

## Scenic Train Holiday in New Zealand



### Notes:

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 style="list-style-type: none"> <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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• <b>Auckland City Tour (Private OR SIC):</b></li> </ul>	Cordis (5*) Heritage Auckland (4*)




Travel through the city centre, including Auckland's famous Queen Street, Karangahape Road with its chequered past and eclectic vibe and fashionable Ponsonby. Cross over the Auckland Harbour Bridge, enjoying views of the Hauraki Gulf and city skyline, and visit the Viaduct Harbour and the revitalised Silo Park waterfront precinct. See historic buildings around the University of Auckland before continuing over Grafton Bridge to the Auckland Domain.

The Domain is the city's oldest park and, at 75 hectares, one of its largest. Developed around an extinct volcano, it features tropical gardens, duck ponds and public art, and is also home to the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

After visiting the Domain, continue through the boutique shopping area of Parnell Village, and along the scenic waterfront route of Tamaki Drive. Just above Mission Bay is Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park. Named after one of New Zealand's most revered Prime Ministers, the park, with its formal gardens and tranquil atmosphere, offers stunning views over the picturesque Eastern Bays, Auckland city and the Waitemata Harbour.

- **Wine on Waiheke (12.30pm – 5.30 pm) (SIC)**

	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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. 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. The tour concludes at Waiheke's Matiatia Wharf for a picturesque afternoon cruise back to Auckland city, arriving back at 5:30pm.</li> </ul>	
<p>Day 3 WEDNESDAY Auckland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• <b>Auckland – Waitomo – Auckland (Private OR SIC)</b> 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>	<p>Cordis (5*) Heritage Auckland (4*)</p>





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<p>Day 4 THURSDAY Auckland – Tongariro National Park - Taupo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• Travel by <b>Northern Explorer</b> (only on Mondays, Thursdays &amp; Saturdays) to Tongariro National Park at 1.15 pm.</li> <li>• Northern Explorer is a long-distance scenic train service running between Auckland and Wellington. The journey through Tongariro National Park, with its three spectacular volcanic mountains – Tongariro, Ngāuruhoe and Ruapehu – is a highlight, a place of extremes and surprises, where snow-</li> </ul>	<p>Anchorage Resort, Taupo (Boutique)</p> <p>Millennium Hotel and Resort Manuels Taupo (4*)</p>

blanketed fields, ancient lava flows and dense beech forests can be seen side by side.





- From June to October, option of Skiing is available. You can opt to stay in The Chateau on drive to Taupo
- Once you disembark at National Park, you will be transferred to your accommodation in Taupo. Check in and refresh. You will be transferred for an exciting activity!
- **Huka Falls Jet:**



This half hour of thrills, fun and excitement takes you along a beautiful river environment, lined with native bush, sheer rock cliff face and hot water streams. Hold on tight as you'll be travelling in one of the state-of-the-art jet boats at an incredible 80km an hour! Along the way the trademark 360-degree spins will leave you with a beaming smile and a heart pumping with adrenaline. And that's even before reaching the spectacular Huka Falls! From your unique vantage point on the jet boat you will have the best water level view of Huka Falls – New Zealand's most visited natural attraction.

- **Taupo Lakeside** is full of restaurants, bars and shopping centres. You can visit the Marina or stroll in the lakeside

<p>Day 5 FRIDAY Taupo – Rotorua - Taupo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• A full day of activities await you. You will be transferred to the following activities.</li> <li>• <b>Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland</b></li> </ul>  <p>Sculptured out of volcanic activity and thousands of years in the making, Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland is considered to be New Zealand’s most colourful and diverse geothermal sightseeing attraction. You are introduced to a uniquely different natural landscape – the key to what you see lies below the surface – one of the most extensive geothermal systems in New Zealand, extending over 18-sq. km.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer to Rotorua</li> <li>• <b>Agrodome Farm Show</b></li> </ul>  <p>Get ready for a fun-packed hour of entertainment at the Agrodome Farm Show! You’ll hear amazing facts and have a few laughs as you’re introduced to 19 breeds of sheep. Then, watch a live sheep shearing demonstration and take part in a fun sheep auction. If a hands-on experience is what you want, jump up on stage to feed lambs or even hand-milk a cow!</p>	<p>Anchorage Resort, Taupo (Boutique)</p> <p>Millennium Hotel and Resort Manuels Taupo (4*)</p>
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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 Pō 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 Māori 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)

<p>Day 6 SATURDAY Taupo - Wellington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• Check out and transfer to National Park</li> <li>• Board <b>Northern Explorer Train</b> and continue your journey to Wellington (or opt to drive through Desert Road)</li> <li>• Arrival in Wellington by 6.35 pm</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer to accommodation</li> <li>• Wellington is popular for its café culture, live music and shopping. Explore the Cuba Street &amp; Oriental Parade</li> </ul>	<p>Intercontinental Wellington (5*)</p> <p>CityLife Wellington (4*)</p>
<p>Day 7 SUNDAY Wellington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• <b>Te Papa Museum</b></li> </ul>  <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Botanical Gardens</b></li> </ul>	<p>Intercontinental Wellington (5*)</p> <p>CityLife Wellington (4*)</p>



	 <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mount Victoria Lookout</b> - 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>• <b>Parliament Guided Tour</b> - 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>	
<p>Day 8 MONDAY Wellington - Picton - Kaikoura</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• <b>InterIslander Ferry Crossing (3 hrs)</b></li> </ul>  <p>The 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.</p>	<p>The White Morph, Kaikoura (4*)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once you disembark from the train, proceed to Picton Train Station</li> <li>• <b>Travel by Coastal Pacific Train (Spring to Autumn. Sept – Apr)</b></li> </ul>  <p>With the sea stretching to the horizon in the east and the Kaikoura mountains stretching to the sky in the west, the Coastal Pacific journey between Picton and Christchurch is one of the most astonishingly beautiful in New Zealand. You will reach Kaikoura around 5.10 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer to accommodation</li> <li>• Check in and refresh. Rest of the evening is at leisure.</li> </ul>	
<p>Day 9 TUESDAY Kaikoura – Christchurch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• Transfer to Whale Watch Kaikoura.</li> <li>• <b>Whale Watch</b></li> </ul>  <p>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</p>	<p>The George, Christchurch (5*)</p> <p>Heritage Christchurch (4*)</p>

	<p>migrating Humpback Whales, Pilot Whales, Blue Whales and Southern Right Whales. Kaikoura often hosts Orca - and is home to the world's smallest and rarest - the Hector's. Kaikoura also attracts the largest concentration and variety of seabirds on mainland New Zealand including 13 species of Albatross, 14 varieties of Petrels and 7 types of Shearwater.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Travel by Coastal Pacific Train</b> to Christchurch</li> </ul>  <p>With the Pacific Ocean lapping at its wheels on one side and the Kaikoura ranges rising majestically on the other, the Coastal Pacific is undoubtedly the most picturesque of the scenic journeys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer to accommodation. Rest of the evening is at leisure.</li> </ul>	
<p>Day 10 WEDNESDAY Christchurch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• Transfer to the Boatshed for one of the iconic Christchurch activities!</li> <li>• <b>Punting on Avon</b></li> </ul>  <p>Admire the beautiful Christchurch Botanic Gardens or the changing face of the city centre as you are expertly guided gently along the Avon River on our authentic Edwardian Punting tours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Antarctic Centre</b></li> </ul>	<p>The George, Christchurch (5*)</p> <p>Heritage Christchurch (4*)</p>






It has a huge range of experiences guaranteed to entertain the whole family. Be chilled in the incredible Antarctic storm room. Be thrilled on an all-terrain vehicle tour. Make friends with penguins and huskies. Learn about the first expeditions, modern day life on Scott Base and the future of humanity on the ice. Be amazed through the big screen ice tour and astonished within the immersive 4D theatre.

