

# 19 Day Grand Kiwi ex Christchurch

Yummy food, world-class wine, stunning scenery, unreal adrenalin activities, you're in new Zealand baby! You've got 19 days to get under the skin of New Zealand. We dare you not to fall head over heels in love with this place.



#### **Bucket List Inclusions**

- Wine tasting in Marlborough
- Stay in Fox Glacier
- Haka & Poi class
- Visit Lake Matheson
- Visit Huka Falls
- Visit Lake Taupo
- Cruise Milford Sound
- Mountain bike in Arrowtown

#### More Inclusions

- 18 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- 8 nights in hotels, 4 nights in motels, 3 nights in lodges, 1 night in a cabin, 1 night in a hostel, 1 night in a traditional Maori Marae
- Cook Strait ferry crossing
- Modern air-conditioned coach with free Wi-Fi
- Awesome Topdeck Crew

# Trip Itinerary

## Day 1: Christchurch to Fox Glacier

And so the journey begins! The Canterbury Plains make for pretty window views today – but we'll be in mountain territory in no time. We'll make a pit stop by the stunning Lake Matheson en route to Fox Glacier. Fingers crossed for good weather so you can see New Zealand's two tallest mountain peaks reflected in the mirror-like lake!

Included today: Visit Lake Matheson, Stay in the Fox Glacier region

Meals: Dinner

## Day 2: Fox Glacier to Queenstown

Hit up New Zealand's most famous glacier with an optional guided terminal face walk or heli-hike. Then, we'll journey past Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea as we roll into Queenstown. Get your bearings on an orientation tour, then be free! The nightlife here is unreal. Trust us.

Included today: Queenstown orientation tour,

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activities: Heli-hike, Ice walk

# Day 3: Queenstown

Queenstown has sooo many adrenalin-fuelled activities to try. Question is, how many can you fit in to your time here? You could try bungy jumping, a canyon swing, skydiving, hiking or the skyline gondola. Hungry after all of that adventuring? Don't miss Fergburger, Queenstown's famous burger joint. The queues are worth it.

Meals: Breakfast

<u>Optional activities:</u> Jet boating, Bungy jumping, Canyon swinging, Horse riding, Skydiving, Skiing in winter, Hang-gliding, Ziplining, Whitewater rafting, Half day hike, Scenic helicopter flights

#### Day 4: Queenstown via Milford Sound

It's time for the main event! We're headed to the unbelievable beauty of New Zealand's southwestern fjords for a cruise through Milford Sound. This place comes complete with thundering waterfalls and towering cliffs that'll blow your mind. Keep your eyes peeled for resident seals and dolphins too (cute).

Included activities: Cruise Milford Sound

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 5: Queenstown

Our hot tip for your last day here? Sign up for a jet boat ride or some rafting (both optional). For dinner, why not try the yummy pizzas at Winnie's before a final night out on the town? Let's gooo!

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activities: Jet boating, Rafting

## Day 6: Queenstown to Ohau

Bye Queenstown, you've been epic. On our way to Lake Ohau you'll get the chance to hop on a bike and take on the most spectacular ride on the Queenstown trail. Cross the 80 m suspension bridge and take in the stunning, open farmland, mountain and river views.

Included today: Mountain bike in Arrowtown

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

# Day 7: Lake Ohau to Christchurch

We're headed to Christchurch today. But not before squeezing in a visit to a real working farm. We'll tuck into afternoon tea with the owners before moving on to Christchurch.

<u>Included today:</u> Visit a local farm

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 8: Christchurch to Kaikoura

Before leaving Christchurch, we've got an orientation tour on the cards. Then it's onwards to beautiful Kaikoura. Few places in the world can boast such natural wonders as Kaikoura. Once here, you'll have the unique opportunity to swim with the resident dusky dolphins. There's also whale watching on the cards too. Eeek!

Included today: Christchurch orientation tour

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activities: Whale watching, Swim with dolphins

#### Day 9: Kaikoura to Nelson

Try to spot a New Zealand fur seal or two in Kaikoura. Then, we're on to Nelson. But first we'll stop for an included tour and tasting at a Marlborough winery. Famous for producing some of the world's best Sauvignon Blanc, come check it out for yourself.

