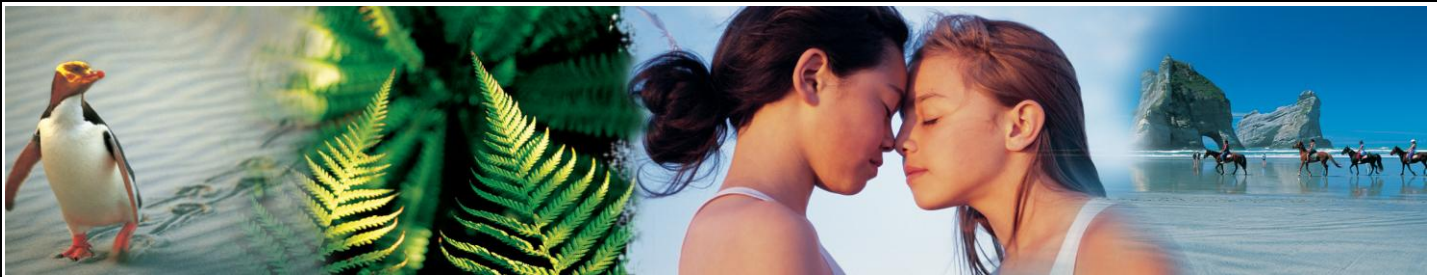


The Wine Industry of New Zealand



Sample Group Itinerary
North & South Island Tour (14 days)
Start: Auckland, finish: Christchurch



Arrival in Auckland, New Zealand

Day 1

Welcome and Kia Ora in New Zealand - or Aotearoa - as the Māori call their country!

After arriving at Auckland International Airport early in the morning, you will get a first city tour of Auckland by coach. Then, our coach driver will take you to Villa Maria, a restaurant near the airport, which opens at 9.00am, where you can have breakfast or early lunch. You can check into your hotel from 2.00pm onwards.

In the afternoon, a walking tour around the centre of Auckland will take place, showing the main attractions of New Zealand's multicultural metropolis, including a visit of the most significant building in Auckland – the Skytower.

Activity of the day:

Guided walking tour Auckland. Visit the Skytower.

Accommodation:

Heritage Hotel Auckland, 35 Hobson Street, Auckland
4 x single room ensuite, 8 x double room ensuite

Auckland - Waiheke Island - Auckland

Day 2

After a nice breakfast in the hotel, the group will walk to the harbour and take the ferry to Waiheke Island, New Zealand's "Island of Wine".

Just 35 minutes away from downtown Auckland, this beautiful island is a picturesque blend of farmland, forest, beaches, vineyards and olive groves. Moreover, it is internationally known for its delicious food and arts.

After arriving in Waiheke, you will be picked up by a professional wine tour guide at Matiatia Ferry terminal and start an island tour by bus at around 10.35am. Your guide will take you to places of interest before stopping at Kennedy Point Vineyard for a tour around the wine making area and vineyard.

At around 12.00pm you continue to Mudbrick where a premium tasting with the cellar door manager awaits you in the tasting room.

Lunch at Mudbrick in the mezzanine room (not included).

At around 2.30pm you will be transferred back to Matiatia Ferry terminal and catch the ferry back to downtown Auckland.

Activity of the day:

Daytrip to Waiheke Island

Accommodation:

Heritage Hotel Auckland

Auckland - Waitomo - Taupo

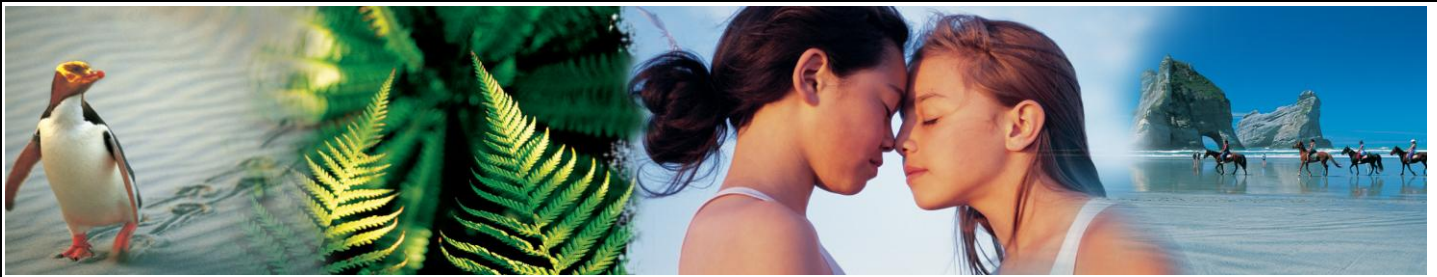
Day 3

After breakfast, you will leave Auckland today and head south towards Waitomo.

