

A scenic landscape featuring a range of snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a calm turquoise lake reflects the mountains and sky. The overall scene is peaceful and majestic.

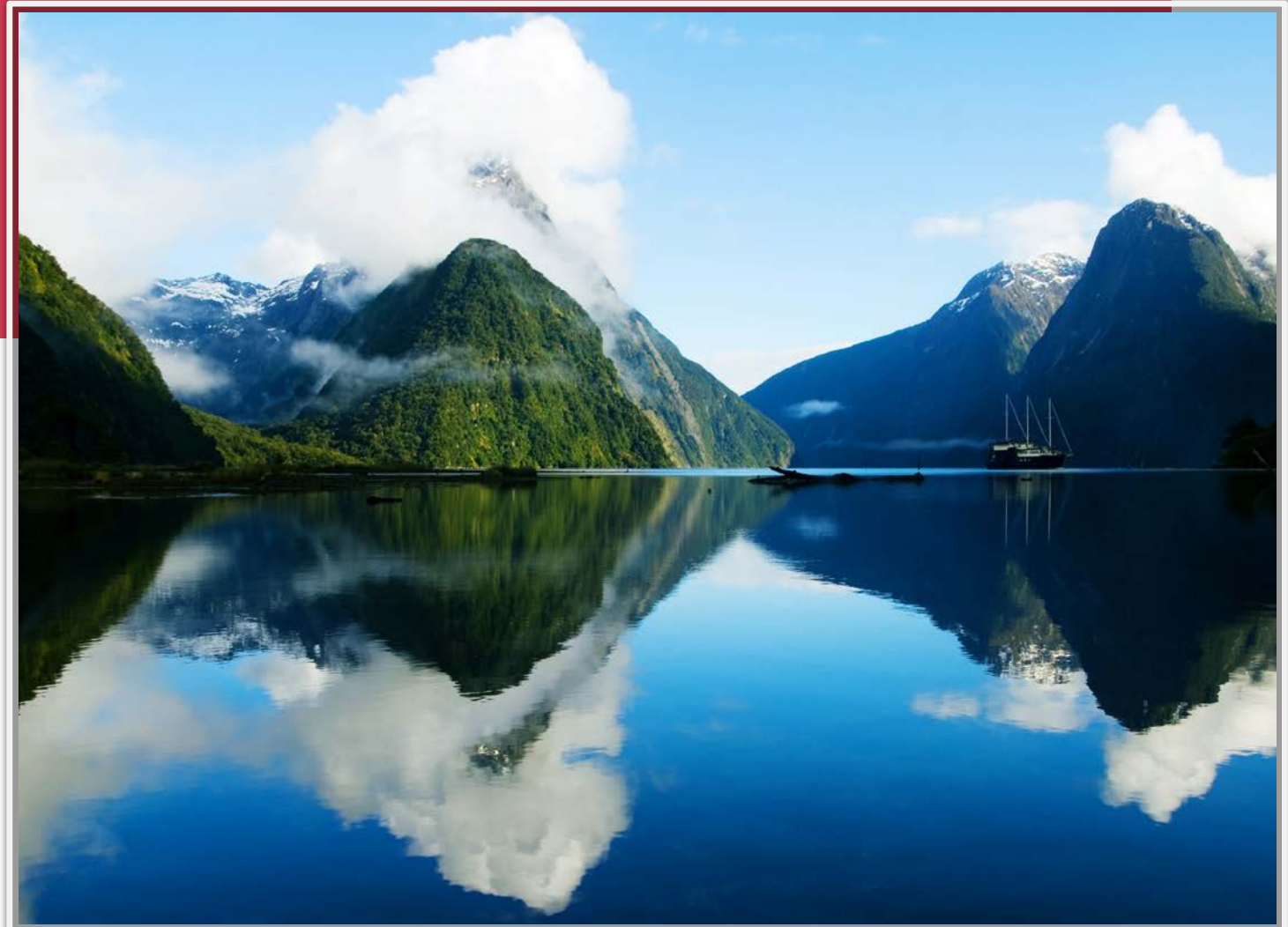
# New Zealand

2024 | NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 3

# Day 1

## Travel to New Zealand

We'll depart Erie in the morning on a private shuttle to the airport and will fly overnight to Auckland, New Zealand.





