



# **Scenic Train Holiday in New Zealand**



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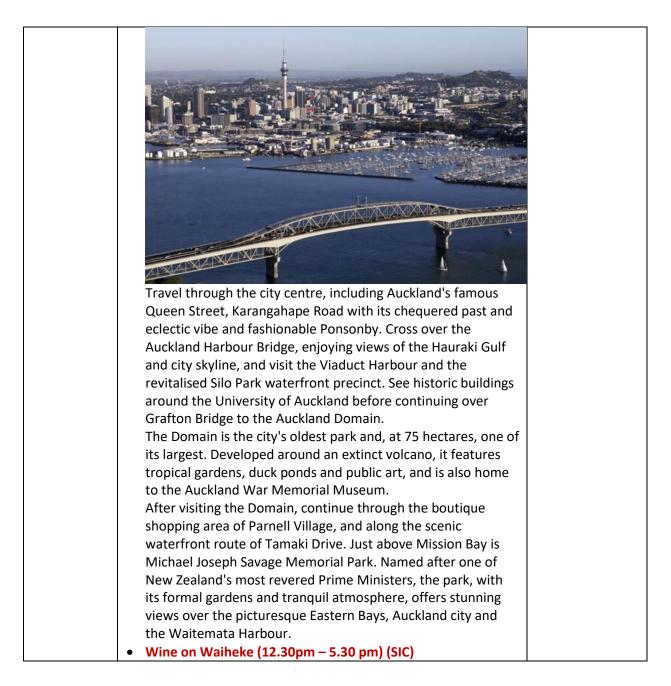
- 1. Portuguese / Spanish Guide can be organized for sightseeing tours on Private Tour basis. For SIC (seat-in-Coach) option, commentary is in English only.
- 2. Northern Explorer (Auckland Wellington) operates on Monday, Thursday and Saturday.
- 3. Coastal Pacific (Picton Christchurch) operates every day from September to late April. This part of the journey will be done either on private basis, self-drive or SIC.
- 4. Tranz Alpine operates on all days except Christmas Day.

Day	Itinerary	Overnight
Day 1 MONDAY Auckland	<ul> <li>Arrival in Auckland International Airport. Welcome to Auckland, the City of Sails!</li> <li>Transfer to accommodation (Private OR SIC Shuttle)</li> <li>Check in and refresh</li> </ul>	Cordis (5*) Heritage Auckland (4*)
Day 2 TUESDAY Auckland	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Auckland City Tour (Private OR SIC):</li> </ul>	Cordis (5*) Heritage Auckland (4*)













