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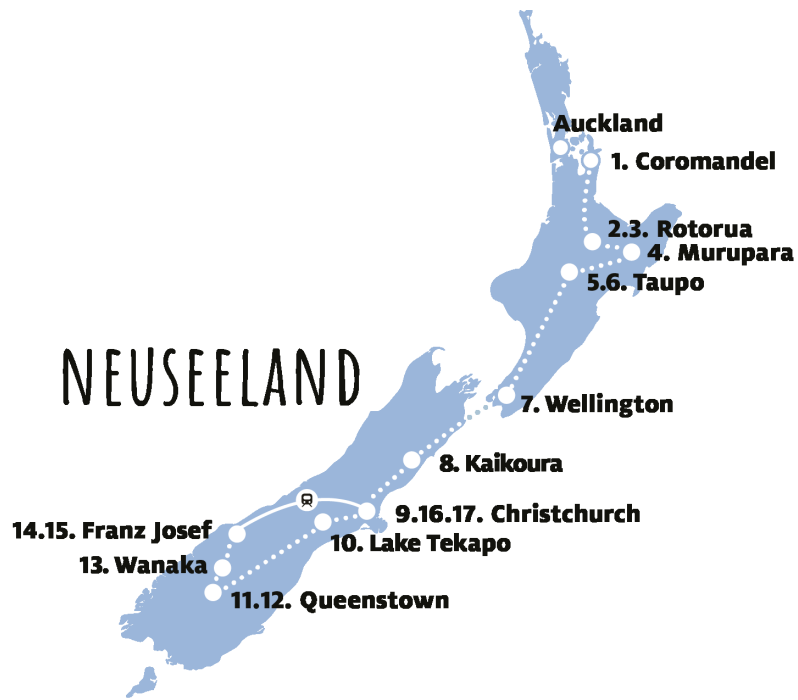
# NEUSEELAND KIWI EXPERIENCE

17 TAGE ADVENTURE-TRIP

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Zischende Thermalgebiete in Rotorua  
Glühwürmchen in Waitomo  
Die Vulkane des Tongariro-Nationalparks  
Zu Gast bei einer Maori-Familie  
Action in Taupo  
Der Franz-Josef-Gletscher  
Abenteuerhauptstadt Queenstown  
Tolle Ausblicke am Lake Tekapo  
Fahrt mit dem TranzAlpine über den Arthur's Pass





# REISEVERLAUF

Eine komplett andere Welt. Farben, für die es keine Namen gibt. Schneebedeckte Alpen, spiegelnde Seen, Buchten in ultramarinblau, Berghänge in saftiggrün, vulkanische Blubberpfützen in tausendschön. Und alles auf einmal. Zwei Möglichkeiten: Angewurzelt stehen bleiben zum Staunen – oder laufen, wandern, klettern, um von diesem einzigartigen Geschenk der Natur so viel wie möglich mitzunehmen. Wir haben uns für letztere entschieden.

Seid ihr alle da? In dieser unvergleichlichen Stadt, die die Ureinwohner Tāmaki-makau-rau »Eine junge Schönheit mit 100 Liebhabern« nennen. »City of Sails« ist gewissermaßen der Nachname von **Auckland**. Wohin ihr seht, umzingeln hunderte Segelboote die Stadt. Schneeweiß auf Marineblau. Aber wir wollen weiter. **Coromandel**<sup>1</sup> ruft. Die Halbinsel der malerischen Klippen, leckeren Weine und heißen Quellen. Am Hot Water Beach buddeln wir ein Loch, lassen uns reinplumpsen und einmal weichkochen. Zur Abkühlung einen Hechtsprung ins Meer. Total verrückt. Aber das machen hier alle.

Turmhohe Geysire, brüllende Fontänen und brodelnde Schlammtöpfe machen **Rotorua**<sup>2 3</sup> zur Hexenküche. Die Stadt liegt mitten auf dem Pazifischen Feuerring und so riecht es auch. Vielleicht hat der rasende Kriegstanz der Maori seinen Ursprung auf dem heißen Boden. Dann müsstest du eigentlich mittanzten können, wenn wir in **Murupara**<sup>4</sup> zur Maori-Kulturperformance eingeladen sind. Vorausgesetzt allerdings, du bist uns bei einem unterirdischen Erlebnis trotz tausender Blinklichter nicht abhandengekommen. Glühwürmchen ohne Ende, dafür sind die Höhlen von Waitomo weltberühmt. Kraxeln, klettern, schwimmen, springen und abseilen ist angesagt. In absoluter Dunkelheit versteht sich. Sonst siehst du die Würmer nicht leuchten.

Ablegen oder aufschwingen, das ist jetzt die Frage. Dazwischen liegt ein Angebot an Aktivitäten, wie es nur am **Lake Taupo**<sup>5 6</sup> möglich ist. Zeig, was du drauf hast, beim Tongariro Alpine Crossing oder Skydiving über dem grünen See. Und wenn du am Fallschirm baumelst, mit Blick auf die schneebedeckten Vulkane des Tongariro-Nationalparks, bringt es dich fast um den Verstand. Nix für dich? Auch gut, dann ab in die warmen Quellen.





Kultureller Mittelpunkt, Künstlermetropole, Pubs, Oriental Bay, Nightlife, Hauptstadt. Das ist **Wellington**<sup>7</sup>. Aber lange noch nicht alles. Zugabe: Das innovativste Nationalmuseum der Welt: Te Papa, was in der Sprache der Maori »Der Ort der Schätze dieses Landes« bedeutet. Und für die ganz Harten: Te Aro, das Hammer-Vergnügungsviertel, das pro Einwohner mehr Sitzplätze in Bars, Clubs und Cafés als New York City hat.

Genug Stadtluft geschnuppert. Mit der Fähre geht es in die Gewässer der Südinsel **Kaikoura**<sup>8</sup>, wo du auf Delfine und Wale nicht lange warten musst. Und falls dir beim Waldspaziergang eine Robbe begegnet, sag freundlich »Grüß Gott«. Das ist hier normal, es war ihr im Wasser einfach zu kalt. Soll bei Menschen auch vorkommen.

Nirgendwo ist Neuseeland britischer als im Botanischen Garten von **Christchurch**<sup>9</sup>. Und nirgendwo sympathischer in der kreativen Interpretation ihrer ererbten Lebensart. Lustvoll belegt durch coole Cafés, hippe Boutiquen und ein Stadtbild voller Künstler. Nächste Station: **Lake Tekapo**<sup>10</sup>. Eifert mit dem Himmel um das schönste Blau. Dazu am Horizont die schneebedeckten Neuseeländischen Alpen, was zusammen enorm motivierend für eine Wanderung auf den Mount John wirkt. Und erst der Nachthimmel. Wer hier schläft, ist selber schuld.

Krawumm hätte auch gepasst. Aber vielleicht bedeutet Kawarau auf neuseeländisch etwas Ähnliches. Und wer es nicht weiß: Das ist die 43 Meter hohe Brücke, an der die Neuseeländer das Bungee-Jumping erfunden haben. Ist ganz einfach: Gurt anlegen, Augen zu und fallen lassen. Wenn du es überlebst, fahren wir weiter nach **Queenstown**<sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup>. Die ehemalige Goldgräberkolonie ist heute Zentrum des Abenteuerismus mit unzähligen Bars und Cafés. Im Beifang: Sagenhaft schöne Blicke über die Stadt, den See, die Remarkables und reichlich Zeit für Action. Downsizing in **Wanaka**<sup>13</sup>, bei Keksen im Kino und baumelnder Seele vor dem Panorama des Mount Aspiring.

Vom Regenwald ins steinige Flussbett zum Wasserfall an den Gletscher. Diese Tour in einem Rutsch ist nur in Neuseeland möglich. Dann wird es geschichtlich. Denn eigentlich sollte der Gletscher nach dem englischen Königspaar Victoria und Albert benannt werden, was zu verkünden vergessen wurde. In die Bresche sprang der deutsche Entdecker Julius von Haast, der ihn zu Ehren von Kaiser **Franz Josef**<sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup> benannte. Von Sissi war leider keine Rede. Wer mehr als nur Geschichte will, steigt in den Heli und holt sich einen doppelten Schuss Adrenalin.





Das Beste zum Schluss? Das ist in Neuseeland nahezu unmöglich. Und trotzdem versuchen wir deine Reise mit einem Höhepunkt zu toppen, dem TranzAlpine Zug. Er bringt uns über den Arthur's Pass zurück nach Christchurch. Vorbei zieht der dichte Regenwald, verwandelt sich in die schneebedeckten Gipfel der Southern Alps und schließlich in die endlosen Weiten der Canterbury Plains. Letzter Halt **Christchurch**<sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup>. Time to say goodbye. Viel Spaß, das war's. Komm gut nach Hause und bis bald bei deinem nächsten Adventure-Trip mit Chamäleon.

## LEISTUNGEN BEI CHAMÄLEON

- Adventure-Trip mit höchstens 16 Gästen
- Garantierte Durchführung ab 4 Gästen
- Reiseminibus
- Fährüberfahrt von der Nord- auf die Südinsel
- 16 Übernachtungen in Hostels und Hotels
- 15 x Frühstück, 1 x Abendessen
- Zu Gast im Maori-Dorf
- Einführungskurs in den Haka-Tanz
- Zugfahrt mit der TranzAlpine über den Arthur's Pass
- Nationalparkgebühren und Eintrittsgelder
- 512m<sup>2</sup> Regenwald auf deinen Namen
- Englisch sprechende einheimische Reiseleitung in internationaler Reisegruppe

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please note that a minimum number of participants is required to run this tour. If the minimum number cannot be reached, it may be necessary to cancel a departure. We will inform you at least 30 days prior to departure to let you know, if the tour goes ahead or not.
- It is not possible to book 1/2 double room on this tour. If you travel on your own and want to book a private room, you need to book either a single room or a bed in a dorm (generally 4 to 6 beds).
- A private room (single or double) is not possible on days 4 and 10.





- The private rooms are not always fitted with private bathrooms. We always try to reserve ensuite rooms but cannot guarantee a private bathroom at every accommodation.
- All travellers need to be in good physical health in order to participate fully on this trip. When selecting your trip please make sure you have read through the itinerary carefully and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Most of the walks are easy and take between 1 to 2 hours.
- The travel time refers to driving time only and does not take into consideration any photo stops or breaks
- This is a shared tour. That means that tour operators from all over the world book their guests onto this tour. So you will be travelling in an international group.
- Visas are the responsibility of the individual traveller. Entry requirements can change at any time, so it's important that you check for the latest information. Please visit the relevant consular website of the country or countries you're visiting for detailed and up-to-date visa information specific to your nationality. Visas can take several weeks to process, so familiarise yourself with any requirements as soon as you have booked your trip to allow for processing time and costs.
- We recommend to budget 200 € to 350 € per person for meals and drinks not included during the trip.

## NOTES ON OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Optional activities are subject to availability and often depend on good weather conditions. Therefore we cannot guarantee that all optional activities will take place.
- Please let your guide know which optional activities you would like to book. You pay in cash or by card to the guide.
- We recommend that you do not book optional activities online prior to the tour because we cannot guarantee arrival and departure times and activities often depend on weather conditions.
- The rates for the optional activities were correct at the time of writing. Prices may change without notice.





# IHR TAG-FÜR-TAG-PROGRAMM

## 1. Arrival in Auckland and Coromandel -

»Kia ora!« Welcome to Aotearoa, the »country of the long white cloud«. Auckland is known as »the city of sails« and once you get to the harbour you will know why. You meet your guide at 08:00 o'clock in the hotel lobby today. After a short briefing we head straight towards the turquoise waters of the Coromandel peninsula. When the timing is right, we grab our swimmers and a spade and head to Hot Water Beach. There are hot springs below the sand that reveal themselves at low tide. Dig a hole, make yourself comfy and enjoy!

### Included activities:

- Hot Water Beach

### Turtle Cove Whitianga

[www.turtlecove.co.nz](http://www.turtlecove.co.nz)

**Travel time:** Approx. 190km / approx. 2-3 hours

**The welcome meeting will take place at 8 am in the hotel lobby of Haka Lodge Auckland / 373 Karangahape Rd, Auckland 1010 / Tel: +64 93794559 / <https://hakalodges.com/auckland/>.** Please ensure that you land at 5 am at the latest, to arrive in time for the welcome meeting. If you can't arrange a flight that will arrive in time, you may wish to arrive a day early so you're able to attend.

**Transfers:** The easiest way to get into town is the so called »SkyBus«. These busses park right in front of the arrivals hall and do not need to be prebooked. Costs: approx. 18 NZ-\$ per person (one way). A taxi costs approx. 35 - 45 NZ-\$. Or you can pre-book a taxi via this website: <https://www.supershuttle.co.nz/>

### Ideas for your stay in Auckland

Walk to Mount Eden

Catch the ferry to Waiheke Island





## 2. Cathedral Cove and Rotorua -

After breakfast we explore the famous Cathedral Cove. A short walk takes us down the cliff to the beach and its well-known arch. The ocean carved stunning formations into the rocks. Beautiful beaches invite you to spread your towel and admire the setting. Take your swimmers, if you are keen to take a dip. After a relaxing morning, we drive towards Rotorua; en route, we'll visit Matamata – best known for being the home of Hobbiton. For Lord of the Rings fans, a visit to Hobbiton Movie Set is an absolute must-do. On a fully guided tour of the 12 acre Middle-earth set you will see Hobbit Holes, the Mill, and even enjoy a drink at the Green Dragon Inn! If hobbits aren't your thing there are plenty of scenic short walks to enjoy Matamata's lush green rolling hills. Later today we arrive in Rotorua. The charming town lies within a very active geothermal area, so you smell the town before you see it. The water in its colourful lakes are piping hot, the local park is filled with steam and there are geysers and mud pools around every corner.

### Included activities:

- Walk to Cathedral Cove

### YHA Rotorua

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**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 250 km / duration approx. 3 - 4 hours

### Optional activities

**Cathedral Cove Kayaking:** On this trip you will gain a different perspective of the peninsula. You will kayak through sea caves and take a break at the famous Cathedral Cove. Costs: approx. 115 NZ-\$ per person / duration: approx. 2 - 3 hours.

**Hobbiton Movie Set Tour:** This is a must see for fans of the Lord of the Rings movies. Your guide will lead you through the set and share some insider stories with you. It feels magical, almost as if the Hobbits are just around the corner. Costs: approx. 89 NZ-\$ / Duration: approx. 3 hours.

## 3. Geothermal Rotorua -

Today the choice is yours: you can relax in the local springs, or, if you're feeling adventurous,





raft down a 7m waterfall. Those who want to explore Rotorua should take a walk around the Maori community Ohinemutu. When you go there, make sure to visit the church. It features a Maori Jesus. Or head to Waitomo, which is known for its glowworm caves that are waiting to be explored. If you're thinking of a guided walk, you will quickly realise that things are done differently in New Zealand. You can go rafting through the pitch-black underworld or abseil, jump and swim through the darkness during a caving adventure. If you don't fancy getting wet, your guide will organise a less pulse raising activity for you. Whichever you chose, you'll have a fantastic time.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

#### **Optional activities**

**Black Water Rafting:** This trip takes you deep into the caves. The tour takes approximately three hours, with one hour exploring this spectacular underground river system through a combination of walking and floating on tyre inner tubes, with stunning glowworm displays illuminating the roof of the cave. Costs: approx. 260 NZ-\$ / Duration: approx. 4 hours.

**Two Cave Combo Tour:** This is a more relaxing alternative to explore Waitomo Caves. You will discover Waitomo and Ruakuri Cave by gliding silently through the glowworm grotto by boat. Duration: approx. 2h30 / Costs: approx. 225 NZ-\$ per person.

**White Water Rafting:** This rafting trip on the Kaituna River is not for the faint hearted. It will take you down one of the highest commercially rafted waterfalls in the world. Costs: approx. 99 NZ-\$ / Duration 2-3 hours including pick-up and drop-off.

**Ziplining:** Explore what lies above the ground as you zip across the fern trees in a nearby rain forest. Your knowledgeable guides will not only ensure your safety but also inform you about the environment. Costs: approx. 159 NZ-\$ / Duration: approx. 3 hours.

**Zorb:** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to roll down a hill in a huge inflatable ball? You will find the answer here. Costs: 35 - 70 NZ-\$ / Duration: approx. 30 minutes.

#### **4. Rotorua to Murupara -**

This morning we visit Te Puia Maori Village. Here you'll learn more about Maori history and culture, come face to face with the Pohutu Geyser, see jumping mud pools and get up close and personal with kiwi birds. Later this afternoon we head to Murupara – a living Maori village - where you will experience a tribal tour by a village elder. Here you'll also have a chance to learn the world-famous haka dance, and weave your own dinner plate using flax. Tonight's





dinner is a traditional hangi meal. Cooked in an underground earth oven you can expect tender meat and delicious vegetables infused with a smoky, earthy fragrance – it will fill your puku (belly) right up. The best part about spending the evening at Kohutapu Lodge? The majority of proceeds from this activity go back to the local community.

**Included activities:**

- Visit Te Puia Maori Village
- Visit of a Maori community incl. cultural performance and hangi

**Kohutapo Lodge**

Due to the nature of the accommodation, a private room is not possible today. For one night you will share the room with 4-6 other travellers.

<https://www.kohutapulodge.co.nz/>

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Travel time:** Approx. 60km / approx. 1 hour

**Note:** Due to the nature of the accommodation, a private room is not possible today. For one night you will share the room with 4-6 other travellers.

**5. Murupara to Taupo -**

After breakfast we take the short drive to Taupo, taking in the powerful Haka Falls on the way. Lake Taupo is roughly the size of Singapore and on a sunny day it's stunningly beautiful. Go for a swim, relax by the water, or explore the town. If a Skydive is on your bucket list, you are at the right place. Once you jumped out of the plane and the parachute has opened, you are gliding above the lake with mesmerising views of the snow-capped volcanoes of Tongariro Nationalpark in the far distance.

**Haka Lodge Taupo**

<https://hakalodges.com/taupo/>

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 80km / duration approx. 1 hour

**Important!** Pack your swimmers today. When the weather is right, your guide will take you to





one of his favourite stops for a swim.

#### **Optional activities**

**Skydive:** It is as simple as putting on your gear, climbing into a plane and jumping out. You will fall towards the ground at 200km/h until your tandem buddy opens the parachute and suddenly you are hanging in the air above Lake Taupo. As if that wasn't enough, the scenery will take your breath away. Please be aware that there is a weight limit of max. 100kg. Costs: approx. 279 NZ-\$ (drop from 12,000 ft) / Duration: approx. 2 hours including preparation (the flight, freefall and glide will last around 20 minutes).

**Bungee jumping:** If you fancy jumping off a bridge on a leash and be dipped into Waikato River, then this is your chance. The drop is 47m and on request you will get wet. Costs: approx. 180 NZ-\$ / Duration approx. 2 hours (the jump only takes a few seconds).

#### **6. A free day in Taupo -**

Today is yours. Many travellers come to Taupo to hike the Tongariro Crossing with its green lakes and mystical volcanic landscape. So naturally, when the weather conditions allow, you have the chance to do just that. The hike is no walk in the park but we guarantee that your efforts will be rewarded. If you fancy a bit of relaxation, head to the local hot springs or take a walk along the lake.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

#### **Optional activities**

**Tongariro Crossing:** This day hike is one of the highlights for many travellers to New Zealand. The hike is 19.4km long and takes 7 - 8 hours. It is not an easy walk and not for those feared of heights as you will be walking along the edge of a deep crater. Wear sturdy hiking boots and several layers of clothes because the weather up in the park can change rapidly. Costs: approx. 70 NZ-\$ (summer) or 95 NZ-\$ (winter) / Duration: 7 - 8 hours.

**Sailing:** On this tour you will discover ancient Maori rock carvings and get the chance to go for a swim. Costs: approx. 49 NZ-\$ / Duration: approx. 2 - 2 1/2 hours.

#### **7. Taupo to Wellington -**

After breakfast we buckle up and begin the long drive to Wellington. There's some unmissable scenery on offer. Lord of the Rings junkies, you're in for a treat. On the way we pass through Tongariro Nationalpark and follow State Highway 1 that offers views of three active volcanoes.





We reach New Zealand's capital in the late afternoon, so you have plenty of time to check out the city's cafes, restaurants and bars. Wellington is regularly voted as the world's best place to live in and today we find out why. There is just enough time today to take a behind-the-scenes tour through the Weta Studios, where the Lord of the Rings movies were produced.

Alternatively you can ride the cable car to the Botanic Gardens, visit the national museum Te Papa, take a stroll along the picturesque harbour or simply spread your towel on one of the beaches. If you are into beer, make sure that you follow the craft beer trail. Whatever you decide to do, you will quickly understand why the Wellingtonians love their city so much.

#### **YHA Wellington**

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**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 370km / approx. 5-6 hours

#### **Optional activities**

**Weta Workshop:** Take a look behind the scenes of the workshop that crafted the props for films such as the Hobbit, Lord of the Rings and King Kong. Your guide shares lots of insider stories and explains how things work. Costs: approx. 30 NZ-\$ / Duration approx. 45 minutes.

**Te Papa:** Different exhibitions present the history and natural landscape of New Zealand. The entry is free.

**Cable car:** Take the ride to the Botanic Gardens. Costs: approx. 4 NZ-\$ (one way) or 7,50 NZ-\$ (return).

#### **8. The South Island -**

After breakfast our guide takes us to the top of Mount Victoria, from where we enjoy a complete panorama of the city and, on a clear day, we might even get a glimpse of the South Island. There are lots of walks leading down to the city and you can pick your favourite one. Lord of the Rings fans should follow the »Hobbit Trail« that leads to different filming locations within the park. In the afternoon we board the ferry that takes us to the South Island. Find yourself a sheltered place in the sun, feel the breeze and enjoy the journey. If you are lucky, you may spot a pod of dolphins. So keep your eyes wide open. When you get off the boat in Picton, you feel like you are in another country. We board our coach and drive to Kaikoura. This evening you should to try some crayfish - the town's name giver.





**Included activities:**

- Walk to the top of Mount Victoria
- Ferry ride from Wellington to Picton

**Dusky Lodge**

<https://duskylodgebackpackers.co.nz/>

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 160km / approx. 2 1/2 hours

**Ferry ride:** Duration approx. 3 hours

**9. Kaikoura to Christchurch -**

The waters off Kaikoura's coast are bursting with nutrients that attract plenty of sea mammals. There are about 300 pods of dolphins in the area and whales join them throughout the year. Why not join a boat trip to get up close with these lovely animals? The town is also well-known for its seal colonies that hide their babies in the nearby forest. Our guide makes sure that we get the chance to say hello to these gentle creatures, before we continue to Christchurch.

**Included activities:**

- Visit to a seal colony

**Haka Lodge Christchurch**

<https://hakalodges.com/>

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 200km / approx. 3 hours

**Note:** As this is a combination trip, your group leader and the composition of your group may change at this location.

**Optional activities**

**Dolphin Encounter:** On this boat trip you get the chance to see dolphins in their natural surroundings. Costs: approx. 95 NZ-\$ for the boat trip, or 180 NZ-\$ for swimming with dolphins





/ Duration: approx. 3 - 4 hours.

**Whale Watching Tour:** Prepare to spot some whales during this boat trip. Giant Sperm Whales are generally around all year, while Humpback Whales visit between May and August. Costs: approx. 150 NZ-\$ / Duration: approx. 4 hours.

### **Surfing**

#### **10. Christchurch to Lake Tekapo -**

After breakfast our guide takes us on a tour around Christchurch. The city was struck by a strong earthquake in 2011 and is still recovering. Your guide will show you how the inhabitants rebuild the city. Although Christchurch is under threat of another big earthquake any time, the city attracts lots of young people who bring along hip cafes, cool little shops and an inspiring love for life. After lunch we continue to the next highlight, Lake Tekapo. You can rub your eyes as long as you like, the turquoise colour of the lake is real. We explore the area with the picturesque Church of the Good Shepherd and, if you feel fit enough, you can climb to the top of Mount John. You should return at night because this area boasts the best night sky in the whole of New Zealand.

#### **Included activities:**

- Christchurch city tour
- Visit the Church of the Good Shepherd
- Experience Tekapo's Dark Sky Reserve

#### **Lake Ohau Lodge**

Due to the nature of the accommodation, a private room is not possible today.

<https://www.ohau.co.nz/>

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 260km / approx. 3 hours

#### **11. Lake Tekapo to Queenstown -**

If you are hungry for some action, be patient, tomorrow will be your chance to let it all out. We are heading to New Zealand's adventure capital Queenstown. On the way we drive past picture perfect landscapes with more stunningly blue lakes and snow-capped peaks. Many of the scenes of Return of the King were filmed here, so it's another epic day for Lord of the Rings





fans. Before we head into town, we make sure to stop at Kawarau Gorge, which happens to be the World Home of Bungy, so give it a go or enjoy watching the jumpers scream their way through the gorge. Once we are in Queenstown our guide takes us around town. We suggest you take the gondola up to Bob's Peak from where you can enjoy the panoramic views of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables. Queenstown is famous for its nightlife, so mingle with the other travellers and enjoy the night. Before you start the party, we recommend you join the others in the queue for a delicious Fergburger. This is a true Queenstown institution.

**Included activities:**

- Hike up Mt John
- Stop at Kawarau Bridge

**Haka Lodge Queenstown**

<https://hakilodges.com/queenstown/>

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 260km / approx. 3 hours

**Optional activities**

**Scenic Flight:** In the morning you have the chance to fly over two national parks and see twelve glaciers from above during a scenic flight. Make sure to bring warm clothing as it might get a little chilly. Costs: approx. 395 NZ-\$ / duration approx. 50 minutes.

**Bungee jumping at Kawarau Bridge:** If you did not jump in Taupo, this is your second chance to throw yourself off a bridge and into the water. This place is extra special because this is where bungee jumping was invented. Costs: approx. 205 NZ-\$ / duration incl. preparation approx. 1 1/2 hours.

**Paragliding:** To experience Queenstown from a different perspective, you can sweep off the hill with a paraglider. Normally these depart from the top of Bob's Peak, so you can do this right after you arrived with the gondola. Costs: 239 NZ-\$ / duration of the flight 15 - 20 minutes. Please note that in case that paragliding is not possible due to weather conditions on this day, you will need to pay for an extra transfer (34 NZ-\$).

**Gondola to Bob's Peak:** approx. 39 NZ-\$





## 12. Time for action in Queenstown -

Today is all yours. Ask your guide for a full list of all the activities on offer and pick your favourite. Almost anything is possible. If you want to see New Zealand's most famous fiord, join a day trip that will take you to Milford Sound. If you are looking for more Lord of the Rings locations, we've got you covered on a 4WD tour. If you fancy a hike, ask your guide for his recommendation. For a rush of adrenalin, try canyoning, extreme jet boating or the huge canyon swing.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

### Optional activities

**Full day tour to Milford Sound:** This tour takes you to the stunning Milford Sound. You follow the road that winds itself through a valley surrounded by high mountains, take short strolls along the way and see some playful Keas. If it rains, the atmosphere is even more mystical as the hills will be covered in hundreds of waterfalls. The tour includes a return coach transfer and a cruise at Milford Sound (lunch is not included). Costs: approx. 129 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 8 hours.

**Half day tour to Milford Sound:** On this trip you will be flown into Milford Sound, go on a cruise and then be flown out again. Your guide will check the weather conditions the evening before, to ensure that the flight is possible. Costs: approx. 559 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 4 hours (the cruise will take 2 hours)

**Canyoning:** If you are looking for action, this might be for you. On this adventure you will explore a canyon by abseiling down waterfalls, jumping off cliffs and swimming through crystal clear pools. Please note that canyoning is only possible from October to April. Costs: 219 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 4 hours.

**Canyon Swing:** Never thought a swing could be exciting? Think again. You will jump off a 109m cliff, freefall for 60m and then swing across a 200m arc at roughly 150 km/h. Costs: 249 NZ-\$

**Shot Over Jet:** Shoot down the Shotover River at exhilarating 80km/h. This will get your blood pumping. Costs: 155 NZ-\$ / duration of the boat ride approx. 30 minutes.

**Lord of the Rings 4WD Safari:** Among others, this tour will take you to the remote towns of Glenorchy and Paradise, where scenes for Lothlorien and Isengard were filmed. The serene beauty of the landscape will leave you feeling as if there is an elf lingering just behind the next tree. Costs: approx. 195 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 4 hours.





**Bungy Nevis Gorge:** If you've done it all, you might want to give Nevis a try. At 134m this is New Zealand's highest Bungeejump. Costs: 275 NZ-\$ / duration of the freefall about 8 seconds, duration of the tour approx. 4 hours.

**Horse Trekking:** Ride along the shores of the rivers in Te Wahipounamu and take in the beautiful landscape surrounding you. Films like Lord of the Rings, Narnia and Wolverine were filmed here and you will pass the ancient beech forest, where Boromir was killed in Lord of the Rings. There are tours for every level. Costs: approx. 195 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 4 hours.

### 13. Queenstown to Wanaka -

After breakfast you can relax, or, if you fancy, you can try one of the other activities on offer in Queenstown. When your thirst for adventure is stilled, we travel up the road to charming Wanaka. The town is often referred to as Queenstown's little sister but you will soon find the atmosphere is a little more laid-back. You can go for a walk along the beautiful Lake Wanaka or hike to the top of Roy's Peak to enjoy the view of the town and the Southern Alps. If you are in for a movie, visit Cinema Paradiso. This quirky cinema serves finger-licking good cookies straight out of the oven during the break.

#### **Included activities:**

- Stop in Arrowtown

#### **YHA Wanaka**

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**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 70km / approx. 1 hour

#### **Optional activities**

**Aerobatic Plane Flight:** You should not be scared of heights, if you want to try this flight in an open cockpit bi-plane. Your pilot will pull off one acrobatic trick after the other to make sure you get your adrenalin pumping. Costs: approx. 299 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 2 hours (the flight will take 30 minutes)

**Skydive Wanaka:** This is another chance for you to experience a free fall. This time you get the





chance to take in the mouth-dropping Mount Aspiring and the Southern Alps. Costs: approx. 359 NZ-\$ (12,000 ft) or 459 NZ-\$ (15,000ft) / duration approx. 3 hours incl. preparation.

**Chamäleon's recommendation - Cinema Paradiso:** Costs approx. 10 - 15 NZ-\$ per person.

#### **14. Wanaka to Franz Josef -**

Enjoy a free morning in Wanaka, before we buckle up and follow one of the most scenic routes in all of New Zealand to Franz Josef. The road leads us past waterfalls and along the dramatic coast. As we hit the road, we'll stop at one of our top lakeside lookout points at Lake Hawea or Lake Wanaka. Your guide will keep an eye on the weather and pick the best option. From the cascading waterfalls of Haast Pass to classic Kiwi coastal views, you won't want to nap on the bus in case you miss anything. Your guide will have some epic surprise photo stops and short walks along the way. In the late afternoon we arrive in Franz Josef and you have time to explore the town and decide what you want to do tomorrow.

#### **Included activities:**

- Lake Hawea Lookout
- Haast Pass

#### **YHA Franz Josef**

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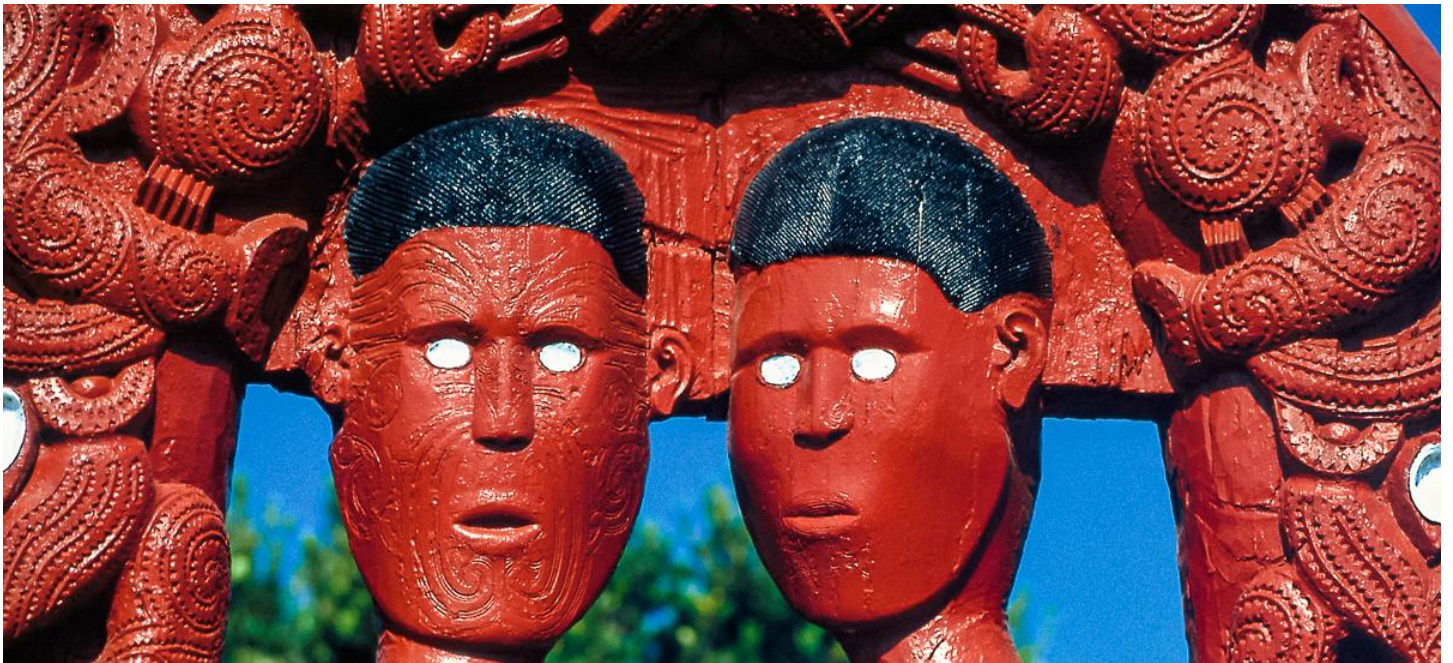
**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 285km / duration approx. 4 hours

#### **15. Glacier exploration in Franz Josef -**

Franz Josef is just a few kilometers away from Franz Josef Glacier, so today you are in for some glacier exploration. You can opt to see it from above during a scenic flight, or even land upon its icy top and explore it with a guide. Alternatively you can rent a bike, ride to the park entrance and follow the track to the glacier's edge. The path leads you through a forest that suddenly opens up to a rocky, almost moon-like landscape. You continue following a river bed and pass cascading waterfalls along the way, until you reach the glacier tongue and marvel at the blue ice of the glacier. Please stay behind the barriers as glaciers are unpredictable and ice can break off without notice.





**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Optional activities**

**Glacier Heli Hike:** You board a helicopter that takes you to the top of the glacier. There your experienced guide will lead you through the spectacular landscape and show you the most interesting ice sculptures. Make sure you take warm clothes to this tour. We recommend that you do not wear denim jeans on this tour. Costs: approx. 485 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 4 hours with 3 hours on the ice. Please note that the Heli Hike does not operate on Christmas Day (25.12.).

**Glacier Kayaking:** As you paddle through the crystal clear waters of Lake Mapourika, you enjoy the views of the surrounding glaciers. Costs: approx. 115 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 3 hours.

**Heli Experience:** This is not a standard scenic flight because it includes a snow landing, so that you really get to absorb the atmosphere high up on the glacier. Costs: approx. 280 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 20 minutes. Please note that the Heli Experience does not operate on Christmas Day (25.12.).

**Quad Biking:** This action-packed trip will take you through river beds, dirt tracks and grasslands. No driver's license required. Costs: approx. 160 NZ-\$ / duration: approx. 2 hours.

**16. TranzAlpine to Christchurch -**

The last day of your tour has arrived and we make sure that it's a stunner. We will drive along the scenic coastal highway and stop in Hokitika, where we visit a greenstone factory. If you are still looking for a souvenir, you might find one here. If there is enough time, we also pay a visit to the National Kiwi Centre to get a glimpse of these funny birds. Around midday we arrive in Greymouth and board the famous TranzAlpine train that takes us across Arthur's Pass. Sit back and take in the views as the landscape changes from coast, to rainforests, to snow-capped mountains. You traverse the wide Canterbury Plains until you reach Christchurch in the early evening. Enjoy the last evening with your new friends in one of Christchurch's quirky bars.

**Included activities:**

- Visit Hokitika Greenstone Factory
- TranzAlpine train crossing





### **Urbanz Christchurch**

<http://urbanz.net.nz>

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** Approx. 175km / approx. 2 1/2 hours

**Train ride:** Approx. 4 1/2 hours.

**Important note:** The TranzAlpine does not operate on Christmas Day (25th December). You will have an amazing ride through the Alpes and over Arthurs pass in a comfortable bus. Santa will show you some great spots along the way, so you can take plenty of pics.

#### **17. Christchurch and departure -**

Today it's time to say goodbye. Don't be sad. You have made new friends and take wonderful memories home with you.

**Note:** Check-out is at 10:00 am.

**Transfers:** There are two busses running from and to Christchurch airport - the purple line bus and bus number 29 Costs: approx. 9 NZ-\$ per person (one way). A taxi costs approx. 45 - 65 NZ-\$. Or you can pre-book a taxi via this website: <https://www.supershuttle.co.nz/>



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