Waitomo is a wonderful region! It's a New Zealand adventure & scenic paradise in the North Island, easily reached from Auckland, Rotorua & Taupo. It is famous for glowworm caves, black water rafting, cave abseiling, cave eco-tours & natural attractions above and below ground.

Activity of the day:

2.00pm Visit Waitomo Caves (guided tour)



After visiting the famous caves, you are going to continue to Taupo in the central North Island. After checking-in to the hotel, you have the possibility to visit the hot pools next door and relax. Hotel guests get a 50% discount on the admission fee for the hot pools (discounted price: NZ\$10 per person)

Accommodation: **Taupo DeBretts Spa Resort**, 76 Napier Taupō Highway, SH 5, Taupō
 2 x Studio Motel ensuite (single occupancy)
 1 x Spa Chalets ensuite (2 single beds)
 2 x Spa Chalets ensuite (for 1 couple each)
 3 x 2-Bedroom Lake Villa ensuite (for 2 couples each)

Taupo - Napier

Day 4

Lake Taupo is situated in the centre of New Zealand's North Island. The town of Taupo offers you a great number of things to do: water-skiing, sailing and kayaking are just a few of those great activities. The forests surrounding the lake offer hiking and mountain biking to suit all levels of experience. At some of Lake Taupo's beaches, swimmers and paddlers can even enjoy warm, geothermal water currents. Just north of Lake Taupo you'll find New Zealand's most visited attraction, the magnificent Huka Falls where more than 220,000 liters of water thunder over the cliff face every second.



After having experienced the stunning lake, the bus leaves towards Napier at around 4.00 pm.

Activity of the day:

10.00 am Walking tour Taupo & visit Huka Falls

Optional activities:

Skydive Taupo (different heights- from NZ\$239.00)

Huka Falls Jetboat (NZ\$109.00)

Accommodation: **The Crown Hotel Napier**, Cnr Bridge Street & Hardinge Road, Ahuriri, Napier
 4 x single room ensuite, 8 x double room ensuite

Napier & Hawkes Bay

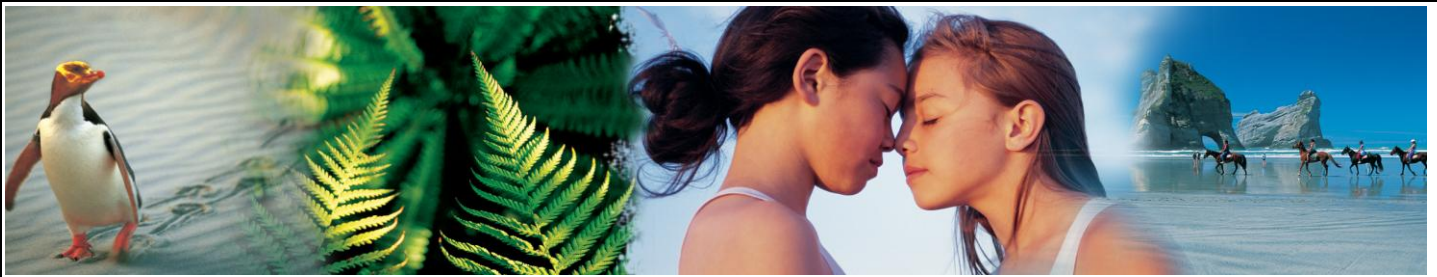
Day 5

Hawkes Bay is a perfect year-round holiday destination as it is known for its long hot summers and its mild winters. Napier is the largest city in this region and also called the "Art Deco City" of New Zealand.

But of course, the region of Hawkes Bay is also known for its fine wines and you will definitely have the chance to taste those!

After breakfast (continental), you will make a Vineyard and Winery Tour Craggy Range (organised by the group). After the visit of Craggy range, the bus driver will take you back to Napier for lunch.

After lunch, you will visit the Cape Kidnappers, which is an extraordinary sandstone headland to the east of Hastings. It was named by Captain Cook after an attempt by local Maori to abduct one of his crew. The cape is home to the largest and most accessible gannet colony in the world. The 13 hectare reserve includes the Saddle and Black Reef gannet colonies. Departing on the days' low tide (2.30pm), visitors travel by tractor and trailer along the majestically rugged coastline. Photographic opportunities abound as stops are made throughout the journey giving visitors an insight into how nature's forces have shaped this amazing area. Travelling through the Black Reef colony (one of two colonies we visit) visitors can almost touch the gannets in their natural environment, without even stepping off the trailer.



