

9 Days New Zealand Classic

North & South Islands
(The TranzCoastal Train Experience)



Classic Highlights

- Milford Sound (World Heritage Area)
- Tranz Coastal Train Experience
- Wellington (The Capital)
- Tongariro National Park
- Explore the Sky Tower
- Antarctic Encounter + Penguins



Day 1 Kuala Lumpur ➔ Auckland ➔ Christchurch (Meals on Board)

Your exciting holiday with New Zealand Holidays begins with a pleasant flight to Christchurch via Auckland.

Day 2 Arrive Christchurch (Dinner)

Haeremai – Welcome to New Zealand ... 'The Land of The Long White Clouds'

Upon arrival, you will be taken for your Christchurch Sightseeing tour. As you drive through acres of well-kept parklands, gothic-style building and Elizabethan mansions, discover why this city is also called 'The Most English City outside England'. Your city orientation includes stops at the famous Cathedral Square, Museum of Canterbury (subject to closure time) and Arts Center. Tonight, you may want to try your luck at the Christchurch Casino.

Day 3 Christchurch – Tekapo – Mt Cook Region – Queenstown (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Travel south across the fertile Canterbury Plains before arriving at Lake Tekapo. Enroute, enjoy a wholesale shopping at Ashburton Farmer's Corner. By pass Geraldine & Fairlie, both small farming regions and arriving into Lake Tekapo. Visit Church of Good Shepherd and Sheepdog Memorial Statue. As we travel into Mt Cook Region, make a stop at Pukaki Look-Out (for a closer look at Mt Cook). You may want to take an optional helicopter ride-up to the glaciers and experience the thrill of snow-landing. Continue your journey through the historic Central Otago and taste some seasonal fruits as we arrive at Cromwell (The Fruits Capital). In the evening, you will reach Queenstown – an exhilarating, year round alpine resort, perfect for adventurers and leisure seekers alike.

Day 4 Queenstown – Te Anau – Milford Sound (Fiordland) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

A world heritage park with mountains, valleys, crystal clear waterways and verdant green forests stretching as far as the eye can see. This morning, visit the country's second largest lake, Lake Te Anau. Enjoy a drive of a lifetime as we travel into the heart of the Fiordland National Park with a stop and take a photo at the Mirror Lakes. On a fine day you can see a picture perfect reflection of the Earl mountains glisten in the water. Located in the Eglinton Valley, visit the interpretive display at Knobs Flat which details the effect of avalanches on the Milford Road and the unique fauna and wildlife to be found in the Eglinton Valley. Continue our journey through the breathtaking man-made Homer Tunnel which took over 20-years to complete and was constructed through a world war and the depression. As we reached Milford Sound, enjoy a cruise and lunch on this world famous fiord, dominated by Mitre Peak and the cascading Bowen Falls.

Day 5 Queenstown – Arrowtown – Omarama – Twizel – Christchurch (Breakfast, Dinner)

People have been drawn to this region since the first Maori visited circa the 11th century. Maori were followed by farmers, gold miners and tourist. A walk around the humble homes of the nearby Chinese Village followed by a visit to the Arrow River in Arrowtown powerfully evokes the hardships faced by the goldminers and their families. Visit the World's First Bungy Site above the Kawarau River. Continue your journey to Omarama, one of the world's finest gliding environments and Twizel, surrounded by the Southern Alps, the southern hydro lakes before arriving Christchurch.

Day 6 Christchurch – TranzCoastal Train Experience – Picton – Wellington (Breakfast, Dinner)

Whatever mood the weather and tides create for you, your journey along this coast on board the Tranz Coastal train will create impression that will stay with you a long time. On one side is the sea, lonely rugged beaches and rocks, inhabited by seals, seabirds and occasionally penguins. On the other side, at times plunging almost directly to the deep, food-rich waters that lie just offshore. This journey is the country's ultimate coastal experience with the connection of Interislander ferry to Wellington. Upon arrival, you will be taken for your Wellington Sightseeing tour featuring the downtown area, Mt Victoria, Parliament House and other government buildings.

Day 7 Wellington – Tongariro National Park – Taupo – Rotorua (Breakfast, Dinner)

Travel through New Zealand's oldest national park and a dual World Heritage area of Tongariro National Park. The three andesitic volcanoes at the heart of the park – the mountains Tongariro, Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu form the southern limits of the Taupo Volcanic Zone. Visit Huka Falls, the largest falls on the Waikato River before arriving into Rotorua. Visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve to see boiling mudpools and roaring geysers. An educational tour will bring you to the 'New Zealand Supreme Deer Factory'. Round up your day with the ultimate Rotorua Experience – treat yourself to a traditional Maori Hangi (Feast) and Concert tonight.

Day 8 Rotorua – Auckland (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

This morning, be fascinated at Agrodome world famous stage-show featuring sheepdog demonstration, cow milking and an introduction to the stars of our sheep industry before embark your journey through the Waikato farmland to Bombay where you join the motorway to reach Auckland. Enjoy Auckland Sightseeing tour featuring the Domain and gardens. Catch the best angles of Auckland Harbour Bridge as we drive through Tamaki Drive. Plunge under Auckland waterfront and you'll discover spectacular secrets of the Southern Ocean and see the magic of an Antarctic fantasyland, complete with Penguins strutting in fresh snow and ice! The Sky Tower experience is a vertical ride to total amazement. So what are you waiting for? Take a deep breath, and we go straight to the top. This evening, enjoy a 'Special Farewell Dinner' at local restaurant.

Day 9 Auckland ➔ Kuala Lumpur (Breakfast, Meals on Board)

Bid farewell to New Zealand today. Transfer to Auckland International Airport for your flight back to Kuala Lumpur bringing with you sweet memories of an enjoyable holiday with New Zealand Holidays.