

Fully Escorted featuring 5 breathtaking rail journeys and an EXCLUSIVE overnight cruise

# 19 Day New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach Holiday



TOP: Taieri Gorge Ltd. MIDDLE: Glenbrook Vintage Railway. ABOVE: 'K' 88 Locomotive.

## ONE LOW PRICE INCLUDES

### PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum\*
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds\*
- EXCLUSIVE Bay of Islands Overnight Cruise
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- Longlands Dairy Farm
- Paradise Valley Springs\*
- Skyline Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools & geysers\*
- Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum\*
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- TranzCoastal Rail Journey
- Plains Vintage Railway
- Olveston House\*
- Haggis Ceremony & Gift
- Larnach Castle\*
- Glenfalloch Woodland Gardens
- Taieri Gorge Limited Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Te Anau, visit Glow Worm Caves
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Lakes District Museum
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin

\*Denotes guided tour is included with 1 guide per 24 travellers.

### TOURING

- Luxury coach travel with 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain
- Tour Guide
- Personalised Meet & Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- EXCLUSIVE Bay of Islands Overnight Cruise
- 17 nights deluxe hotel accommodation
- Five 2 night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 5 rail journeys
- 5 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- GST (New Zealand Goods and Services Tax)
- Comprehensive documentation pack

### MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast at Cableway Restaurant - Rotorua
- 17 sumptuous dinners including 4 specialty dinners: Maori Hangi & Concert - Rotorua, Haggis Ceremony - Dunedin, Walter Peak Homestead - Queenstown, Farewell Dinner - Methven
- 2 lunches including a specialty lunch at Longlands Dairy Farm - Matamata
- 4 delicious morning / afternoon teas

Note: Dinner on Day 1 not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

## ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

### DAY 1: Homeport - Auckland (D)

Fly from your homeport to Auckland where you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel Harbours City

### DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakoho then pass through Whangarei to Paihia. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

### DAY 3: Bay of Islands Overnight Cruise (B,D)

A memorable day lies ahead of you today. After breakfast you are free to explore Paihia before boarding Ipipiri, the Great Sights brand new luxurious catamaran for your overnight cruise in the beautiful Bay of Islands. Cruise past spectacular landmarks, such as the Black Rocks and Urupukapuka Island before being anchored in a sheltered bay for a truly exclusive experience. You will be surrounded by nature, as the warm waters are home to an abundance of marine life such as dolphins, whales, seals and penguins.

Tenders will ferry you to nearby islands as you learn of the rich history and ecology associated with this region. At sunset enjoy a buffet of local cuisine before retiring to your King Stateroom that has sea views.

Overnight Bay of Islands Overnight Cruise

### DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

After a unique overnight stay, start the day with a leisurely breakfast before you cruise back to Opuha Wharf mid-morning. Farewell the Bay of Islands and drive south via Whangarei, Wellsford and Warkworth to Auckland. Enjoy a short city tour and free time before transferring to your hotel.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel Harbours City

### DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

Depart Auckland and travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop and on return to Glenbrook Station, morning tea will be served. Depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside to Longlands Dairy Farm. Enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch hosted by a rural New Zealand family. Next, continue to Rotorua and visit Paradise Valley Springs, a superb wildlife park where you can hand feed rainbow trout.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (Superior Rooms. 2 nights)

#### DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a Gondola ride to Cableway Restaurant where a buffet breakfast and spectacular views are on offer. Travel to the Agrodome where you see performing sheep, a shearing display and sheep dog trial. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome Geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

#### DAY 7: Rotorua - Wellington (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway before arriving at the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo where some free time is available to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park and this afternoon visit Southwards Car Museum, home to the most comprehensive collection of veteran and vintage cars in the southern hemisphere. Enjoy afternoon tea before continuing south along the Kapiti Coast to Wellington, New Zealand's capital. **Hotel James Cook Grand Chancellor (2 nights)**

#### DAY 8: Wellington (B,D)

Enjoy an extensive city tour in New Zealand's capital, Wellington. A highlight will be a guided tour of Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. Enjoy free time at leisure this afternoon.

#### DAY 9: Wellington - Kaikoura (B,D)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the TranzCoastal, a truly spectacular rail journey that showcases the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side and the rugged scenic coastline on the other. Travel through numerous tunnels and across several bridges before departing the train in Kaikoura. Experience an optional scenic flight (weather permitting) to view the amazing whales this region is renowned for. **Hotel Donegal House**

#### DAY 10: Kaikoura - Canterbury (B,D)

A leisurely start this morning with time to enjoy the tranquil setting. Travel south through some of the finest farmland areas to Christchurch for an introductory city sights tour. A short drive through the Canterbury region brings you to your hotel. **Hotel Methven Resort or Hotel Ashburton**

#### DAY 11: Canterbury - Dunedin (B,SD)

This morning travel to The Plains Vintage Railway where you experience a 'K'88 Steam Locomotive at work. View the informative displays and enjoy a delightful morning tea before travelling to Oamaru. Continue to Dunedin for a city sights tour including a visit to Olveston House, a prestigious historic home. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented complete with bagpipes, great food, Haggis Ceremony and gift. **Hotel Mercure Leisure Lodge (2 nights)**

#### DAY 12: Dunedin (B,D)

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you enjoy a guided tour. Next visit Glenfalloch Woodland Gardens, view the superb collection of flowers followed by a delightful morning tea. Return to the city where free time is available before boarding The Taieri Gorge Limited for a journey through spectacular scenery only accessible by rail. On return to Dunedin's historic

Edwardian Railway Station your coach will transfer you to your hotel.

#### DAY 13: Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

Travel to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland and cruise across Lake Te Anau to visit the Glow Worm Caves. Admire the incredible limestone caverns, waterfalls and mystery of the Glow Worm Grotto before arriving at your hotel. **Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Deluxe Rooms. 2 nights)**

#### DAY 14: Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,L,D)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available.

#### DAY 15: Te Anau - Queenstown (B,SD)

Travel to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Queenstown, a year round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. On arrival sit back and relax, as you are treated to the best of New Zealand's high country cuisine in the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

**Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (Lakeview Rooms. 2 nights)**

#### DAY 16: Queenstown (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain and Tour Guide are available to assist with the many options available, whether it be the thrill of a jet boat ride or the helicopter ride of a lifetime. This evening dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

#### DAY 17: Queenstown - Franz Josef (B,D)

Depart Queenstown and travel via the Haast Pass to the West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers before continuing to Franz Josef.

**Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier**

#### DAY 18: Franz Josef - Canterbury (B,SD)

Travel to Hokitika, famous for its greenstone then continue to Greymouth where you board The TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel through lush beech forest, skirt lakes and follow rivers till you climb through the Oira Tunnel to Arthur's Pass in the centre of the Southern Alps. Descend through spectacular gorges, river valleys and over massive viaducts before completing your journey at Springfield. Travel to your hotel in Methven where this evening you will enjoy a farewell dinner. **Hotel Methven Resort**

#### DAY 19: Methven - Homeport (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the Christchurch Airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.



### Bay of Islands Overnight Cruise

Experience the spectacular Bay of Islands on a luxurious catamaran. Your overnight cruise includes:

- Scenic cruising on a luxury vessel
- King Stateroom with private ensuite
- Superb dinner including local produce, seafood and BBQ meats
- Cooked breakfast
- Tender craft for shore excursions
- Kayaking, snorkelling and swimming
- Relaxation time allowing you to enjoy a drink and take in the serenity

#### Guaranteed Departures

2011	2012
Sep 10, 26	Jan 18, 31
Oct 4, 25, 27	Feb 5, 8, 18, 23
Nov 3, 12, 21	Mar 2, 4, 6, 10, 16, 22, 31
	Apr 7, 13, 18
	May 4

#### New Zealand Dollar Land Only Prices

Twin Share Per Person	\$5799
Single Supplement	\$1750

#### Stay a little longer

City	Twin Share	Single
Auckland	\$105	\$210
Methven	\$105	\$210

If extending your stay in Methven, there will be several optional day trips available.

Extra night rates are per person and based on room only.

#### Scenic Flight Option

As this tour now overnights in Kaikoura, the opportunity is available on Day 9 (weather permitting) to take an optional scenic flight to see the amazing whales that this region is renowned for.