NEW ZEALAND GUIDE

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With over 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 this ‘New Zealand Guide’ really showcases 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 – with a fraction of the population.

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 (p57) is a perfect example, and who can resist a stay on a working vineyard? Austravel also recommend the unusual all glass ‘Pure Pods’, located in various prime locations with breath-taking views (p22).

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!

Lesley Rollo
Managing Director

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YOUR TRAVEL DESIGNERS

Not sure when’s the best time to visit New Zealand? Want to know the best way to get around to see as much as possible? Our Travel Designers are here to help and have experienced amazing New Zealand and the South Pacific 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.

Sue
“For the ultimate in Polynesian luxury, stay in an Overwater Bungalow in Bora Bora for incredible views over Mount Otemanu. The perfect romantic retreat”
Find out more about The Islands of Tahiti on p.64

James
“The best way to see New Zealand is by car or motorhome as driving is so easy. Stop off when you want to capture that perfect photo or stumble across a quaint village and get to know the locals.”
Find out more about car hire on p.14 and motorhome hire on p.16

Matt
“I loved staying in Rotorua, as it’s the perfect place to locate yourselves for experiencing Maori culture. We watched bubbling geysers in the morning at Te Puia and enjoyed a Hangi feast in the evening at Tamaki.”
Find out more about Rotorua on p.32

Vicki
“For serious wow factor, take a scenic flight over the mammoth glaciers of Franz Joseph or Fox Glacier – the views are spectacular! The colours and shapes of the ice are like nothing I’ve ever seen before.”
Find out more about West Coast Glaciers on p.52

How we create your trip

1. Tell us your travel plans
Tell us 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!

Call free on 0808 250 2298

WHY CHOOSE US

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 over 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 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.

Australv.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 Australv experts.

Charity Partnership
Australv proudly supports the Penguin Foundation, protecting Phillip Island’s little penguin colony through conservation. Book with us and we will ask you to make a small donation of £2 which will be donated to the Penguin Foundation. Further your support by visiting Phillip Island’s conservation-based attractions – please visit Australv.com for more information or talk to your Travel Designer.

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TRAVEL IN STYLE WITH AUSTRAVEL AND...

Air New Zealand offers you more ways to New Zealand than any other airline from the UK and ensures a uniquely Kiwi experience before you touch down. Renowned for their exceptional crew and innovative onboard product, Air New Zealand fly to New Zealand daily from the United Kingdom. With a wide range of free stopover destinations between the UK and New Zealand, you can choose to travel with Air New Zealand from London to Los Angeles and onwards to Auckland or fly from London or Manchester with one of their airline partners via Asia or North America and then pick up an Air New Zealand flight onto New Zealand. Once in New Zealand, only Air New Zealand can take you to 20 domestic destinations including Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the unique Kiwi hospitality onboard. Experience the ergonomically-designed Economy seat, stretch out on the innovative Economy Skycouch™, enjoy the luxurious leather seat in Premium Economy or unwind in their Business Premier™, home to one of the longest beds in the sky. Get a taste of modern Kiwi cuisine and stuck into delicious, celebrity chef curated menus including locally sourced ingredients alongside free poured New Zealand wine. Plus, with over 2,000 ingredients alongside free poured New Zealand wine. Plus, with over 3,500 channels of award-winning entertainment – plus phone, SMS and email connectivity from every seat.

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Getting to Fiji has become a lot easier with Fiji Airways. With a network of 23 destinations in 13 countries, Fiji Airways offers unrivalled access to the Pacific. Through our hub in Nadi, Fiji passengers reach Australia, New Zealand and exotic Pacific Islands. The connections are particularly comfortable via Asia: Hong Kong flying five times a week, Singapore twice a week and Tokyo three times a week via the brand new Airbus A330.

Business Class
Fiji Airways Business Class offers discerning travelers a unique and exclusive class of travel. On the ground, customers enjoy dedicated check-in, increased baggage allowance, express airport lanes and access to lounge facilities at selected airports. In the air, Business Class customers enjoy three course fine dining designed by renowned and award-winning celebrity Chef’s, a range of fine wines, spirits, liqueurs and a selection of cheeses. With individual screens, Business Class customers can select from a full range of in-flight entertainment on demand.

Economy Class
Economy Class offers naturally friendly cabin crew and elegant, yet relaxed cabin decor so guests sit back and enjoy the hospitality of one of the world’s most welcoming cultures. Guests can enjoy complimentary in-flight entertainment onboard international services. From the classics to comedies, customers are offered a selection of movies and TV programs alongside a range of audio channels from Top 40 hits to Hindi hits, including a dedicated channel for children.

With an unrivalled 53 weekly non-stop flights to Hong Kong from Heathrow Terminal 3, Gatwick South Terminal, Manchester Terminal 2 and Dublin Terminal 1, Cathay Pacific is the perfect choice and natural gateway to Australia and New Zealand.

5 daily flights from Heathrow, a daily flight from Gatwick and a daily flight from Manchester non-stop to Hong Kong bring its passengers even closer to their destination with a 30 minutes minimum connection time.