Included today: Wine tasting in Marlborough,

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 10: Nelson

Explore the beautiful Abel Tasman National Park by boat, take to the walking tracks, paddle along the shoreline in ocean kayaks, or see it all from above with a skydive. This is a real South Island gem, so get amongst it.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activities: Visit Abel Tasman National Park, Hiking, Kayaking, Skydiving

## Day 11: Nelson to Wellington

Today we'll cross the Cook Strait by ferry and sail into the blue waters of Marlborough Sound. Hop off in Wellington and get ready to experience the big city with a chilled out feel. Get your bearings on an orientation tour, then go exploring. Our top tips? The incredible Te Papa Museum and the pretty botanical gardens. Don't miss the nightlife here. With more bars and restaurants per capita than New York, what better way to spend the night?

Included today: Cook Strait ferry crossing, Orientation tour in Wellington

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activities: Visit the Te Papa Museum, Visit the botanical gardens

# Day 12: Wellington to Tongariro

Quick! Visit everything you didn't get the chance to yesterday before we board the coach for Tongariro National Park.

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 13: Tongariro National Park

Known as one of the best one-day hikes in the world, you'll get the chance to complete the Tongariro Alpine Crossing today (optional and weather dependent). With three volcanic peaks dominating the horizon and terrain that'll make you feel like you're on Mars, this hike is so worth the sore legs the next day. Look at you adventuring like a pro!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Optional activities: Hike the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, Shorter, local walks

# Day 14: Tongariro to Rotorua

We'll swing by beautiful Lake Taupo before making tracks to the epic Huka Falls (you'll hear the rumble of the falls before you see them). Then, crank the heat up to the max – today we're off to check out the geothermal activity in Rotorua on an included tour. Enjoy a traditional Hangi lunch – a meal cooked in an underground oven pit. Maori legends and mythology have been passed down for thousands of years. You have one night in a meeting house to soak in as much as you can. Tuck into a traditional Maori dinner tonight. Yum!

<u>Included today:</u> Stay overnight in a traditional Maori Marae, Visit Rotorua, Traditional Maori Hangi buffet lunch, Visit Huka Falls, Visit Lake Taupo

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 15: Rotorua

While you're in Rotorua, you could head to the spa for a massage, jump into Tolkien's dreams at the Hobbiton movie set, or roll down a hill inside a giant inflatable ball (all optional). When in New Zealand!

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activities: Visit a day spa, Visit the Hobbiton movie set, Zorbing

## Day 16: Rotorua to Auckland

Before leaving Rotorua, learn some Haka moves and checking out the ladies' Poi dance. Then, on our way out of Rotorua we'll swing by the Waitomo Caves. Take on the optionals and go exploring this otherworldly attraction. It's awesome, trust us. Then, we say hey to Auckland. Let's do this!

<u>Included activities:</u> Take part in a Haka and Poi class

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activities: Visit the Waitomo Caves - Black Water Rafting or Glowworm Caves

Tour

## Day 17: Auckland to Bay of Islands

Tear yourself away from Auckland, we're headed to the beautiful Bay of Islands. We'll make two pit stops first though: first at Mt Eden for a view of the city from the top of a volcano, then at Parry Kauri Park where you can check out New Zealand's most sacred tree species. Pretty cool, huh?

Included today: Visit Parry Kauri Park, Visit Mt Eden

Meals: Breakfast

## Day 18: Bay of Islands

What's it going to be today? Stick to the water and opt in for a kayak adventure at Haruru Falls or set your sights high and go skydiving. Either way, you'll be winning! There's also the 'Rock the Boat' overnight cruise you can get involved in for the chance to see as many islands in the Bay as possible. If you've stuck with us on the mainland, we're having a fave Kiwi dish for dinner tonight – just the ticket after a day's excitement.

\*\*Pre-book your Rock the Boat trip to secure a spot as spaces fill up quickly. All meals, epic company and good times included.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Optional activities: 'Rock the Boat' overnight cruise, Kayak at Haruru Falls, Skydiving

#### Day 19: Bay of Island to Auckland

Say bye to paradise before hopping back on the coach. But before we end the trip in Auckland, we'll pay a visit to the pretty Whangerai Falls. With so much to see and do in New Zealand, where to next?

Included today: Visit Whangerai Falls

Meals: Breakfast

**Teilnehmer:** max. 36 Personen (Mindestalter 18 Jahre)

Transport: Bus

Inkludierte Mahlzeiten: 18x Frühstück, 2x Mittagessen, 6x Abendessen

Übernachtung: 8 Nächte Hotel, 4 Nächte Motel, 3 Nächte Lodges, 1 Nacht Hütte, 1

Nacht Hostel, 1 Nacht in einem Maori Marae

Gepäck Limit: 23 kg pro Person

Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch