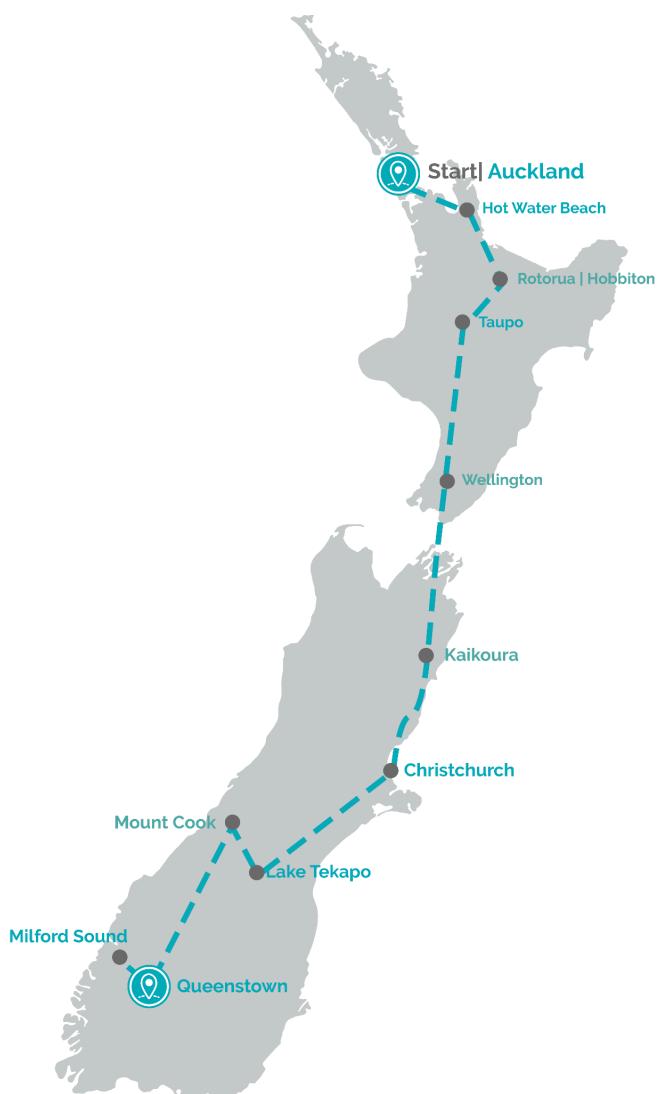




## ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND HIGHLIGHTS

### 21-DAY / 20-NIGHT NEW ZEALAND HIGHLIGHTS GROUP TOUR

Experience the very best of New Zealand with our ULTIMATE Highlights tour. This fast-paced adventure takes you from Auckland to Queenstown, with stops at iconic locations like Hobbiton, Rotorua, Wellington, Mount Cook, and Queenstown. Sail through the 8th wonder of the world, visit the Lord of The Rings movie set, experience a geothermal wonderland, explore Maori Village and much more!



### INCLUSIONS:

- ULTIMATE Group Leader
- Welcome Dinner + Drink
- 20 nights accommodation
- All coach & ferry travel
- Auckland City Tour
- Cathedral Cove & Hot Water Beach Day Trip
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Visit Huka Falls
- Experience a traditional Maori Village at Te Pa Tu
- Visit Hell's Gate Geothermal Spa
- Enjoy an after Catamaran Cruise on Lake Taupo and discover the Maori Rock Carvings
- Kaikoura Whale Watching Experience
- Stargaze at a 2 night Lake Tekapo Retreat
- Visit the Good of the Shepherd Church
- Day trip to Mt Cook - New Zealand's tallest mountain
- Queenstown Bar Crawl
- Day trip to 8th wonder of the world - Milford Sound
- Queenstown Summit Walk
- Optional activities available
- Select meals included

We recommend a budget of \$100 NZD per day for extra meals/additional activities.



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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 | Welcome to New Zealand



Kia Ora and welcome to New Zealand! Today our New Zealand Highlights Tour kicks off in Auckland. We will visit all the local sights and hotspots of New Zealand's largest and busiest city. Today you'll also meet all your new travel buddies and your group leader will give you a rundown on what's happening over the next few weeks! This evening we meet back again for our welcome dinner.

**Tour Start:** 6pm

**Includes:** Welcome Dinner

**Accommodation:** Lylo Hostel (or Similar)

#### Days 2-3 | Auckland & Hot Water Beach



You will head to the Coromandel Peninsula on a guided day trip. Known for its pristine beaches and volcanic springs, here you'll visit Cathedral Cove Beach which is one of New Zealand's most iconic photo spots, Cathedral Cove is renowned for its picture-perfect archway. That evening you'll arrive at Hot Water Beach, a natural geothermal hotspot where you can create your very own spa! Dig yourself a hole in the sand, the hole will fill with hot water and relax, watching the sunset.

**Includes:** Cathedral Cove & Hot Water Beach Day Trip

**Accommodation:** Lylo Hostel (or Similar)



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### Day 4 | Hobbiton



Get ready for another full day of adventure! Depart Auckland to The Shire for your guided Hobbiton Movie Set Tour. This award-winning attraction was made famous by the popular Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies. Here you'll see all the Hobbiton highlights including charming Hobbit holes, hear all the behind-the-scenes secrets and enjoy a complimentary drink at the iconic Green Dragon Inn. You will also have lunch included! At the end of the day you'll carry on your journey southbound to Rotorua.

#### Includes:

Hobbiton Movie Set Guided Day Trip

### Days 5-7 | Rotorua



Rotorua is the heart of both New Zealand's Māori culture and its geothermal activity. Experience a traditional Māori Village, Te Pā Tū presents culture and cuisine, while proudly sharing Māori history and traditions. You will also be given a day ticket to the famous Hell's Gate Geothermal Mud Spa, nicknamed as the place where the centre of the Earth meets the sky! Your free time in Rotorua is where you can decide to tap into your adrenaline and book White Water Rafting, sailing down in the world's tallest commercial waterfall! (extra cost)

#### Includes:

Te Pā Tū Maori Village Experience with banquet dinner

Hell's Gate Geothermal Spa

**Accommodation:** Rock Solid Backpackers (or Similar)



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### Days 8-9 | Taupo



Your next stop is Taupo, home to Australasia's largest river! Lake Taupo is roughly the size of Singapore and not only that, it leads to Huka Falls, New Zealand's most powerful waterfall. Your Group Leader will take the group on a guided walk to the Huka Falls Lookout. You will also get to experience the river first hand with an afternoon private catamaran charter. Onboard you'll get to swim in the river, watch the sunset and sail past the famous Māori Rock Carvings.

#### **Includes:**

Māori Rock Carvings Catamaran Cruise

**Accommodation:** Finlay Jack's Hostel (or Similar)

### Days 10-12 | Wellington & Kaikoura



After a busy few days, you'll get a taster of the nation's vibrant capital, Wellington before you make the journey to the south island. You can enjoy the vibrant art and nightlife scene of Wellington with a free evening before your early morning sail down to the South Island! You will then board the Interislander Ferry with your group you'll head to Kaikōura, which is New Zealand's home of Whale Watching. Experience this bucket list activity with an included whale watching cruise, afterwards enjoy some fish 'n' chips in this small and beautiful coastal town.

#### **Includes:**

Ferry ticket

Kaikoura Whale Watching Experience

**Accommodation:** Nomads Wellington (or similar)



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Dusky Lodge Hostel Kaikoura (or similar)

**Days 13-15 | Christchurch & Lake Tekapo Retreat**



After a night enjoying the chilled and cultural vibes of Christchurch you'll head to the beautiful Lake Tekapo for a 2 night retreat. Known as THE #1 spot in the southern hemisphere to Stargaze, fingers crossed the weather plays its part and you and your group will have a night you'll never forget! During the day you can visit the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd or take a dip in the Tekapo Hot Springs. You'll have a front row seat to the ice-blue Tekapo waters with your lakefront hostel.

**Includes:**

Retreat style accommodation

Group Stargazing Experience

**Accommodation:** Little Drifter Christchurch (or similar)

Lake Tekapo Holiday Park (or similar)

### Day 16 | Mount Cook



Today you'll leave Tekapo behind to make your way south to Queenstown. On the way you'll make a stop venturing the foothills of New Zealand's highest mountain, Mount Cook. This fully guided half-day trip will have you enjoy the scenery of the Southern Alps and take a group tour around the base. You can decide to upgrade to an Alpine Scenic Flight if you wish. Then carry on your journey to New Zealand's Adventure Capital - Queenstown!

**Includes:**

Fully guided day trip to Mount Cook



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### Days 17-20 | Queenstown & Milford Sound



Spend 5 epic days in the backpacker and adrenaline capital of New Zealand - Queenstown! After you check into your ski lodge style hostel you can choose to join the party of Queenstown's legendary nightlife with a local bar crawl if you wish! Then, repeat the fun for the next few days, adding some epic, once-in-a-lifetime experiences! Here you can take the leap with a 15,000 ft Skydive or brave the AJ Hackett Nevis Bungy – the tallest in the Southern Hemisphere. You'll also enjoy a day trip to the Milford Sound - an unforgettable boat cruise through the 8th

wonder of the world, taking in the landscapes, huge waterfalls and mountains.

#### Includes:

Queenstown Bar Crawl

Milford Sound Day Trip

**Accommodation:** Nomads Queenstown (or similar)

### Day 21 | Tour End



Today our New Zealand Highlights Adventure comes to an end and we bid farewell to our new friends and this incredible country

**Tour End: 10am**