Cathay Pacific operates Economy, Premium Economy and Business cabins on all services out of the UK, with First class cabins also available on selected flights out of London Heathrow. Flights from/to Gatwick and Manchester are operated by Airbus A350-900, the state-of-the-art and technologically-advanced aircraft.

Cathay Pacific believes that traveling 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.

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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 and it doesn’t just have to be for a couple of nights either. From the gleaming skyscrapers of Southeast Asian cities, to the deserts of the Arabian Gulf or the adventure playground that is California, the choice is yours. Join an escorted tour through Vietnam or explore volcanoes in Hawai'i. Here we’ve showcased some of the most popular, but contact our Travel Designers for more destinations.

1 Middle East
Home to stunning Islamic architecture, desert landscapes, immersive bazaars and modern iconic sky lines, the Middle East is like an Aladdin’s cave. With flight times around 7 hours, a stopover in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Qatar are just a few of the destinations you can choose to visit.

2 Thailand
From wandering through the busy streets of Bangkok to exploring tropical rainforests, or simply relaxing on the picturesque beaches, Thailand has lots to offer. Stop off at a street food stall for fresh fruit or local delicacies and visit ancient temples where you can immerse yourself in the countries culture.

3 Hong Kong
Explore this vibrant harbour side 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 USA and Canada
Why not stop half way in North America to break up your journey? Cycle the golden gate bridge in San Francisco, explore the bustling west coast seaport of Vancouver or surf the beaches of Hawaii; to name just a few of the great destinations to choose from.

5 Malaysia
With the soaring Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, boasting one of the most iconic skylines in the Far East to the breathtaking views of the tea plantations in the Cameron Highlands, explore a country of beautiful architecture and fascinating history.

6 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.

7 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.

8 South Pacific
Looking for that quintessential tropical island getaway? Then look no further. Choose from Fiji, The Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga or the islands of Tahiti with honeymoon hotspot; Bora Bora or combine a few for an even more memorable island-hopping adventure. See pages 62 – 77 for more details.

Request our Australia Guide for holidays to the Great Barrier Reef, red earth of the Outback and cosmopolitan cities. We also have great ideas for self drives, tours and unique experiences in this spectacular country; all ready for you to discover.
What to do:
360 Lantau Explorer Tour
Your doorstep.

Treatments based on Chinese medicine and with the benefit of the city on music underwater! Indulge in wellness and rejuvenation with signature stunning rooftop pool that’s perfect for a sunrise swim – it even plays pieces of contemporary Chinese art and a 1,500 Home to around The Cordis, Hong Kong

Where to stay:
Hong Kong and China
City in Beijing; this 8 Visiting one of the greatest sights in the world, The Great Wall of China, Explore more:
Discover China Escorted Tour
Hong Kong appear.

What to do:
Hop onto a cable car and be greeted with vistas of the distant South China Sea and rolling greens of North Lantau Country Park before panoramas of the World.

Choose from colonial and sophistication right in the heart of the city, or 39 Wharf is the perfect spot for tasting fresh seafood, with Pier

Opt for a refined oasis in the heart of the city at the flagship property of the Shangri-La group, or head south to Bali to a tranquil, all-inclusive beach resort.

The perfect introduction for those with limited time in the city, visiting

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What to do:
Alcatraz Island, San Francisco

What to do: Floating market in Bangkok
Visit the world famous floating market of ‘Damnam Saduak’, a colourful and lively yet congested canal. It might be a tourist trap, but it’s worth a visit for the atmosphere.

Explore more: Elephant Hills Jungle Safari Camp
Help feed, clean and bathe Asian elephants in the Khao Sok National Park then stay in African inspired safari tents on this memorable two night experience.

Dubai and the Middle East
Where to stay: Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai
Located on the World’s largest man-made island and created to suit the whole family. From water themed amusement at Aquaventure Water Park to pristine beaches and more.

What to do: Dubai Desert Safari
Take a seat in a 4x4 Jeep and experience a thrilling ride up and over the sand dunes. Let the adrenaline subside and gaze at the stars, whilst enjoying a desert barbecue and an evening cultural show.

Explore more: Highlights of Oman
Embark on a four day adventure in the Arabian Desert on a tour that’s rich in culture. Visit a historical fort and one of the oldest souq’s in Oman, taste delicious coffee and dates in a traditional Bedouin house and then switch the sand dunes for the coast and a visit to a turtle reserve.

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USA and Canada
Where to stay: The Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco
This stylish, nautically-themed, boutique hotel located on Fisherman’s Wharf is the perfect spot for tasting fresh seafood, with Pier 39 and access to Alcatraz right on your doorstep.

What to do: Alcatraz Island, San Francisco

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Explore more: Hawaiian Discovery Escorted Tour
If you have a little extra time, explore four of the stunning Hawaiian Islands on this 11 day escorted tour. Visit Volcanoes National Park, a Kona coffee plantation and a sunset cruise from K'aanapali Beach, Maui to take in some of the beautiful scenery, culture and history these isolated islands have to offer.
INTRODUCTION TO NEW ZEALAND

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!

