



## New Zealand Wonderland

Auckland → Christchurch

2024-25

17 Days | From \$8,995 AUD pp

Trip Code: NCC17

# INCLUSIONS

- All-inspiring sightseeing experiences in 15 destinations
- **Freedom of Choice** inclusions in five locations
- Locally inspired dining - a total of 27 meals
- 16 nights in hand-picked accommodation
- Services of an APT Tour Director and Driver, plus expert local guides
- Return airport transfers and portorage

## Trip Notes

- Itinerary, inclusions and pricing are subject to change
- Ask us about pre and post accommodation
- Itinerary effective 6 September 2024 – 9 June 2025. Tours departing outside these dates follow a different itinerary – enquire for details.
- Prices are fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, cruises, meals as specified and accommodation
- Prices are seasonal and are subject to change
- Prices are for land only. Flights not included unless specified

# MAP & ITINERARY



## Signature Experiences

**Designed Exclusively for APT guests**

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

These once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises

### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options

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## Arrive Auckland

On arrival in **Auckland**, be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Stay:** Auckland, Grand Millennium Hotel

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## Auckland, Bay Of Islands

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where New Zealand's founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed in 1840.

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Cross Auckland's Harbour Bridge and travel along the Hibiscus Coast. Stop at Matakoho's Kauri Museum for an insight into the rich pioneering history of the Northland region. Continue to the Bay of Islands where you will enjoy a visit to the historic Treaty House and ceremonial War Canoe at Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

**Stay:** Two Nights, Bay of Islands, Copthorne Hotel and Resort

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Bay Of Islands

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a catamaran cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock. Meander through the inner islands, admiring the sandy beaches and rocky outcrops.

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See the spectacular Bay of Islands region on a cruise. Afterwards, the afternoon is free for you to further explore.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast

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## Bay Of Islands, Auckland

### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™

Perhaps join an Auckland Harbour Sailing Cruise, enjoy a unique All Blacks experience, visit Te Wao Nui - The Living Realm Auckland to discover the native flora and fauna of New Zealand. Journey behind the cinema curtain with the Academy Award-winning team at Weta Workshop Unleashed or escape the bustle of the city on a tour to Auckland's wild, black sand beaches and lush rainforest.

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Travel to Auckland before selecting from our Freedom of Choice activities. Back at your hotel this evening, enjoy a delicious Pacific-themed dinner.

**Stay:** Auckland, Grand Millennium Hotel

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Auckland, Waitomo Caves, Rotorua

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Tonight, enjoy an indulgent traditional Maori feast and performance of Haka, song and storytelling at Te Pa Tu (Maori Village). Over a magical evening, you will be welcomed with a Haka powhiri (cultural welcome) and then treated to further captivating performances while enjoying seasonal canapes, chef selected aperitifs and a seasonal three-course dinner.

Travel to Waitomo, home to the famous glow worm caves where thousands of tiny luminescent creatures radiate an eerie glow. Discover this natural wonder on a guided boat ride through a grotto lit by these magical creatures, before continuing to Rotorua.

**Stay:** Two Nights, Millennium Rotorua

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Rotorua

### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™

Perhaps enjoy a sheep show at the Agrodome followed by a visit to Te Puia Thermal Reserve. Alternatively, choose to visit Wai-O-Tapu or experience Middle-earth during a tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set.

Spend this morning on your Freedom of Choice activity. Afterwards, the afternoon and evening are free for you to explore.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast

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## Rotorua, Taupo, Wellington

Follow the Thermal Explorer Highway to the heart of New Zealand's North Island this morning. View the Wairakei Steam Valley, then visit Huka Falls and Lake Taupo, before travelling across the plateau of Tongariro National Park to Wellington.

**Stay:** Two Nights, InterContinental Wellington

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Wellington

After breakfast, set off on a sightseeing tour of Wellington's best-loved landmarks and sights, including Mt Victoria, the waterfront area and New Zealand's national museum – Te Papa Tongarewa. The rest of the day will be yours at leisure to further explore this coastal city and perhaps dine at a local restaurant.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast

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## Wellington, Christchurch

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Step aboard the Interislander ferry to cruise across Cook Strait and through the stunning waters of Marlborough and Queen Charlotte sounds to Picton.

This morning, travel to the South Island, to the quaint fishing town of Kaikoura before continuing along the central east coast all the way to Christchurch.

**Stay:** Christchurch, Commodore Hotel

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Christchurch, TranzAlpine Train, Franz Josef/Waiau

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's greatest rail adventures.

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Take in the dramatic surrounds of the Franz Josef Glacier/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere Region.

After a special Signature Experience, disembark at Arthur's Pass and travel by coach to Hokitika, famous for its stunning coastline and jade carving industry. Pounamu, or greenstone, holds great cultural significance for the Indigenous Maori people. Continue to Franz Josef/Waiau.

**Stay:** Franz Josef/Waiau, Te Waonui Forest Retreat

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Franz Josef/Waiiau, Queenstown



### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™

On a Freedom of Choice Dining evening perhaps cruise aboard the TSS Earnslaw, a vintage steamboat for a BBQ Dinner at the Walter Peak High Country Farm. Alternatively, enjoy one of the world's most lauded burgers at Fergburger, experience an array of premium local produce at Finz Restaurant, dine amid the stylish surrounds of the Elements Restaurant, or take a ride in the iconic Skyline Gondola up Bob's Peak to Stratosfare Restaurant and enjoy spectacular views of Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Walter and Cecil Peak and of course, Queenstown.

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Enjoy a day of breathtaking scenery as you travel along the Haast River Valley to Queenstown. Tonight, enjoy a Freedom of Choice Dining evening.

**Stay:** Two Nights, Novotel Queenstown Lakeside

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Queenstown



### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™

Perhaps visit several local sites where The Lord of the Rings trilogy was filmed. Alternatively, set out on a Skippers Canyon adventure or a river safari along the beautiful Dart River. A tour of the country's premier wine-producing region is a tempting option, as is a leisurely cruise over the waters of Lake Wakatipu.

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Enjoy flexibility in how to spend your day with a range of Freedom of Choice activities on offer.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast

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## Queenstown, Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, Te Anau

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a cruise that explores the full length of the pristine fiord of Milford Sound/Piopiotahi.

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Tonight, enjoy a Taste of Fiordland Dinner, and savour local delights such as salmon and lamb.

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Embark on a scenic drive today as you journey along the Milford Road and into the heart of Fiordland National Park. Wind down the Eglinton and Hollyford valleys, then drive through the Homer Tunnel to be met by the sight of Mitre Peak, the iconic backdrop to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Continue to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Afterwards, enjoy a picturesque drive to the lakeside settlement of **Te Anau**.

**Stay:** Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Te Anau, Dunedin

### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™

Perhaps visit Olveston Historic Home, or discover the enchanting Larnach Castle, nestled on the stunning Otago Peninsula. Those who enjoy a beer may choose to visit Speight's Brewery for a tasting.

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Journey through Southland countryside as you travel to Dunedin, a city known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. This afternoon, select your Freedom of Choice activity.

**Stay:** Fable Dunedin

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner



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## Dunedin, Aoraki/Mount Cook



### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Visit Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park to see New Zealand's highest mountain.



### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™

Visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre or learn about the stars of the southern night sky with an expert astronomer. Alternatively, during the summer months, board a MAC boat and get up close to icebergs on the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake.

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Drive north and stop to view the Moeraki Boulders on Koekohe Beach. Continue to Aoraki Mount Cook National Park, where you choose your activity.

**Stay:** Aoraki/Mount Cook, The Hermitage Hotel, in a room with alpine views

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Aoraki/Mount Cook, Lake Tekapo, Christchurch

Travel to Lake Tekapo and taker in the rugged beauty of the Southern Alps and the stunning watercolours on the lake. Pay a visit to the tiny but charming Church of the Good Shepherd that features in many photographs because of its beautiful backdrop and surrounds. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner tonight at your hotel.

**Stay:** Distinction Christchurch

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Depart Christchurch

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast