



## Winter Wonderland Tour 2025

29 - 10 July

Your Itinerary

### Day 1 Auckland

Kia ora, meet your tour manager, tour assistants, coach driver and fellow travellers at Auckland Airport. We head into central Auckland to visit the iconic Sky Tower before checking in to our accommodation.

Tonight we have our first home cooked meal a delicious duo of dinner and dessert. Later we get to know our fellow travellers and learn about the exciting days ahead.

*Includes: Meet your tour crew | Visit Auckland's Sky Tower | Dinner*

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### Day 2 Auckland - Rotorua

Following breakfast we travel south to Hobbiton and Middle-Earth where we enjoy a tour of the movie site of Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit...

See the Hobbit Holes, The Mill and famous party tree and enjoy a cold drink at the Green Dragon. From here to Rotorua the city famous for bubbling mud, spouting water and wonderful Maori Culture.

Tonight we enjoy a home cooked meal including a delicious dessert.

Later we get to know our fellow travellers and learn about the days ahead.

*Includes: Breakfast | Meet your tour crew | Overnight Rotorua | Visit Middle Earth | Dinner*

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### Day 3 Rotorua

Te Puia, the premier Maori Cultural centre in New Zealand, a place of spouting waters, boiling mudpools, and steaming vents is our first stop today....

After Te Puia, you have free time to explore this cultural wonderland before we meet up for the evening's event.

Tonight we are in for a very special night as we enter the world of Tamaki. Here we discover Maori art forms, ancient rituals and

traditions, experience thrilling song and dance and then eat a delicious and authentic Maori Hangi.

*Includes: Breakfast | Kiwi House | Te Puia Maori geothermal park | Maori Cultural Evening and Concert | Traditional Maori Hangi Dinner*

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## Day 4 Rotorua - Wellington

It's off to Wellington today via Taupo and Tongariro National Park. Our first stop is a visit to the thunderous Huka falls situated on the beautiful Waikato River....

After lunch in Taupo we pass the three volcanoes, Mounts Ruapehu, Tongariro and Ngauruhoe and travel south to the capital city of New Zealand Wellington. We visit Te Papa New Zealand's bold and innovative museum, where we can see the colossal squid, experience an earthquake and see examples of many of New Zealand's native birds and mammals.

Tonight dinner is your choice at one of the many cafés and restaurants within walking distance to our accommodation.

*Includes: Breakfast | Huka Falls | Lunch | Tongariro National Park | Te Papa Museum*

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## Day 5 Wellington - Kaikoura

This morning we take the Interislander Ferry cruising between the North and South Island. This journey is 3 and 1/2 hours, through Wellington Harbour, over the Cook Strait and into the calm waters of Marlborough Sounds. Make sure you have your camera out for the different vistas as we cruise .

After a very beautiful but long drive through the South Island, we stop first at Ohau Point to check out the seals before we arrive at the seaside village of Kaikoura.

Dinner tonight is at our accommodation.

*Includes: Breakfast | Interislander Ferry | Picton | Ohau Point Seal Colony | Dinner*

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## Day 6 Kaikoura -Christchurch

Kaikoura is well known for its abundance of marine life and this morning you have an opportunity to experience the unforgettable sight of whales or go swimming with dolphins.

If you don't feel like getting wet, there is also an optional boat trip to view these amazing creatures instead or go Whale Watching.

Later we make our way to Christchurch.

*Includes: Breakfast | Christchurch City Tour | Dinner*

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## Day 7 Christchurch - Lake Tekapo

This morning we head into the Christchurch CBD where you have freetime to explore the city, check out the Earthquake Exhibition or walk through the city re-emerging from the 2011 Earthquake

This afternoon we take another spectacular drive through the Mackenzie country, stopping first at the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo before making our way to our accommodation for the night.

Relax in soothing hot mineral pools overlooking Lake Tekapo before dinner.

*Includes: Breakfast | Church of the Good Shepherd | Dinner*

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## Day 8 Lake Tekapo - Queenstown

Today we make our way to the adventure capital of New Zealand!

Our first stop this morning is Lake Pukaki for a fantastic view over the lake to Aoraki/Mount Cook - New Zealand's highest mountain.

From here we travel to our next stop for a thrilling jet boat ride!

Once we recover we visit the famous Kawarau Bridge where we learn the history of Bungy and you have time for an optional bungy if you dare! Following this we arrive at our destination of Queenstown

Tonight you have free time tonight to buy dinner of your choice.

*Includes: Breakfast | Jet boat ride | Secrets of Bungy AJ Hackett Bungy Centre*

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## Day 9 Queenstown

Today we make the most of the adventure activities on offer!

Do you feel like dangling on a high wire cable 134 metres over the valley floor? Then try the Nevis.

If jumping or being released from 109 metres into a canyon with over 70 different jumpstyles, try the Canyon Swing or maybe skydiving is your activity of choice, NZONE offer some of the best views!

(Remember, as long as we have your natural parent's permission for the activities on offer, we will organise all of these activities for you while on tour).

Dinner is supplied tonight and we enjoy group games.

*Includes: Breakfast | Optional Activities | Dinner*

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## Day 10 Queenstown

Today is our first day on the slopes!

You can ski or snowboard today on one of New Zealand's best ski fields (Cardrona). Enjoy the fantastic views over Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown.

Ski hire, lessons, helmets, clothes and ski passes are all included.

Tonight we enjoy a group dinner and share stories of our first day on the slopes!

*Includes: Breakfast | Ski | Snowboard Lessons | Lunch | Dinner*

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## Day 11 Queenstown

It's back to the slopes today for another epic day on the mountain. Ski hire, lessons and ski passes are all included.

Tonight is our final night of the tour and a very a special evening. We have some final night fun with a mix of games, presentations and dinner party. Bring your tissues because tonight is full of laughs but also tears as you realise we have to say good bye tomorrow.

*Includes: Breakfast | Lunch | Ski | Snowboard Lessons | Final dinner night*

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## Day 12 Queenstown to Home

This morning we make our way Queenstown airport where we are dropped off with an amazing bunch of new friends and 'ferntastic' memories....

*Includes: Breakfast | Airport transfer*