# Day 2

## In transit

Today is “lost” to crossing the international date line.  
Don't worry! We'll gain it back on our return.





Overnight: Auckland

# Day 3

## Arrive in Auckland

**Kia ora** and **welcome to Auckland!**

Colin, our guide, will meet us at the airport and take us to our hotel in Auckland. After check in we'll head out on foot for a short walking tour.

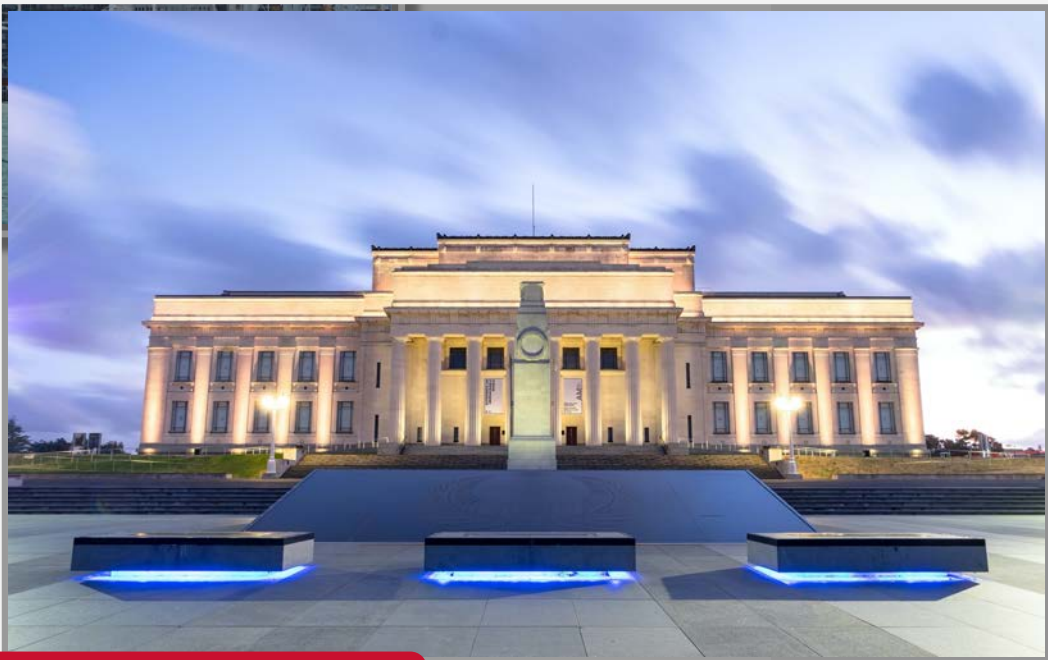
The rest of the afternoon is free to relax or walk off the jet-lag, before we start our group sightseeing of Auckland tomorrow.





# Day 4

## Auckland



This morning we will visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum and take a guided tour with the museum docents. Later in the day opt to hire bikes and cycle along the waterfront to Mission Bay or take time to relax and enjoy the harbor views from one of the harbor-front bars. We will regroup in the evening for a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Auckland  
Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

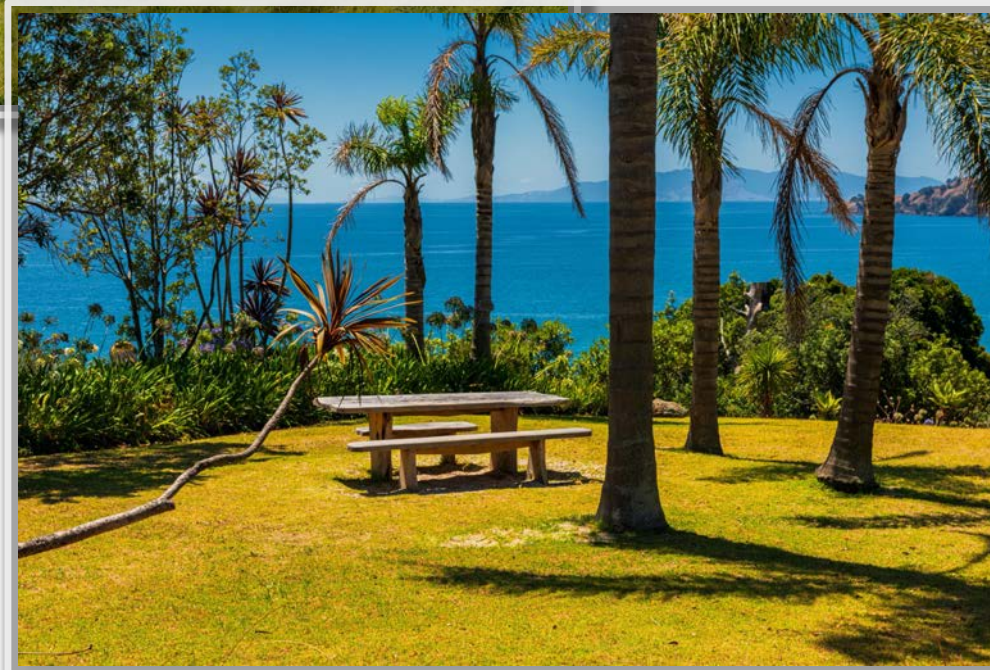




# Day 5

## Waiheke Island

After breakfast, we'll board a ferry to Waiheke Island to visit a whisky distillery and some laid-back island wineries. Enjoy a tour and tasting at Waiheke Whisky Distillery, followed by lunch at Mudbrick Winery Bistro, with some amazing views across the water. Upon return to Auckland, you'll have the evening free to explore on your own.

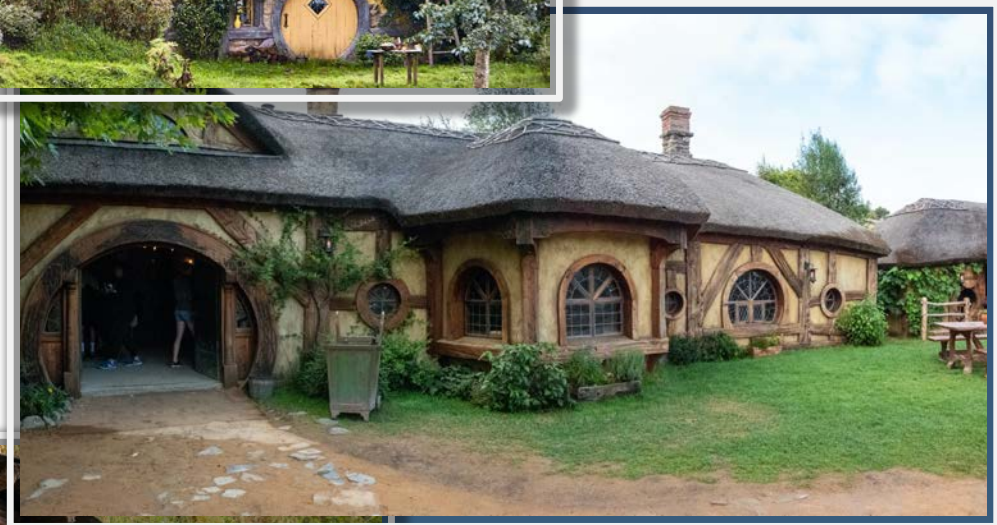


**Overnight:** Auckland  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch



# Day 6 | Rotorua

We will hit the road early this morning—driving from Auckland to Matamata to experience the magic of Hobbiton. We'll stop at Bag End, where Frodo and Bilbo's adventures began, before getting lost among the hobbit holes and visiting the Green Dragon Inn, the mill, and the Party Tree. We'll have free-time for lunch in Matamata before we continue to Rotorua—the geothermal capital of New Zealand. We'll explore the town before an evening stroll amongst the trees at the Redwood Forest on the award-winning eco-tourism walk.



Overnight: Rotorua  
Meals included: Breakfast





# Day 7

## Rotorua

Today we'll spend the morning exploring the Waimangu Volcanic Valley—home to the world-famous Pink and White Terraces, which were buried as a result of the 1886 eruption of Mt. Tarawera. In the afternoon we'll go on a private guided tour of a Living Maori Village before enjoying a cultural performance and traditional hangi dinner.



**Overnight:** Rotorua  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner



# Day 8 | Wellington

We'll have early start this morning to board a flight down to the foodie haven—and capital city of New Zealand—Wellington. After checking into our hotel, we'll get our taste buds tingling on a food tour of the city, sampling some of the incredible locally made food, coffee, and craft beers. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. Options include the Te Papa Museum (free entry), Weta Workshop (film studios), Zealandia (nature park), Mount Victoria, or take a trip up the Cable Car.





# Day 9 | Marlborough

After breakfast, we'll board the Inter-Islander ferry to sail the Cook Strait to the South Island. We'll arrive in the heart of the Marlborough Sounds—the picturesque village of Picton. You'll have free time for lunch overlooking the harbor—be sure to spend time at the floating Museum: The Edwin Fox Maritime Museum (19th-century former convict and cargo ship). In the afternoon take a short drive to Blenheim—the gateway town to one of the best wine making regions in New Zealand.

Overnight: Blenheim

Meals included: Breakfast





# Day 10 | Marlborough

Overnight: Blenheim  
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Today will be a full-day full of wineries and cultural experiences! We'll visit Seresin Vineyard for a tour, wine tasting, and olive oil tasting. We'll also visit Spy Valley for another wine tasting before having lunch in the beautiful setting of Saint Clair vineyard. After lunch visit the Gin Room to taste a selection of boutique New Zealand made gin—including the locally made, award winning Roots Marlborough Dry Gin.







After breakfast we will take the Coastal Pacific Train—one of the most scenic train routes in New Zealand. We'll pass rugged coastlines, across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, on a timeless journey of breath-taking beauty from Blenheim to Christchurch. Upon arrival in Christchurch, we'll transfer to our hotel. In the afternoon, we'll explore the 'Garden City' and the South Island's largest city on a walking tour to see how it is rebuilding after the devastating 2011 earthquakes. We'll also Visit the Botanic Gardens.

## Day 11 Christchurch



Overnight: Christchurch  
Meals included: Breakfast





# Day 12 | Akaroa

After breakfast we'll head out to the small French-heritage town of Akaroa, on the Banks Peninsula. We'll stop to grab a picnic lunch, before boarding a boat for our cruise around an extinct volcanic crater. Take in its majestic beauty while keeping your eyes out for native Hector's Dolphins playing in the waves at the bow of the boat. In the afternoon, we'll head back to Christchurch for some free time to explore the city. Be sure to jump on the tram or visit the Cardboard Cathedral.



Overnight: Christchurch  
Meals included: Breakfast





# Day 13 | Aoraki

Overnight: Aoraki Mount Cook Village  
Meals included: Breakfast

Leave the city behind for a journey into the heart of the MacKenzie Country today. We'll drive on some of the most picturesque roads in New Zealand, as we head for Tekapo and Aoraki Mount Cook. The Aoraki Mackenzie region is home to the largest and first gold standard International Dark Sky Reserve. We'll stop at the Dark Sky Project where we'll embark on a journey 13.8 billion years in the making, where Māori astronomy meets cutting-edge science in a guided multi-media voyage through space and time.

In the afternoon, we'll continue our journey to Aoraki Mount Cook Village, in the middle of Aoraki National Park.





# Day 14 | Mt. Cook



Wake up in one of the most picturesque villages in New Zealand, with a full day of exploring ahead of you. The Hooker Valley Track is one of the most popular walks in New Zealand for a reason. The track starts in the Hooker Valley and runs along the Hooker River, ending at the glacier lake—where there are amazing views of Aoraki/Mount Cook on a clear day. Along the way we will cross three swing bridges and encounter picturesque icebergs, glaciers, and majestic mountains that will have you reaching for your camera at every turn. Inside The Hermitage Hotel discover the Sir Edmund Hillary Centre, a fascinating tribute to the man and mountaineering history. There is an option to take a helicopter tour of the Glacier or to go Sea Kayaking on the Tasman Glacier terminal lake. You'll get up close to the icebergs and fantastic insight into the history of the glacier and surrounding mountains. Breathe in the mountain air amongst some of the most stunning scenery on earth.

Overnight: Aoraki Mount Cook Village  
Meals included: Breakfast





# Day 15 Lake Wanaka

Say goodbye to Aoraki this morning before we make our way to Queenstown, via Wanaka. Enjoy views across Lake Pukaki, cross the Lindis Pass, and through the Kawarau Gorge. We'll stop in Wanaka for free time for lunch. After lunch, we'll regroup to visit the Cardrona Distillery to discover the secrets to Cardrona's artisan spirits. Here we will see where the malt is milled, mashed, fermented, distilled, and matured before tasting the wares with a tutored spirit tasting of Cardrona's whisky, gin, vodka, and liqueurs. We'll continue to Queenstown. Be ready to fall in love with New Zealand's coolest town. Upon checking in at our hotel, Colin will take us on an orientation walk of the town before setting free for dinner and evening delights.



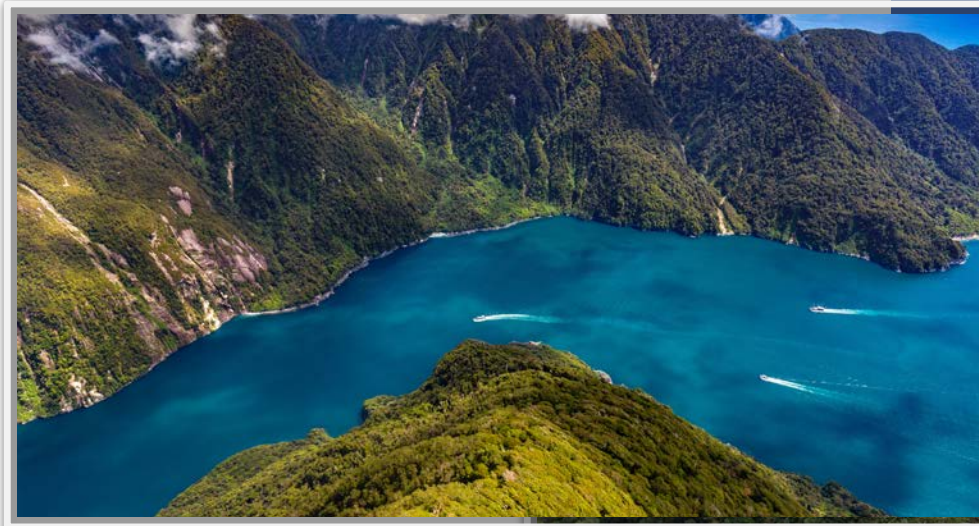
Overnight: Queenstown  
Meals included: Breakfast



# Day 16

## Milford Sound

We'll spend the today travelling through Fiordland and exploring the Milford Sound by boat. Sit back and relax as our cruise makes its way out into Milford Sound past the iconic Mitre Peak. We'll sail the length of the 16km fiord, out past St Annes Point Lighthouse, with informative commentary from our skipper. See towering peaks, sheer cliffs, cascading waterfalls and lush rainforest. Feel the spray of Fairy Falls and listen to the sound of nature thriving in its habitat. Be sure to keep an eye out for seals basking in the sun, pods of dolphins, or rare Fiordland Crested Penguins that can be found seasonally within the region. Whilst onboard, enjoy a Kiwi-style buffet lunch, which includes a selection of delicious hot and cold dishes and salads freshly prepared on board using local produce.



Overnight: Queenstown  
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

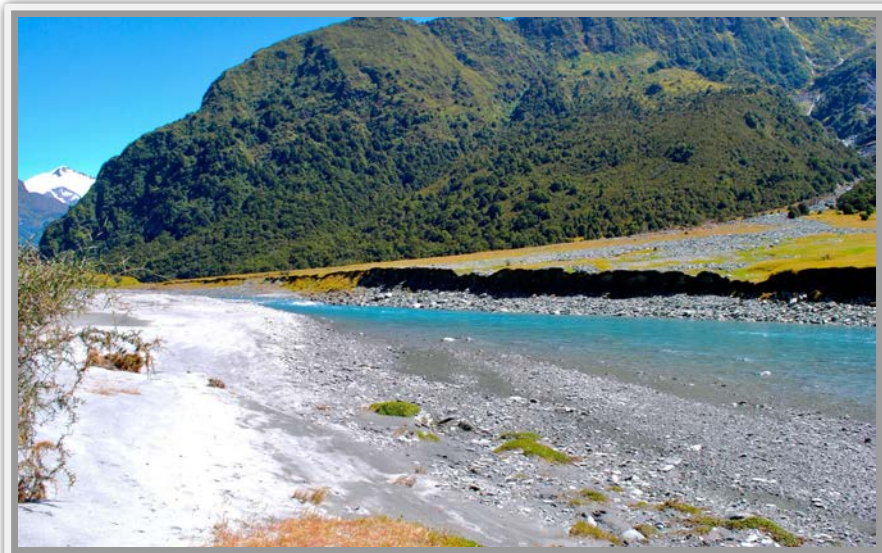




# Day 17

## Queenstown

Nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu and set against the backdrop of the Southern Alps, one only needs to view the epic landscape of Queenstown to feel refreshed, energized, and inspired, but why stop at looking when there are so many activities to do! Today you'll have free time to enjoy activities in the "Adventure Capital of the World." You can swing or jet boat through canyons, jump off bridges and out of planes, and even conquer the white-water rapids. For those who prefer to keep their feet firmly on the ground, there are also biking and hiking trails to die for, wine and beer tasting tours, back-country 4WD and horse-back riding adventures, and even scenic lake cruises. Opt to add on an Onsen Hot Pool Experience today.



**Overnight:** Queenstown  
**Meals included:** Breakfast





Wave goodbye to Queenstown this morning and board a domestic flight to Auckland. After checking into our hotel, we'll sail across the Manukau harbor to Devonport and visit the gallery of famed blown-glass artist Peter Raos Gallery. Explore Devonport this afternoon or take a trip up to Maungauika/North Head Historic Reserve. Wander around and explore the Former military fortifications atop a grassy headland, with tunnels & guns, plus the best harbor views in Auckland. This evening we'll have our final group dinner in Devonport, at one of the fantastic restaurants, before your return ferry across the harbor. Enjoy the views of the illuminated Harbor Bridge and Sky Tower.

## Day 18

# Devonport

Overnight: Auckland  
Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner





# New Zealand

2024: November 15 – December 3

\$11,350 USD per person (Includes: Air | Accommodation | Ground Transportation | Listed Tours | Guides | Breakfast Daily + Listed Meals | Wine Tasting | Gratuity)

## Highlights

- Auckland, Waiheke Island, Queenstown, Christchurch, Milford Sound, Marlborough Region, Mt. Cook
- Coastlines & Mountains
- Delicious Wine Tastings & Culinary Experiences
- 4 & 5-Star Hotels

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