Activity of the day:

2:00 pm Visit Cape Kidnappers & gannet colony (guided tour)

Accommodation:

The Crown Hotel Napier

Napier – Martinborough - Wellington

Day 6

Today after breakfast, you will continue your journey to Wellington. On the way to New Zealand's capital, you will stop at Martinborough. In this charming region you can celebrate the grape and gourmet delights at award winning wineries, cafes, pubs and restaurants. Many of the country's finest wineries originate from here and can try these fine wines at one of its many vineyards.

12:30 pm Lunch & Tour at Martinborough Vinyard (organised by group)

In the afternoon, the group will head off to Wellington. After the check-in you have some time for a walking tour of the city centre before you meet for a group dinner at "Arbitrageur Wine Room and Restaurant".

Accommodation:

City Life Hotel, 300 Lambton Quay, Wellington
2 x 2-bedroom suites (with 2 single beds each), 8 x double room ensuite

Wellington – Picton - Nelson

Day 7

There is no doubt that Wellington or "The Capital of Cool" really is cool! With only 400,000 inhabitants Wellington has a lot to offer: explore the city's arts, culture, theatres, galleries, breathtaking natural scenery and its great people! It is located between rolling hills and a stunning harbor, and has a vibrant and compact downtown area that's best explored by foot.

One of the most famous attractions is the national museum "Te Papa". Over six floors to discover New Zealand's history, natural environment and art. A great way to learn a lot about this amazing country.



After exploring the vibrant capital, you will be transferred to the ferry terminal from where you will take the famous ferry from Wellington to Picton which takes you through the Cooks Strait and the Marlborough Sounds. Final Check in for the ferry at 1.30pm, departure at 2.30pm.

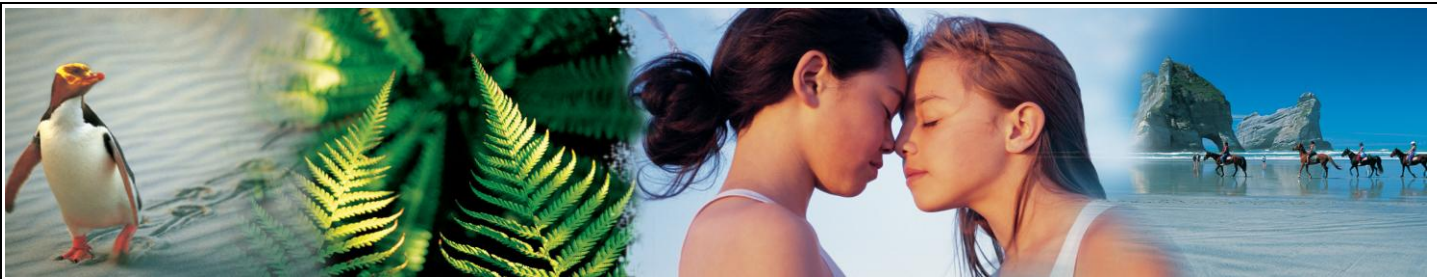
Having arrived on the South Island, you will be picked up by a south Island bus company. From Picton you will continue your journey to Nelson and check in to your central hotel accommodation before dinner.

Activity of the day:

City tour Wellington & Visit Te Papa Museum
Ferry Wellington – Picton (approx. 3.5 hours)

Accommodation:

Rutherford Hotel, Trafalgar Square, Nelson
4 x single room ensuite, 8 x double room ensuite



Nelson & Abel Tasman National Park

Day 8

Welcome to Nelson! Welcome to the sunniest city of New Zealand!

Nelson is known for its mild sunny climate throughout the year. Its magnificent landscape from alpine lakes, raging rivers and wide sandy coastlines provide a backdrop for a great number of leisurely activities, such as kayaking, tramping (walking), sky diving and enjoying one of the region's many beaches – to mention just a few. The Abel Tasman National Park is just a couple of hours away from Nelson and is known for its natural beauty. Both Kiwis and tourists love it for its golden beaches, its stunning tramping trails and wild life.

The Mediterranean-like climate is great to grow grapes and that's why Nelson winemakers are renowned for aromatic wine varieties – a perfect match for seafood.

