



# New Zealand

## 17 Day Highlights Tour

**SPECIAL DEPARTURE** 13 February 2020



\$5584













## 17 Day Highlights of New Zealand Tour



#### **SPECIAL** departure

13 - 29 February 2020

#### **ALL INCLUSIVE** tour price

Fully escorted tour includes airfares, taxes, modern coach travel, 3.5 star hotel accommodation, most meals, sightseeing & attractions.



Tour including airfare

Pre paid taxes\*\*

Total per person twin share

Brisbane

\$5399 + \$185 = **\$5584** 

**Single Supplement** 

\$1660

\*\*Prepaid taxes are subject to change. Exact amounts will be confirmed by your travel agent at the time of final payment.

#### **BONUS TOUR INCLUSIONS#**

Value \$430 per couple. See panel opposite.



#### **DOCUMENTATION** pack

Travellers receive a durable travel bag, toiletry wet pack & laundry bag, luggage tag & personal name badge. Your ticket wallet (1 per couple) includes tour itinerary & questionnaire, Optional Tours Directory, General Information & Frequently Asked Questions Directory, Touring Map, postcard, customs required resealable plastic bag and an emergency contact card.

#### NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

#### PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- · Haggis Ceremony & Gift
- · Larnach Castle\*
- Milford Sound Cruise & Lunch
- · Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- · Lakes District Museum
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- · Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools & geysers\*
- Traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Kauri Museum\*
- City sights tour of Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington & Auckland

\*Guided tour is included with 1 guide per 24 travellers.

#### TOURING

- Return home transfers#
- Return transfers by *Kiwi ConnectioNZ* Coach Service to Brisbane Airport#
- Return airfares from Brisbane
- · Personalised Meet & Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 48 seat modern coach travel, 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain & Tour Guide
- 16 nights 3.5 star hotel accommodation
- 5 two night stays
- Hotel porterage
- 4 cruises
- · All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack

#### **MEALS**

- 15 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 12 sumptuous dinners including 3 specialty dinners: Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Maori Hangi & Concert, Rotorua
- 1 picnic lunch
- 1 delicious Devonshire Tea: Larnach Castle Note: Dinner on Day 1 not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

#### ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

## **BONUS NIGHT**

## 13 February 2020

## Casino - Brisbane - Christchurch

Today join the *Kiwi ConnectioNZ* Coach Service to transfer you to Brisbane Airport for your flight to Christchurch. On arrival you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel Quality Hotel Elms (2 Nights)

## 1

#### Christchurch (Free Day) (D)

Today is free to explore Christchurch at leisure. You may like to take advantage of the discount coupons in your Optional Tours Directory.

## 2

#### Christchurch - Omarama (B,D)

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, visit The Church of the Good Shepherd and view the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available (time and weather permitting) to enjoy

a scenic flight (optional) over the Southern Alps before travelling to Omarama.

Hotel Heritage Gateway Hotel

## 3

#### Omarama - Dunedin (B,SD)

Depart Omarama and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift.

Hotel Mercure Leisure Lodge

## 4

## Dunedin - Te Anau (B,D)

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

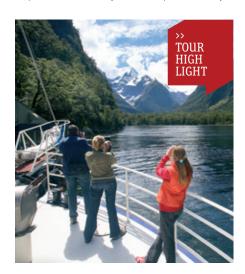
Hotel Distinction Luxmore Hotel (Superior Room)





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Visit the Hole in the Rock in the Bay of Islands; the world-renowned TranzAlpine rail journey; the Milford Sound Cruise continues to be the highest rated South Island attraction by our travellers; panoramic windows allow you to view the spectacular scenery.





## 5

#### Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown (B,L)

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Mercure Queenstown Resort (2 nights)

## 6

#### Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain & Tour Guide are available to assist with the many sightseeing options available, including the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or get up close to a Kiwi bird. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner which the chef will prepare in front of you at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

# (Queenstown - Arrowtown - Fox Glacier (B,D)

Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to the township of Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Heartland Hotel Glacier Country

## 8

## Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch (B,D)

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to the elegant city of Christchurch. On arrival your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Hotel Quality Hotel Elms

## 9

## Christchurch - Picton - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine. Continue to Picton, where you will board the Interislander Ferry for your journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Strait to Wellington.

Hotel Ibis Wellington (2 nights)

## 10

#### Wellington (B)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also free to choose your own dining arrangements.





TOP TO BOTTOM: Enjoy spectacular views from the Skyline Rotorua; Agrodome, an educational hands on experience.



# BONUS TOUR INCLUSIONS \$430 VALUE PER COUPLE#

Book on the 17 Day Highlights of New Zealand Tour with Casino Travel Shoppe and receive the following range of BONUS tour inclusions:

- Discount of \$200 per person
- Return home transfers in the Casino area
- 400 Page New Zealand Travel Guide
- + **REGIONAL EXTRA BONUS**See overpage.

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#### Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua (B,D)

Depart Wellington and view the snow capped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as you travel to Lake Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls then travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua. **Hotel** Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (2 nights)

## 12

## Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at the Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education. Visit Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. Enjoy some free time this afternoon. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

## 13

#### Rotorua - Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

This morning depart Rotorua and travel north via Auckland. Continue via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy an introduction to the Bay of Islands, location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

Hotel Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge (2 nights)

## 14 Bay of Islands (B)

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands on board a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia for a free afternoon. A range of optional activities are available or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront. This evening is also free and you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

## 15

#### Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei and Dargaville to Matakohe. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening enjoy a final dinner with your new found friends.

Hotel Rydges Auckland

## 16

## Auckland - Brisbane - Casino (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable NZ holiday. On arrival you will transferred to your hometown on the *Kiwi ConnectioNZ* Coach Service.

#### MUST DO OPTIONZ



#### ROTORUA CITY AND LAKES TOUR

Discover Rotorua's natural native scenery and pristine lakes onboard an Amphibious WWII Landing Craft. Your tour includes a visit to three lakes with a 'Splashdown' entry into Lake Tikitapu and Okareka.



## TWIN GLACIER HELICOPTER FLIGHT

Fly over both the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, and then following the ice flow high into the upper reaches. Land in the snow at the head of a glacier and survey the path that the glacier has carved below you.



our holiday begins the moment you step out the door! Sit back and relax while our professional Coach Captain transfers you from your hometown to the airport, then onto New Zealand for a once-in-a-lifetime coach holiday. While we're driving, you can get acquainted with fellow travellers and arrive to the airport stress-free.

Enjoy an extra night of accommodation and free day at leisure in NZ before your tour so you can relax and refresh.

You'll also receive a range of tour EXTRAS including a 400 page NZ Eyewitness Travel Guide and a 'Welcome Home' Pack upon return to your hometown.

## From your hometown to New Zealand!



Meet the Kiwi
ConnectioNZ
Coach
at your
hometown
pick-up
point



e Settle in on board NZ and get acquainted with m your fellow travellers



Arrive at the airport stress-free before flying on to NZ for your Coach Holiday



Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and spend a free day at leisure before your tour



After a great holiday, its back to Australia to be met by the ConnectioNZ Coach



Onboard, enjoy your Welcome Home Pack as we transfer you back to your hometown



#### Return coach transfers from your hometown to airport

 meet fellow travellers before your tour begins + a free day at leisure in NZ before your tour + Welcome Home Pack upon arrival back to your hometown + 400 page New Zealand Eyewitness Travel Guide



## Travel in style Merchandise

Make sure you look the part when on tour. Our groups look fantastic when they are all wearing their jackets and caps. Both products offer great value.

**TOUR JACKET** Unisex black waterproof shell jacket with embroidered logos, silver reflective piping, fleece lined collar, hood, inside mesh, adjustable Velcro cuff, double front and inside pockets, hidden draw cord and mobile phone pocket. Compact, lightweight, ideal for touring. Available in sizes XS to XXXL.

**TOUR CAP** Black wool blend cap with pre curved suede peak, six panel structure with fabric Velcro strap and embroidered logo. One size.

Ask your Travel Agent about a DISCOUNTED price!

## Booking Terms and Conditions

Payment and completion of the GOOD TO GO Form to your Travel Agent acknowledges that you have read, understood and accepted these booking conditions. Grand Pacific Tours (GPT) is 100% Australian owned company.

**Deposit & Payment** A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is required at the time of booking. The balance of payment including any merchandise is due 90 days prior to departure.

Prices All holiday prices are based on schedules, fares and tariffs current at the time of printing. GPT reserves the right to vary the cost of tours if necessary, by reason of currency fluctuation, component cost increase or airfare cost. Tour costing will be guaranteed at the price prevailing at the date of final payment.

Luggage Limits Each traveller is entitled to take one suitcase, the sum of its length, width & depth not to exceed 140cm. Weight limits apply to luggage due to Occupational Health and Safety issues. The maximum allowed by most airlines and GPT is one piece up to 23kg. Luggage over this allowance will be charged by the airline at the applicable rate. If a traveller brings more than the allocated limit of luggage, any additional arrangements made to get their luggage to final destination will be at travellers own expense. All luggage is entirely at the 'owners risk' whilst on tour and we strongly recommend that travel insurance be taken out by each traveller to cover accidental damage or loss. The GPT travel bag is designed to carry a maximum of 6kg. Due to limited space on board the coach, please ensure carry-on bags do not exceed this limit. Check with your Travel Agent for more details.

Dietary Requests GPT limit special dietary requests to Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Lactose Intolerant & Diabetic. These will be requested to the hotel but cannot be guaranteed. Religious dietary requests (ie. Hindu Vegetarian, Kosher, Halal) cannot be accommodated. Being a volume group tour operator contracting specific menus which range from Buffet to A-la-carte, the logistics of arranging meals meeting the correct criteria over an extended touring itinerary can be challenging and cannot be guaranteed to meet the expectations of the traveller. Any further intolerances needing to be managed are the responsibility of the traveller. Airlines have restricted dietary conditions which vary, ask at time of booking.

Single Travellers Paying the Single Supplement covers the sole use of a hotel room. The coach is not single seating, you will be required to sit with a fellow traveller.

Twin Share Travellers If you are travelling alone and do not wish to pay the single supplement, a twin share room will be provided with a person of the same gender. Smoking and special room requests are not permitted on this basis. It is your duty to disclose any medical or other conditions that may prevent you from being a suitable rooming partner and you must accept that compatibility with your rooming partner cannot be guaranteed. If at any time during the tour you consider your rooming partner unsuitable, we will endeavour to arrange single accommodation for you for the remainder of the tour, subject to availability and at your own cost. We accept no responsibility for the suitability of the allocated rooming partner.

**Coach Seat Rotation** For the enjoyment of all travellers GPT operates a daily seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking.

Cancellations / Transfer of Booking In the event a traveller cancels off a tour the following fees apply:

- 65 days or more prior to departure, loss of deposit plus the cost of the airline ticket and taxes if issued.
- Between 7 and 64 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour package price.
- Less than 7 days prior to departure, 100% of the tour package price.

If you wish to cancel your existing booking and transfer to a new departure date, the above cancellation fees will still apply.

Traveller Demographic GPT' demographic of traveller is the mature aged person 50+, or those travellers that prefer a low impact itinerary. All travellers should have a good level of fitness and health to cope with full days of travel, walking and climbing stairs.

Health and Fitness Payment of deposit by traveller(s) to GPT acts as a warranty that the traveller(s) is/are reasonably healthy and / or fit to participate in the tour and the traveller(s) indemnifies GPT from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any want of health and fitness. GPT reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if their health and/or fitness interferes with the tour or other traveller(s) tour experience in any way. Travelling with a collapsible wheelchair/mobility scooter is subject to availability at the time of booking as each tour only has the capacity to cater for one wheelchair/mobility scooter traveller. Accessible Rooms are subject to availability and not always allocated in the room type advertised.

General Conduct GPT reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way.

Responsibilities GPT advises that the service it provides is for the booking and packaging of goods and services provided by other operators such as hotels and transportation companies. Travellers are advised to familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions on which these services are supplied. Accordingly, GPT will not be responsible and will be excluded from liability for any loss, damage, omission or acts being negligent or otherwise, committed by the operators of airlines, coach companies, hotels or attractions used in connection with the tour.

Optional Tours These tours are to be booked with the Coach Captain whilst on tour. GPT does not operate these excursions.

Variation GPT reserves the right to cancel or vary content of its tours should need arise.

Dispute The law of this contract is the law of the State of Victoria and where applicable the law of the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand.

Documentation GPT documentation including any merchandise will be forwarded to your Travel Agent two weeks prior to departure. PO Box address is not acceptable. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate early requests for documentation. Ticket wallet is one per couple. The traveller(s) is / are responsible for the acquisition of passports and appropriate visas, where necessary. We recommend that such documents, as required by governments, are finalised at least six weeks prior to the date of departure.

Refund Please note that no refund shall be made for any unused portion of any itinerary. Any alteration to the holiday, made by a traveller(s), shall be wholly at the expense of that traveller(s)

Privacy Use of any personal data that you provide to GPT for your booking is governed by the GPT Privacy Policy which is published at https://www.gptnz.com/privacy-statement.

Bonus Tour Inclusions# Return home transfers are organized by your travel agent and are within a 50kms radius of Casino. Full details will be provided at the time of booking. Return coach transfers from Casino are from designated stops to Brisbane Airport. Saving of \$400 per couple (\$200 per person) has already been deducted from the advertised price. Bonus night's accommodation is on a room only basis and has been incorporated into the itinerary. Eyewitness Travel Guide is one per household. (Value \$30).

Force Majeure Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we regret that we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance of our contractual obligations is prevented or affected by reason of circumstances amounting to 'force majeure'. In these booking conditions, 'force majeure' means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include war or threat of war, riots, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions. Fire and all similar events outside our control.

Internet Most hotels have internet access available. Not all hotels offer free Wi-Fi, charges may apply. GPT do not have any influence over hotel Wi-Fi access and related costs.

Travel Insurance Travel Insurance is not included and is strongly recommended

For a full list of booking conditions please refer to the GPT website at  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{gptnz.com}}$ 

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