

Style New Zealand



19 Days - North and South Islands

Absolute
NEW ZEALAND

Outline Itinerary

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Arrive Auckland, New Zealand
Fly Auckland to Waiheke Island
Accommodation: The BoatShed

Day 2

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Day 3

Ferry Crossing to Auckland
Accommodation: Mollies

Day 4

Drive to Rotorua
Accommodation: Peppers On The Point

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Drive to Hawkes Bay
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Scenic Fly from Napier to Nelson
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Accommodation: Bronte Lodge

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Drive to Marlborough
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Drive to Queenstown
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Day 19

Fly Queenstown to Auckland and Fly Home or
Onward

Featuring

The BoatShed - Waiheke Island

Away from the hustle and bustle of the city lies Auckland's best kept secret. Just 35 minutes by ferry from the heart of Auckland, Waiheke Island is truly a world away, with some of the most beautiful beaches in New Zealand caressing its shores.

Come and enjoy a slice of this island paradise. The Boatshed, overlooking little Oneroa, is the perfect place to catch up on a bit of "me time".

Designed and owned by well known Auckland designer David Scott, the Boatshed offers luxury accommodation in a relaxed island setting. With the finest attention to detail, a space has been created that captures the essence of island life in New Zealand, a seaside retreat for the most discerning.



Mollies - Auckland

To cross the threshold at Mollies small luxury boutique hotel in Auckland City is to enter another world ... this hotel reflects the owners passion for opera, attention to detail and their fine antiques, combined with sleek modern furniture, results in a wonderfully eclectic, romantic hotel.

The property overlooks Auckland Harbour Bridge and offers spacious luxury accommodation, a stroll from fashionable Ponsonby Road and 5 minutes to Auckland City CBD.

Expect impeccable service and gourmet dining, with exquisite pampering.



Featuring

Peppers On The Point - Rotorua

Surrounded by the sparkling waters of Lake Rotorua, Peppers on the Point is an intimate luxury retreat featuring spectacular views to the historic Mokoia Island.

This stunning retreat offers the perfect base for experiencing New Zealand's rich culture or you can simply relax and enjoy the tranquillity of this stunning location from the comfort of our inviting entertainment rooms with open fireplaces.

Just five minutes from the heart of Rotorua City this retreat includes nine spacious, luxuriously furnished suites with most featuring stunning lake views. Without leaving the lodge surrounds you can indulge in a heavenly massage at our onsite spa, try fly fishing from the private beach, enjoy water sports and tennis or even spend your day boating. The dining room is also renowned for serving fabulous New Zealand cuisine accompanied by the finest New Zealand and international wines; it is an experience not to be missed.



Greenhill Lodge – Napier, Hawkes Bay

Greenhill is an opulent and tranquil private retreat steeped in local history. Set amongst 30 acres of park-like grounds, the lodge enjoys panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

The lodge offer two king suites with open fires, separate sitting room and private ensuite. There are also three king rooms, each with ensuite and a two bedroom twin bathroom self contained villa suite perfect for families.

Guests may enjoy the swimming and spa pools, billiard room, croquet lawn, gymnasium, complimentary green fees at Hastings Golf Club, the wireless internet access and private dining.

The lodge is located within 30 minutes drive of Art Deco Napier, Cape Kidnappers Golf Course and over forty wineries.



Featuring

Bronte Lodge - Nelson

Bronte Lodge, also known as Country Estate has been at the heart of a family for five generations. The estate lies on the headland of Nelson's historic Bronte Peninsula, overlooking Waimea Estuary and cradled between ocean and mountains.

Complete with coastal orchard and vineyard is typical of the abundant fruits of the Nelson region. The stylish villas at Bronte Country Estate are so luxuriously comfortable you will be reluctant to leave. Each elevated apartment-style villa is set amidst its own mature stand of New Zealand native trees, allowing for complete privacy. The architectural design places you 'in tune' with the environment - all the better to appreciate the natural setting - either in the double spa or relaxing in the lounge soaking up the unforgettable views.

Pour yourself a wine - its Bronte Country Estate's own vintage - sink back and enjoy...



Old Saint Mary's Convent - Blenheim, Marlborough

In the heart of Marlborough's wine growing area lies Old Saint Mary's Convent - a haven for the discerning traveller, where luxury boutique accommodation and an intimate retreat may be found. This boutique accommodation is situated on an estate of 60 acres of vineyard and parkland and is surrounded on all sides by the vineyards and olive groves Marlborough is famous for.

Spring Creek, with its abundant bird life and trout, meanders lazily through the property. It is here, beneath Marlborough's azure sky, that one may spend a pleasant afternoon sipping local vintages and sampling the provincial gourmet fare.

Each of the five rooms has spectacular views of the surrounding hills, vineyards and/or gardens. All have their own ensuite with bath and separate shower. The rooms are very spacious and airy with easy access to the balcony. Relax or make use of the bicycles, outdoor swimming pool, petanque court or croquet area. Splendid grass tennis courts neighbouring the Convent can usually be used by guests.



Featuring

Claremont Country Estate - Canterbury

Here is a delightful alternative to a city stay! This sanctuary of luxury and warm hospitality is located in the heart of the Waipara wine country, an ideal base from which to explore Christchurch and Canterbury.

This elegant 19th century English country house is listed by the NZ Historic Places Trust and has been lovingly restored and modernized to provide the latest in amenities and comfort.

The lodge is surrounded by acres of delightful, manicured flower gardens, fruit trees and landscaped grounds which include many of the original shrubs, hedges and enormous specimen trees.

You also have exclusive access to the 2,400 acre estate of private natural reserve to enjoy a walk along rivers and through stunning mountain scenery. Many pleasurable activities are available on-site or nearby: tennis court, lawn croquet, food and wine tours, guided fishing, horse riding, 4WD safaris...A truly memorable stay.



The Hermitage Hotel - Mount Cook

Discover the spectacle and drama of New Zealand's Mount Cook - Aoraki National Park from the splendour and comfort of The Hermitage Hotel and Mount Cook village, for an encounter you will never forget.

Ringed by magnificent snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps, the Hermitage Hotel is a world renowned tourist destination and has been an icon of superior accommodation and dining since 1884.

From an intrepid journey through glacial valleys to a mouthwatering culinary dining adventure, The Hermitage Hotel is the perfect 'base camp' to discover your Peak Experience.



Featuring

Sofitel Hotel & Spa - Queenstown

With her infinite palate of delights, centrally located Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa combines local spirit with French tradition for the most sophisticated sense of luxury.

Providing exceptional personal service, the hotel truly embodies the Sofitel concept 'art de vivre' - the art of living. Designed to take your breath away, Queenstown's most exquisite guest rooms feature Sofitel "MyBed", separate rain shower and spa bath for two and the luxury of a personal espresso machine, under floor heating, broadband and Wi-Fi connection and DVD player with surround sound to name a few. A pillow menu and plush New Zealand possum throws add yet another fine touch. LCD televisions entertain in both bedroom and bathroom and with balconies off most rooms, the exterior view is just as inspiring with lake or mountains seemingly close enough to touch.

Hotel facilities include a state-of-the-art boardroom, fivestar dining at Vie and the cosy Nue Lounge with library and Champagne bar. The 'piece de resistance' is Le Spa - a relaxing haven where mind, body and spirit unite, featuring a celebrated range of traditional rituals and signature European massage and beauty treatments for body and face.



Style New Zealand Itinerary

Day 1 and 2

Waiheke Island

PRIVATE HELICOPTER TRANSFER

ACCOMMODATION
The Boatshed
Superior Room

MEALS
Pre-Dinner Drinks

ACTIVITY OPTION
Wine on Waiheke – A
Deluxe Vineyard Tour

After the long flight from home we would recommend that you catch your breath and ease into the gentle pace of New Zealand on Waiheke Island, just a ten minute hop by helicopter from Auckland's international airport, across the island dotted Hauraki Gulf.

Waiheke is a wonderful world of beaches, forests, farmland and boutique vineyards (Stonyridge among them), enjoyed by a harmonious mix of bolt-holing Kiwis, many of whom own holiday homes or 'baches' (pronounced 'batches').

You'll be staying at the nautically-themed Boatshed, with five designer suites. The owners will meet you on arrival and can arrange a number of touring options, including visits to the local vineyards and picnics, or you can explore the island independently by hired car. The Boatshed also offers a 'jetlag package' which includes rejuvenating massages.



Day 3

Auckland

FERRY CROSSING

ACCOMMODATION
Mollies
Premier Villa Suite

MEALS
Full Breakfast, Welcome
Drink

ACTIVITIES OPTIONS
Golf, Dinner cruise,
Dolphin & whale Watching,
Auckland Bridge Climb,
Escape to Great Barrier
Island

Ferry back to the mainland, with renewed energy to tackle some of Auckland's urban highlights.

Imagine an urban environment where everyone lives within half an hour of beautiful beaches, hiking trails and a dozen enchanted holiday islands. Add a mild climate, a background rhythm of Polynesian culture and a passion for outstanding food, wine and shopping and you're beginning to get the picture of Auckland, also known as the City of Sails – a title gained from the view of yachts seen against the cityscape.