Today after breakfast, those of you who want can visit the Abel Tasman National Park – New Zealand's smallest but most popular national park (approx. 1.5 hours drive one way from Nelson). The national park offers a wide range of activities to do – hiking, kayaking, sailing or exploring the park from board of a water taxi.



Optional activities Abel Tasman:

Half day scenic cruise, with hike option (NZ\$60.00)

Cruise and Cuisine: Return Boat shuttle along the scenic coastline to Awaroa Loge where you can have lunch (not included), with hike option (NZ\$77.00)

Half day guided kayak tour (NZ\$175.00)

If you decide to stay in Nelson instead, you can use the free day to visit the geographic "Center of New Zealand", visit some of the art galleries or go shopping in the city.:

In the late afternoon you will visit the Wollaston Winery for a tour and dinner (organised by group).

Accommodation:

Rutherford Hotel

Nelson - Blenheim

Day 9

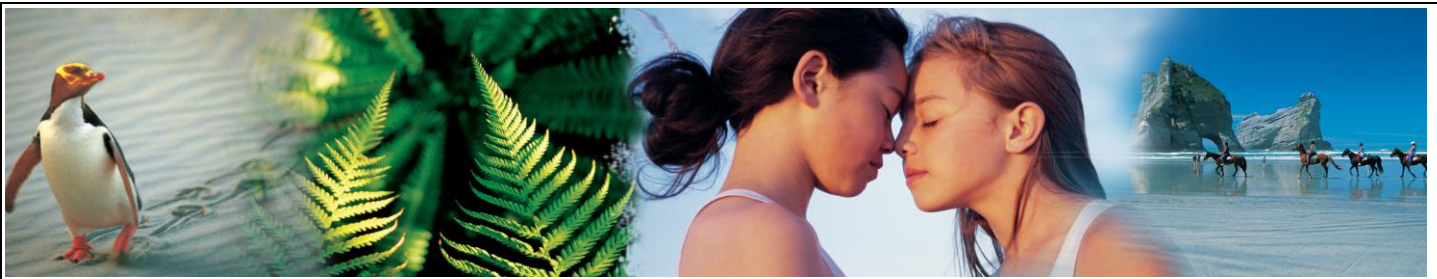
After breakfast you will leave sunny Nelson towards Blenheim. Luckily, Blenheim is just as sunny. In fact, those two cities occasionally have a "battle" over which one gets the most sun hours per year. Funny Kiwis!

Due to its sunny climate, Blenheim is said to be the centre of New Zealand's wine industry. A number of wineries are located on the towns edges, with many more just a short drive away.

Being the most popular town in the Marlborough region, Blenheim hosts the annual "Wine Marlborough Festival" which takes place in February. It is a show-case for the region's bounty and draws people from all over the world to taste Marlborough's wines.

Today you will visit Cloudy Bay Winery in Blenheim for a tour and for lunch, and the Yealand Estate in Seddon in the afternoon (organised by group).

After tasting the most exquisite wines of the country you will head off to your hotel and have a group dinner in the evening.



Accommodation:

Chateau Marlborough, 95/117 High Street, Blenheim

4 x single room ensuite, 8 x double room ensuite

Blenheim – Kaikoura – Christchurch

Day 10

After breakfast you continue to Christchurch. After approximately two hours drive you will get to Kaikoura – New Zealand's whale watch capital. Kaikoura is one of New Zealand's leading nature tourist destinations offering a variety of exciting Sperm Whale and dolphin encounters, and also NZ fur seals. Despite the recent rise in tourist numbers, the town retains much of its historical charm. Many new motels, cafes and restaurants can be found in beautifully restored old buildings. Fresh local seafood is always on the menu. The retention of the town's distinctive character has made Kaikoura extremely attractive to artists. Their work, inspired by the remarkable landscape and wildlife, can be seen all over town. . The Maori name Kaikoura comes from "Kai" = eat and "koura" = crayfish – so taste some crayfish for lunch!

Optional activities:

Whale watch by boat (NZ\$145.00)

Dolphin swim (NZ\$170.00)

Dolphin watch (NZ\$90.00)



After a nice meal you will head off further south to Christchurch where you arrive at approx. 5:00 pm.

Accommodation:

The George Hotel, 50 Park Terrace, Christchurch

4 x single room ensuite, 8 x double room ensuite

Christchurch

Day 11

Welcome to Christchurch – the Garden City of New Zealand! With around 370,000 inhabitants, Christchurch is New Zealand's second-largest city and the gateway to the South Island. Bordered by hills and the Pacific Ocean, it is situated on the edge of the Canterbury Plains that stretch to the Southern Alps.

