



HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW ZEALAND TOUR

8 Days /7 Nights

Auckland, Rotorua, Queenstown, Milford sound, Franz Josef Glacier,
Christchurch



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OVERVIEW:

During this 8-day spectacular trip of New Zealand, we will witness this land of pristine natural beauty adorned with beautiful landscapes and a hint of exciting adventure. We will mark the beginning of our trip with the visit to Auckland.

The next day we will visit the natural wonder called Waitomo cave. It is a unique cave illuminated by millions of glow worms. Then we will turn our ways towards Rotorua. Rotorua is a geothermal land featuring colourful landscapes and a natural geyser called Wai-O-Tapu. Here we will also take a trip to the Tamaki Maori Village to learn about the culture of the Maori people and try their scrumptious tribal delicacies.

After a tour of Northern New Zealand, we will proceed south to the country's adventure capital, Queenstown which attracts travellers from all over the world for its exquisite natural beauty. The brave hearted must try the bungee jump here, the place where it originated and wine connoisseurs should definitely go out for the wine tasting experience.

During our stay at Queenstown, we will go on scenic road trip to Te Anau and Milford Sound. The cruise on Milford Sound is mesmerizing and will surely be the highlight of your 8-day tour of New Zealand. After Queenstown, we will turn our ways towards Franc Josef town where we will enjoy scenic view of glaciers. Here, one must go for an adventurous yet captivating heli-hike tour of the Franc Josef Glacier.

Now as we enter the last leg of this trip, we will board the Trans Alpine Train to Christchurch and enjoy a five-hour long journey witnessing beautiful landscapes. Explore the beautiful botanical gardens and amazing street art of Christchurch while punting down the Avon river.



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DAY 01: ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND

On arrival at Auckland International Airport, you will be met by our local representative in New Zealand for a brief meet and greet. Later, proceed to your city centre hotel in Auckland for check-in.

Auckland is New Zealand's largest and most populous city with a population of just 15 lakh people (2019). While Wellington is the country's political capital, the city of Auckland is the main financial and commercial centre. One of the most expensive cities in the world, it is also considered as one of the most liveable. A highly cosmopolitan city, people from all over the world now call this city their home.

Rest of the day is free for you to explore Auckland on your own.

Overnight stay at your city-centre hotel in Auckland.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Auckland International Airport
- Explore Auckland at your own leisure

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DAY 02: VISIT WAITOMO CAVES AND TRANSFER TO ROTORUA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to Rotorua. En-route we shall visit Waitomo Glow worm cave.

Waitomo Cave is a world-famous natural attraction of New Zealand. Millions of indigenous glow worms thrive in these caves and illuminate its ceiling. As you cross an underground river running through these caves on a boat, the guide explains to you the history of these fantastic caves. Apart from a regular guided tour, you can also indulge in adventure activities like black-water rafting and abseiling.



After a tour of the Waitomo cave, we will continue our journey to Rotorua. Upon reaching, we will check-in at our hotel there.

Named after a lake by the same name, **Rotorua** has been a principal base of Maori culture since 14th century who constitute a significant portion of the region's population. Due to its location in the heart of North Island's geothermal belt, the city of Rotorua is popular for its wide array of bubbling mud pools, surging geysers and thermal spa resorts.

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Overnight stay at the hotel in Rotorua..

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – Fans of the movie and book series – ‘The Hobbit’ and ‘Lord of the rings’ can enjoy a gala day at the actual sets of the movie at **Hobbiton**. Step into the city of Shire, home to the hobbits and glance at their lavish burrows, the mill and the famous Green Dragon Inn and enjoy Hobbit food and drinks.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Waitomo Caves that are lit up by millions of glow worms
- Arrive in Rotorua and check-in at the hotel
- Enjoy a guided tour of the actual sets of the Hobbit and Lord of the rings movie series [RECOMMENDED]

DAY 03: VISIT WAI O TAPU THERMAL WONDERLAND AND TAMAKI MAORI VILLAGE

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a tour of Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland.

The best place to enjoy spectacular geothermal elements, **Wai-O-Tapu** features colourful landscapes, powerful geysers and bubbling mud pools. These reliefs were sculpted as a result of thousands of years of volcanic activity in the region. The lady knox geysers interestingly bursts naturally at 10:15 am daily and the mud pool here is the largest in New Zealand.



In the evening, we will proceed to **Tamaki Maori Village** to enjoy a cultural performance by the indigenous Maori tribal people. Tamaki Maori is a pre-European village in the native Tawa forest. As you enter the village, you will be welcomed in a traditional Maori

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ceremony, master storytellers will inform you about Maori customs and way of life and you can participate in numerous cultural activities such as hakka (war cry), weaving and weapon training. Watch the food being cooked under the earth in hot pits. The evening culminates with a traditional Maori dinner.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Rotorua.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – A huge 350 acre farm in Rotorua, **Agrodome** is a wonderful site which offers informative tour about farming practices in New Zealand and also offers a chance to participate in fun activities such as milking a cow and hand-feeding the lambs. The biggest draw of the farm is a fun and unique show that is very popular among families with young children. During the show, sheep of different breeds are introduced to the audience and are sheared on stage. This is followed by a fun sheep auction in which even you



HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at geysers and coloured mud pools at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal wonderland
- Learn about Maori culture at Tamaki Maori Village
- Visit an actual farm and learn how sheep are sheared at Agrodome
[RECOMMENDED]

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DAY 04: TRANSFER TO QUEENSTOWN

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to Rotorua Airport to catch a flight to **Queenstown**. Upon arriving, we will check-in at our city centre hotel there.



The adventure capital of the world, Queenstown is a region carved out by glaciers, lakes and rivers. People come from all over the world to enjoy the beauty of its unique landscape and participate in the adrenaline pumping activities available in this resort town. Built around Lake Wakatipu, the longest lake in New Zealand, it serves as a base for nearby vineyards and mining towns.

Rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the **Queenstown** on your own. You can choose to spend the day by participating in a number of adventure activities in Queenstown such as bungee jumping or jetboat riding down the Shotover river canyon.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Queenstown.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – Queenstown is surrounded by beautiful wine country which produces some of the best wines in the world. If you are fond of wine, or still new to it, you can participate in a wine tasting tour leaving from Queenstown. During the tour, you will sample of the award winning wines from the region while you get to travel to

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amazing off-the-beaten-track wineries.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly to Queenstown and check-in at the hotel
- Visit New Zealand's best wineries & sample the local wine [RECOMMENDED]

DAY 05: TE ANAU AND FJORD CRUISE ON MILFORD SOUND

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for one of the most stunning road trips in the world between Queenstown and Milford Sound. En-route, we will visit Te Anau.

Te Anau is a small town that serves as the gateway to Fiordland National Park, the largest national park in New Zealand and a UNESCO World Heritage site . The park is renowned for its flora and fauna that has remain unchanged for more than 300 million years. The town is located on the edge of a lake by the same name and is a base for a number of picturesque treks to the surrounding region

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After a small stop at Te Anau, we will continue our journey to Milford Sound. **Milford Sound** is a beautiful fiord located deep within Fiordland National Park. Many considered it to be New Zealand's most beautiful natural attraction. The best way to soak in the natural beauty of the region is by taking a **cruise along the fiord**, surrounded by stunning waterfalls falling down over sheer cliffs of the southern Alps.



After the cruise, we will take the scenic route back to Queenstown. Overnight stay at the hotel in Queenstown.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the beautiful journey from Queenstown to Milford sound
- Take a cruise on the fiord to bask in the stunning scenery

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DAY 06: TRANSFER TO FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER

After breakfast, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Glacier.

The journey from Queenstown to the glacier region located on the west coast of New Zealand is another spectacular drive across the beautiful country. As you cross the Haast Pass and travel through the Westland National Park, you get to drive past snowy mountains and serene lakes. Upon arriving in **Franz Josef Town**, we will check-in at our hotel there.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Franz Josef Town.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – Those looking for a unique adventure in New Zealand should definitely choose a **heli-hike tour of the Franz Josef Glacier**. During the tour, you will take a helicopter to enjoy the views from the top. The helicopter lands at a makeshift place directly on the glacier from where you start a two-hour hike through pristine glacier snow, spectacular ice formations and fresh air. Later, grab a return helicopter ride back to the departure location.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic ride to Franz Josef town and see magnificent glaciers
- Go on a Heli-Hike tour of Franz Josef Glacier [RECOMMENDED]

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DAY 07: TRANS-APLINE TRAIN TO CHRISTCHURCH

After breakfast, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed further north to the town of Greymouth to catch the Trans Alpine train to Christchurch.

The **Trans Alpine train** gives you the chance to witness the striking natural landscape of New Zealand's South Island on a five-hour journey from Greymouth to Christchurch. During the comfortable train ride, you will marvel at epic vistas, travel along the Waimakariri River and cross the Southern Alps.



Upon reaching Christchurch, we will check-in at the hotel.

Christchurch is the largest city in New Zealand's South Island and the oldest British city in the country. Also called the garden city for its vast botanical gardens, the city is renowned for its fabulous street art. The well-planned city has one of the best water supply systems in the world with its water quality frequently rewarded as the cleanest and purest. The city also serves as a gateway for Antarctic exploration.

SEG'S RECOMMENDATION – Venture out for a fabulous **punting ride on the Avon river** in Christchurch. During this relaxing ride, you shall marvel at the beautiful botanical gardens lining the Avon river that give the name 'Garden City' to Christchurch as you are

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poled by a punter dressed in Edwardian era clothes. This eco-friendly ride is an iconic activity in Christchurch.



Overnight stay at the hotel in [Christchurch](#).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride the majestic Trans Alpine train to reach Christchurch
- Enjoy a relaxing punting ride on the iconic Avon river [RECOMMENDED]

DAY 08: FLY BACK TO INDIA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to Christchurch international airport to catch our flight back to India.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your New Zealand tour organised by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – Home to the Antarctic programmes of New Zealand, USA and Italy, the [International Antarctic Centre](#) offers a taste of the formidable continent to the visitors. During this ultimate Antarctic adventure, you can enjoy a ride of the Hagglund, the vehicle used by Antarctic explorers to traverse the region. Not only this, in

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an indoor polar room, you will brave temperatures as low as -8 degrees Celsius and biting winds as you learn to survive an Antarctic storm. With loads of more fun and informative activities such as petting Huskies and penguins, you get to learn about life on Antarctica on this amazing tour.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Survive Antarctic storms at the International Antarctic Centre [RECOMMENDED]
- Board flight to return back to India



“TOUR END”

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