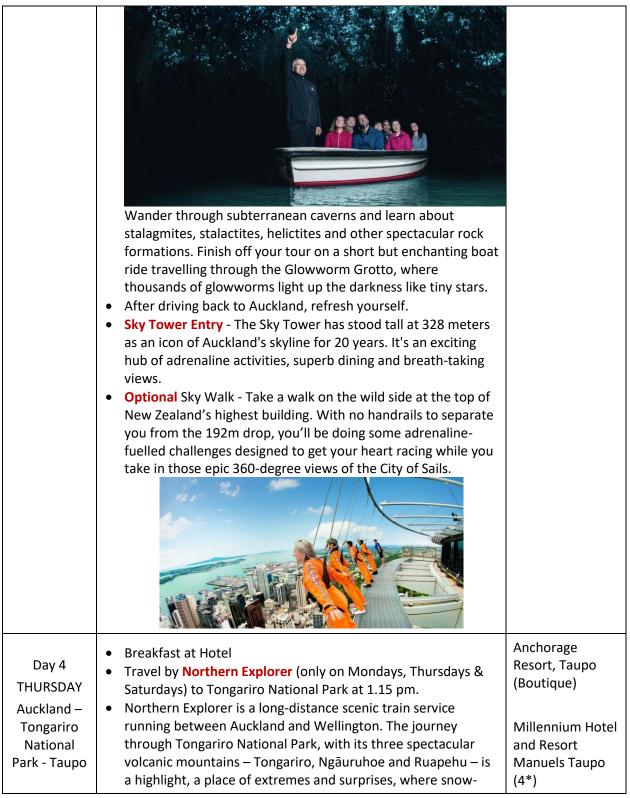


	<ul> <li>Enjoy a 40-minute ferry ride across the Waitemata Harbour to Waiheke Island, a haven of beaches, eateries and boutique vineyards. Upon arrival you'll be picked up by luxury coach and whisked away on a guided tour of three of Waiheke's premier wineries – Mudbrick Estate, Cable Bay and Te Motu.</li> <li>Enjoy the romantic surrounds of olive groves and rustic herb gardens as you taste the wine varieties on offer at award- winning Mudbrick Estate. Take in the views across the Hauraki Gulf back to Auckland from Cable Bay as you sample their fine wines, accompanied by a delicious snack platter. Te Motu Vineyard is the last stop on your Waiheke wine tour - specialists in Bordeaux-style wines, overlooking beautiful Onetangi Beach.</li> <li>The tour concludes at Waiheke's Matiatia Wharf for a picturesque afternoon cruise back to Auckland city, arriving back at 5:30pm.</li> </ul>	
Day 3 WEDNESDAY Auckland	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Auckland – Waitomo – Auckland (Private OR SIC) Leaving Auckland in the morning, travel through rolling farmland into the Waikato and King Country regions. After arriving in the small town of Waitomo, you'll be taken on a 45-minute guided tour through the world famous Glowworm Caves. Formed from limestone over 30 million years ago, the caves were first discovered in 1887 and are now one of New Zealand's most popular tourist destinations.</li> </ul>	Cordis (5*) Heritage Auckland (4*)





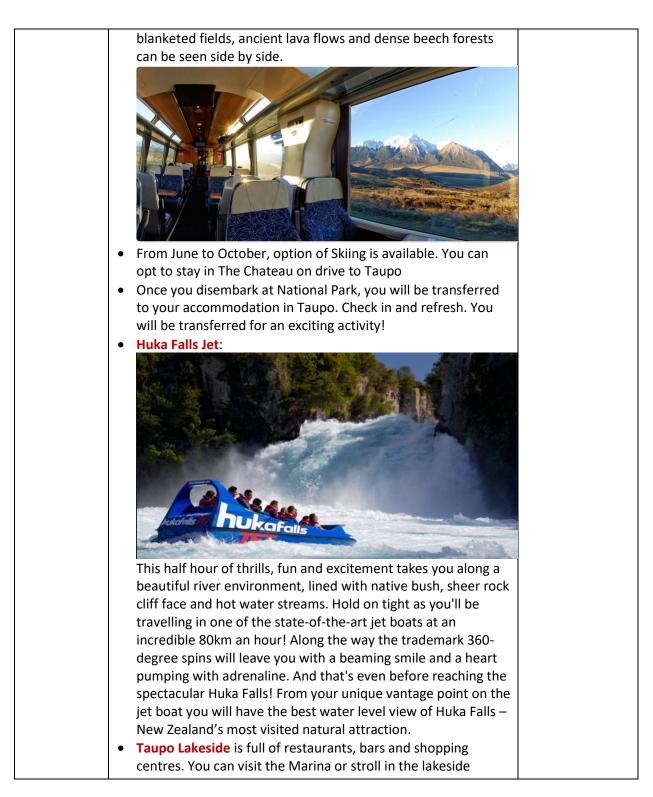








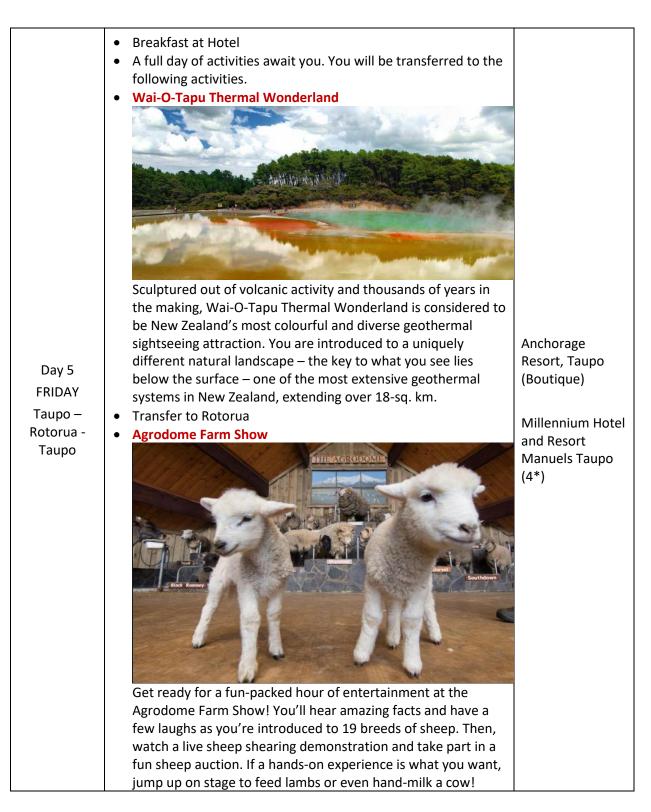


















After the show, head outside to the herding area to watch a free live dog trial.

Your ticket also includes entry to the Farmyard Nursery, home to the smallest and cutest animals at the Agrodome. You can even pet and have your photo taken with the baby farm animals!

• Te Po Evening Experience



The Te Po Tour is a one of a kind feast of storytelling, entertainment and Māori cuisine. Be enriched with a deeper understanding of Māori traditions and absorb the unforgettable sights of this top Rotorua attraction at nightfall. Taste an exquisite Māori feast prepared in the traditional Hangi style. You will be treated to an entrée of New Zealand mussels, corn on the cob, traditional rewana bread and dips, and a local drink made from kawakawa extract and manuka honey. The Hangi prepared meals are accompanied by flavoured meats, chicken, lamb, vegetables and salads. A range of drinks are available to complement your meal including wine, beer, juices, tea and coffee. After dinner you will be invited to board the motorised waka (people mover) for a journey Through the Valley Under Lights. Be awed by the magical evening sights of Te Puia's geothermal valley. You'll disembark the waka (vehicle) right in front of the Pohutu Geyser, illuminated in its full glory beneath a starry sky. Marvel at the sight of this glorious natural wonder, while your tour guide entertains you with traditional Māori mythology and stories. Be enthralled by Maori cultural performances, featuring traditional storytelling and entertainment. You even get the

opportunity to participate in the graceful poi dance or ferocious haka, for a more intimate Maori cultural experience.

Transfer back to Taupo (1 hr)







Day 6 SATURDAY Taupo - Wellington	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Check out and transfer to National Park</li> <li>Board Northern Explorer Train and continue your journey to Wellington (or opt to drive through Desert Road)</li> <li>Arrival in Wellington by 6.35 pm</li> <li>For a start of the start o</li></ul>	Intercontinental Wellington (5*) CityLife Wellington (4*)
Day 7 SUNDAY Wellington	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Te Papa Museum</li> <li>Image: Te Papa Museum</li> <li>Image: Te Papa Museum</li> <li>Image: Te Papa Museum</li> <li>Image: Te Papa Museum</li> <li>The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa is New Zealand's national museum, known as Te Papa, or 'Our Place'. More than 1.5 million people visit every year. Inside the building are six floors of exhibitions, cafés and gift shops dedicated to New Zealand's culture and environment. The museum also incorporates outdoor areas with artificial caves, native bushes and wetlands.</li> <li>Botanical Gardens</li> </ul>	Intercontinental Wellington (5*) CityLife Wellington (4*)







