

**PREMIUM**

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# NEW ZEALAND WONDERS & AURORA AUSTRALIS

Allow mother nature to take your breath away as you travel across the North & South Islands of New Zealand.

TOUR CODE: NZWA13

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**PACE**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### NEW ZEALAND

#### NORTH ISLAND

- Hamilton Gardens
- Hobbiton Movie Set
- Huka Falls
- Lake Taupo
- Otorohanga Kiwi House and Native Bird Park
- Pohutu Geyser
- Rotorua
- Te Puia
- The Redwoods
- Wairakei Power Station

#### SOUTH ISLAND

- Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park
- Arrowtown
- Arthur's Pass
- Blue Pools Walk
- Church of the Good Shepard

- Eglinton Valley
- Fiordland National Park
- Franz Josef Glacier
- Gibbston Valley Winery
- Hokitika
- Homer Tunnel
- Kawarau Gorge Suspension Bridge
- Lake Matheson
- Lake Pukaki
- Lake Te Anau
- Lake Tekapo
- Lake Wanaka
- Milford Sound
- Mirror Lakes
- Mrs Jone's Fruit Orchard
- Pancake Rocks
- Tasman Sea
- The Chasm

## DELICACIES

### Meal Plan

- 11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 9 Dinners

## 3-4★HOTELS

- **AUCKLAND:** Sudima Hotel / Oaks Hotel
- **DUNEDIN:** Cargill
- **HOKITIKA:** Beachfront Hotel
- **MOUNT COOK:** Mount Cook Lodge
- **QUEENSTOWN:** Copthorne Hotel
- **TE ANAU:** Fiordland Hotel
- **WANAKA:** Wanaka Hotel

\*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered accommodation similar to this list.



### Day 1 SINGAPORE ▶ AUCKLAND

Assemble at Changi Airport for your flight to New Zealand. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel for the night.

### Day 2 AUCKLAND ▶ HAMILTON ▶ ROTORUA

#### Breakfast, Dinner

Begin the day with a drive to the vibrant city of Hamilton and make a stop at the **Hamilton Gardens**. A winner of the International Garden Tourism Award, the garden park is a collection of themed areas showcasing different types of art, cultures, eras and beliefs. Then proceed to **Agrodome** for an exciting farm experience. Watch the educational and entertaining farm show and possibly participate in the activities on stage such as milking a cow or feeding lambs.

\*Note: Breakfast will only be provided for those flying with Air New Zealand as customers flying with Singapore Airlines will arrive on this day.

### Day 3 ROTORUA ▶ TAUPO ▶ ROTORUA

#### Breakfast, Dinner

Make your way to **Whakarewarewa Forest**,

also known as **The Redwoods**. Enjoy a morning walk amongst nature and breathe in the fresh air. Next, head over to **Te Puia** – a Maori cultural centre situated in the **Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley**. There, you can observe the natural wonders such as the famous **Pohutu Geyser**, mud pools, historical geysers and hot pools of boiling water used in ancient Maori cooking. Then, you will visit the **Otorohanga Kiwi House and Native Bird Park** to meet the wildlife native to New Zealand. Stopover at **Lake Taupo** for a photo. Nearly as big as Singapore, this lake was created thousands of years ago by a massive volcanic eruption. North of the lake, you will visit the majestic **Huka Falls** where over 220,000 litres of water blast through the river every second! Finally, on the drive back to the hotel in Rotorua, go past the historical **Wairakei Power Station** – the first steam powered generator in the world.

### Day 4 ROTORUA ▶ MATAMATA ▶ AUCKLAND

#### Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast, drive to **Matamata** – home to the world famous **Hobbiton Movie Set**. Delve into the world of the Lord of the



AURORA AUSTRALIS, DUNEDIN

Rings as you embark on a tour through The Shire. Then, head to **Auckland** for a city tour where you get to see the tallest building in New Zealand – the **Sky Tower**, as well as Auckland’s oldest park – Auckland Domain.

**Day 5**  
**AUCKLAND > CHRISTCHURCH > MOUNT COOK**

*Breakfast, Western Dinner*

Journey to the **South Islands** via a short flight to **Christchurch**. Then, embark on a brief city tour before making your way up New Zealand’s highest point – **Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park**. Stop over at Ashburton for a break before making a photo stop at **Lake Tekapo**. Admire the **Church of the Good Shepard** set against this beautiful backdrop. At night, you may wish to bask in the exquisiteness of the vast landscape of Mount Cook and enjoy a stroll under the stars. The only International Dark Sky Reserve in New Zealand, Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park offers one of the best stargazing experiences. With luck, the fascinating Aurora Australis might present itself to you.

**Day 6**  
**MOUNT COOK > DUNEDIN**

*Breakfast, Dinner*

Explore the area in the morning, at your leisure. As an option, you may want to go on a scenic helicopter flight and observe the South Islands from a bird’s eye view. In the afternoon, you will embark on a drive along the scenic road where you can spot

the tranquil **Lake Pukaki** which is one of the few lakes that generates hydropower in the district. Then, make a stop at the **Moeraki Boulders** for a photo. Over 50 of these large spherical formations sit along the coast of the **Koekohe Beach** and are a testament of the wonders of nature and time. Thereafter, make your way to **Dunedin** and rest for the night.



MILFORD SOUND, FIORDLAND

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## Day 7 DUNEDIN ▶ TE ANAU

### Breakfast, Dinner

Begin the morning on board a short city tour where you will get to visit Baldwin Street, the World's Steepest Street according to the Guinness Book of Records. En route to the town of **Te Anau**, a possible photo stop at **Tunnel Beach** which is well known for its man-made tunnel passage to the beach as well as its stunning views. Travel towards **Te Anau** to check in and have dinner. At night you are free to take part in an optional tour of the Glowworm Caves in Te Anau and experience the amazing sparkling display.

## Day 8 TE ANAU ▶ MILFORD SOUND ▶ QUEENSTOWN

### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - Barbecue

Travel to the famous **Milford Sound** located within **Fiordland National Park**. Drive through Eglinton Valley and watch out for a section of the road known as 'The Avenue of the Disappearing Mountain' where the mountain ahead gradually disappears as you drive towards it! Photo opportunities will be in abundance as you drive past more of New Zealand's wonders. If weather permits, you will be able to witness the surrounding mountain ranges perfectly reflected on the still waters of **Mirror Lakes**. Then, drive through the amazing 1.2km **Homer Tunnel** that pierces through the solid granite mountains which took nearly two decades to complete. Proceed to experience **The Chasm** on footbridges that take you through a series of powerful swirling waterfalls and rapids. Upon arriving at Milford Sound, hop on board a catamaran to begin a 1 hr 45 min scenic cruise covering the length of the fiord. Be blown away by the grandeur of your surroundings and discover the secrets of Milford Sound on this interactive tour before concluding the day in Queenstown.

## Day 9 QUEENSTOWN

### Breakfast

Explore Queenstown freely on this day of leisure. As an option, you may wish to embark on the century old TSS Earnslaw to marvel at more of New Zealand's beauty or go on an optional tour to **Doubtful Sound**. This exclusive fiord is only accessible by cruise via **Lake Manapouri**. There, you might be able to come across Fiordland home to penguins, bottlenose dolphins and fur seals.

*\*Note: TSS Earnslaw will not be in operation from mid May - mid June 2016 due to annual maintenance*



## Day 10 QUEENSTOWN ▶ WANAKA

### Breakfast

At exciting experience awaits at the first stop – **Shotover River!** You have the option of getting on a gravity defying jet boat that will whisk you through the canyon at high speed. Next, stopover at the **Kawarau Gorge Suspension Bridge** to witness daring bungy jumpers launch off this 43m plunge before heading to **Arrowtown**. Explore the historical gold mining town at your own leisure. Then, proceed to **Gibbston Valley Winery** for a wine tasting experience before stopping by in **Cromwell** at **Mrs Jones' Fruit Orchard** for your chance to purchase a refreshing bite. The day ends as you retire to your hotel located in the area of **Lake Wanaka**. Again, with luck, the fascinating **Aurora Australis** might present itself to you here.

## Day 11 WANAKA ▶ HOKITIKA

### Breakfast, Dinner - Western Buffet

The day's journey to **Hokitika** will see you witnessing some of the most magnificent views. Get blown away by the breathtaking sight of **Lake Hayes**. Drive through a sliver of land, just 1000m wide, known as **The Neck** separating **Lake Wanaka** and **Lake Hawea** that lie parallel to each other. Drive past **Makarora** and onto Haast Pass, to stop at the **Blue Pools Walk**. Spot the fishes as you take a short walk on a swing bridge above the crystal clear blue waters of Makarora River. Continue the journey via **Mount Aspiring National Park** and **Westland National Park** to stop at **Lake Matheson** where one of the best views of Aoraki / Mount Cook can be seen. Carry on driving north along the coast to the visit **Franz Josef Glacier** before heading to the hotel for the night.

## Day 12 HOKITIKA ▶ CHRISTCHURCH ▶ SINGAPORE

### Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast, head towards the town of **Punakaiki** which sits on the edge of the **Paparoa National Park**. Visit the famous **Pancake Rocks** - formations that get their name from the appearance of layered limestone. Continue on to visit **Hokitika** and make a stop at a jade factory before proceeding to **Christchurch** via **Arthur's Pass**. There, you will embark on a brief tour before dinner. As an option, you may wish to go on the **TranzAlpine** – a train that will take you on a scenic journey between Christchurch and Greymouth. Finally, check in for your flight back to Singapore via Auckland.

*\*Note: Customers flying back to Singapore with Singapore Airlines on day 13 will stay for the night.*

## Day 13 ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE

### Breakfast - only for SQ flights

We hope you enjoyed your vacation with EU Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again on your next trip.

### Note:

- A minimum group of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- During major events, accommodation may be relocated without prior notice.
- We are unable to guarantee that you will observe the **Aurora Australis** as it is a natural phenomenon. The land mass in the Southern Hemisphere is less than the North, reducing sighting chances. However, should the **Aurora** appear, it will more likely be in South Island towards the Southern horizon around Lake Wanaka and Dunedin.