Spend the night in the warm and welcoming Mollies, a Victorian haven of nostalgia with harbour views, interesting artefacts from around the world and a strong musical resonance from the owners (Frances is a concert pianist, Steven was an opera set designer).



Day 4 and 5

Rotorua

DRIVE TO ROTORUA

ACCOMMODATION

Peppers on the Point
Lodge Suite

MEALS

Full Breakfast

ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

White River Rafting,
Mountain Biking,
Scenic Floatplane,
Hot Pools & Mud Baths,
JetBoat, Guided Walks,
Helicopter Flights

A morning's drive to Rotorua, a town famous for its bubbling cauldrons of hot mud and salvos of spurting geysers as well as being a hub of Maori culture.

You might consider a lake cruise, with the chance to hook a trophy-size rainbow trout, a 4WD bush safari in which you do the driving, or a helicopter trip to inspect Mount Tarawera, a dormant volcano that last erupted in 1886, including a guided walk through.

Your accommodation is at a luxurious, tranquil lodge, Peppers on the Point, a converted 1930s nine-room mansion on the banks of Lake Rotorua. Or upgrade and treat yourself to a stay at Treetops, one of New Zealand's exclusive lodges or push the boat out even further at the fully serviced private home, Okareka Lake House, or the famous Huka Lodge.



Day 6 and 7

Hawkes Bay

DRIVE TO NAPIER

ACCOMMODATION

McHardy Lodge
Deluxe Suite

MEALS

Full Breakfast

ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

Heli Wine & Dine,
Guided Gourmet Food &
Wine Tour, Guided Hikes,
Art Deco Tour by Vintage
Car, Morning Ballooning,
Golf at Cape Kidnappers,
Leisurely Cycle and Wine
Tasting

Situated as the capital of the Hawkes Bay region, Napier is renowned for a beautiful coastline, stately Norfolk pines, a multitude of nearby wineries and 1930's art deco architecture. Hawkes Bay is one of the most acclaimed wine producing regions in New Zealand.

You'll spend two nights at McHardy Lodge, built in the late 19th century as a holiday home in the Art Deco heritage town of Napier. You can also upgrade to Greenhill the Lodge or The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, an award winning luxury lodge offering world class golf.

On your second day, following the sensible approach when it comes to visiting vineyards, we would suggest you take a personalised, private guided tour of the region with a local guide and a luxury 4WD.



Day 8, 9 and 10

Nelson

SCENIC FLIGHT NAPIER TO NELSON

ACCOMMODATION

Bronte Lodge
Strafford Villa

MEALS

Full Breakfast

ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

Helicopter Scenic Flight,
Kayak and Sail Day Trip,
Bush Walks, Wine and Art
Tours, Tandem Hang Gliding,
Flight over Tasman Bay,
Quad Bike or 4 WD Tours,
Horse Trek in Kahurangi
National Park

Cut out some long driving and sea time by flying from Napier to Nelson in the north of South Island, crossing the Cook Strait with eye-boggling views of the Marlborough Sounds.

Situated in the north-west corner of the South Island, the Nelson region is surrounded by sheltering mountain ranges, giving it a Mediterranean type climate and is known for its year-round sunshine, golden beaches, national parks, boutique wineries and a large creative community of working artists.

Your accommodation, Bronte Lodge, is a heritage homestead overlooking the estuary. As an alternative to Bronte you could treat yourself to the highly-acclaimed Lodge at Paratiho - the Maori word for paradise.

During your stay there'll be lots of time to visit the several art and craft studios in Nelson, the best known wineries, and experience the different outdoor activities around Abel Tasman National Park.



Day 11 and 12

Marlborough

DRIVE TO MARLBOROUGH

ACCOMMODATION

Old St Mary's Convent
Mother Superior Suite

MEALS

Full Breakfast
Pre-Dinner Glass of Wine

ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

Wine Tour, Heli Wine
Tasting, Vineyard Cycling
Tour, Bush Hikes, Float
Plane Flight, Fishing,
Motuera Island Early Bird
Eco Cruise, Marlborough's
Art & Garden Tour

Home to some of the world's best Sauvignon Blanc - Hunter's, Cloudy Bay, St Clair and Villa Maria among them - Marlborough is also a culinary Mecca where locally-grazed lamb and Greenshell mussels and scallops straight from the Sounds complement the award winning crispy whites from the Wairau Valley.

Spend two nights at Old St Mary's Convent in the heart of Marlborough's wine region. Built in 1903 for the Sisters of Mercy, the Convent has been lovingly restored and transformed into a guest house with five rooms, including a honeymoon suite housed in the original chapel, overlooking the gardens and across to the surrounding hills.

One of the best ways to experience the Marlborough vineyards is on a 6hr private guided tour, which visits both icon and boutique wineries - there are more than 60 in all - and can be tailored to your particular interests, alternatively, you could take a cruise on the Waters of the sounds.



Day 13 and 14

Canterbury

DRIVE TO CANTERBURY REGION

ACCOMMODATION

Claremont Country Estate
Luxury Suite

MEALS

Full Breakfast
Wine & Cheese each evening

ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

Helicopter Scenic Flight off
The Coast of Kaikoura,
Whale Watching and
Dolphin Swim at Kaikoura,
Hanmer Springs Pools & Spa

With time en route for a whale watching trip from Kaikoura, or a dip at Hanmer Springs spa and thermal pools your day's destination is the Claremont Country Estate, close to Christchurch and the Waipara wineries.

You'll spend two nights at this restored 1866 limestone heritage homestead, a 2,400 acre working sheep, deer and cattle station with 10km of Waipara River frontage. Here is a delightful alternative to a city stay! This sanctuary of luxury and warm hospitality is an ideal base from which to explore Christchurch and Canterbury. Many pleasurable activities are available onsite or nearby: tennis court, lawn croquet, food and wine tours, guided fishing, horse riding, 4WD safaris...A truly memorable stay.

If you would prefer to stay in the city of Christchurch, a fabulous base would be The George, a multi award winning Hotel - the essence of supreme comfort.



Day 15 and 16

Mount Cook

DRIVE TO MOUNT COOK

ACCOMMODATION

Hermitage Hotel
Premium Plus Room

MEALS

Full Breakfast

ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

Tasman Glacier Lake and
Iceberg Exploration, Mueller
Glacier Sea Kayaking,
Guided Day Hikes, Dramatic
Scenic Flight over Aoraki Mt
Cook and Glaciers,
Alpine Heli Bike

Mt Cook National Park is known for its exquisite alpine beauty and is home to the highest mountain in New Zealand, Mt Cook. Its Maori name, 'Aoraki' means 'cloud piercer' and at 12,016ft (3,755m) it towers above the surrounding snow-covered peaks in the park. This is the very heart and soul of a World Heritage and National Park wilderness playground.

To the mighty Southern Alps, arriving at the Hermitage Hotel in time to step into your room in the 'Aoraki Wing' and straight out onto the balcony to gawp at the full-on view of Mt Cook. As the house motto goes, you'll "go to sleep in luxury, wake to pure majesty" when the first rays of light hit the white of the peak.

There's lots to do besides watching the peak performances. Ice, snow, hidden valleys, lakes and glaciers offer golden opportunities for discovery, relaxation and adventure.



Day 17 and 18

Queenstown

DRIVE TO QUEENSTOWN

ACCOMMODATION

Sofitel Hotel & Spa
Executive Suite with Spa
Lake View

MEALS

Full Breakfast

ACTIVITIES OPTIONS

Southern Alps Ballooning
Adventure, JetBoat Safari,
Steam Boat Trip, Heli Wine
Tours, Adventure Combos,
Guided Fly-fishing, Heli Bike,
Tandem Sky Diving, Day
Walk, Private Milford Sound
Tour

In the heart of picture postcard scenery, beside a lake and encased by jagged mountain peaks, Queenstown not only offers access to a full slew of high-octane action - it was here that AJ Hackett introduced the world to bungee jumping - but the town is also a launch pad for exploring the magnificent Lord Of The Rings mountainscapes.

Your accommodation is the new Sofitel Hotel and Spa, right in the heart of Queenstown. Alternatively, you could choose the beautiful Blanket Bay Lodge in Glenorchy, overlooking Lake Wakatipu and the spectacular South Island mountain range.

We would encourage all visitors to the Southern Alps to treat themselves to a chopper flight up and over the peaks, touching down on a glacier for a stroll, then on to Milford Sound, with eagle eye views of waterfalls, fiords and mighty summits.



Day 19

Queenstown - Auckland

MEALS

Full Breakfast

PRIVATE TRANSFER TO QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT, FLY TO AUCKLAND

PRIVATE TRANSFER TO THE INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL

It's time now to enjoy your last hours in Queenstown before flying back to Auckland.

One of our supplier will meet you at your accommodation and transfer you to the Queenstown Airport for your connection flight to Auckland.

Upon arrival to Auckland, you will be met and transferred from the Domestic Terminal to the Auckland International Terminal for your departing flight home.

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