	<ul> <li>Covers 25 hectares of land on the side of the hill between Thorndon and Kelburn, near central Wellington. The garden features 25 hectares of protected native forest, conifers, plant collections and seasonal displays.</li> <li>Mount Victoria Lookout - Rising 196m above the city, the Mount Victoria Lookout - Rising 196m above the city, the Mount Victoria Lookout is a Wellington must-do. Head to the lookout and be rewarded with stunning panoramic views of Wellington city and harbour, and beyond.</li> <li>Parliament Guided Tour - Explore parts of the Parliament buildings, learn about the parliamentary process and find out how you can participate in our democracy while accompanied by one of the knowledgeable tour guides. Along the way you will be able to see some of the many artworks and objects contained in the Parliamentary Collection.</li> </ul>	
Day 8 MONDAY Wellington - Picton - Kaikoura	<ul> <li>Early Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>InterIslander Ferry Crossing (3 hrs)</li> <li>InterIslander Ferry Crossing (3 hrs)</li> <li>InterIslander Ferry is the longest running Cook Strait ferry service in New Zealand. InterIslander sails between Wellington (North Island) and Picton (South Island). This is known as one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world and one of New Zealand's most iconic tourism experiences.</li> </ul>	The White Morph, Kaikoura (4*)





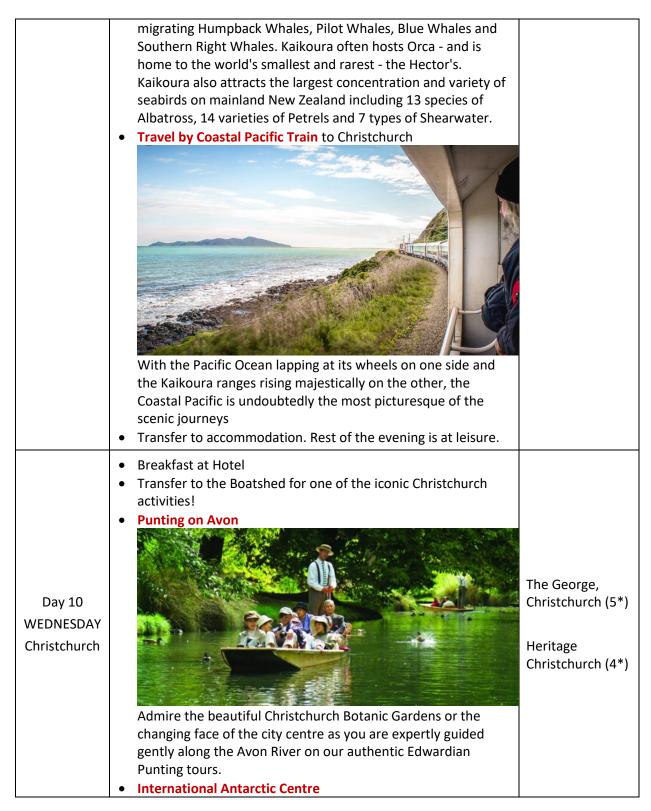


	<ul> <li>Once you disembark from the train, proceed to Picton Train Station</li> <li>Travel by Coastal Pacific Train (Spring to Autumn. Sept – Apr)</li> <li>Image: Spring to Autumn Sept – Apr)</li> <li>Image: Autumn S</li></ul>	
	Transfer to accommodation	
	Check in and refresh. Rest of the evening is at leisure.	
	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Transfer to Whale Watch Kaikoura.</li> <li>Whale Watch</li> </ul>	
Day 9 TUESDAY Kaikoura – Christchurch	It is a unique experience and the sightings vary. Giant Sperm Whales are the stars of the show and year-round residents. A typical Whale Watch tour may encounter New Zealand Fur Seals, pods of Dusky Dolphins and the endangered Wandering Albatross. Depending on the season you may also see	The George, Christchurch (5*) Heritage Christchurch (4*)





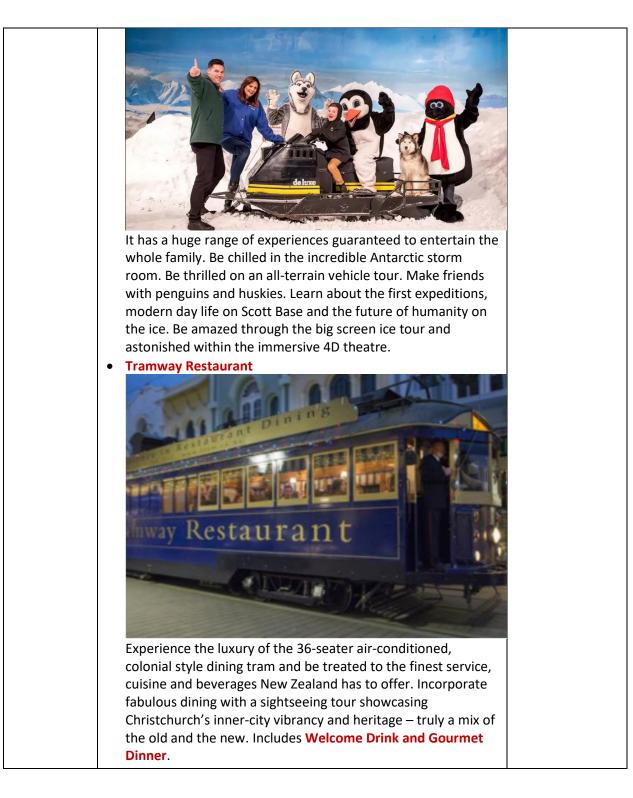










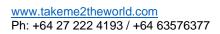








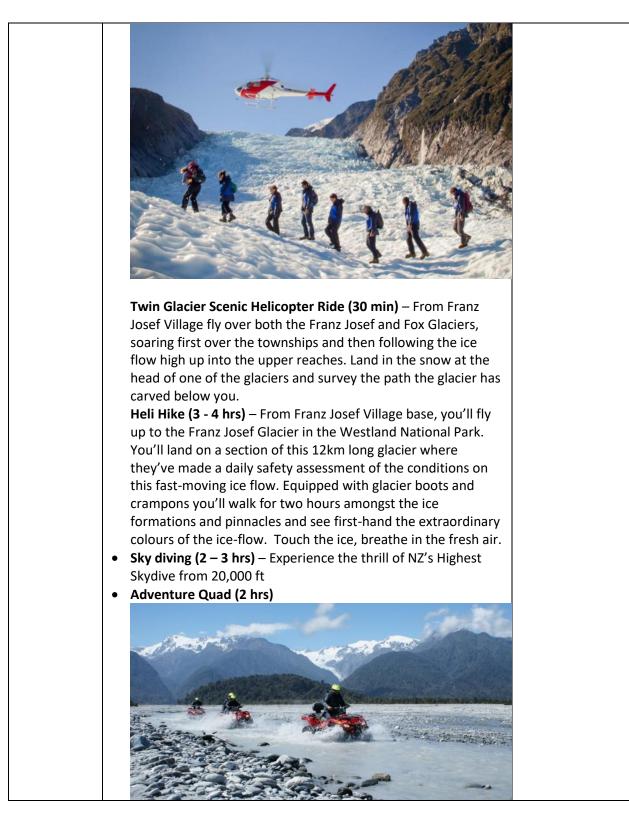
Day 11 THURSDAY Christchurch – Greymouth – Franz Josef	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Transfer to Train Station</li> <li>Tranz Alpine Train Trip to Greymouth</li> <li>Tranz Alpine Train Trip to Greymouth</li> <li>Tranz Alpine Train Trip to Greymouth</li> <li>Along this journey you'll see epic vistas, travel the edges of the ice-fed Waimakariri River, traverse the Southern Alps, and see miles of native beech forest. The TranzAlpine is one of the world's great train journeys covering 223 kilometres (139 miles) one-way, taking just under 5 hours. You'll traverse the majestic Canterbury Plains, to the backdrop of the mighty Southern Alps - the journey of a lifetime.</li> <li>Transfer to Franz Josef, the Glacier town</li> <li>Check in and refresh</li> <li>Private Hot Pool - Private Pools are surrounded by majestic rainforest and offer total seclusion, naturally. A Private Pool experience includes private changing facilities with towels and complimentary entry into the Main Pools. The water in the Private Pools is re-filtered after every use. Private Pools are 45 minutes in duration. Private Pool bookings are for a minimum of two people and a maximum of four people.</li> </ul>	Te Waonui Forest Retreat (5*) – Includes Dinner Scenic Franz Josef (4*) Te Waonui Forest
Day 12 FRIDAY Franz Josef	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Free day for Optional activities</li> </ul>	Retreat (5*) – Includes Dinner Scenic Franz Josef (4*)

















	Experience the adventure of riding through rain forest tracks, river and grassland areas complete with a glacial backdrop, in our unique location on the West Coast. Drivers must be 16 years or older. Passengers must be 8 years or older. All wet weather gear provided and no experience necessary.	
Day 13 SATURDAY Franz Josef – Wanaka - Queenstown	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Transfer to Wanaka through Fox Glacier &amp; Haast Pass. This route is very scenic and there are plenty of photo opportunities.</li> <li>Puzzling World - Wonderful World of Weirdness. For over forty-five years Puzzling World has been messing with people's heads no matter what age, nationality or experience. With a mix of bizarre buildings, rooms of illusion and the world-famous Great Maze this attraction is designed to baffle your brain and challenge your perceptions of reality. (NOTE: WITH SIC TOUR, THIS ACTIVITY IS NOT POSSIBLE)</li> <li>For a structure of the evening is at leisure.</li> </ul>	Hilton Queenstown (5*) Heritage Queenstown (4*)
Day 14 SUNDAY Queenstown	<ul> <li>Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>Queenstown is the adventure Capital. There are plenty of options: skydiving, bungy jump, jet boat, zipline tour, 4WD &amp; Nevis Swing</li> <li>Skyline Gondola &amp; Luge Ride Take a scenic ride in the iconic Skyline Gondola and take in the stunning views as you ride the steepest cable car lift in the Southern Hemisphere!</li> </ul>	Hilton Queenstown (5*) Heritage Queenstown (4*)

















## Inclusions

- **1. Tax:** All applicable taxes
- 2. Accommodations: As outlined in the itinerary
- 3. Tours & Activities: As outlined in the itinerary, including Entry Fees
- 4. Land Transport:
  - a. Train Tickets
  - b. Transfer Options: Private or SIC
- 5. Meal Plan: Breakfasts at your Hotel on all days. Other meals as outlined in the itinerary

## Exclusions

- 1. International and domestic flight tickets
- 2. Visa formalities and fees
- 3. Travel / medical insurance
- 4. Hotel mini-bar, snacks, beverages, laundry, telephone calls and all other similar incidentals
- 5. Tipping for services
- 6. Shopping expenses
- 7. Any additional charges incurred because of New Zealand Statutory holidays

#### Nett Cost:

Price on Request







# Payment

- 1. Acceptance of our proposal and confirmation of booking is by email.
- 2. Full Payment must be paid latest by 35 days before the commencement of the tour.
- 3. If flights are quoted in this proposal, the payment is 100% before tickets are issued.

## **Cancellation Policy**

- 1. Until 35 days prior to travel date, full refund of land package minus an administrative fee of NZ\$200.
- 2. Within 34 days prior to travel date, there is no refund.
- 3. For flight tickets, the cancellation policy pertaining to the booked class apply.
- 4. Refunds will be sent latest by 15 days after the tour completion by International Money Transfer to your designated account after deducting NZD 15 towards bank fees at New Zealand end.

# **Terms & Conditions**

For our full terms & conditions, please <u>click here</u>.