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.

TOP EXPERIENCES

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

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

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

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.
AVIS NEW ZEALAND

It's so easy to drive in New Zealand – good roads, clear signs and you're on the same side as the UK. With a range of cars from the compact to a 4WD, Avis New Zealand can get you from A to B with ease – and you will see lots on the way too!

Austravel and Avis have used our specialist knowledge to create essential self drive itineraries – with all your overnight accommodation pre-booked. All these self drives come with a handy backpack containing maps, day by day driving instructions and even hints on where you should stop for photo opportunities.

Avis New Zealand

North Island Wanderer
9 Day Self Drive Itinerary

Explore dramatic coastlines and visit famed Hot Water Beach, swim with dolphins and watch a traditional Maori concert in Rotorua then sip wines through Napier and Hawke's Bay before tasting your way around Wellington on a food tour.

DAY 1: AUCKLAND – COROMANDEL PENINSULA approx. 104 miles
DAY 2: COROMANDEL PENINSULA
DAY 3: COROMANDEL PENINSULA – ROTORUA approx. 129 miles
DAY 4: ROTORUA – LAKE TAUPO approx. 51 miles
DAY 5: LAKE TAUPO – NAPIER approx. 87 miles
DAY 6: NAPIER
DAY 7: NAPIER – MARTINBOROUGH approx. 169 miles
DAY 8: MARTINBOROUGH – WELLINGTON approx. 49 miles
DAY 9: WELLINGTON

South Island Wanderer
12 Day Self Drive Itinerary

From whales to wineries and everything in between, this road trip will take you through the scenic wilderness of Haast Pass, see the impressive Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, the stunning beauty of Milford Sound and take a thrilling jet boat adventure in Queenstown.

DAY 1: CHRISTCHURCH – BLENHEIM approx. 192 miles
DAY 2: BLENHEIM – NELSON approx. 71 miles
DAY 3: NELSON
DAY 4: NELSON – HOKITIKA approx. 202 miles
DAY 5: HOKITIKA – GLACIER REGION approx. 87 miles
DAY 6: GLACIER REGION – QUEENSTOWN approx. 219 miles
DAY 7: QUEENSTOWN
DAY 8: QUEENSTOWN – TE ANAU approx. 107 miles
DAY 9: TE ANAU
DAY 10: TE ANAU – DUNEDIN approx. 180 miles
DAY 11: DUNEDIN
DAY 12: DUNEDIN – CHRISTCHURCH approx. 225 miles

Standard Rates Include:
- Unlimited miles
- Collision Loss Damage Waiver (CDW)
- Goods & Services Tax (GST)
- Additional Driver Fee

Excludes: (Payable at time of pick up)
- One Way rental fees
- Refuelling Costs
- Excess Reduction (optional)
- Airport/Wharf Fee
- Optional extras (e.g child seats)

To upgrade to inclusive insurance and for full terms and conditions see austravel.com or speak to your Travel Designer.

Free Backpack

Receive a free backpack with every Austravel self drive.

The backpack comes complete with maps and guide - make sure you book a night before yourself drive to plan your trip and we will deliver your backpack to your hotel. Please note for any tailor made self drives this backpack and guide is available at an additional cost – ask your Travel Designer for details.

Seating Capacity
Luggage

Compact Toyota Corolla Hatch or similar (Group C)

Full Size Toyota Camry or similar (Group E)

Full Size Toyota Highlander or similar (Group F)

Premium 4WD Toyota Prado or similar (Group W)

Compact 2WD SUV Holden Trax or similar (Group G)

Hybrid Toyota Camry or similar (Group K)

TOURING

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Day Suggested Motorhome Itinerary

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 TransAlpine 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
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It is possible to book a campervan for any of the routes included in our self drive tours – ask your expert Travel Designer for details!

ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

Touring

14 Day Suggested Motorhome Itinerary

From National Parks to lauraceous 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 TransAlpine 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
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Hiring a motorhome gives you the flexibility to choose the duration that suits you. Please see austravel.com for alternative itinerary suggestions or talk to your Travel Designer for more recommendations.
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

TOURING

South Island Sensation
NEW 12 Day Luxury Small Group Escorted Tour NSGS12
A brand new journey to the collection. As part of an intimate group of just 20 guests, travelling from Wellington to Queenstown, you will get to stay in a luxury eco-resort surrounded by natural rainforests – the Te Waonui Forest Retreat – and sample wines in the Marlborough Region while enjoying a delicious dinner.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:
• Cruise across the Cook Strait from Wellington to Blenheim on the Interislander Ferry
• Embark on a whale watching cruise in Kaikoura and experience an upclose encounter with a Giant Sperm Whale
• Visit the Canterbury Museum, Cathedral Square and Riccarton House and Bush in Christchurch
• Travel across the Southern Alps on the TranzAlpine train
• Go in search of friendly dolphins on a cruise in Akaroa’s harbour
• All transportation, overnight accommodation, 11 breakfasts and 9 dinners

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE UP TO £500 PER COUPLE ON SELECTED DATES

New Zealand Getaway
16 Day Essential Escorted Tour NT16
This 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.

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, 16 breakfasts and 9 dinners

All Essential Tours are operated by Travelmarvel, part of the APT Travel Group.

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE UP TO £400 PER COUPLE ON SELECTED DATES

New Zealand Wonderland
18 Day Luxury Escorted Tour NWC18
An extraordinary journey through the highlights of this unique country and explore both islands, with a host of fantastic experiences included. Begin in the city of sails in Auckland and journey to Australasia’s highest peak at Mount Cook before finishing in Christchurch.

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, 17 breakfasts and 12 dinners

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TOURING

Highlights of New Zealand

16 Day Affordable Tour

One of our most popular tours for value for money, travelling from Christchurch to Auckland (south to north), including glaciers, Fiordland and Maori culture.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

• Enjoy a delicious Devonshire Tea 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 TransAlpine 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 Auckland, Dunedin, Wellington & Auckland
• All transportation, experienced Tour Guide, overnight accommodation and 29 meals

New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach

19 Day Signature Tour

Fully escorted tour starting in Auckland, featuring four breathtaking rail journeys, four cruises – including a scenic Milford Sound overnight cruise – before finishing in Christchurch.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

• Ride the famous train journeys at Glenbrook Vintage Railway, the Coastal Pacific, TransAlpine, and the Taieri Gorge Limited
• 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. Experience 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
• Enjoy a Haggis Ceremony and visit Olveston Historic Home
• Also includes city sights tours of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin
• All transportation, experienced Tour Guide, overnight accommodation and 34 meals

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• Unique dining experiences

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LUXURY NEW ZEALAND

Found in some of the country’s most picturesque and breathtaking surroundings, experience luxury New Zealand with our collection of boutique hotels, lodges and villas. Here are a few hand-picked properties that we feature, but speak to us for more recommendations, so you can treat yourself to the very best service and accommodation for your stay in New Zealand.

Hidden QUEENSTOWN

Situated on the edge of Lake Wakatipu, on a secluded hillside on the outskirts of town; Hidden boasts one of the best views in Queenstown. With only 4 luxurious suites guests can experience personal outstanding service and excellent warm hospitality. This boutique accommodation 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 AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES

PurePods

Experience the unforgettable with PurePods, scattered across 6 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.

The Boatshed WAIHEKE ISLAND

Away from the hustle and bustle of the city lies Auckland’s best kept secret. Waiheke Island is truly a world away, with some of the most beautiful beaches caressing its shores. Comprising of just five guest suites and two bungalows, drop anchor in Oneroa Bay and come and enjoy a slice of island paradise at this chic, luxury and romantic accommodation sitting just above the Bay; the perfect place to catch up on a bit of “me time”.

GET HERE BY REGULAR FERRY FROM AUCKLAND HARBOUR IN 35 MINUTES.

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 where the architecture has been specifically designed to merge seamlessly into the sloping hillside. Each of the four rooms have uninterrupted views to historic Russell and across the bay, with large private balconies.

FREE DINNER OFFERED ON SELECTED DATES

Bay of Many Coves Resort MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

Beginning with a 30 minute journey across a sheltered bay, this small, luxury property is nestled amid a rolling landscape with bush that extends down to the water’s edge of their secluded bay. Dine at the restaurant for seasonal produce, swim in the freshwater pool, enjoy a short bush walk, or hire a sea kayak and head off to explore the coastline. Stay here for spacious hillside apartments in the unspoilt Marlborough Sounds.

SPA CREDIT SPECIAL OFFER ON SELECTED DATES
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!

Spot Kiwi at Zealandia in Wellington

This unique eco-sanctuary is located in a 225 hectare site on the outskirts of Wellington. Over 40 different species of birds can be found within the sanctuary and 24 of these species can only be found in New Zealand. One of these species is the flightless Kiwi. Make sure you book the Zealandia after dark tour for the best chance of spotting the nocturnal New Zealand mascot!

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. You can also explore further by embarking on a 3 day walk staying in purpose built huts.

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.

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.

Monarch Wildlife Cruises of Dunedin

Cruise the length of the beautiful Otago Harbour; enjoy the wildlife cruise of spectacular Taaroa Head and a scenic Otago Peninsula bus tour. Also included is a guided tour of the award-winning Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve, home to the world’s rarest penguin. Your guide will lead you on foot through a unique system of covered trenches into viewing hides where you can observe this shy breed at a close range.

THE MILFORD TRACK

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. Taking 4 days to complete, 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. If you are short on time you can still experience the Milford Track with a 4-5 hour leisurely day walk on the initial section of the track.

WALKS, 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.
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.

**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 Coromandel Peninsula: 2 hours 30 minutes
- **GMT:** +12 hours (Apr - Sep) or +13 hours (Sep - Apr)
DAY TOURS

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.

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.

M Social Auckland

Situated on the waterfront close to Viaduct Harbour, this chic hotel offers a fabulous location, overlooking the vibrant Princes Wharf. Contemporary rooms and one of Auckland’s coolest bars.

Adina Apartment Hotel Auckland Britomart

Close to the harbour and the trendy Britomart Precinct, this hotel boasts modern and spacious apartments in a great location.

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 and each room is individually designed.

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 personalized touches that you would expect from a luxury retreat.

WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...

“Auckland is built around the water so there are plenty of options to explore Auckland’s two beautiful harbours, the Manukau harbour to the west and the Waitamata harbour on the east coast.”

PAUL – TRAVEL DESIGNER

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, heading 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.
BAY OF ISLANDS

To the north of Auckland lies the beautiful Bay of Islands – an aquatic playground of adventures. With over 140 islands and countless secluded 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 to the mainland where you can venture into Opua Forest to stand in awe of the huge kauri trees.

DAILY 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.

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.

Edgewater Palms Apartments
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, you can enjoy a slice of paradise in one or two bedroom apartments.

Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands
A short stroll from the main wharf at the seaside town of Paihia, this resort-style retreat is the ideal base from which to explore the area with modern, spacious rooms. FREE BREAKFAST AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES

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**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.

**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 and drinks in the Shires Rest Café.

**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.

**Te Puia**

Situated in Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve just five minutes’ drive from central Rotorua, watch the famous Pohutu Geyser as it bubbles and shoots water high into the sky, it is the star of the show. View native kowhai (New Zealand’s national icon) in a nocturnal enclosure, learn about the Maori cultures and traditions and then hand pick your own lunch, which is then cooked in a traditional steam vent in the geothermal area.

**WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...**

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LAURA - DESTINATION EXECUTIVE

**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 AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES

**Solitaire Lodge**

Solitaire Lodge offers secluded luxury accommodation on a spectacular lakeside location. All 9 suites feature panoramic views of the glassy lake through grand windows, located just 30 minutes from Rotorua. FREE BREAKFAST AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES

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Day Tours

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**POHUTU GEYSER AT TE PUIA**

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Tamaki Tours Hangi & Concert

Enjoy a night of truly authentic, traditional Maori culture and entertainment, where you’ll be introduced to a world of ancient history 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.
**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.

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**Marina Park Apartments**

All one, two and three bedroom apartments are of a modern design with spacious open plan living and fully equipped kitchen. With just 5 minutes to the ferry and a few minutes’ walk to local shopping, this place makes for the perfect stay in the Coromandel region.

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**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!

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**Grand Mercure Puka Park**

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

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**DAY TOUR**

**E COLA**

**Glass Bottom Boat Whitianga**

** Millennium Hotel**

Located on the shores of Lake Taupo, offering stunning views of the lake and mountains and just minutes away from Taupo’s famous attractions. The lakefront rooms are tastefully decorated in French provincial style.

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**HukaFalls Jet Boat**

Travel past native bush and natural hot springs as you speed towards the impressive Huka Falls at up to 50 miles an hour along the Waikato River. 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 this destination’s spectacular scenery.

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**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 leisurely 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.

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**Château Tongariro Hotel**

Situated at the foot of Mount Ruapehu and surrounded by stunning diverse landscapes. This hotel has many original features dating back to 1929 and is the perfect retreat following a day in the Tongariro National Park.

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**FREE BREAKFAST AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES**

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**FREE NIGHTS AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES**
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 Art Deco architecture. Other special attractions include the penguin 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
With routes catering for all levels of fitness, cycling the Havelock and Cape Coast Wineries 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.

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.

TOURING

Follow The Grapevine
6 Day Self Drive Itinerary

From bubbling mud pools, sipping wine amongst rolling hills and of course the incredible scenery, you will be sure to enjoy this self drive itinerary through New Zealand’s north island.

DAY 1: AUCKLAND – TAUPO APPROX. 173 MILES
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 APPROX. 88 MILES
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 APPROX. 168 MILES
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 APPROX. 50 MILES
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 see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options and talk to your Travel Designer about including this as part of a longer itinerary.

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 ROOM UPGRADES AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES

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 AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES
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.

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.

Zest Walking Food Tours

If you are looking for a small, personal introduction to Wellington city and love the sound of sampling food and drink from New Zealand’s ‘culinary, café and coffee capital’, then this is the perfect tour for you. Choices of half and full day tours with tastings at a range of specialty stores and artisan businesses, as well as information about the city’s history, art and culture as you move around.

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 AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES

QT Wellington

Located on Wellington’s waterfront, opposite Te Papa Museum. Eclectic 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.
THE GREAT JOURNEYS OF NEW ZEALAND

Interislander Ferry
Whatever time of day you choose to cross the Cook Strait, you’ll experience one of New Zealand’s finest journeys. The Interislander offers a convenient daily service across the twelve mile 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, the breathtaking entrance to the South Island at Picton.

Kiwi Rail
From the fertile farmlands of Waikato in the North Island to the Southern Alps and the ice-fed Waimakariri River on the South Island, experience incredible train journeys that will showcase the striking beauty of the country’s untouched landscapes, native bush and charming coastal towns. Choose from the Northern Explorer for rugged terrain, the Coastal Pacific for Mountains and Sea or the TranzAlpine for coast to coast alpine landscape.
SOUTH ISLAND

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.