- **Tramway Restaurant**



Experience the luxury of the 36-seater air-conditioned, colonial style dining tram and be treated to the finest service, cuisine and beverages New Zealand has to offer. Incorporate fabulous dining with a sightseeing tour showcasing Christchurch's inner-city vibrancy and heritage – truly a mix of the old and the new. Includes **Welcome Drink and Gourmet Dinner**.

<p>Day 11 THURSDAY Christchurch – Greymouth – Franz Josef</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• Transfer to Train Station</li> <li>• <b>Tranz Alpine Train Trip to Greymouth</b></li> </ul>  <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer to Franz Josef, the Glacier town</li> <li>• Check in and refresh</li> <li>• <b>Private Hot Pool</b> - 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>	<p>Te Waonui Forest Retreat (5*) – Includes Dinner</p> <p>Scenic Franz Josef (4*)</p>
<p>Day 12 FRIDAY Franz Josef</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• Free day for <b>Optional</b> activities</li> </ul>	<p>Te Waonui Forest Retreat (5*) – Includes Dinner</p> <p>Scenic Franz Josef (4*)</p>




**Twin Glacier Scenic Helicopter Ride (30 min)** – From Franz Josef Village fly over both the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, soaring first over the townships and then following the ice flow high up into the upper reaches. Land in the snow at the head of one of the glaciers and survey the path the glacier has carved below you.

**Heli Hike (3 - 4 hrs)** – From Franz Josef Village base, you'll fly up to the Franz Josef Glacier in the Westland National Park. You'll land on a section of this 12km long glacier where they've made a daily safety assessment of the conditions on this fast-moving ice flow. Equipped with glacier boots and crampons you'll walk for two hours amongst the ice formations and pinnacles and see first-hand the extraordinary colours of the ice-flow. Touch the ice, breathe in the fresh air.

- **Sky diving (2 – 3 hrs)** – Experience the thrill of NZ's Highest Skydive from 20,000 ft
- **Adventure Quad (2 hrs)**






	<p>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.</p>	
<p>Day 13 SATURDAY Franz Josef – Wanaka - Queenstown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• <b>Puzzling World</b> - 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> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer to Queenstown</li> <li>• Check in and refresh. Rest of the evening is at leisure.</li> </ul>	<p>Hilton Queenstown (5*)</p> <p>Heritage Queenstown (4*)</p>
<p>Day 14 SUNDAY Queenstown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• <b>Skyline Gondola &amp; Luge Ride</b> 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>	<p>Hilton Queenstown (5*)</p> <p>Heritage Queenstown (4*)</p>



Take the driving seat with the gravity-fuelled Skyline Luge, the global thrill ride for all ages. The purpose built Luge carts put you in complete control as you take on over 800 metres of banked corners, tunnels and dippers. Once you've conquered the course, hop on the chairlift and do it all again, and again, and again. Gentle and leisurely or steep and adventurous, you'll be hooked. Once is never enough.



<p>Day 15 MONDAY Queenstown – Milford Sound - Queenstown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• Transfer to Milford Sound, situated on the west coast of the South Island, is a world-renowned natural wonder with towering peaks, cascading waterfalls and amazing wildlife. The journey through Milford Road, starting from the beautiful Te Anau Lake, is an experience of a lifetime.</li> <li>• <b>Milford Sound Scenic Cruise</b> For breath taking, awe-inspiring scenery take a 1 hour-40 min Milford Sound cruise and enjoy spacious decks, relaxing lounges and a variety of delicious on-board lunch choices. The cruise includes <b>International Buffet Lunch</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>Hilton Queenstown (5*)  Heritage Queenstown (4*)</p>
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	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transfer back to Queenstown</b></li> </ul>	
<p>Day 16 TUESDAY Departure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hotel</li> <li>• Transfer to airport (Private OR SIC Shuttle)</li> <li>• Fly to Auckland to connect with your flight home.</li> </ul>	

### 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 [click here](#).

