



# 22 Day Best of Both Islands

From  
**£6,334\***  
per person | double/twin share

One of our most popular self-drive itineraries, there's no better way to explore the best of New Zealand. Covering both islands, you will visit beautiful bays, dramatic geysers, fertile farmland and rolling vineyards. In the South, discover iconic cities from Christchurch to Queenstown and witness giant glaciers, towering peaks and snow-dusted mountains.

## PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Return international flights from London Heathrow
- 22 Day Car Hire
- 21 Nights Accommodation
- Half Day Bay of Islands Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Hells Gate Rotorua Geothermal Walk
- One Way Ferry from Wellington to Picton
- Shotover Jetboat Ride
- Milford Sound Nature Cruise with Picnic Lunch
- Entry to Dunedin's Larnach Castle & Gardens



## TRAVEL SEASONS & PRICING

01 Apr 2024

31 Mar 2025

**£6,334pp**

Package Code NZB2422BOBI





# Best of Both Islands Your Itinerary



## DAY 1 - ARRIVE AUCKLAND

Welcome to Auckland, the City of Sails. On completion of arrival formalities, collect your rental car and make your way to your accommodation. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore what the city has to offer.

## DAY 2 - PAIHIA

Travel north over the harbour bridge and through the northern suburbs of Auckland; the beachside homes of the Hibiscus Coast to the east and the bush-clad Waitakere Ranges to the west. Enjoy spectacular scenery of native forests and sub-tropical bush as you make your way to Paihia in the Bay of Islands, a seaside town nestled on the foreshore of the national maritime park. This afternoon, enjoy a 20 minute Helicopter Trip to the famous 'Hole-in-the-Rock'.

## DAY 3 - DAY AT LEISURE

A free day to enjoy all that this natural playground has to offer. Swim with dolphins, see whales up close, enjoy a day's big game fishing, play a round of golf or take a trip to Cape Reinga, the northernmost point in New Zealand.

## DAY 4 - HOBBITON TOUR

Embark on a journey to Middle-earth with a tour of the legendary Hobbiton Movie Set. Nestled amidst the rolling hills of the Waikato countryside, this iconic film location offers immersive experience that transports you into the enchanting world of J.R.R. Tolkien's imagination.



## DAY 5 - ROTORUA

Travel along the Bay of Plenty coastline to the popular beachside towns of Tauranga and Mt Maunganui. From here, travel inland across the volcanic plateau to the geothermal city of Rotorua, an area that has enchanted visitors from around the world for more than 160 years.

## DAY 6 - HELLS GATE

Prepare for an unforgettable adventure as you embark on a Hells Gate Geothermal Walk, immersing yourself in the landscapes and natural wonders of this iconic geothermal reserve. Known for its rich Maori heritage, Hells Gate offers a unique opportunity to explore the raw power and beauty of the Earth's geothermal forces.

## DAY 7 - NAPIER

Traverse the stunning landscapes of the North Island as you drive from Rotorua to Napier. Take a detour to explore the charming town of Taupo and admire the stunning views of the lake and mighty Huka Falls. As you arrive in Napier, you'll be greeted by the city's iconic art deco architecture. Take a stroll through the streets, admiring the beautifully preserved buildings.

## DAY 8 - WELLINGTON

Continue your journey towards Wellington, the vibrant capital city of New Zealand. Upon arrival, check into your accommodation at the InterContinental. The rest of the day is yours to explore Wellington at your leisure.

## DAY 9 - WELLINGTON

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of New Zealand with a private 60 minute tour at Te Papa Tongarewa, the national museum of New Zealand. Afterwards, spend some more free time exploring the city.

## DAY 10 - BLENHEIM

Set sail on a maritime adventure with a one-way ferry crossing from Wellington to Picton, traversing the stunning waters of the Cook Strait. Enhance your ferry experience with exclusive access to the Interislander Plus Lounge. Once you've arrived in Picton, continue driving another 40 minutes to your accommodation in Blenheim where you'll spend the night.

## DAY 11 - CHRISTCHURCH

Say goodbye to Blenheim as you travel to Christchurch and check into your hotel at the Sudima in Christchurch city. The rest of the day is yours to explore the 'Garden City' of New Zealand.

## DAY 12 - FRANZ JOSEF

Nestled within the heart of New Zealand's lush rainforest, Te Waonui Forest Retreat offers a haven of natural beauty. Surrounded by towering trees, this deluxe retreat invites you to disconnect from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Enjoy nature walks, stargazing, connecting with the local culture, and indulging in gourmet dining experiences.

## DAY 13 - DAY AT LEISURE

Begin your day in Franz Josef with a breakfast at one of the local cafes, fueling up for a day of adventure amidst the gorgeous landscapes of the West Coast. Consider joining a glacier helicopter tour or hike, getting up close with the icy giants, or soak in the rejuvenating waters of the Glacier Hot Pools for a more relaxing day.



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## DAY 14 - QUEENSTOWN

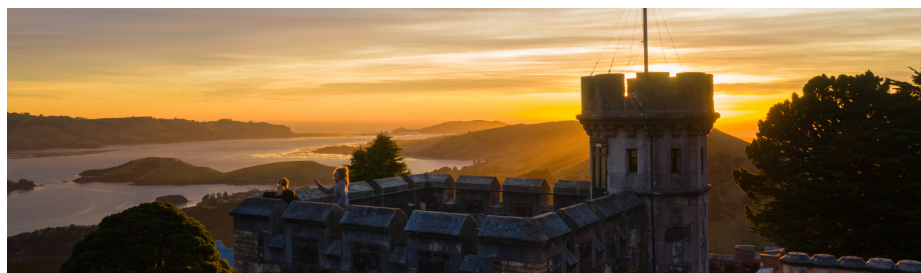
Arrive in Queenstown and check into your accommodation before exploring the adventure capital of the world. Consider a wander through the picturesque Queenstown Gardens, enjoy some lunch at one of the many charming cafes or restaurants, or unwind and pamper yourself with a rejuvenating spa experience.

## DAY 15 - SHOTOVER

Nothing you will have experienced will have prepared you for the excitement of a Shotover Jet ride as you speed through the towering, rocky canyons of the South Island's river of gold. The major highlight is the famous Shotover Turn where your boat spins through a full 360 degrees in its own length. The remainder of today is at leisure to relax or explore Queenstown. Optional activities available include bungy jumping, white water rafting, four-wheel driving, cruising on Lake Wakatipu, riding a gondola to the summit of Bob's Peak for panoramic views or simply enjoying the excellent shopping and dining available.

## DAY 16 - TE ANAU

Welcome to the picturesque town of Te Anau, gateway to the stunning Fiordland region. Check into your accommodation at the Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas, where you'll be treated to breathtaking views of Lake Te Anau and the surrounding mountains from your Lakeview Hotel Room.



## DAY 17 - MILFORD SOUND

Prepare for a day of awe-inspiring natural beauty as you embark on a Milford Sound Cruise. Sit back, relax, and take in the breathtaking scenery as you cruise through the pristine waters of Milford Sound, surrounded by towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and lush rainforest. Savour a delicious seasonal packed lunch on board, featuring local flavours and fresh ingredients. Keep your camera ready to capture the iconic sights including Mitre Peak, Stirling Falls, and the famous Milford Sound Underwater Observatory.

## DAY 18 - DUNEDIN

Welcome to Dunedin, a city steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty. Check into your luxurious accommodation at Fable Dunedin. Take some time to unwind and admire the elegant surroundings of your accommodation before setting out to explore the city.

## DAY 19 - LARNACH CASTLE

Step back in time as you explore the grandeur of this magnificent castle, with its towering turrets, ornate interiors, and stunning panoramic views of the Otago Peninsula. Stroll through the gardens surrounding the castle and discover hidden pathways, charming gazebos and whimsical sculptures.

## DAY 20 - MT COOK

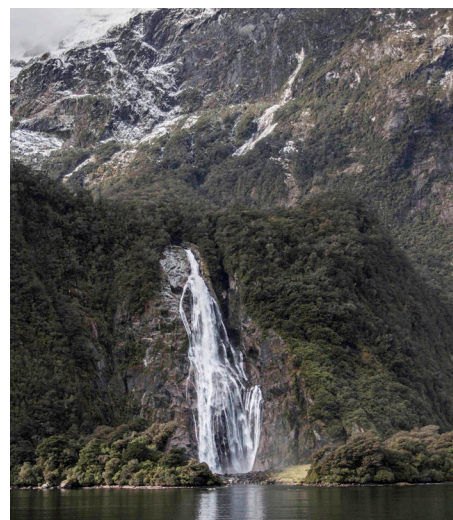
Welcome to the heart of the Southern Alps, where rugged peaks and pristine glaciers await your discovery. Check into your accommodation at The Hermitage Mt Cook, located in the stunning landscapes of Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park. Embark on a leisurely walk or hike along one of the many trails that wind through the alpine landscape. Cap your day off with a gourmet dining experience overlooking the majestic beauty of Mount Cook.

## DAY 21 - CHRISTCHURCH

Say farewell to Mt Cook as you embark on one last trip to Christchurch. Spend your last day exploring sights such as the serene Christchurch Botanic Gardens, dive into history at the Canterbury Museum, delight your taste buds at the Riverside Market or glide along the Avon River on a punting tour, soaking in the city's beauty.

## DAY 22 - DEPART CHRISTCHURCH

Sadly, your holiday is at an end. Return your rental car at Christchurch airport and connect with your onward flight.



**\*Terms & conditions:** Pricing featured is based on 2 adults sharing and priced as per person in Great British Pounds. Pricing is correct at the time of submission but is subject to change without notice. Valid for travel from 01 Apr 2024 to 31 Mar 2025. Seasonal surcharges and blackout dates apply including special events and holiday periods. Hand-picked hotels will be advised at time of quoting and will be confirmed at time of booking. Car hire with GO Rentals is based on a Hybrid Toyota CHR Auto with pick up from Auckland International Airport (Day 1) from 9am and drop off at Christchurch Airport (Day 22) by 4pm. GO Rentals rental conditions and excess policy applies. International flights provided are with Qantas Airways flying economy class with 23kg checked luggage. Flight supplier terms and conditions apply.

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