆

A boutique resort on the most northern of the Mamanuca Islands. All rooms are 'stand alone' ocean-facing, with private outdoor decks.

RESORT CREDIT - Selected dates
FROM £278 PER ADULT



Likuliku Lagoon Resort ★★★★★

Offering Fiji's first over-water bures whilst capturing the true essence of the ancient culture. Choose to relax in the Spa or snorkel from the beach.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £389 PER ADULT



Vomo Island Resort ★★★★★

Beachfront Villas are only steps from the water's edge, whilst Hillside Villas are privately placed on the gentle slopes of Mount Vomo. Also home to a 5 star kids club!

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £466 PER ADULT





Laucala Island Resort ★★★★★

The ultimate Fijian private hideaway. Situated on 3,200 acres of unspoilt forest, Laucala Island is made up of 25 luxury villas, with a choice of overwater or beachfront, as well as hilltop residences.

INCLUDES MEALS - Selected dates

FROM £2,499 PER ADULT



YASAWA ISLANDS AND NORTHERN FIJI

Reached best by seaplane, the Yasawa Islands are an ultimate Robinson Crusoe experience. For remote resorts with untouched beaches, abundant wildlife and eco-friendly nature reserves, head to Vanua Levu and Taveuni in northern Fiji, where the diving and snorkeling is world famous.



Nanuya Island Resort ★★☆☆☆

Nestled in the pristine Yasawa Group, fringed by palms and azure waters, Tree Top bures are up on the hillside with bay views, and Deluxe Villas are in the tropical gardens.

SPA CREDIT - Selected dates
FROM £107 PER ADULT



Paradise Taveuni ★★★★★

A 90 minute flight from Nadi will take you to the island of Taveuni, accommodation is in bures plus new Oceanfront vales with outdoor showers and Jacuzzis.

RESORT CREDIT - Selected dates
FROM £213 PER ADULT



Jean-Michel Cousteau ★★★★★

An oasis of clear water, unspoilt reef and tropical gardens alongside the calm waters of Savusavu Bay. Renowned for gourmet cuisine and first class diving.

INCLUDES MEALS - Selected dates
FROM £433 PER ADULT



Yasawa Island Resort ★★★★★

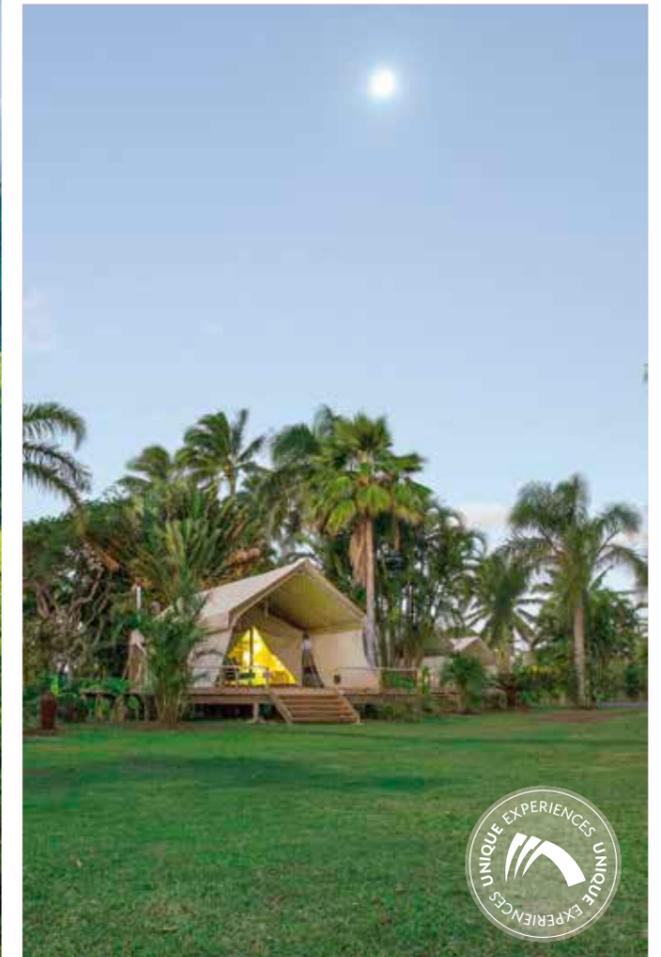
An exclusive retreat with 18 luxury bungalows, set amongst some of the most remote and unspoilt islands, why not take a private picnic to a deserted beach paradise.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £424 PER ADULT



COOK ISLANDS

A place of warm smiles and friendly locals, the atmosphere and glorious beaches of the Cook Islands are unforgettable. Combine the idyllic islands of Rarotonga and Aitutaki for a taste of traditional Polynesian culture and some of the best island hopping in the South Pacific.



