



**GIPPSLAND  
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# Ultimate New Zealand Experience

## Luxury Coach, Rail & Doubtful Sound Cruise

### 4<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Personally escorted from Warragul by Jacquy Turner



### Stunning Scenery

The stunning and diverse terrains of New Zealand are truly spectacular and one of a kind. Mountains, volcanoes, glaciers, rivers, lakes and caves all form part of New Zealand's name as one of the most scenic locations in the world.

### Maori Culture

New Zealand was settled in the 13th Century by Maori people, boat travellers from eastern Polynesia. Over several centuries, they developed a unique culture with distinctive language, mythology, crafts and expert warfare.



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**TUES 4 NOVEMBER: MELBOURNE - AUCKLAND (D)**

Our coach will depart Warragul for our flight to New Zealand. We will arrive in Auckland and will be met and transferred to our hotel CROWNE PLAZA, or *similar*, for our two-night stay. Dinner will be included tonight.

**WED 5 NOVEMBER: AUCKLAND (B D)**

Today we will explore Auckland including a Harbour Cruise and a visit to the 328 metre Sky Tower for 360° views. Tonight, we will get together for a complimentary pre-dinner drink before dinner.

**THURS 6 NOVEMBER: AUCKLAND - BAY OF ISLANDS (B D)**

Today we board the luxurious Ultimate Coach and enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the “City of Sails”, before heading north. We shall enjoy a visit and informative talk at the **Kauri Museum** in Matakohē, then travel via **Whangarei** to **Paihia**, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. We shall have a guided tour of the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

On arrival at the Bay of Islands we shall check into the SCENIC HOTEL BAY OF ISLANDS, or *similar*, for a two-night stay.





**FRI 7 NOVEMBER: BAY OF ISLANDS (B)**

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

**SAT 8 NOVEMBER: BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND (B)**

This morning, we explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran. We cruise to **Cape Brett** and the famous 'Hole in the Rock'. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. On return to **Paihia**, we travel south to Auckland.

We shall then check into the CROWNE PLAZA AUCKLAND, for an overnight stay. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

**SUN 9 NOVEMBER: 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 including a delightful morning tea. We depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures famous for dairying.

We continue to Rotorua to visit the **National Kiwi Hatchery**, for a unique behind the scenes tour of the world's largest kiwi hatchery.

Tonight, we shall check into the REGENT OF ROTORUA, *or similar*, for a two-night stay and have dinner at the hotel.

**MON 10 OCTOBER: ROTORUA (B SD)**

Today begins with a gondola ride at the **Skyline Rotorua** for breakfast, spectacular views and also time for a thrilling luge ride!

Enjoy some free time before travelling to **Te Puia** to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining **Māori Hāngi and Concert**.



**TUES 11 NOVEMBER: ROTORUA - WELLINGTON (B D)**

Today we travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to **Huka Falls**, then continue to **Lake Taupo** for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town.

Next we travel via the **Tongariro National Park** and then continue south to NZ's capital city, Wellington.

Tonight, we get together for dinner at our hotel, the INTERCONTINENTAL WELLINGTON, *or similar*, where we stay for the next two nights.

**WED 12 NOVEMBER: WELLINGTON (B)**

A highlight this morning will be time to explore **Gallipoli: A Scale of War** exhibition at **Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum**. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances.

Next we enjoy an extensive city tour and this afternoon we take a ride on the **Wellington Cable Car** to **Kelburn Station** where we can explore the **Cable Car Museum** or stroll through the **Botanic Gardens**. This evening is at leisure.



**THURS 13 NOVEMBER: WELLINGTON - KAIKŌURA - CHRISTCHURCH (B D)**

This morning we board the **Interislander Ferry** and experience the comfort and intimate setting of the Premium Lounge. We will enjoy breakfast as we travel through the **Marlborough Sounds** to Picton.

We join the **Coastal Pacific**, a truly spectacular rail journey that follows a thin wedge of land between the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikōura Ranges. We rejoin the coach in the fishing village of **Kaikōura** for the journey to the garden city of Christchurch.

On our arrival, we shall check into THE GEORGE, *or similar*, for a two night stay.

**FRI 14 NOVEMBER: 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.

This evening is free to enjoy one of the many eateries near our hotel.





**SAT 15 NOVEMBER:**

**(B D)**

**CHRISTCHURCH – ARTHURS PASS - FOX GLACIER**

This morning, we board the **TranzAlpine**, renowned as 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

We then board our Coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing via Franz Josef to the township of Fox Glacier where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Our overnight accommodation will be the **TE WEHEKA RETREAT**, *or similar*.

**SUN 16 NOVEMBER:**

**FOX GLACIER - QUEENSTOWN**

**(B)**

We see the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as we travel south along the West Coast. We experience an amazing river safari through the mighty Haast River valley, before arriving into Arrowtown to visit the Lakes District Museum. We continue to picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical **Lake Wakatipu**.

This evening is at leisure, you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants. Our hotel for the next two nights is the **RENDEZVOUS HERITAGE QUEENSTOWN**, *or similar*.





**MON 17 NOVEMBER: QUEENSTOWN (B SD)**

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available.

We get together this evening to board the vintage steamship **TSS Earnslaw** and cruise across **Lake Wakatipu** to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead.

After dinner enjoy a short farm tour before we reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

**TUES 18 NOVEMBER QUEENSTOWN – DOUBTFUL SOUND CRUISE (B L D)**

Today we travel via Te Anau to Manapouri. We will enjoy lunch as we cruise across this glacial lake. A short ride over the Wilmot Pass brings us to the boarding point to join the **Fiordland Navigator** for an amazing overnight experience.

As we cruise through the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound, naturalist guides will provide commentary and point out the resident wildlife. There are opportunities to explore the shoreline by tender boat or kayak (swimwear required) - or to simply relax on board. When evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared by the onboard chef.

Our overnight accommodation is onboard the FIORDLAND NAVIGATOR.

**WED 19 NOVEMBER: DOUBTFUL SOUND - TE ANAU (B D)**

We start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back to **Deep Cove** for the trip to Manapouri. Return to the wharf to meet our coach for the journey to Te Anau where you can enjoy an afternoon at leisure. You may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

Our overnight accommodation is the DISTINCTION TE ANAU HOTEL & VILLAS.

**THURS 20 NOVEMBER: TE ANAU - DUNEDIN (B D)**

We travel through **Gore** and **Balclutha** to Dunedin, known as the 'Edinburgh of the South' and famous for its stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture dating back to the gold rush of the 1800s. We shall enjoy a city tour of New Zealand's oldest university City.

On arrival in Dunedin we check into the DISTINCTION DUNEDIN HOTEL, *or similar*, for a two night stay.



**FRI 21 NOVEMBER:**

**DUNEDIN**

**(B D)**

Today we travel along the picturesque Otago Peninsula to **Larnach Castle**. On a guided tour we will hear the tragic and scandalous tales which make up the castle's history. There is time to explore this **Garden of International Significance** followed by a High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom.

We return to Dunedin for some free time. Optional activities to consider include a wildlife excursion to observe animals in their natural habitat or a guided tour of Olveston Historic Home, containing a wealth of treasures of a bygone era.

**SAT 22 NOVEMBER:**

**DUNEDIN - CHRISTCHURCH**

**(B L SD)**

This morning we travel to the city of **Oamaru**, famous for its limestone. We continue north to **Pleasant Point Museum and Railway** for a short rail experience followed by lunch and time to explore the preserved heritage of the South Canterbury railway before heading onto Christchurch.

On arrival we check into THE GEORGE, *or similar*, overnight.

Tonight, we enjoy a farewell dinner.



**SUN 23 NOVEMBER:**

**DEPART CHRISTCHURCH**

**(B)**

Time to say goodbye! We will be transferred to the airport for our flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday. On arrival in Melbourne, we will be met by our coach and transferred back to Warragul.



**JACQUEY TURNER**, your TOUR LEADER, has more than 40 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour guide. Jacquy's attention to detail and personal care ensures that everyone travelling in her group will have a most enjoyable holiday experience.



*"I thoroughly enjoy escorting tour members to so many wonderful places in the world and I am especially looking forward to showing you around stunning New Zealand. The sights, sounds and history all contribute to a fabulous experience but most importantly it is the people that you meet and have the privilege of travelling with that has the most lasting impression. We always have lots of fun and continue to enjoy the memories for many years."*

## 4.5 STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A carefully handpicked collection of stylish hotels are part of this luxurious experience. You will be treated to a very high standard in each location.

Each of the hotels offer a premium level of comfort, extensive guest facilities and excellent location. All accommodation detailed in the itinerary is subject to change, if necessary, to a hotel of a similar or higher standard.

# Ultimate New Zealand Experience

**Tour Cost:**        **\$14,785 per person on a twin share basis**  
                              **\$ 4,366 per person - single supplement**

Upgrade to premium economy or business class – cost on application.

Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business/first class, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.

## Payment Details:

◆ Full Deposit due by Friday 6 December 2024 \$1000 per person\* to secure place on tour

*\*Full deposit is non-refundable unless Gippsland Travel must cancel the tour due to minimum numbers of 19 guests are not reached by 1 March 2025*

◆ Final payment due by Friday, 15 August, 2025

*All costs are based on the exchange rate prevailing as at 15 November 2024*





## THE ULTIMATE COACH

Be dazzled by this state-of-the-art full-size coach (13.5 metres long) which would normally house 48 seats and has been configured with only 20 luxury leather seats complete with incredible amenities.

Onboard the coach, the luxuries extend through a wide range of features including:

- 20 luxury leather fully reclining seats, with adjustable headrest and calf support for added comfort.
- Panoramic viewing, air conditioning and seat belts.
- Wood grain timber tray table with built in cup holder.
- Seat side personal storage area providing easy access to your travel bag.
- Personal audio control unit with multiple music channels and a complimentary set of headphones.
- Individual USB point for charging your camera, mobile phone, iPod and iPad.
- Stylish centre galley area equipped with refrigerated drinking fountain and fridge units.
- Complimentary daily on-board Wi-Fi allowance.
- Onboard restroom.

## INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Auckland Sky Tower
- Auckland Harbour Cruise
- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- National Kiwi Hatchery Tour
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Thermal mud pools and geysers
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Wellington Cable Car
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry-Premium Lounge
- Coastal Pacific Rail Journey
- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Haast River Safari
- Lakes District Museum
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- HIGHLIGHT Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- Larnach Castle and grounds
- Pleasant Point Museum and Railway
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin

### EXPERIENCE

- Personally escorted throughout entire tour
- All airport transfers throughout tour
- Return economy airfares and taxes: Melbourne to Auckland and Christchurch to Melbourne.
- Coach transfer from Warragul to Melbourne airport and return.
- Personalised Meet & Greet on arrival
- Professional Coach Captain
- All tipping of Coach Captain, drivers and local guides for included tours
- Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise
- 18 nights 4.5 star hotel accommodation
- 4 rail journeys
- 4 cruises
- 7 two night stays
- Hotel portage
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- GPT Ultimate documentation pack

### MEALS

- 19 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 14 sumptuous dinners including complimentary drink at the scheduled dinners
- 2 lunches, 2 delicious morning teas including High Tea at Larnach Castle.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Flight schedules to be advised
- The order of the sightseeing may vary depending on local conditions.



## EXCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- We highly recommend insurance be issued at time of paying full deposit.
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone charges, alcoholic beverages not included in itinerary and medical expenses
- Expenses for transfers/sightseeing or meals not included in itinerary.
- Any optional tours or activities other than those specified in the itinerary
- Excess baggage charges.
- Health requirements
- WiFi charges eg. Hotels, cruise ship, trains.

**CANCELLATION FEES:** Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre and cancellation fee charged cannot be credited to another booking.

No of days prior to tour departure	Cancellation fee as a % of tour cost
Cancellation after 6 Dec 24 & prior to 15 August 2025	loss of full deposit
Cancellation after 15 August 2025	100% of tour cost

## GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

### INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary. Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

### GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

### PASSPORT and VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel.

If you do not hold an Australian passport, you may require a resident return visa. Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia. Gippsland Travel will advise you of all passport and visa requirements for this tour.

The Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regularly updates travel advice on various destinations. We recommend that you refer to [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au) for the latest updates before choosing to travel and prior to departure.

### ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.



## HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity if we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a

## BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room supplement will apply, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

## UNUSED COMPONENTS OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused component of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, or transfers.

## GENERAL CONDUCT

Gippsland Travel 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

## FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airlines schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

## TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

## FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to



flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder.

In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

**LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:**

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.

