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19 Day New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach Tour

for **\$6,760** per person twin share
Price includes airport taxes levies

This is great value for an extensive tour of New Zealand. The price includes:

- Air fares from Sydney into Auckland and out of Christchurch with Air New Zealand. Flights out of Melbourne and Brisbane are also available.
- A wonderful 19 day tour of New Zealand, touring both the North & South Islands.
- Very good accommodation, mainly 4 star, with 6 two night stays. Luxury coach travel & hotel portage.
- 18 cooked breakfasts and 14 sumptuous dinners, 1 picnic lunch and 2 delicious morning teas.
- A 400 page New Zealand Eyewitness Travel Guide (1 per couple).
- Four breathtaking rail journeys, including Glenbrook Vintage Railway, Coastal Pacific Rail Journey, TanzAlpine and Silver Fern Seaside Rail Journey.



- Milford Sound overnight cruise.
- Professional services of a 'Coach Captain' and tour guide.

If you don't have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there will be an extra charge of \$2,090.

Tour departs Australia 5th February and returns 23rd February 2019

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach Tour – February 2019

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

05.02.19 Australia – Auckland, New Zealand

(D) Depart Brisbane at 8.35am on Air New Zealand flight NZ 732, arriving in Auckland at 2.45pm.

Depart Melbourne at 10.35am on Air New Zealand flight NZ 720, arriving in Auckland at 4.10pm.

Depart Sydney at 11.50am on Air New Zealand flight NZ 104, arriving in Auckland at 4.55pm.

Upon arrival in Auckland we are met and transferred to the hotel for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Grand Millennium Hotel

06.02.19 Auckland – Bay of Islands

(B/D) Enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the ‘City of Sails’, before travelling to Matakohē to enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of islands

07.02.19 Bay of Islands

(B) Today is at leisure. You may wish to choose from many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening you may like to enjoy a optional dinner cruise.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of islands

08.02.19 Bay of Islands – Auckland

(B/L/D) This morning we travel aboard 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. Enjoy a picnic lunch before travelling south via Whangarei and calling into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree before arriving at Auckland’s North Shore. We will see stunning views of Rangitoto Island, Auckland Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Spencer on Byron

09.02.19 Auckland – Rotorua

(B/D) This morning we travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop and on return to Glenbrook Station morning tea will be served. We then depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures famous for dairying. We continue to Rotorua to visit Paradise Valley Springs, a superb wildlife park where we can hand feed rainbow trout. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

10.02.19 Rotorua

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

Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

11.02.19 Rotorua – Wellington

(B/D) Today we commence a seven hour drive south to Wellington. We travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Then we travel via the Tongariro National Park and continue south to the capital city of Wellington for a two night stay. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

12.02.19 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. Then reboard the coach for an extensive city tour. This afternoon and evening are at leisure to relax or explore Wellington's lively food scene.

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

13.02.19 Wellington – Kaikoura – Christchurch

(B/D) This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey that showcases the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side and the rugged scenic coastline on the other. Travel through numerous tunnels and across several bridges before departing the train in Kaikoura. Travel south by coach through some of finest farmland to the garden city of Christchurch for a two night stay. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Distinction Christchurch Hotel

14.02.19 Christchurch

(B) Today we visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at your leisure, one of Christchurch's leading attractions. This evening is free to explore the local cuisine.

Accommodation: Distinction Christchurch Hotel

15.02.19 Christchurch – Arthur's Pass – Franz Josef

(B/D) This morning board the TranzAlpine, one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as we ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board our coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its greenstone before arriving at the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience an optional scenic flight over the spectacular glaciers (weather permitting). Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

16.02.19 Franz Josef – Queenstown

- (B)** See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as we travel south on a five hour scenic drive to picturesque Queenstown. We travel via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty and travel along the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.
Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Lakefront

17.02.19 Queenstown

- (B/D)** Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. Our tour guide and coach captain are available to assist with many options available. 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 us at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano on our return cruise.
Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Lakefront

18.02.19 Queenstown – Milford Sound Overnight Cruise

- (B/D)** This morning we travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. We continue via Te Anau to Milford Sound and board the Milford Mariner for our amazing overnight cruise. There is plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. We're bound to encounter seals and if we're lucky maybe dolphins and penguins. As evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared freshly by the onboard chef.
Accommodation: Milford Mariner

19.02.19 Milford Sound – Te Anau

- (B/D)** Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) to explore more of the fiord. Return back to the wharf to meet our coach and enjoy the scenic drive to Te Anau. This afternoon enjoy a cruise across Lake Te Anau to visit the Glow Worm Caves where we will admire the incredible limestone caverns, waterfalls and mystery of the Glow Worm Grotto. Dinner tonight is included.
Accommodation: Distinction Luxmore (Deluxe room)

20.02.19 Te Anau – Dunedin

- (B/D)** Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin. After time for lunch we board the Silver Fern railcar for a journey along spectacular cliff tops overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Blueskin Bay. On our return to Dunedin's historic Edwardian Railway Station, we board the coach for an informative city tour. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, Haggis Ceremony and gift.
Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

21.02.19 Dunedin

- (B/D)** This morning travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where we will hear of its tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this garden of international significance followed by a delicious Devonshire tea. Afterwards we are returned to the city for some free time. You might choose to board the Taieri Gorge Limited for a journey through spectacular scenery only accessible by rail (optional). Dinner this evening is included.
Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

22.02.19 Dunedin – Christchurch

(B/D) This morning we visit Olveston Historic Home, containing treasures from a bygone era. We then commence a five hour drive to Christchurch. En route we stop in Oamaru, famous for its limestone. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner.
Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

23.02.19 Christchurch - Australia

(B) Time to say goodbye to New Zealand. We'll be transferred to the airport for our flight home.

Melbourne passengers depart Christchurch at 6.10am on NZ 891, arriving in Melbourne at 8.05am.

Sydney passengers depart Christchurch at 7.00am on NZ 881, arriving in Sydney at 8.35am.

Brisbane passengers depart Christchurch at 8.15am on NZ 803, arriving in Brisbane at 9.10am.

Note: The ground operator for this tour is Grand Pacific Tours.
Also note that the Coastal Pacific Rail Journey is not currently running, but is expected to resume services in the second half of 2018. A refund for this train journey will be provided if it is not operating for our tour.



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports, boarding trains quickly, walking distances of up to 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some early departures.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 10 weeks prior to departure. Melbourne and Brisbane passengers may be required to pay a higher deposit of approximately \$800 as the airfares will need to be issued soon after booking.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment and more than 7 days prior to departure will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Cancellations 7 days prior to departure or less will result in no refund.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia.

Visas are not required for New Zealand if travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), travel insurance etc.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name (Passenger 1) _____

Passport Nationality _____ Preferred Name (Passenger 2) _____

(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single Room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Special Dietary Requests - Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

Any existing medical conditions? – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.