TOP EXPERIENCES
- Stay in the adventure capital of Queenstown, home to jet boats, 4x4 safaris and spectacular walking tracks.
- 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

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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 on a small group or private wine tour. Taste the delicious 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 knowledgeable guide gives you an insight into how these great wines are crafted.

Seafood Odyssea Cruise
A must for any seafood lovers! Cruise into the Marlborough Sounds, taking in the natural beauty and tranquility 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.

WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...

“With over 30 cellar doors in Marlborough, there are plenty of opportunities to taste the local sauvignon Blanc. Make sure you join a guided tour of the vineyards and let someone else do the driving.”

LAURA, DESTINATION EXECUTIVE
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 and one of the best ways to experience Abel Tasman National Park is by a multi-day guided kayaking trip so you can witness New Zealand fur seal colonies, little blue penguins and bottlenose dolphins. Abel Tasman is an absolute must on any South Island itinerary.

Abel Tasman Kayaking & Walking Adventure

3 Day Package

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.

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.

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.

Please Note:
Package includes 2 nights’ accommodation, day pack, return transfers, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners.

Touring

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. Watch out for the resident Blue Penguins and other sea birds along the coast during your two hour paddle. 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.

Farewell Spit Eco Tour
After joining your guide you will spend the day exploring the northernmost 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.
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, truly a once in a lifetime experience.

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.

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.

The George, Christchurch

Overlooking the picturesque Hagley Park, 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.

Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses
Nestled between the Kaikoura seaward mountain range and the Pacific Ocean, the contemporary Hapuku Lodge is just a 15 minute drive north of Kaikoura. Hapuku Lodge features five luxury tree houses plus lodge rooms.

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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, or for the more adventurous, 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.

Twin Glacier Heli Flight
Take a scenic helicopter from sea level, rising up through the heart of either Franz Josef, Fox Glacier or both! These mammoth glaciers offer you jaw-dropping scenery below as they slowly carve their way down through the spectacular mountain range. The flight includes a snow landing for you to jump out, breath in the clean, alpine air and of course, take some unforgettable photos!

Punga Grove, Franz Josef
Set amidst the native Franz Josef rainforest, 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.

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 ON SELECTED DATES

Glenfern Villas
Just a few kilometres north of the township of Franz Josef, Glenfern has a choice of spacious, chalet style villas for a home from home stay. Enjoy some of the west coast’s biggest attractions by exploring the glaciers, surrounding lakes and cycle tracks.

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 ON SELECTED DATES
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.

Discover some of the best vineyards and scenery Wanaka has to offer with Wanaka Wine Tours. This half day tour includes tastings at four vineyards, a delicious, 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.

Oakridge Resort, Wanaka

- Offering spectacular views of New Zealand’s Southern Alps, this resort features hotel rooms and apartments, a superb restaurant and swimming pool with pool bar. Relax and rejuvenate with some time out in the Sanctuary day spa or the outdoor hot pools after a day up the mountain.

Edgewater Resort

- The only hotel located directly on the shores of Lake Wanaka, choose from hotel and studio rooms, plus large apartments, all facing the crystal clear lake with fantastic views of the Southern Alps.
- FREE NIGHTS ON SELECTED DATES

Maple Lodge

- With stunning views across the surrounding mountain ranges, this boutique and secluded lodge with luxurious guest rooms is just 5 minutes from beautiful Lake Wanaka. Enjoy the outdoors in the Lodge’s expansive gardens or unwind in the outdoor hot tub.
- FREE BREAKFAST ON SELECTED DATES

Tin Tub Luxury Lodge

- This elegant luxury lodge is set high on a ridge overlooking Wanaka, all rooms have king-size beds, unique spa baths and private outdoor tubs from which you can admire the stunning alpine scenery.
- FREE BREAKFAST DAILY ON SELECTED DATES

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**DAY TOURS**

**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 just film sets. They are areas of outstanding natural beauty, such as the panoramic views over the Wakatipu Basin. On this tour, it is possible to experience the magical atmosphere captured in Peter Jackson’s Trilogy.

**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.

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

**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.

**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 or enjoy a cruise on a restored steamship. Either way, Queenstown will take your breath away.

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**South Island | New Zealand**

**The Rees Hotel, Luxury Apartments & Lakeside Residences ★★★★★**
This luxurious hotel situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu is home to a fine dining restaurant, private spa, and sophisticated rooms and apartments. Be sure to book a room with stunning views over the lake and Remarkables mountain range.

**Novotel Queenstown Lakeside ★★★★★**
This lakeside hotel is in the perfect location to discover the town, with plenty of shops, bars and restaurants on your doorstep. Upgrade to a Lake View Room for stunning views from your balcony.

**Kinross Cottages Queenstown ★★★★★**
On a working vineyard in the Gibbston Valley, just 30 minutes from central Queenstown. Kinross is a small, self-contained, boutique accommodation offering peace, tranquility and a back garden second to none.

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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 fords 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.

Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise

An overnight stay in the long southern twilight on board the Milford Mariner provides a very special experience in magnificent surroundings. Available from a range of departure points, including Queenstown and Te Anau, the Sounds are best explored on an overnight cruise but for those short on time we can also arrange day tours.

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, with 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 theford 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.

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TOURING

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DUNEDIN AND SOUTHLAND

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Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

Enjoying a premium location in the heart of Dunedin city centre, close to the Octagon, theatres and shops. The Scenic offers spacious guestrooms and modern facilities.

FREE BREAKFAST DAILY ON SELECTED DATES

Stewart Island Lodge

Stewart Island Lodge is a retreat nestled in a bush setting in Halfmoon Bay, with unparalled views of the bay and surrounding hills. The ferry crossing from Bluff on the mainland takes around one hour and you can walk to the village in approx. 5 minutes.

BREAKFAST DAILY

WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...

“Make sure you visit Larnach Castle where they serve high tea at 3pm every day. It’s New Zealand’s only castle and a much loved piece of Dunedin history.”

STEVEN, SENIOR AFTERSALES ADVISOR

Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary

With over 6 miles of coastline, Ulva is a unique predator-free environment and a real nature sanctuary – a must for anyone interested in New Zealand birds and flora. Travel by a short water taxi ride from Golden Bay on Stewart Island, before taking a guided walk to discover rare and endangered birds and plants, including saddleback, Stewart Island Robins, bellbird and kākāriki.

Peninsula Cruise and Penguins

Cruise the length of the beautiful Otago Harbour with Monarch Wildlife Cruises of Dunedin. Get close to southern ocean wildlife on a choice of cruises of spectacular Taiaroa Head and scenic Otago Peninsula bus tours. Visit the Royal Albatross Centre, Blue Penguins Pukekura, Larnach Castle and Penguins Place as well as a guided tour of the award-winning Yellow Eyed Penguin Reserve.
Discover a tropical island getaway with picture perfect, idyllic beaches and landscapes and a friendly local culture. You can get married under the swaying palm trees with the sand in your toes in Fiji and stay in honeymoon hotspot Bora Bora in a luxurious overwater bungalow where you can enter the crystal clear waters from your own private deck. Immerse yourself in the Cook Islands local culture or sail away aboard a luxurious catamaran for an island-hopping dream holiday around The Islands of Tahiti. Talk to your Travel Designer to help create your perfect trip.
THE ISLANDS OF TAHITI

With just over a hundred islands and atolls to discover in this Pacific gem, island hopping is a must. There are five groups of islands to explore; the Austral, Gambier, Marquesas, Society and Tuamotu archipelagos. The capital city and international gateway is Papeete, found on the largest island, Tahiti, but we recommend travelling to the Society Islands. Pick between Moorea with its dramatic volcanic landscape and Bora Bora with its secluded beaches and overwater bungalows floating above turquoise waters – truly a couple’s paradise and the ultimate romantic retreat.

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.
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.

**BORA BORA**

Offering refined cuisine and tailor-made service of the highest quality, the Tahitian hideaway is set in a stunning location, a 7 minute boat ride from the island’s lagoon. The ultimate way to get here is by a 30 minute helicopter flight from Bora, where you will experience the pure beauty of the stunning lagoon below.

FREE NIGHTS ON SELECTED DATES

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**Le Taha’a Island Resort**

Offering refined cuisine and tailor-made service of the highest quality, the Tahitian hideaway is set in a stunning location, a 5 minute boat ride from the island’s lagoon. The ultimate way to get here is by a 14 minute helicopter flight from Taha’a, where you will experience the pure beauty of the stunning lagoon below.

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**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!

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**Maitai Bora Bora**

Located in lush tropical gardens, this friendly hotel is the perfect destination for an affordable beachfront stay.

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**Four Seasons Bora Bora**

Wrapped by majestic views, this is surrounded by sand-fringed islets on an outer coral reef that encloses a turquoise lagoon. Steep yourself in the island’s traditions, activities, and authentic cuisine.

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**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. Ask your Travel Designer to upgrade to All inclusive for the ultimate indulgent experience.

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**The Islands of Tahiti**

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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.

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**COOK ISLANDS**

**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!

**Te Vara Nui Cultural Village**
Enjoy a full tour of the cultural village before the overwater show with dinner where Rarotonga’s finest dancers and musicians perform to ‘The Legend of Tongati’ – learning about the culture, history and local traditions of the Cook Islands.

**Nautilus Resort Rarotonga ★★★★★**
Set in beautiful gardens on Muri Beach, Rarotonga’s finest white-sand beach, all villas at this luxury resort boast an individual plunge pool.

**Pacific Resort Rarotonga ★★★★★**
Superbly situated on over 5 acres of manicured beachfront. An ideal option for those travelling with younger families due to a kids’ club.

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**Little Polynesian ★★★★★**
With just 14 well-appointed Are’s, this private resort boasts individual verandah and facilities that offers views of romance and untouched horizons.

**FREE NIGHTS ON SELECTED DATES**
Island Hopping Essentials
8 Day Suggested Itinerary

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. 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 ‘while 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.

Talk to your Travel Designer for more island hopping suggestions.

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TOURING

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. Journey on a Polynesian style vessel – known as a Vaka Titi ai Tonga – then snorkel and swim in the clear turquoise waters looking for rays, bonefish and turtles beneath. Relax on the idyllic sands and soak up the gorgeous sunshine, before a fresh BBQ lunch of ocean seafood.

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 11 April 1789, this exquisite atoll is arguably the most beautiful in the world.

Tamanu Beach Village ★★★★★
Located on the western coast of Aitutaki, with stunning sunset views. This family operated hotel features 23 traditional Cook Island style thatched roofs and each bungalow is just steps from the stunning lagoon. Enjoy free use of paddle boards, kayaks and snorkel gear and enjoy a traditional fire and dance show ‘Takours’, performed once a week.
FREE NIGHTS AND RESORT CREDIT ON SELECTED DATES

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 ON SELECTED DATES
YASAWA ISLANDS AND NORTHERN FIJI

Best reached 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.

FIJI

Bula, welcome to 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.

WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...

“Learn traditional techniques, using freshly bought produce to recreate tasty and authentic Fijian dishes at the Flavours of Fiji Cookery School. This is a must do experience.”

AMBER, SALES MANAGER

First Landing Beach Resort & Villas  ★★★★

Just 15 minutes from the airport, First Landing Resort is the perfect choice for your stay before hopping out to one of Fiji’s paradise islands. Upgrade to a Beachfront Spa Bure for a private front row to the evenings sunsets.

FREE NIGHTS AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES

Nanuya Island Resort  ★★★☆

Nestled in the pristine Yasawa Group, with a laid-back island feel, fringed by palms and azure waters. Stay in Tree Top bures up on the hillside with bay views of the beautiful blue lagoon or Deluxe Villas dotted through the tropical gardens.

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.

COMPLIMENTARY BOARD UPGRADE ON SELECTED DATES.

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.

BONUS AND HONEYMOON OFFERS AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES INCLUDING FREE SPA TREATMENTS.

Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa  ★★★★★

Set on 10 acres of beachfront at Denarau Marina adjacent to the Golf Club, just 25 minutes from Nadi, with every room and suite facing the ocean. Austravel recommends an upgrade to rooms with Beach Club access for pool butler service and sunset cocktails.

FREE BREAKFAST AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES
MAMANUCA ISLANDS

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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 AVAILABLE ON SELECTED DATES

Matamanoa Island Resort

A boutique resort on the most northern of the Mamanuca islands. All rooms are ‘stand alone’ ocean-facing with private outdoor decks. Travel 10 minutes by helicopter or 1 hour by private water taxi.

HONEYMOON AND ANNIVERSARY OFFERS

Likuliku Lagoon Resort

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CRUISE THE SOUTH PACIFIC

With hundreds of islands and beaches to explore, you may feel spilt 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. From small ship cruising, sailing around on a luxury catamaran or staying aboard an upscale cargo-combined-passenger vessel to venture off the beaten path. Talk to your Travel Designer today to help you choose the right journey for you.

Paul Gauguin Cruises
Designed specifically to sail the shallow seas of the Islands of Tahiti visiting small ports and beautiful beaches, Paul Gauguin offers a range of destinations. Cruise around the Cook Islands and visit Tonga or even sail from Fiji to Bali on a choice of durations from seven to fourteen nights.

Aranui Cruises
For a unique experience like no other, stay aboard a custom built cargo vessel, known as the ‘Freighter to Paradise’ – with a limited number of passengers – to travel to the remote Marquesas Islands, located nearly 1,000 miles to the Northeast of Tahiti.

Archipel Cruises, Dream Yacht Charters
Cruise through the glistening waters and lagoons of the Islands of Tahiti aboard a luxury catamaran. Designed to accommodate up to eight guests, you will be able to sail closer to the shore than on larger vessels. You can also opt for a private yacht, complete with your own crew.

Blue Lagoon Cruises
Specialising in small ship sailing with 100% Fijian crew, choose from 3, 4 and 7 night cruise itineraries and discover the magical Fijian islands in a wonderfully relaxed style with Blue Lagoon Cruises. With a maximum of 4 hours cruising per day and a range of complimentary activities, there is more time for exploring onshore.

EXPLORE MORE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Say a warm Malo e lelei, talofa and halo (hello) to Tonga, Samoa and Vanuatu and sidestep flashy resorts for a more unpolished, yet fantastically authentic, South Pacific island paradise. Life here ticks along at its own pace. Visit cascading waterfalls and jade jungles, kayak above fringed reefs, snorkel or dive amongst the colourful corals, be in awe at active volcanoes amidst the Asia Pacific ‘Ring of Fire’ or simply relax on gorgeous, untouched beaches. Talk to your Travel Designer about accommodation options and how you can visit these magical islands.
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