Ikurangi Eco Retreat ★★★★★

Nestled inland in Matavera amongst lush tropical gardens sits the Cook Islands' first purpose-built eco tents and glamping site. All rooms feature a balcony with either mountain or garden views.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £74 PER ADULT

— DAY TOURS —



Captain Tama's Lagoon Cruise

Join a tour of the inner lagoon of Rarotonga with Captain Tama's, where you will be snorkelling with thousands of colourful reef fish and viewing magnificent coral. Head to the island of Koromiri for a BBQ fish lunch on the beach and plenty of time to relax on the beautiful white sands!
FROM £49 PER ADULT



Te Vara Nui Cultural Village

Enjoy a full tour of the cultural village before the overwater show with dinner – learning about the culture, history and local traditions of the Cook Islands.
FROM £79 PER ADULT

Royale Takitumu Villas ★★★★★

Located right on the fabulous Titikaveka lagoon, protected by a living coral barrier reef and with azure blue, crystal clear waters, this is a snorkellers paradise and a haven for tropical fish.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £151 PER ADULT



Pacific Resort, Rarotonga ★★★★★

Set in beautiful gardens on Muri Beach, Rarotonga's finest white-sand beach. An ideal option for those travelling with younger families due to a kids' club.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £189 PER ADULT



Little Polynesian ★★★★★

With just 14 well-appointed Are's, this private resort boasts individual verandahs and facilities that offers views of romance and untouched horizons.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £161 PER ADULT



Nautilus Resort, Rarotonga ★★★★★

Set in beautiful gardens on Muri Beach, Rarotonga's finest white-sand beach, all villas at this luxury resort boasts an individual plunge pool.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £197 PER ADULT





Aitutaki Day Tour

If you've not got time for a stay in Aitutaki, a day tour is a must! Take a 50 minute flight over to Aitutaki with its spectacular turquoise blue lagoon, and visit the main township of Arutanga. Board a traditional catamaran and slowly make your way past offshore motus and sandbars. After a BBQ lunch on One Foot Island, enjoy swimming and snorkelling in the crystal clear waters before a late afternoon flight back to Rarotonga.

FROM £317 PER ADULT



AITUTAKI

Surrounded by powder-white sands and the bluest lagoon you'll ever see, this island is a breathtaking holiday haven. First discovered by Captain Bligh on the 11 April 1789, this exquisite atoll is arguably the most beautiful in the world.



Aitutaki Village

★★★★★

Overlooking breathtaking Ootu Point with its dazzling turquoise waters and gorgeous lagoon, this offers one of the best value accommodations on Aitutaki. Bungalow style rooms are dotted amongst tropical gardens.

FREE CRUISE - Selected dates
FROM £99 PER ADULT



Tamanu Beach Village

★★★★★

Featuring traditional Cook Island style thatched roofs, each bungalow is just steps from the stunning lagoon.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £144 PER ADULT



Aitutaki Lagoon Resort

★★★★★

An intimate resort of just 35 bungalows, including 7 overwater bungalows with stunning views across Aitutaki Lagoon, all rooms feature a private verandah and charming Polynesian decor.

HONEYMOON OFFER - Selected dates
FROM £287 PER ADULT



Pacific Resort, Aitutaki

★★★★★

The resort is home to only 27 rooms, all units are individual buildings conveniently located to maximise privacy and the best views. The spacious rooms are colonial in ambience with polished wooden floors, thatched roofs and expansive cool verandas.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £352 PER ADULT



Island Hopping Essentials

8 Day Package from £1,269 per adult

DAY 1: Transfer from the airport to your chosen Rarotonga hotel. Watch out for Papa Jake who serenades all arriving flights with his local songs!

DAYS 2 AND 3: Explore the island of Rarotonga. Spend the day relaxing on the beach, cruise around the lagoon with Captain Tama or discover more of Rarotonga with a scenic 4WD tour (additional expense), see page 137 for details. Alternatively jump on the clockwise or anti-clockwise bus to see the island with the locals, we recommend jumping off at the Punanga Nui Cultural market which runs from Monday to Friday to pick up some souvenirs.

DAY 4: Catch a flight to Aitutaki and enjoy a panoramic view over the island (flight cost additional). Check in at your chosen hotel.

DAYS 5 - 7: Now you've really found paradise. With 3 whole days, there is plenty of time for a lagoon cruise – which includes lunch at famous One Foot Island, fabulous fresh food, and snorkelling in the clear, warm waters. Choose to wile away your time on the beach, or head inland on a cultural tour to discover some of the ancient cultures and traditions of the Cook Islanders.

DAY 8: Fly back to Rarotonga – if time permits why not head to the cultural evening show and dinner at Te Vara Nui before your onward flight.

Please Note: Prices are per person, and include airport transfers, three nights on Rarotonga, tours as mentioned, four nights in Aitutaki, and daily breakfast. The return flight between Rarotonga and Aitutaki is not included.



DAY TOURS

AITUTAKI LAGOON CRUISE



Aitutaki Punarei Cultural Tour

Take this half day tour to explore the culture and traditions of Aitutaki, travelling to an ancient historic site created before the arrival of Christianity, before enjoying a traditional Umukai feast onsite at the cultural village.

FROM £49 PER ADULT

Aitutaki Lagoon Cruise

Cruise one of the world's most beautiful lagoons with the crew from The Vaka Cruise who know the history of this unspoilt wonder and are happy to share it with you. Cruise on a Polynesian style vessel, with snorkelling, swimming and sunbathing, before a fresh BBQ lunch of ocean seafood.

FROM £77 PER ADULT



THE ISLANDS OF TAHITI

Tahiti is the largest of the French Polynesian islands, encircled by a stunning blue lagoon, fringed by pristine beaches and crowned by a series of majestic peaks. The mountainous interior hides deep valleys, fresh-water streams and tranquil waterfalls – a paradise that is second to none. The rugged coastline is home to most of the island’s population, as well as an abundance of wildlife and tropical flowers.



— DAY TOURS —

Sunset Cruise

Enjoy incredible lagoon views from the comfort of your catamaran’s trampoline, whilst sipping cocktails with the wind billowing in the sails. Learn about the island’s history and legends before settling in for an unforgettable sunset.

MOOREA FROM £49 PER ADULT
BORA BORA FROM £159 PER ADULT

Snorkelling Tour

The best way to explore marine flora and fauna on a trip for swimmers of all levels. Snorkel amongst the coral gardens and spot leopard and manta rays on this half day adventure.

MOOREA FROM £75 PER ADULT
BORA BORA FROM £96 PER ADULT

Le Meridien Tahiti

★★★★★
 A modern and luxurious luxury resort on the edge of the lagoon on one of Tahiti’s most beautiful beaches. Each room captures a view of the turquoise waters.
REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £138 PER ADULT



Manava Suite Resort

★★★★★
 With the largest infinity swimming pool on the island, this is the perfect place to relax prior to a visit to one of the stunning islands.
REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £95 PER ADULT



Intercontinental Resort

★★★★★
 A Polynesian style resort with its own spectacular sand pool offers views of unforgettable sunsets over the volcanic peaks of sister island Moorea.
REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £158 PER ADULT



MOOREA

Just off the coast of Tahiti, Moorea sits in a shallow lagoon surrounded by coral reefs and translucent waters. Dominated by eight mountain peaks where waterfalls tumble down fern-softened cliffs and pastel-coloured houses nestle in tranquil meadows, Moorea – meaning ‘yellow lizard’ – is said to be the inspiration behind the award-winning book Tales of the South Pacific.



Manava Beach Resort

★★★★★
 Situated on 21-acres of white sand beach, two miles from Cook’s Bay. Choose between Overwater Bungalows, Beach Bungalows or Garden Rooms.
FREE HALF BOARD - Selected dates
FROM £148 PER ADULT



Intercontinental Moorea

★★★★☆
 An idyllic location from which to experience authentic French Polynesia, set within tropical gardens. Dive the turquoise waters or relax with a bespoke spa treatment.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £178 PER ADULT



Softel Moorea la Ora Beach Resort

★★★★★
 The resort features 95 luxurious bungalows built over the water, on the beachfront or surrounded by landscaped gardens.
REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £209 PER ADULT



Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa

★★★★★
 Nestled between two bays, for the ultimate indulgence overwater bungalows have direct access to the lagoon.
REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £242 PER ADULT



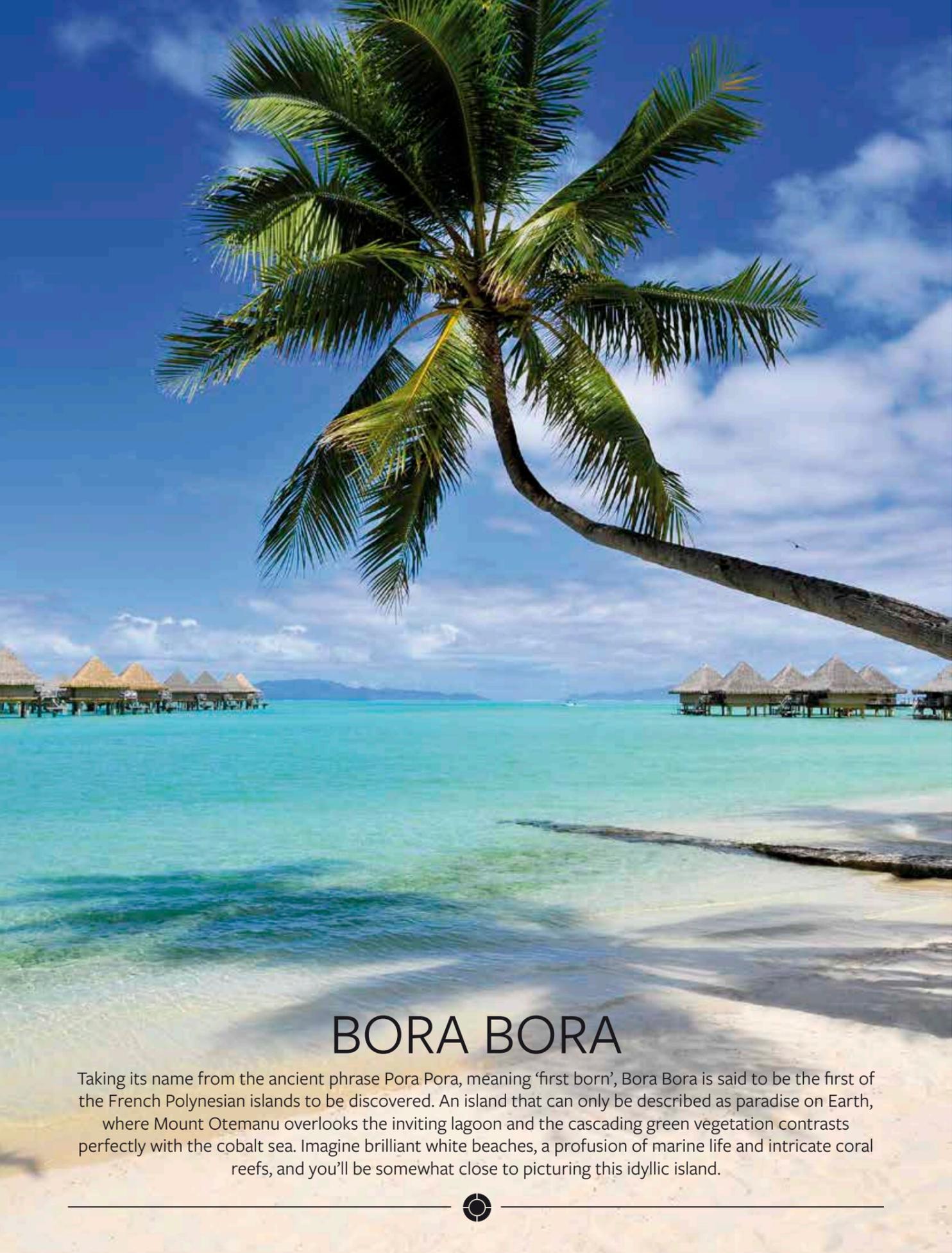


Le Taha'a Island Resort ★★★★★

Offering refined cuisine, tailor-made service of the highest quality, and a stunningly beautiful location. Set in the magnificent Taha'a Lagoon, this is the perfect getaway.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £399 PER ADULT



BORA BORA

Taking its name from the ancient phrase Pora Pora, meaning 'first born', Bora Bora is said to be the first of the French Polynesian islands to be discovered. An island that can only be described as paradise on Earth, where Mount Otemanu overlooks the inviting lagoon and the cascading green vegetation contrasts perfectly with the cobalt sea. Imagine brilliant white beaches, a profusion of marine life and intricate coral reefs, and you'll be somewhat close to picturing this idyllic island.



LE MERIDIEN BORA BORA

Maitai Bora Bora
★★★★★
Located in lush tropical gardens, this friendly hotel is the perfect destination for an affordable beachfront stay.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £97 PER ADULT



Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa ★★★★★
Located on a small islet just ten minutes from the main island. For that extra special stay, the Overwater Bungalows are a must!
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £239 PER ADULT



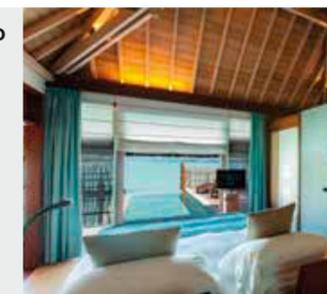
Intercontinental Le Moana ★★★★★
Choose from either beach bungalows or overwaters, at this charming Polynesian style resort on the southernmost tip of Bora Bora.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £333 PER ADULT



St Regis Bora Bora ★★★★★
Offering exclusive luxury accommodation, the St Regis Bora Bora gives picture postcard views of Mount Otemanu. Stay in an overwater villa with your own private swimming deck.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £474 PER ADULT



Intercontinental Thalasso Spa ★★★★★
Situated on Motu Pita Aau, 'two hearts' in Tahitian. This resort combines traditional Polynesia with modern interior decor, making your stay unique.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £532 PER ADULT



Four Seasons Bora Bora ★★★★★
Wrapped by majestic views, this is surrounded by sand-fringed islets on an outer coral reef that enclose a turquoise lagoon. Steep yourself in the island's traditions, activities, and authentic cuisine.
FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £634 PER ADULT





The Brando, Tetiaroa Private Island ★★★★★

The ultimate in South Pacific luxury, the Brando is exclusively located on the atoll of Tetiaroa, a 20 minute flight to the north of Tahiti. Formerly the private retreat of the late Marlon Brando, this luxury property is now home to 35 villas, each with a private pool just a few steps from the beautifully sparkling waters and a stunning white sand beach.

ALL INCLUSIVE - Selected dates

FROM £1,364 PER ADULT



CRUISE THE SOUTH PACIFIC

With hundreds of islands and beaches to explore, you may feel spoilt for choice in the South Pacific. Make the most of your time with a cruise, hopping from island to atoll via vibrant coral reefs and palm fringed bays.



PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES



Paul Gauguin Cruises

The Paul Gauguin was designed specifically to sail the shallow seas of Tahiti and French Polynesia, visiting small ports and paradise beaches that larger ships cannot reach, while effortlessly blending into the stunning natural beauty of the South Seas.

Cruises are all inclusive, from the five star dining and sunset drinks, to the ice cold beers served from the back of a kayak while you snorkel in turquoise waters. Spacious suites and staterooms (more than 70% with private balconies), an onboard water sports marina, a choice of three gourmet dining venues and an extensive spa are among her luxurious attributes.



Tahiti and the Society Islands

8 Day Cruise from £3,981 per adult

The perfection introduction to the beautiful South Pacific, sail through Tahiti, Huahine, Taha'a, Bora Bora and Moorea as you discover pristine atolls, luscious green mountains and a plethora of marine life. Ask our expert Travel Designers for details of 10 and 11 night cruises which incorporate the Tuamotu Archipelago and the Cook Islands.

Please Note: Departs from Tahiti on selected dates – please contact our Travel Designers for departure information.

ARCHIPEL CRUISES



Archipel Cruises

Cruise through some of the most beautiful islands and lagoons of the South Pacific with Archipels, on a luxurious catamaran designed to accommodate up to just 8 guests. With options ranging from four to eleven days there is something to suit any itinerary, and all cruises include a wide range of activities, touring on local islands and sumptuous meals aboard.

Bora Bora Pearl Dream Cruise

4 Day Cruise from £605 per adult

A perfect snapshot of paradise! Begin your adventure by exploring the lagoon at Taha'a with plenty of time for snorkelling in the crystal clear waters. After a night at anchor sail to iconic Bora Bora where you'll spend the next few days discovering the barrier reef, visiting a motu and snorkelling in the coral gardens.

Please Note: Departs Saturdays at 12pm in Raiatea and concludes on Tuesdays at 8am in Bora Bora.

Bora Bora Dream Cruise

8 Day Package from £999 per adult

Visit Taha'a lagoon, Bora Bora, and then Huahine with Archipels. There's time for swimming with lemon sharks, visiting a black pearl farm, discovering the temples and waterfalls of Raiatea, and spotting the resident Manta Rays on this 8 day voyage.

Please Note: Departs Saturdays at 12pm in Raiatea and concludes on Saturdays at 8am in Raiatea.

Polynesia Dream Cruise

11 Day Package from £1,545 per adult

Depart from Tahiti and over the course of your 11 day adventure you will visit Moorea, Huahine, Bora Bora and Taha'a, before your cruise finishes in Raiatea. With opportunities to snorkel the coral gardens, kayaking tours, and the option for a BBQ lunch on a private motu on one of the afternoons in Bora Bora, this is likely to be the sailing trip of a lifetime.

Please Note: Departs Wednesdays at 12pm in Tahiti and concludes on Saturdays at 8am in Raiatea. Also available in reverse.

Please see austravel.com for full details



HONG KONG

One of the most vibrant and cosmopolitan city stopovers, Hong Kong is a glistening metropolis that embodies a unique fusion of Chinese culture and colonial Britain. Renowned for its five-star hotels and fine-dining restaurants, this city is a luxurious host. Whether you want to experience the panoramic views of Victoria Peak or discover the bustling markets and trams of Kowloon, Hong Kong has something for everyone.



— DAY TOURS —

Half Day City Tour

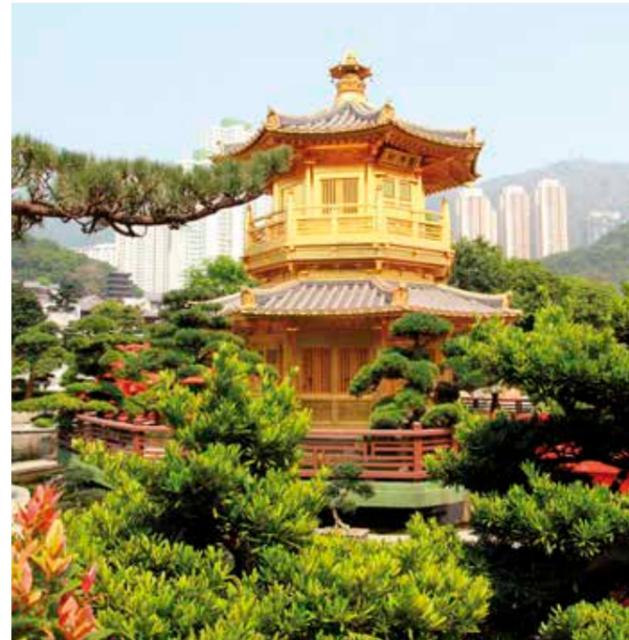
Once a simple fishing village, today Hong Kong is one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities where East truly meets West. Be amazed by this exciting city with a half day tour including Man Mo Temple, Victoria Peak, Aberdeen Fishing Village and Stanley Market.

FROM £38 PER ADULT

Macau Day Tour

Only an hour by high speed ferry from Hong Kong, Macau could not be more different. With its relaxed Portuguese influenced atmosphere and architecture, along with the UNESCO World Heritage listed historic centre, Macau is a unique fusion of Chinese and Portuguese culture. A day trip to Macau is a must for any visitor to Hong Kong.

FROM £202 PER ADULT



Metropark Kowloon

★★★★★

Located close to Mongkok, this hotel is just a few minutes' walk away from countless restaurants and shops, as well as the famous Ladies Market.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £49 PER ADULT



Harbour Grand Hong Kong

★★★★★
A luxury hotel, each room enjoys unobstructed views of the famous Victoria Harbour, and is just a 2 minute walk from the nearest railway station.

ROOM UPGRADE - Selected dates
FROM £73 PER ADULT



Harbour Grand Kowloon

★★★★★
In a great location on Kowloon waterfront with panoramic views of Victoria Harbour, a spectacular rooftop pool, spa, and choice of six restaurants.

HONEYMOON OFFER - Selected dates
FROM £109 PER ADULT



SINGAPORE

One of our most popular stopover destinations, Singapore is an exciting city with a wealth of cultural attractions. Explore bustling Chinatown, shop on the fashionable Orchard Road, meet the giant pandas at Singapore Zoo or take a plunge into the rooftop pool at Marina Bay Sands – high above the city skyline.



— DAY TOURS —

Half Day City Tour

Experience the city's colonial heritage through Little India, Parliament House and the Supreme Court. Proceed to Chinatown before enjoying a birds' eye view of the world's busiest port from Mt. Faber. Visit the National Orchid Garden in the Botanic Garden.

FROM £20 PER ADULT

Half Day Tour of Sentosa

Interestingly, Sentosa means 'peace and tranquillity' in Malay, seemingly appropriate for this Island that is the hot spot to spend your leisure time. From beaches and nature walks to theme parks and trapeze lessons, if you're looking to relax or are seeking a thrill then Sentosa Island has it all.

FROM £65 PER ADULT



Furama Riverfront

★★★★★

Conveniently located between Chinatown and Clarke Quay there are plenty of things to do nearby. The large outdoor pool is ideal for relaxing after a busy day.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £93 PER ADULT



Park Hotel Clarke Quay

★★★★★

Located on historic Singapore River, a short walk from the entertainment hub of Clarke Quay, the architecture of this hotel exudes the old world charm of Singapore's colonial past.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £89 PER ADULT



Shangri-La Singapore

★★★★★

Where it all began for this chain but still voted as one of the best hotels, the Shangri-La Singapore is set within 15 acres of greenery and found in one of Singapore's prime locations.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £127 PER ADULT





DUBAI

A modern Middle Eastern city rising for the desert, Dubai holds the title of one of the world's top luxury destinations. With an ever-changing skyline of cloud-skimming architecture, explore the bustling souks, wander the extravagant malls, or relax on the white sands of Jumeirah Beach. Dubai is sure to impress.



DAY TOURS

Burj Khalifa: Ticket to the Top

Take the elevator up the most awe-inspiring architectural sight, the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building on Earth. Enjoy stunning views from the world's highest outdoor observation deck on the 148th floor, including the famous Dubai Fountain show.

FROM £29 PER ADULT

Dune Desert Safari

Take a seat in a 4x4 Jeep and experience a thrilling ride up and over the sand dunes. Let the adrenalin subside and gaze at the stars whilst enjoying your desert barbecue and an evening show.

FROM £79 PER ADULT



Majestic Hotel Tower

★★★★★

Situated close to Bur Dubai in downtown, this hotel has modern and spacious rooms, and a fantastic swimming pool deck.

LATE CHECK OUT - Selected dates

FROM £32 PER ADULT



JA Ocean View

★★★★☆ Located on 'The Walk' at Jumeirah Beach, all rooms and suites have sea views and balconies which overlook the Arabian Gulf.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates

FROM £91 PER ADULT



Atlantis, The Palm

★★★★★

Located on the World's largest man-made island and created to suit the whole family. From water themed amusement at Aquaventure Water Park, the underwater world of The Lost Chambers Aquarium to pristine beaches.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates

FROM £336 PER ADULT



BANGKOK

The fascinating and chaotic Thai capital of Bangkok combines stylish bars and eateries with a unique Asian flair. For the full Thai experience, see the exquisite Grand Palace, explore the ancient temples, go souvenir shopping at one of the city's floating markets and dine on sumptuous street food.



DAY TOURS

Half Day Floating Market

The colourfully clad merchants at the lively Damnoen Saduak market paddle along congested canals in canoes laden with fresh fruit and vegetables to sell to shoppers on the banks.

FROM £31 PER ADULT



Century Park

★★★★★ Within easy access for shops, restaurants and bars, the Century Park Hotel stands 24 storeys high with fantastic views across the city and boasting an impressive roof top pool and gardens.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £34 PER ADULT



Rembrandt Hotel

★★★★★

This hotel offers a quiet sanctuary in the centre of the city. The spacious guest rooms have been recently renovated ensuring you will have a comfortable and enjoyable stay.

UPGRADE OFFER - Selected dates

FROM £37 PER ADULT



Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers

★★★★★ This award-winning resort style hotel is renowned for luxury and exceptional service. Experience the comfort of contemporary rooms, relax by the pool or enjoy gourmet food.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates

FROM £48 PER ADULT





THAILAND BEACHES



DAY TOURS



Full Day Phang Nwga Bay Discovery, Phuket

Starting from a small pier in the mangrove forest of Phang Nga Bay, take a longtail boat ride to visit the world famous "James Bond Island" - here they filmed parts of the movie "The Man with the Golden Gun" starring Roger Moore as 007. Stop on Koh Panyi, a sea gypsy village raised on stilts for Thai lunch before cruising back to dry land. As an extra bonus visit Suwanakuha Temple, a cave with a huge Buddha statue reclining amongst long tailed Macaque monkeys that are awaiting your banana treats.

FROM £49 PER ADULT

Apsara Beachfront Resort & Villas, Khao Lak ★★★★★☆

In a peaceful location, this is a perfect retreat thanks to excellent facilities and optional all inclusive package. Chill with a cocktail or relax with a massage.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £32 PER ADULT



Pavilion Samui Villas ★★★★★

All villas are nestled in tropical gardens on the beachfront at Lamai Beach; upgrade for your own private pool.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £79 PER ADULT



Centara Karon Resort, Phuket ★★★★★

Just a few minutes' walk from Karon Beach, this modern resort is divided into four zones catering to couples and families alike.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates
FROM £39 PER ADULT



KUALA LUMPUR



DAY TOURS

Traders Hotel ★★★★★

Overlooking the iconic Petronas Twin Towers, and offering great value, this hotel is a perfect base in KL. Evening cocktails at the SkyBar overlooking the Petronas towers is an experience not to be missed.

FROM £54 PER ADULT



The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur ★★★★★

Sophisticated and colonial, this hotel is rich in heritage. Rooms are split between the original Majestic wing with reading room and cigar lounge, or the newer art-deco Tower Wing.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £59 PER ADULT



Shangri-La Hotel ★★★★★

One of Kuala Lumpur's finest hotels, this award-winning luxury retreat with its classically styled guest rooms and grand lobby is set in the sought after Golden Triangle district only five minutes' walk from the Petronas Towers.

FROM £68 PER ADULT



Half Day City Tour

View the contrast of old Moorish architecture and modern skyscrapers such as the Petronas Twin Towers. Visit Merdeka Square, National Mosque and the New Royal Palace. Visit the National Museum and later take a stroll at the beautiful Lake Gardens located within the vicinity of the National Monument.

FROM £12 PER ADULT

BALI



DAY TOURS



Bali's Great Introduction

Explore Bali's natural and cultural highlights on this full day tour taking you to the village of Kintamani for spectacular views of Mount Batur, the beautiful Tegallalang rice terraces, Goa Garba temple and local craft villages.

FROM £59 PER ADULT

The Seminyak Beach Resort & Spa ★★★★★

This modern resort has a prime beachfront setting in a quiet corner of Seminyak. Relax around the oceanfront infinity pool, the perfect spot for sunset cocktails.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £135 PER ADULT



Segara Village ★★★★★

With the feel of a traditional Balinese village, low rise rooms are scattered through tropical gardens, with a beachfront swimming pool and lounge bar.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £127 PER ADULT



The Laguna – A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa ★★★★★

With 5,000 sqm of swimmable lagoons you'll have no problem finding a quiet sunbathing spot at this luxurious resort.

REDUCED RATES - Selected dates
FROM £88 PER ADULT



USA



DAY TOURS

Argonaut, San Francisco ★★★★★

Set close to Fisherman's Wharf, this stylish nautically-themed boutique hotel allows you to enjoy fresh local seafood, access to Alcatraz and Pier 39 right on your door step.

FROM £108 PER ADULT



Bellagio, Las Vegas ★★★★★

Stay in iconic luxury with this beautifully Italian themed hotel right in the centre of the Las Vegas Strip. Watch the displays of the famous fountains dancing to music or why not upgrade your room to see this sight 24 hours a day.

FROM £63 PER ADULT



Andaz Maui at Wailea Hawaii ★★★★★

This stylish hotel is set directly on the beachfront with four infinity pools to soak up the sunshine. Sample Maui's freshest flavours in five delicious dining options or relax at one of two pool-side bars.

FROM £232 PER ADULT



Alcatraz and Cable Car Experience, San Francisco

As one of history's most legendary prisons and the city's most famous landmarks; no trip is complete without a visit to Alcatraz. Take a 20 minute ride over to Alcatraz Island for your tour and then hop on and off an old cable car to explore the sights of San Francisco.

FROM £108 PER ADULT

