PREMIUM

11D9N

BEST OF NEW ZEALAND

TOUR CODE: NZCHCS

Allow mother nature to take your breath away as you travel across the North & South Islands of New Zealand.

COUNTRY FOCUSED

SUSPENSION BRIDGE, MT COOK NATIONAL PARK, NEW ZEALAND

HIGHLIGHTS

NORTH ISLAND

AUCKLAND
- *Harbour Bridge*
- *Mt Eden*
- *Parnell Village*
- *Queen Street*

MATAMATA
- *Hobbiton Movie Set Tour*

ROTORUA
- *Te Puia*
- *Agrodome Farm Tour & Show*
- *Redwood Forest*
- *Maori Cultural Concert*

HAMILTON–WAIKATO
- *Hamilton Gardens*
- *Hamilton Night Market*

SOUTH ISLAND

CHRISTCHURCH
- *Hagley Park*
- *Botanic Garden*
- *Mona Vale*
- *Cardboard Cathedral*
- *Farmers Corner*

WEST COAST
- *Arthur's Pass Village*
- *Pancake Rocks*
- *Fox Glacier*

WANAKA
- *Lakes Wanaka and Hawea*

TE ANAU
- *Milford Sound Cruise*

QUEENSTOWN
- *Cromwell fruit orchard*
- *Kawarau Bungy Bridge*
- *Arrowtown*

MT COOK
- *Lake Pukaki*
- *Lake Tekapo*
- *Church of the Good Shepherd*

DELICACIES

Meal Plan
10 Breakfast, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners

Special meals:
- *Gourmet BBQ*
- *Japanese Bento*
- *Maori Hangi Feast*

3-4★ HOTELS

AUCKLAND City Hotel
ROTORUA Ibis
HAMILTON Ibis Tainui
WEST COAST Punakaiki Resort
WANAKA Oakridge Resort
TE ANAU Kingsgate
QUEENSTOWN Heartland
MT COOK The Hermitage
CHRISTCHURCH Ibis

**Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered accommodation similar to the list.*

DAY 1
HOME ➤ AUCKLAND

Meals on Board
Assemble at the airport for your flight to **Auckland**, the metropolitan city of New Zealand.

DAY 2
AUCKLAND

Dinner
Upon arrival, take in the highlights of New Zealand's largest city. Stop to admire the view of **Auckland Harbour & Bridge**, one of the city's most distinctive landmarks, gaze out over the city from the top of **Mt Eden**, explore the charming Victorian building at **Parnell Village** and stylish shopping area in **Queen Street**.

DAY 3
AUCKLAND ➤ MATAMATA ➤ ROTORUA

Breakfast, Hangi Dinner
Travel south to **Matamata** and visit the **Hobbiton Movie Set Tour**, a working sheep farm and the filming location for the *Hobbit* and the *Lord of the Rings* film series. Continue your journey to **Rotorua** and visit **Te Puia** Maori Village to view the natural wonderland of bubbling mud pools, erupting geysers and steaming hot springs at **Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley**. Learn more about the Maori culture at **New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute**. In the evening, enjoy a **Maori Hangi** (Feast) and cultural performance. Tonight, you may wish to enjoy a relaxing soak in the mineral pools of the Polynesian Spa at your own expense.

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HOBBITON MOVIE SET

DAY 4

ROTORUA ➤ HAMILTON

Breakfast, Buffet Lunch

Today you will be taken to the **Redwood** Forest, start with a morning walk in the fresh air. Next, visit the **Agrodome**. Watch the famous **Farm Show** packed with a live sheep shearing demonstrations and sheep auctions. Join the **Farm Tour** to visit a variety of farm animals besides sheep, including cattle, deer, llamas, alpacas, emus and ostriches. Feed the critters by hand before stopping at the organic fruit orchard to taste the honey and kiwifruit wine or juice. Continue your journey to the vibrant city of **Hamilton** and make a stop at the **Hamilton Gardens**, Waikato's most visited tourist destination and tells the Story of Gardens through themed garden collections from different civilisations. Stroll through the **Hamilton Night Market**, which houses over 100 stalls offering ethnic foods and an unforgettable shopping experience, along with a variety of entertainment.

**Note: Hamilton Market is only open on Saturdays, from 5pm-11pm.*

DAY 5

HAMILTON ➤ AUCKLAND ➤ CHRISTCHURCH ➤ PUNAKAIKI

Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

Transfer to Auckland airport for your domestic flight to **Christchurch**. Upon arrival, commence your sightseeing tour which will cover Christchurch's top landmarks including **Hagley Park, Botanic Garden, Mona Vale and Cardboard Cathedral**. Then set out from Christchurch to the vast Canterbury Plains, Southern Alps then descend through the lush beech rainforest to the west coast. You will then make a quick photo stop at the famous **Arthur's Pass Village**. Arrive at **Punakaiki** and visit the famous **Pancake Rocks and Blowholes**, which look like giant pancakes. The curious limestone formations look especially spectacular at high tide.

DAY 6

PUNAKAIKI ➤ FOX GLACIER ➤ WANAKA

Breakfast, Dinner

Travel along the scenic coast of Tasman Sea before arriving at the **Westland Tai Poutini National Park** to see the famous **Fox Glacier**. You may choose to fly up by a helicopter over the Glacier and experience this wonderful natural alpine environment at your own expense. Travel through Haast Pass towards the Wanaka region. Indulge your senses in the scenic vistas of the beautiful, **Lakes Wanaka** and **Hawea** before checking in to your hotel.

**Note: Depending on circumstances, visit to Fox Glacier may be replaced with visit to Franz Josef Glacier.*

DAY 7

WANAKA ➤ QUEENSTOWN ➤ TE ANAU

Breakfast, Chinese Dinner

Start with a visit to **Cromwell's fruit farm** for a wide selection of fresh seasonal and dry local fruits available at your own expense. In **Queenstown**, the self-proclaimed "adventure capital of the world", you can choose your own activities: Take a scenic Gondola ride to enjoy Queenstown's most spectacular views or partake in some thrilling jet boating or any other optional activity. Continue on your journey to **Te Anau** in the late afternoon.

DAY 8

TE ANAU ➤ MILFORD SOUND ➤ QUEENSTOWN

Breakfast, Buffet Lunch

Take a trip to **Milford Sound**, a touring highlight while in New Zealand, one of the most spectacular natural wonder of the world. En-route to the fiord, where you will past the ancient beech forest of the **Eglinton Valley**, stop by the famous **Mirror Lake** for a photo. Drive through the Upper Hollyford Valley and past Christie Falls before entering the Homer Tunnel towards the Cleddau Valley, before descending down to Milford Sound. Here, you will board a **scenic cruise**. Watch the waterfalls

tumble from mist-shrouded or snow-capped rock walls that rise 3,937 feet (1,200 meters) from the fiord. Pass by the breathtaking Mitre Peak and be on the lookout for marine life such as the Fiordland penguins, bottlenose dolphins and fur seals. Savor the international buffet lunch served onboard. Rejoin your coach for the journey to Queenstown.

DAY 9

QUEENSTOWN ➤ ARROWTOWN ➤ MT COOK

Breakfast, Hotel Dinner

Visit **Arrowtown**, a beautiful town surrounded by The Remarkable mountain range. Make a quick stop at the famous **Kawarau Bungy Bridge** site and if you're up for it, you can attempt bungy jumping at your own expense. Next make a quick stop at **Lake Pukaki** and take in the scenic vista. Travel to New Zealand's highland and **Mt Cook National Park**. Explore the region at your leisure. If weather permits, partake in optional activities such as: a scenic flight over the Southern Alps; or a rubber boat adrenaline ride for Glacier exploration; or a short walking tour to the famous Hooker Valley Track.

DAY 10

MT COOK ➤ LAKE TEKAPO ➤ CHRISTCHURCH

Breakfast, Bento Lunch

Head to the beautiful **Lake Tekapo** and indulge in the sweeping views of the majestic Southern Alps. Pose with the iconic **Dog Statue** and see the delightfully quaint **Church of Good Shepherd** by the lakeside. Enjoy Japanese Bento Lunch with great views of lake before leaving to the farming district of **Ashburton**. Stop at **Farmer Corners' Alpacas Farm** where you can feed Alpacas and buy local products to take home as souvenirs before reaching Christchurch.

DAY 11

CHRISTCHURCH ➤ HOME

Breakfast, Meals on Board

Spend some time relaxing and exploring the city before transferring to the airport for your flight back home. We hope you enjoyed your vacation with our company and we hope to see you again for your next trip.

MILFORD SOUND

LAKE PUKAKI

Suggested Excursions:
Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional. Optional tour & price subject to changes without any prior notice and minimum group size is required to depart.

- *Scenic Helicopter Ride (20 min): NZD 245*
- *Kawarau River Jet Boating: NZD 129*
- *Skyline Gondola: NZD 39*
- *Te Anau Glowworm Caves: NZD 98*
- *Glacier Explorers: NZD 170*
- *Big Sky Stargazing: NZD 90*

Tipping Guideline: (based on 11D9N)
- *NZD 77 per person*

Note:
- *A minimum group of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.*
- *The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.*
- *During major events, accommodation may be relocated without prior notice.*