North South Adventure Combo, September 2026

27 - 10 October

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*

DAY 2 Auckland - Rotorua

We're up early for breakfast then we head 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 we're off to Rotorua, the city famous for bubbling mud, spouting water and wonderful Maori Culture.

Dinner tonight is a homecooked meal at our accommodation.

Includes: Breakfast | *Visit Hobbiton* | *Dinner*

Day 3 Rotorua

First up we visit 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, we visit a local greenstone factory. Following this you have the afternoon for optional activities, you might like to try White Water Rafting, Zorb, Velocity Valley activities or just soak in the hot mineral waters of the Polynesian Spa.

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 | *Te Puia Maori geothermal park* | *Maori Cultural Evening and Concert* | *Traditional Maori Hangi*

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 café's and restaurants within walking distance for our accommodation.

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

Day 5 Wellington - Kaikoura

This morning we take the Interislander Ferry cruising between the North and South Island.

Have your camera handy as the journey through the Marlborough Sounds is spectacular. Picton is the gateway to the South Island and from here we make our way to the coastal town Kaikoura.

Includes: Breakfast | *Interislander Ferry* | *Picton* | *Dinner*

Day 6 Kaikoura - Motueka

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.

This afternoon we make our way to Motueka, home for our next two nights and situated beside the beautiful Abel Tasman National Park.

Includes: Breakfast | *Visit a seal colony* | *Optional swimming with dolphins or whale watching* | *Dinner*

Day 7 Motueka

We rise and shine bright and early to take advantage of this paradise.

We enjoy the ultimate sea kayaking experience and explore the beautiful golden beaches, peaceful coves and lagoons, offshore islands and wildlife

Stopping at our secluded beach, we have a picnic lunch and enjoy some free time to relax and go swimming before our trek back through the native forest.

Includes: Breakfast | *Sea Kayaking* | *Hiking the Abel Tasman National Park* | *Swimming and beach games* | *Picnic Lunch* | *Dinner*

Day 8 Motueka - Franz Josef

Have your cameras ready as our drive takes us through the Buller Gorge and the spectacular West Coast. We visit the famous Punakaiki (Pancake Rocks) and have time to explore the rocks and blowholes before making our way to Hokitika.....

From here we travel to Franz Josef where we stay overnight. You may wish to take a Scenic Helicopter (at a very special NZET price) and experience the awe-inspiring scenery of Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers as you climb to 6000ft.

Tonight we enjoy a pizza meal at our accommodation.

Includes:Breakfast | Punakaiki (Pancake) Rocks | Lunch | Optional helicopter flights to the glacier | Dinner

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Day 9 Franz Josef - Queenstown

Today we cross the Haast Pass travelling through three national parks and a world heritage park.

The weather will predict where we visit. At Fox Glacier we walk to the base for a close and personal look at the frozen glacier river that was formed thousands of years ago. If this is not possible we will take a walk around Lake Matheson where we will get stunning views of Aoraki Mt Cook .

From here we carry on and say "Kia ora Queenstown" known as the 'Adventure Capital' of New Zealand and home to the latest and greatest adventure activities from bungy jumping and jet boating to whitewater rafting, river surfing and canyon swinging.

We stop at the famous AJ Hackett base, the birthplace of bungy and one of the most famous attractions in Queenstown. We watch the secrets of bungy and then for those of you who dare... you have time for an optional 43m bungy off Kawarau Bridge! It's then time to capture our awesome crew with a group photo for great memories of our trip.

Tonight, enjoy some free time in this awesome alpine town and a meal of your choice.

Includes: Breakfast | Haast Pass | Group Photo | AJ Hackett Secrets of Bungy Movie

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Day 10 Queenstown

Today is a free day and time to make the most of the adventure activities on offer! With special NZET prices, try a Canyon Swing, Nevis Bungy, River Rafting, Gondola & Luge or any of the other thrilling activities.

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.

This afternoon you will see the best views in Queenstown on the Skyline Gondola which carries you 450 metres above Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu to the top of Bob's Peak followed by three thrilling luge rides down.

(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).

Tonight we enjoy a group dinner and go through the highlights of our day!

Includes: Breakfast | Free day for Optional Activities | Dinner | Gondola and Luge

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Day 11 Queenstown - Doubtful

Today we experience the ultimate Doubtful Sound experience, spend the night on the boat and wake up in one of the most beautiful places on earth. This is one of our exclusive and very special tour highlights.

We start with a drive into the mystical wilderness of Fiordland National Park then cruise over Lake Manapouri before boarding the Fiordland Navigator for an overnight experience.

We have plenty of time to view the spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife and also go exploring in kayaks or simply go swimming in this amazing place (if you're brave enough!).

As night falls, we enjoy a delicious buffet dinner then relax while doing some star gazing.

Includes: Breakfast | Doubtful Sound Overnight Experience | Kayaking in Fiordland | Buffet Dinner

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Day 12 Doubtful - Omarama

Our morning starts with a spectacular jet boat ride, speeding over water as shallow as 10cm and experiencing 360-degree spins!

We travel through the Kawarau Gorge to Cromwell and over the spectacular Lindis pass and onto Omarama for our overnight stay.

Tonight we enjoy a group dinner.

Includes: Breakfast | Jet Boat Ride | Dinner

Day 13 Omarama - Christchurch

This morning we travel on to Tekapo where we enjoy the Tekapo Hot Spings for a relaxing soak. From here to the Church of the Good Shepherd for some great photos then onto we travel to Christchurch, on arrival we take a city tour to see the devastation that hit Christchurch in 2011 and see what enormous efforts are still going ahead to rebuild this amazing city.

We have time to visit the city, see the Cardboard Cathedral and the Chair Memorial before arriving at our accommodation.

Our final night of the tour is 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 | City Tour | Final Night Dinner and Games

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Day 14 Christchurch to Home

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

Includes: Breakfast | Farewell with great memories and new friends