

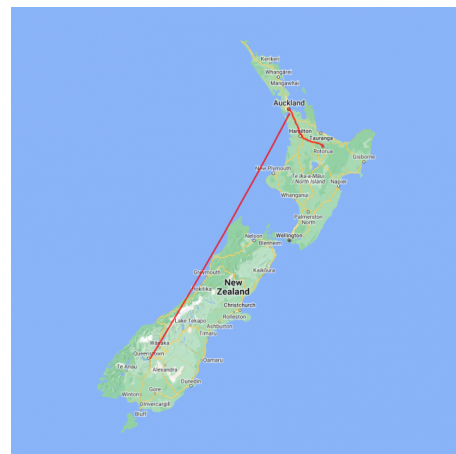


AAT Kings New Zealand Panorama 25/26

You don't need to do everything to appreciate a destination – sometimes the best journeys are those when you have time to immerse yourself in a city. This Queenstown to Auckland tour will have you wandering the streets of Auckland on the hunt for a great restaurant, soaking in Rotorua's thermal springs, stopping to appreciate Maori culture and enjoying adventure with a side of wine in Queenstown.

Starts in: Queenstown
Finishes in: Auckland
Length: 7 days / 6 nights
Accommodation: Hotel 4 star
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport
Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations
Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring
Included activity: Flight to Auckland
Included: Maori Village Experience & Hangi (dinner), Rotorua
Included: Real Country Experience
Included: Te Puia Geothermal Valley
Included: TSS Earnslaw cruise & dinner at Walter Peak high country farm, Queenstown
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Included: Visit National Kiwi Hatchery
Included: Visit to Whakarewarewa Living Village
Included: Waitomo Glow Worm Caves
6 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 1 special dinner

Day 1

Queenstown deserves its destination crown. And after private transfers on arrival, you'll have plenty of time to explore at leisure. Later, meet your Travel Director for a welcome briefing. Hit us up for dining recommendations.

Staying in:

- Millennium Hotel, Queenstown (1 night)
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Day 2

Arriving in New Zealand, the first thing you probably noticed is that there's a lot of farmland. It's fitting then, that one of the first visits you make is to meet a Southern local farmer at Real Country, where whip cracking and sheep mustering are part of this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER experience. Have demonstrations of Horse communication, working sheep dog mustering, and feed and interact with the friendly farm animals. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Then you'll think you've stepped back in time when you arrive in the former gold-mining village of Arrowtown, where history and beauty merge to create an unforgettable experience. Nestled in the scenic Southern Alps, you can explore quaint shops and restaurants, all while taking in the stunning views. Come dusk, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw; the only thing more inspiring than the surrounding peaks of the Remarkables is the festive atmosphere welcoming you to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner at the Colonel's Homestead awaits.

Staying in:

- Millennium Hotel, Queenstown (1 night)
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Day 3

You clearly need more than one day to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. And when we say surrounds, we mean Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Today sign up for an optional tour to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Travel through World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park for exceptional views as you pass through dense rainforest and pass by towering mountains. On arrival at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi embark on a cruise to experience the eighth wonder of the World. Don't be surprised if you see fur seals and local mountain parrots (the Kea), they are common here, playing in the wake of waterfalls. If you like things fast-paced, opt for wine tasting or jet-boating (all own expense). You are in the adventure capital of New Zealand, after all.

Staying in:

- Millennium Hotel, Queenstown (1 night)
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Day 4

Touching down in Auckland, you'll board your coach for the drive to Rotorua, the cultural capital, where you can immerse yourself in Maori history and culture.

Staying in:

- Millennium Hotel Rotorua (1 night)
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Day 5

Your visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery is guided by passionate conservationists and will give you fascinating insights into New Zealand's national bird on this rewarding MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Rotorua's landscapes are reminiscent of a sci-fi movie set where mud pops from bubbling geysers and steam rushes skywards. See it first-hand on your visit to Whakarewarewa, the world's only living Māori village where people live on a daily basis, using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have for centuries. This evening, embark on the Te Po experience at Te Puia. Learn about Maori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Witness a pōwhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate, you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands.

Staying in:

- Millennium Hotel Rotorua (1 night)
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Day 6

Set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. While cruising cavernous limestone waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of tiny blue and green glowworms. Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, appears on the horizon, dazzling with not one, but two harbours. This evening, share the stories of your New Zealand Panorama tour at dinner with your Travel Director and companions at The Grill, celebrating Aotearoa's culinary treasures.

Staying in:

- Horizon by SkyCity Auckland (1 night)
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Day 7

Short, sweet and packed with highlights – how else to describe this wonderful week?

Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Guided Coach Tour
Starts:	Queenstown
Finishes:	Auckland
Tour length:	7
Accommodation:	Hotel 4 star
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary