



EXPERIENCE THE WORLD

New Zealand Wonderland

Auckland to Christchurch

2020-21

17 Days

From \$7,495 NZD

pp

Trip Code: NCC17

Trip Highlights



World Heritage-wonder

Enjoy time to relax at Aoraki Mount Cook National Park and take in its spectacular views.



Cruise Milford Sound in NZ

Cruise the full length of NZ's iconic Milford Sound, a magnificent fiord with cascading waterfalls and dense rainforest.



Cape Brett's Hole in the Rock

Enjoy a cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for marine life and admire the stunning coastal scenery.

Travel & Accommodation



Iconic Hotels and Resorts

Stay in luxury hotels including the Novotel Queenstown Lakeside.



Iconic Alpine Views

Boasting sophistication and luxury, the Hermitage Hotel in Mt Cook is surrounded by iconic rugged alpine scenery.



Ride the TranzAlpine train

Travel through the deep gorges and river valleys of the Southern Alps and pretty patchwork farmland of Canterbury plains.

Inclusions

- Experiences in 15 destinations
- Finest dining - A total of 27 meals
- The services of an APT Tour Director and Driver
- NCC17 - 2020/21 season runs for 17 days
- Freedom of Choice Inclusions in six locations
- 16 nights in hand-picked accommodation
- Return airport transfers and portorage

TRIP NOTES

- Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change
- Prices are fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, cruises, meals as specified and accommodation
- Prices are for land only. Flights not included
- Ask us about pre and post accommodation
- Please note the 2020/21 season (NCC17) runs for 17 days

Map & Itinerary



Signature Experiences

Designed Exclusively for APT guests

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

These once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - SIGHTSEEING

Personalise your holiday with a choice of included sightseeing options sure to leave you with lifelong memories

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - DINING

Choose from a variety of included dining options sure to tantalise the tastebuds of every guest

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Arrive Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Stay: Auckland, Grand Millennium Hotel

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Auckland, Bay Of Islands

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the original treaty between the British and Māori people was signed.

Cross Auckland's Harbour Bridge and travel along the Hibiscus Coast. Stop at Matakoho's Kauri Museum for an insight into the rich pioneering history of the Northland region. Continue to the Bay of Islands where you will enjoy a visit to the Māori Meeting House and War Canoe at Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

Stay: Two Nights, Bay of Islands, Copthorne Hotel and Resort

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

DAY

3

Bay Of Islands

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Meander through the Bay of Islands and keep watch for marine life, then spend some time in a secluded bay.

Explore the Bay of Islands on a catamaran cruise to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock.

Daily : ● Breakfast

DAY

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Bay Of Islands, Auckland

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Perhaps cruise on Waitemata Harbour; enjoy a unique All Blacks experience; visit Auckland Zoo to discover the native flora and fauna of New Zealand; or immerse yourself in a Make Believe Experience and journey behind the cinema curtain with the Academy Award-winning team at Weta Workshop; or escape the bustle of the city on a tour to Auckland's wild, black sand beaches and lush rainforest.

Travel to Auckland and take in the city sights before selecting from our Freedom of Choice activities. Back at your hotel this evening, enjoy a delicious Pacific-themed dinner.

Stay: Auckland, Grand Millennium

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Auckland, Waitomo Caves, Rotorua

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Immerse yourself in Māori culture as you enjoy a traditional Hāngī Feast and performance of song and dance.

Travel to Waitomo, home to the famous glow worm caves where thousands of tiny luminescent creatures radiate an eerie glow. Discover this natural wonder on a guided tour, before continuing to Rotorua.

Stay: Two Nights, Millennium Rotorua

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

DAY

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Rotorua

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Perhaps enjoy a sheep show at the Agrodome followed by a visit to Te Puia Thermal Reserve. Alternatively, choose to visit Wai-O-Tapu or experience Middle-earth during a tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set.

Spend this morning on your Freedom of Choice activity. Afterwards, the afternoon and evening are free for you to explore.

Daily : ● Breakfast

DAY

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Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington

Follow the Thermal Explorer Highway to the heart of New Zealand's North Island this morning. View the Wairakei Steam Valley, then visit Huka Falls and Lake Taupo, before travelling across the plateau of Tongariro National Park to Wellington.

Stay: Two Nights, InterContinental Wellington

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Wellington

After breakfast, set off on a sightseeing tour of Wellington's best-loved landmarks and sights, including the waterfront area and New Zealand's national museum – Te Papa Tongarewa. The rest of the day will be yours at leisure to further explore this coastal city and perhaps dine at a local restaurant.

Daily : ● Breakfast

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Wellington, Christchurch

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

This morning, step aboard the Interislander ferry to cruise across Cook Strait and through the stunning waters of Marlborough and Queen Charlotte sounds to Picton.

Arrive on the South Island and travel to the quaint fishing town of Kaikoura before continuing along the central east coast all the way to Christchurch.

Stay: Christchurch, Commodore Hotel

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Christchurch, TranzAlpine Train, Franz Josef

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's greatest rail adventures.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Take in the dramatic surrounds of the Franz Josef Glacier.

Pass through epic river valleys and past awesome mountain ranges then disembark at Arthur's Pass and travel to Hokitika, where you will see pounamu (jade) being carved into pieces of jewellery. Continue to Franz Josef.

Stay: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (or similar)

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

DAY

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Franz Josef, Queenstown

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Dining

On a Freedom of Choice Dining evening perhaps sample quality crafted beer at Canyon Food & Brew Co. Alternatively, take a scenic gondola ride to the Skyline Restaurant for dinner with a view. You may prefer a cruise aboard the TSS Earnslaw, a vintage steamboat, or dine amid the stylish surrounds of the Elements Restaurant.

Enjoy a day of breathtaking scenery as you travel to Queenstown.

Stay: Two Nights, Novotel Queenstown Lakeside

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Queenstown

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Perhaps visit several local sites where The Lord of the Rings trilogy was filmed. Alternatively, set out on a Skippers Canyon adventure or a river safari along the beautiful Dart River. A tour of the country's premier wine-producing region is a tempting option, or a leisurely cruise over the waters of Lake Wakatipu.

Enjoy the flexibility of how to spend your morning with a range of Freedom of Choice activities on offer.

Daily : ● Breakfast

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13

Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a cruise that explores the full length of the pristine fiord which is Milford Sound.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Tonight, enjoy a Taste of Fiordland Dinner, and savour local delights such as salmon and lamb.

Embark on one of the most scenic drives today as you journey along the Milford Road and into the heart of Fiordland National Park. Wind down the Eglinton and Hollyford valleys, then drive through the Homer Tunnel to be met by the sight of Mitre Peak, the iconic backdrop to Milford Sound. Continue to Milford Sound. Afterwards, enjoy a picturesque drive to the lakeside settlement of Te Anau.

Stay: Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Te Anau, Dunedin

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Perhaps visit Olveston Historic Home, or discover the history of Larnach Castle, nestled on the stunning Otago Peninsula. Those who enjoy a beer may choose to visit Speight's Brewery for a tasting.

Journey through Southland countryside as you travel to Dunedin, a city known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. This afternoon, choose your Freedom of Choice activity.

Stay: Distinction Dunedin Hotel

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Dunedin, Aoraki Mt Cook

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Visit Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to see New Zealand's highest mountain.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, or the planetarium for a stargazing session. Alternatively, during the summer months, board a MAC boat and get up close to icebergs on the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake.

Drive north and stop to view the Moeraki Boulders on Koekohe Beach. Continue to Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, where you choose your activity.

Stay: Aoraki Mt Cook, The Hermitage Hotel, in a room with alpine views

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Aoraki Mt Cook, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch

Travel to Lake Tekapo and pay a visit to the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at your hotel.

Stay: Rydges Latimer Christchurch

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

DAY

17

Depart Christchurch

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Daily : ● Breakfast