Its large number of well-established expensive parks (Hagley Park) and public gardens (Botanic Gardens, e.g. Mona Vale) explain Christchurch's international reputation of being "The Garden City".

The city also has an excellent reputation when it comes to education. The Lincoln University that began life in 1878 as a School of Agriculture counts around 3,500 enrolments and one third of its students come from 55 different countries. Have fun exploring it!

11:00 am Visit/Lunch at Lincoln University / Tour of Exp. Vineyards

4:00 pm Tour of Waipara valley winery

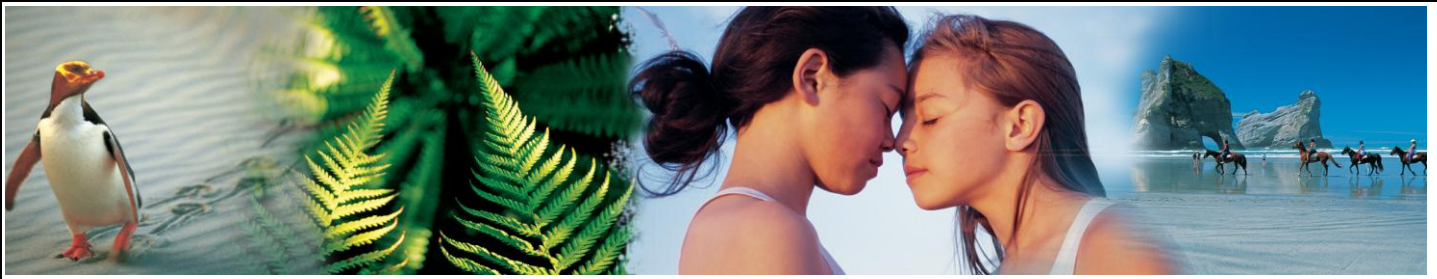
(both organised by group)

The Waipara valley is just a 40 min drive away from busy Christchurch. It is the fastest growing wine region in New Zealand with around 80 vineyards covering more than 1,200 hectares of plantings. Enjoy your visit!

In the evening, the group will get together for a dinner in Christchurch.

Accommodation:

The George Hotel



Christchurch - Lake Tekapo - Queenstown

Day 12

After breakfast, the journey continues further south. On the way to one of New Zealand's most amazing cities – Queenstown – you will stop at Lake Tekapo.

Lake Tekapo is about three hours drive south-west of Christchurch in the Mackenzie Basin. The township faces north across the remarkable turquoise colored lake to the mountainous drama of the Southern Alps. Lake Tekapo gets its intense milky-turquoise color from the fine rock-flour (ground by glaciers) which is suspended in the water.

The visit to Tekapo Hot springs are one of New Zealand's leading tourism attractions throughout the year. The pool temperature ranges from 30-40 degrees Celsius. The pools have benched seating so you can sit down and relax before heading to adventurous Queenstown!

Activities of the day:

Visit Tekapo Hot Springs

You leave Tekapo at around 4.00pm to continue to Queenstown –New Zealand's Adventure Capital. Check in to central accommodation, then dinner.

Accommodation:

Queenstown Heritage Hotel, 91 Fernhill Road, Queenstown
4 x single room ensuite, 8 x double room ensuite

Queenstown

Day 13

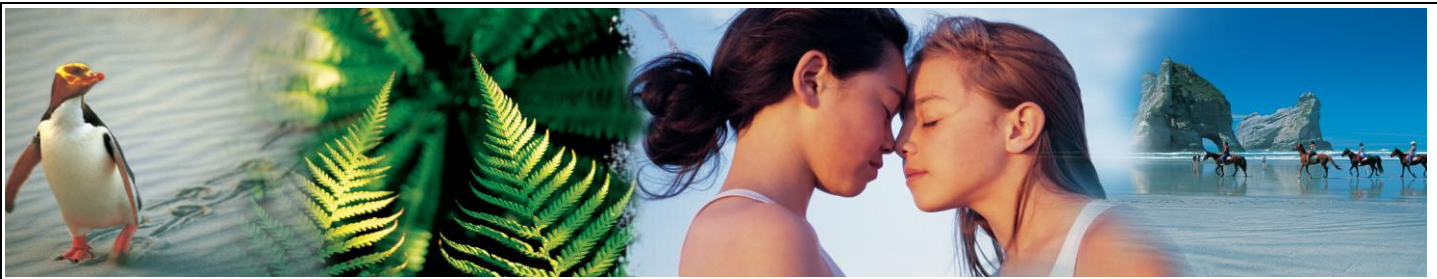


Queenstown is the largest town in Central Otago. Surrounded by majestic mountains and nestled on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, its stunning scenery is inspiring and revitalising.

The lake and mountain landscape make it suited to all kinds of adventure. There's skiing in the winter and activities such as bungy jumping, sky diving, canyon swinging, jet boating, horse trekking and river rafting all year round. Are you brave enough?

Apart from that Queenstown also offers to experience one of the many walking & hiking trails, sightseeing tours and – without a doubt – excellent food and wine!

In the morning, you will visit a winery in Central Otago (organised by group). After lunch, you have some free time to do some of the optional activities, or simply relax in one of the cafés at the lake and use your time to buy some souvenirs in one of the many little shops downtown.



Optional activities:

Kawarau Bungy (NZ\$180.00)

Canyon Swing (NZ\$215.00)

Boat Cruise on Steamship TSS Earnslaw (NZ\$57.00)

Walter Peak High Country Farm Excursion (NZ\$77.00)

Scenic flight to Milford Sound, duration approx. 1 hour (NZ\$365.00)

After an active day (full of adrenalin?!) your amazing trip to New Zealand will end with a tasty farewell dinner together with your group!

Activity of the day:

Skyline Gondola, Haka Performance and buffet farewell dinner at Skyline restaurant

Accommodation:

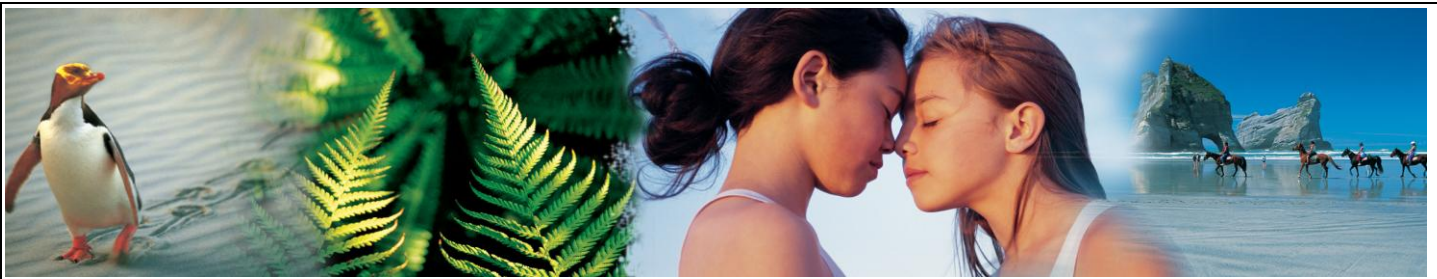
Queenstown Heritage Hotel,

Departure from Queenstown

Day 14

After breakfast you check out of your hotel and drive to Arrowtown, a delightful gold rush village nestled below the beautiful peaks that surround the sparkling Arrow River. The heart of its history is Buckingham Street, a procession of small town heritage buildings that stretches into a tree-lined avenue of tiny miner's cottages. The buildings in this lovely precinct house shops, galleries, bars, and restaurants – many classy, most individual, not one from an international chain.

On the way back to Queenstown airport, you can stop for an early lunch at a restaurant near the airport. You will arrive at Queenstown airport at around 1.30pm, where you say good by to your tour guide.



Prices

The following prices are based on a group size of 20 persons.

Price per person in double room:	NZ\$4,250.00
Price per person in single room	NZ\$5,690.00

What is included?

- All transport during tour (start Auckland airport, finish Queenstown airport)
- English speaking tour guide
- 13 x nights accommodation (see details in itinerary quote)
- 13 x breakfast (variation of continental and cooked breakfast)
- City tour Auckland, incl. visit of the Skytower
- Daytrip to Waiheke Island, incl. ferry from/to Auckland, island tour and wine tasting at Kennedy Point Vineyard
- Visit Waitomo Caves
- City tour in Taupo, visit of the Huka Falls
- Visit Cape Kidnappers and the gannet colony
- Walking tour in Wellington, visit of Te Papa Museum
- Ferry Wellington – Picton
- Daytrip to Abel Tasman Nationalpark
- Visit Kaikoura seal colony
- Walking tour in Christchurch
- Admission to Lake Tekapo Hot Springs
- Walking tour Queenstown and Arrowtown
- Skyline Gondola, Haka Performance and farewell buffet diner in Queenstown
- Visit Arrowtown

Prices are subject to season and availability. Minimum group size of 20 persons.