

New Zealand Explorer 11 Nights / 12 Days

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DISCRIPTION

Embark on an unforgettable journey through New Zealand's breathtaking landscapes. Begin in Auckland, the City of Sails, before traveling to Rotorua, where Maori culture and geothermal wonders await. Next, fly to Christchurch, the Garden City, and then venture to the stunning Glacier Region, where towering mountains and glaciers reign supreme. Continue to picturesque Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world, and enjoy three nights surrounded by majestic mountains and serene lakes. Visit the serene Lake Tekapo and majestic Mt. Cook, before returning to Christchurch for a final night. This 11-day journey showcases the best of New Zealand's diverse natural beauty, unique culture, and adventure activities.

Geography and Climate

New Zealand, an island nation in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, comprises two main landmasses: the North Island and the South Island. The country's diverse geography features rugged mountains, including the Southern Alps, vast coastlines, pristine fjords, and picturesque lakes. New Zealand's climate varies from subtropical in the north to temperate in the south, with mild temperatures and moderate rainfall throughout the year. The climate is influenced by the Pacific Ocean and the prevailing westerly winds, resulting in distinct regional variations, from the warm and humid north to the cooler and drier south.

Day 1: Arrival in Auckland

Arrive in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, and collect your rental vehicle. Drive to your accommodation and spend the day exploring this vibrant city, nestled between two stunning harbors. Discover Auckland's diverse landscapes, from the gentle sandy shores of the east to the wild, black sand beaches of the west. Take advantage of the city's beautiful surroundings and consider getting out on the water to explore the sparkling blue Hauraki Gulf, dotted with emerald islands. Overnight at your hotel in Auckland.

Day 2: Waitomo, Matamata, and Rotorua

Embark on a scenic journey through the picturesque countryside to Waitomo, where you'll discover an underground wonderland of glowworm caves. Take a guided tour through the shimmering galleries, adorned with galaxies of glowworms.

Next, visit Matamata, home to the iconic Hobbiton Movie Set. Explore the charming Shire, featuring unique Hobbit holes, lush gardens, and the Green Dragon Inn, just as seen in the movies.

Finally, arrive in Rotorua, a city like no other, with its unique geothermal landscape of bubbling mud pools, steaming geysers, and natural hot springs. Overnight at your hotel in Rotorua.

Day 3: Explore Rotorua's Geothermal Wonders and Maori Culture

Discover Rotorua's captivating geothermal landscape, featuring an array of steam vents, geysers, and bubbling mud pools, all set amidst stunning freshwater lakes and native forests. This region is also steeped in rich Maori history and mythology.

Visit a local geothermal attraction, such as Wai-O-Tapu or Waimangu Volcanic Valley, to witness the unique natural wonders up close. In the evening, experience a magical forest display, where culture, art, and nature come together in a sensory extravaganza. Overnight at your hotel in Rotorua.

Day 4: Fly to Christchurch

Take a domestic flight from Rotorua to Christchurch (airfare not included). Arrive in Christchurch, a city nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the majestic Southern Alps. Discover a vibrant city in transformation, featuring beautiful inner-city parks, gardens, and the picturesque Avon River, which meanders through the heart of the city. Overnight at your hotel in Christchurch.

Day 5: Christchurch to Glacier Region via Arthurs Pass

Embark on a scenic journey across the picturesque Canterbury Plains, a vibrant tapestry of green hues, and through the breathtaking Arthurs Pass National Park. Arrive on the rugged West Coast, a realm of untamed beauty, characterized by pristine rainforests, mighty glaciers, and ancient geological formations. Marvel at the majestic glaciers, remnants of the last ice age, as they cascade down rocky valleys. Overnight in the stunning Glacier Region.

Day 6: Explore the Glacier Region

Spend a day at leisure in the breathtaking Glacier Region, where temperate climates and low altitudes make Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers uniquely accessible. Witness the dramatic valleys, scarred by millennia of glacial retreat and advance, where the ice age continues to shape the landscape.

Choose from a range of activities, including:

- Visiting Punakaiki's iconic Pancake Rocks
- Taking a scenic flight with a glacier landing for a thrilling hike on the icy terrain

Enjoy the freedom to tailor your day to your interests and preferences. Overnight at your hotel in the Glacier Region.

Day 7: Glacier Region to Queenstown

Embark on a stunning scenic drive to Queenstown, passing through quaint wilderness towns, picturesque waterfalls, and majestic river landscapes. Be sure to stop at Makarora's breathtaking Blue Pools, a perfect spot to stretch your legs and take in the natural beauty. Arrive in Queenstown, a resort town nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, surrounded by the Southern Alps. Overnight at your hotel in Queenstown.

Day 8: Explore Queenstown, Adventure Capital of the World

Surrounded by majestic mountains and picturesque vistas, Queenstown is the epitome of an alpine resort town. Renowned as the Adventure Capital of the World, Queenstown offers an unparalleled array of activities to suit all interests and adrenaline levels.

Enjoy a free day to tailor your experience:

- Take a leisurely lake cruise or scenic flight
- Hike through breathtaking landscapes or bike through scenic trails
- Indulge in bungee jumping, skydiving, or other adventure sports
- Explore the town's vibrant culture, cuisine, and nightlife

The choices are endless in Queenstown. Overnight at your hotel.

Day 9: Milford Sound Adventure

Embark on an unforgettable journey to Fiordland, one of the world's most pristine and untouched wilderness regions. Travel through a breathtaking landscape of mirror-like lakes, cascading waterfalls, and rocks sculpted by the relentless force of water.

Enter the majestic Milford Sound, a natural wonder carved by ancient glaciers and hailed as the "Eighth Wonder of the World". Cruise through the sound's towering cliffs, surrounded by lush rainforests and majestic waterfalls, including the iconic Lady Bowen Falls and Stirling Falls.

Return to Queenstown in the evening, with lifelong memories of this unforgettable experience. Overnight at your hotel in Queenstown.

Day 10: Queenstown to Mt Cook/Tekapo

Embark on a scenic drive to a breathtaking wonderland of golden tussocks, snow-capped mountains, and vibrant turquoise lakes. Hug the shores of stunning Lake Pukaki, a picturesque backdrop for your journey to Aoraki Mt Cook National Park. Here, discover a rugged landscape of ice and rock, dominated by Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. Overnight in the serene surroundings of Tekapo or Mt Cook.

Day 11: Mt Cook/Tekapo to Christchurch

Begin the day with a scenic visit to Lake Tekapo, where the picturesque 'Church of the Good Shepherd' stands proudly against the stunning backdrop of the glacier-fed lake's vibrant blue waters. Continue northeast, passing through a landscape of braided rivers and familiar plains, signaling your return to Christchurch. Overnight at your hotel in Christchurch, reflecting on the unforgettable experiences of your New Zealand journey.

Day 12: Departure from Christchurch

Bid farewell to New Zealand as you check out of your hotel and proceed to Christchurch Airport for your departure flight. Carry with you the unforgettable memories of your journey through New Zealand's breathtaking landscapes, unique culture, and warm hospitality. Safe travels home!

HOTE DETAILES

Best 4* or 3* Hotel

FLIGHT DETAILES

Flight not included

INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 1 Night Accommodation in Auckland at Suggested hotels or Similar.
- 2 Nights Accommodation in Rotorua at Suggested hotels or Similar.
- 2 Nights Accommodation in Christchurch at Suggested hotels or Similar.
- 2 Nights Accommodation in Glacier Region at Suggested hotels or Similar.
- 3 Nights Accommodation in Queenstown at Suggested hotels or Similar.
- 1 Nights Accommodation in Tekapo or Mt.Cook at Suggested hotels or Similar.
- Daily Breakfast except day 1.
- 11 Day Rental Car Hire
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves
- Hobbiton Movie Set
- Waimangu Volcanic Valley
- Redwoods Treewalk Nightlights
- Milford Sound Cruise including Lunch

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- International & Domestic Airfare.
- Airport taxes.
- Visa.
- Gratuities expected by Bell staff, Restaurant, Transfer and Tour staff and Drivers.
- Any meals other than specified above.
- Any item of personal nature like mini-bar, portage, tips, medical expenses, Phone Calls, laundry, liquors etc.
- Entrance fees, Video and Camera permits.
- Early check in & late check out at the hotels.
- Guide Charges High Season Surcharges as applicable.
- Tips & Portages.
- Any compulsory supplement during the stay.
- Any other services not mentioned in the itinerary or inclusions.
- Lunch & Dinner not included
- Travel Insurance not included
- 5% GST
- 5% TCS

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Payment Terms:

Payment term period	Advance payment	Balance payment 30 days prior
Travel within 30 Days	100% Payment on confirmation	NA
Travel within 60 Days	60% Payment on confirmation	40% Payment
Travel within 61 Days & Above	40% Payment	60% Payment

Cancellation Terms:

Booking Period	Cancellation Charges
45 Days & Above	25% of the tour Cost
30 – 44 Days	50% of the tour cost
0 – 30 Days	100% of the tour cost

Please Note:

1. 100% Cancellation on low cost carrier once booking confirmed.
2. 100% Cancellation if hotels/entrances booked and paid in advanced during confirmation period and will be non refundable.
3. 100% Cancellation during peak days or any trade fare
4. 100% Cancellation once visa payment is done
5. For Group booking, please reconfirm the cancellation policy before confirmation.
6. Airline & hotel Cancellation policy will at time override the current cancellation policy listed

Conditions

- Above rates based on today's ROE. Any fluctuation will vary the cost at the time of confirmation and final payment made.
- For your international Travel, The Passport of passengers should have the validity of minimum 6 (SIX) months (from the date of return) and two or more blank pages for visa stamp.
- Physical condition of Passport is taken care by guest directly in case of E-Visa. Please ensure the passports are not damaged anywhere. In case of damaged passports the passenger may not be allowed by the immigration or airline.
- Airfare is subject to availability at the time of confirmation with the payment.
- Hotel Rooms & Service are subject to availability at the time of confirmation with the payment.
- In case of Non availability of Hotel Rooms a similar category Hotel will be provided.
- Credit card payments are subject to 3% bank charges. Any fluctuations may vary the cost.
- No Change in Itinerary once confirmed will be honored unless otherwise given in writing. This may incur additional charges based on the requirement.
- No verbal commitments will be honored unless otherwise given in writing.
- The offers are valid till for time being only & unless otherwise specified.
- Extension of stay would be subject to availability and on pro-rata basis and as of best rate of the day.
- Private vehicle mentioned in the quotes is based on the itinerary(Point to Point Service)
- For all SIC tour (Seat in Coach) – there is always waiting time for pick up/drop. Also the pickup/drop points may vary city to city unless specified hotel in the quotes.
- Any City Taxes to be paid directly at hotel unless specified in the quotes.
- Entrances specified in the itinerary will be covered. Any extra services to be taken care by guest directly.
- No amendments possible once land arrangements have been confirmed

- No refund for partly unutilized tickets. No refund for "NO – SHOWS" & Last moment cancellations
- Granting or rejecting visas and immigration clearance is the sole prerogative of the concerned sovereign governments and we can only facilitate in the entire process. We shall neither be responsible in case of non-granting of such documents. Even if the visas are rejected, cancellation charges / fees shall be payable by the Client. There will be no refund, if the Clients, or any member of his party, is unable to travel due to the said reasons.

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