

15 Day NZ Panorama Tour



Join this fantastic 15 Day Panorama Tour of New Zealand departing on 11th October 09 and every month until 25th April 2010

from
\$6,975*pp

twin share / NZ\$

Includes

- 14 nights accommodation
- Cooked Breakfast daily (14)
- Cabaret Show & Dinner, Auckland
- Authentic Maori Hangi and concert
- Private tour of Mokoia Island
- Helicopter to Skyline Restaurant
- Interislander Ferry Crossing
- Farewell Dinner in Christchurch
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Air-conditioned coach transportation



Itinerary - 15 Day NZ Panorama Tour

DAY 1 – ARRIVE AUCKLAND

(R) Welcome to New Zealand! Your Coach and driver will be awaiting your arrival. Please board your coach and you will be transferred to your hotel.
Accommodation is Quadrant Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 2 - AUCKLAND

(B) This morning a city tour will visit the summit of Skytower, at 328 metres the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere, for panoramic views across the city and its two harbours, the Domain, the city area, the Waterfront Drive with its numerous yacht marinas and nearby residential suburbs. This afternoon at leisure. This evening a Cabaret Dinner Show at Caluzzi.

DAY 3 - AUCKLAND/ROTORUA

(B,S) Cross the Bombay Hills to the lush farmlands of the Waikato noted for its horse studs, and the bush clad Mamaku Ranges to Rotorua. This evening you will enjoy a Maori hangi (meal) which will include a selection of traditionally prepared meats and vegetables plus more conventional dishes, followed by a concert featuring Maori songs, chants and the stirring haka..
Accommodation is Novotel Rotorua Lakeside (2 nights).

DAY 4 – ROTORUA

(B,L) Leave the Rotorua lakefront for a 30-minute jet boat ride filled with Speed, spins and adrenaline stopping at key historical points on the way, and then onto Mokoia Island where the local Iwi will greet you for a life experience guided tour around the sacred Island. A bird sanctuary and is steeped in history. Then prepare to be whisked away by helicopter for a 15 minute flight to Mt Ngongotaha at Skyline Skyrides. You will then be set the task of not one but two luge rides. Finally relax with a lovely buffet lunch overlooking the Rotorua City. After your relaxing lunch step aboard the gondola for a great viewing platform back to the bottom. This afternoon visit the Agrodome to see a display featuring New Zealand's various sheep breeds and a sheep shearing demonstration. This evening visit the Polynesian Spa where you will enjoy the luxury of the Adult Pools & Priest Spa This popular area offers seven hot mineral pools, six with views of Lake Rotorua. There are many therapies also available to you but they must be pre-booked prior to your arrival and will be paid for locally.

DAY 5 - ROTORUA/WELLINGTON

(B) Visit Te Puia for the Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley, the Maori Arts and Crafts Centre and Thermal Reserve with its boiling mud, silica terraces and famous Pohutu Geyser. After departure from Rotorua we skirt some of the world's largest pine forest to Wairakei where natural steam is harnessed to generate electricity, view the Huka Falls where the Waikato River pours through a narrow chasm and pause at Lake Taupo, the largest lake in New Zealand. Follow the Desert Road to the central North Island National Park, dominated by the volcanic cone of Mt Ruapehu. Across rolling farmland for an afternoon arrival in the Capital city Wellington.
Accommodation is Novotel Capital (2 nights)

DAY 6 - WELLINGTON

(B) A free day for you to explore Wellington.

DAY 7 - WELLINGTON/PICTON/BLENHEIM

(B) Join the Interislander Ferry for a scenic cruise to the South Island with views of the City and its hillside suburbs. Cross Cook Strait into the sheltered waters of Queen Charlotte Sound, bush clad hillsides remote bays and isolated holiday homes. In Picton, you are welcomed by your South Island Coach Captain. Explore Picton then drive to Blenheim for an afternoon's sightseeing. A visit to the Montana Winery for a complimentary tasting and afternoon tea.
Overnight accommodation at Marlborough Vintners Hotel.

DAY 8 - BLENHEIM/KAIKOURA/CHRISTCHURCH

(B) This morning travel south and stop in Kaikoura to board a Whale Watch Cruise which will guarantee you a unique experience. The Giant Sperm Whale is the star of the show, resident in the area all year round. As well as sighting whales a typical trip will cruise by colonies of New Zealand Fur Seals and perhaps take in groups of dolphins. In addition to the marine mammals Kaikoura has a wide variety of off shore birds. These include Albatross, Shearwaters, Petrels, Gulls, Penguins and Gannets. This afternoon continue down the coast to Christchurch.
Accommodation is Heritage Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 9 - CHRISTCHURCH

(B) A free day to explore. See the parklands and River Avon and take the opportunity to board the Tourist Tram for a circuit of the city centre which showcases all the main points of interest.

DAY 10 – CHRISTCHURCH/MT COOK

(B,D) Depart Christchurch and travel across the Canterbury Plains before climbing the foothills of the Southern Alps and into the MacKenzie Basin. Pausing to view the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo continue into the Mount Cook National Park.
Overnight accommodation is Hermitage

DAY 11 – MT COOK/QUEENSTOWN

(B) This morning time for a scenic flight (optional) over the Mt Cook National Park before you travel back along the shores of Lake Pukaki to ascend the Lindis Pass dropping down to the shores of Lake Dunstan. Pass through the Kawarau Gorge to arrive in Queenstown this afternoon.
Accommodation is Novotel Queenstown Lakeside (4 nights).

DAY 12 – QUEENSTOWN

(B) A day to explore the many delights of this alpine resort at your leisure. Your Coach Captain will happily advise on the many optional sightseeing and recreational activities available to you. We recommend the world famous Shotover Jet Boat ride, take a Gondola ride (entry pass included) to the Skyline high above, a tour to the gold mining area of Skippers Canyon, or for the adventurous - white water rafting. Alternatively browse in the many shops and galleries - the choice is yours.

DAY 13 – QUEENSTOWN/MILFORD SOUND/ QUEENSTOWN

(B,L) A highlight of any tour. Follow the Eglinton and Hollyford Valleys where the beech forests reach right to the roads edge and mighty snow capped peaks tower above, pass the Homer Tunnel and descend into the Cleddau Canyon to reach majestic Milford Sound dominated by Mitre Peak. A launch cruise takes you right to the open sea and shows such highlights as the Bowen and Stirling Falls. Return to Queenstown. (A picnic lunch is included on your cruise today).

DAY 14 - QUEENSTOWN

(B) A free day for you to explore Queenstown

DAY 15 – DEPART QUEENSTOWN

(B) You will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight.

TOUR DATES:

October 09: 11 October to 25 October
November 09: 8 November to 22 November
December 09: 13 December to 27 December
January 2010: 10 January to 24 January
February 2010: 7 February to 21 February
March 2010: 7 March to 21 March
April 2010: 11 April to 25 April



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