パオ ACTIVE TRAVEL

for Cultural Explorers



# New Zealand

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# Land of the Long White Cloud

## Inspiring Moments

- Cruise through **breathtaking Doubtful Sound** within pristine Fiordland National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Breathe in the crisp air on a hike to admire the blue-tinted **Franz Josef Glacier.**
- Take in the majestic Southern Alps, golden plains and Arthur's Pass National Park from the famous TranzAlpine train.
- Delve into Māori legends and treasures on fascinating cultural walking tours in Wellington and Christchurch.
- Taste fine wines grown in New Zealand's acclaimed **Marlborough wine region.**
- Savor marvelous, sweeping vistas of **Queenstown** aboard an aerial gondola.
- Appreciate the natural splendor of Thunder Creek Falls and the Blue Pools nestled within lush beech forests.
- Soak up **Cook Strait's stunning scenery** on a celebrated ferry ride between the North and South Islands.
- Relish up-close encounters with local wildlife like adorable kiwi birds.





## Itinerary

Day 1	Depart gateway city 🛟
Day 2	Cross the international date line
Days 3 & 4	Arrive in Auckland and transfer 🔿 to hotel   Auckland
Days 5 & 6	Fly to Wellington   Wellington
Day 7	Ferry to South Island   Picton   Blenheim
Day 8	Blenheim
Day 9	Kaikoura   Christchurch
Day 10	Christchurch
Day 11	TranzAlpine train   Arthur's Pass   Hokitika   Franz Josef
Day 12	Franz Josef
Day 13	Scenic transfer to Queenstown
Day 14	Queenstown   Arrowtown
Day 15	Doubtful Sound
Day 16	Queenstown
Day 17	Transfer 🕽 to airport and
	depart for gateway city 🛟

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants. Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

## Included Features

#### Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- 2 nights in Auckland, New Zealand, at the first-class Grand Millennium Auckland.
- **2 nights** in Wellington at the first-class James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor.
- **2 nights** in Blenheim at the first-class Carnmore Chateau Marlborough.
- **2 nights** in Christchurch at the first-class Distinction Christchurch Hotel.
- **2 nights** in Franz Josef at the first-class Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier.
- -4 nights in Queenstown at the first-class Millennium Hotel Queenstown.

#### Transfers {with baggage handling}

- All transfers in the Land Program: flight, ferry, train and deluxe motor coaches.

### **Extensive Meal Program**

 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Receptions & Dinners; wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Small group: Sized just right at 28 guests.
- Enrichment by expert speakers.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- AHI Connects | Local immersion.
- 🕜 Electives and free time.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your guide clearly.
- -Tipping of guides and drivers.
- AHI Sustainability Promise | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

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#### A World of Discovery

AHI Connects | Hidden Māori Treasures Walking Tour. Learn about Māori heritage from local lwi in Wellington, and visit the remains of a whareponga, or house, and an excavation site.

AHI Connects | Walking Māori Cultural Tour. Discover Maori traditions and hear ancient stories in Christchurch.

Auckland. Set off on a guided walk around the cosmopolitan "City of Sails," situated between two vibrant harbors. Take in the lively downtown scene and local landmarks.

Auckland Museum: Curator's Tour. In the Maori language, the name for New Zealand is Aotearoa, or Land of the Long White Cloud. Gain illuminating details on Māori culture and New Zealand's natural history as an expert guides you through the museum's exceptional collections.

Zealandia. Follow your guide along the trails of this serene wildlife sanctuary in Wellington to observe beautiful native flora and fauna such as kiwis, the national bird.

Wellington Highlights. Admire the capital city on a panoramic/walking tour. See the Parliament buildings, Old St. Paul's Church and other sites, along with expansive views over Wellington Harbor from Mount Victoria.

Marlborough Wine Region. Sample wines from this internationally renowned winegrowing area during two winery visits.

Whale Watching Cruise. Coastal Kaikoura boasts spectacular wildlife, including giant sperm whales, orcas, fur seals and dusky dolphins. Look out for these amazing creatures on a whale-watching cruise.

**Christchurch Tour & Botanic Gardens.** On a panoramic tour, get to know the South Island's largest city. Stroll later through the lovely Botanic Gardens, then check out the seaside suburbs of Sumner and Redcliffs.

TranzAlpine Train Ride. Glide across the Canterbury Plains and through gorges and valleys in the heart of the Southern Alps on this wonderful journey that ends within the mountains of Arthur's Pass National Park.

Franz Josef Glacier. Take a picturesque walk filled with natural beauty, geological insights and views of the low-lying glacier.

Scenic Transfer to Queenstown. On your route, travel through gorgeous landscapes,

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#### Excursions on this program require:

- -walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- -getting on/off motor coaches, boats and trains
- -walking on steep inclines/declines and up and down stairs

and see the impressive Thunder Creek Falls and tranquil Blue Pools. Pass by sparkling Lakes Dunstan, Hawea and Wanaka.

Queenstown & Arrowtown. After a scenic tour of Queenstown, head to Arrowtown, a charming former gold rush town tucked in the mountains. Later, ride up Bob's Peak in Queenstown aboard a gondola, where stellar views of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables mountain range await.

Doubtful Sound Tour. Marvel at Fiordland National Park's awe-inspiring beauty as you cruise on Lake Manapouri, cross the Wilmot Pass and see the dense rain forest. Then, sail through the magnificent Doubtful Sound on a three-hour catamaran cruise.

#### Enrichment

- Legend of Tamaki Makaurau

- Extreme Sports in New Zealand

**UNESCO World Heritage** Te Wahipounamu — South West New Zealand

## **Electives** | Go further afield

Guided Wine Tour by Bike. Pedal through the pastoral Marlborough scenery to several wineries on a fun, leisurely bike ride.

Omaka Aviation Heritage Museum. View vintage World War I and II aircraft, including the collection of director Peter Jackson, in impressive, detailed dioramas.

{At an additional cost.}

#### Accommodations

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Thunder Creek Falls

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## 2026 Departures & Pricing

#### March 27 - April 12, 2026

Full Price	\$7,745
Special Savings	\$750

#### **Special Savings Price\*** \$6,995

The Special Savings consist of \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

#### \*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double

occupancy, includes applicable program taxes and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$2,495 (limited availability).

