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Greetings from **Horizon Holidays**

Thank you for choosing us for your travel needs. The travel plan is totally customizable. Please reach your tour planner and ask for changes that you would like to incorporate in your vacation.

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## Welcome to New Zealand

Mammoth National Parks, Dynamic Maori Culture,  
Forests, Mountains, Lakes, Beaches, Fiords and  
World-Class Surfing and Skiing;

Welcome to the Adventure Capital of the World

**This is New Zealand, this is Epic.**

### Inclusions

- Accommodation in Hotels as customized.
- Airport Transfers as per customization.
- **Meals:** Breakfast Only
- All applicable Transfers & Sightseeing as per customization.
- Vehicle Type: As per Pax Size or customization.
- All Taxes.

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### Exclusions

- All International and Domestic Airfares.
- VISA.
- Travel Insurance.
- Any Entry Fees Applicable.
- Any Meals not specified in the itinerary above.
- Hotel mini-bar, snacks, beverages, laundry, telephone calls and all other similar incidentals.
- Any items or services not specified in the itinerary above.
- Pre-registration or late check-out of rooms.
- Personal items.
- Cost incurred due to mishaps, strikes, political unrest etc.
- Anything not mentioned under Inclusions.



## 8 Nights New Zealand Self Drive - Highlights

- Day 1:** Arrival at Auckland.
- Day 2:** Auckland - Waitomo - Rotorua.
- Day 3:** All Day Rotorua.
- Day 4:** Fly to Queenstown (Flight on Own).
- Day 5:** The Spectacular Milford Sound Cruise.
- Day 6:** The Adrenaline Rush @ Queenstown (Own Cost).
- Day 7:** Queenstown - Arrowtown - Wanaka - Franz Josef Glacier.
- Day 8:** Franz Josef Glacier to Christchurch.
- Day 9:** Sights of Christchurch and Departure (Suggested Late Evening Flight).

## Detailed Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrival to the Harbour City of New Zealand - Auckland (Suggested an Early Morning Arrival)**

Arrive in **Auckland**, the most populous urban area of **New Zealand**. Get an earlier flight so as to reach **Auckland** by morning. That leaves you with enough time to explore and drive through the city. On arrival you shall pick-up your rental car and drive to your hotel.

New Zealand's self-proclaimed '**City of Sails**' is the country's largest metro area. Resting between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea, this urban paradise has something for everyone. Surrounded by native bush, rainforests and an abundance of beaches, Auckland is a playground for both the city savvy and those with an eye for adventure. Explore the central museums and galleries on foot, or take a drive through to see deserted beaches, waterfalls and native forest. Overnight in Auckland.



## Day 2: Auckland - Waitomo - Rotorua

Today after breakfast, head to **Waitomo Glowworm Caves**. The Waitomo Glowworm Caves occupy a high placing in the New Zealand vacation wish-list. The glow worm, **Arachnocampa Luminosa**, is unique to New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their unmistakable luminescent light from the roof of the Waitomo Caves. You will travel through rural NZ landscape to Waitomo Caves. On arrival you will join a guided tour of the caves, conducted by a local guide - the highlight of which is the boat ride along the Waitomo River where you have the opportunity to see the myriad of glow worm lights that make up the Glowworm Grotto. Later, travel over the **Mamaku Ranges** to the 'Thermal City' of **Rotorua**. Overnight in Rotorua.

## Day 3: All Day Rotorua

Today after breakfast, visit the **Agrodome** for a New Zealand farm show featuring sheep dog demonstrations, cow milking and an introduction to the stars of our sheep industry. Only a short hop from the Rotorua Township you'll find **Te Puia**, known as New Zealand's living **Māori** cultural experience. Sprawling across 60 hectares of volcanic land, it is home to the world-renowned **Pohutu Geyser**, a live kiwi enclosure and more than 500 geothermal wonders. Shrouded in a continuous haze of steam, Te Puia has a dramatic and ethereal air. As you're guided along the wooden walkways, thermal springs and boiling mud pools surround you on either side, while native ferns and flax can be seen in the forest ahead. Te Puia takes pride in keeping Māori traditions and craft alive and it is home to the New Zealand National Carving and Weaving Schools. You'll have the chance to watch these unique craftspeople working as they share their skills with the next generation. Later, you could embark on a three hour adventure (**Own Cost**) through native New Zealand forest. Journey through the beautiful forest canopy via an incredible network of trails, tree platforms, ziplines and swing bridges. See breathtaking views of the woodland valleys and hills as you fly through tight openings in the trees. In between the thrill of the ziplines and suspended tree bridges, your guides will share their passion and knowledge of the forest and the conservation challenges to preserve it. Overnight in Rotorua.

## Day 4: Fly to Queenstown

Today after breakfast, drop your rental car at Rotorua Airport and fly to **Adventure Capital of New Zealand - Queenstown**. Upon arrival in Queenstown, pick up your rental car from Airport and head to your hotel. Today you are at leisure. You can go on a



drive to **Glenorchy (a beautiful lakeside drive)**. In the evening take the Gondola to **Bob's Peak** for spectacular views of Queenstown. Overnight in Queenstown.

## Day 5: The Spectacular Milford Sound Cruise

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## Day 6: The Adrenaline Rush @ Queenstown (Own Cost)

Today after breakfast, it is a day of Leisure; Well Really? Is it? Why not test ourselves of what we are actually made of - **A test of Nerve-Racking Guts**.

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## Day 7: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Wanaka - Franz Josef Glacier

Today after breakfast, you'll drive through the heart of the South Island, crossing the vast Canterbury plains. But first up, just 20km off Queenstown is the City of **Arrowtown**. Explore some great spots in and around Arrowtown that are wonderful to either photograph, or to simply sit and enjoy soaking up the atmosphere. Later, skirting the shores of both **Lake Wanaka** and **Hawea**, you will enter the small town of **Makarora**. Stop at **Blue Pools** for a 1 hour return walk through native beech forest to a glacier-fed swimming hole; enjoy numerous waterfalls like **Thunder Creek Falls**, **Billy Water Falls** and **Fantail Falls**. Pass through **Knights Point Lookout** and then hike 1.5hrs return to **Lake Matheson**. At Lake Matheson, nature has combined exactly the right ingredients to create truly stunning reflections of New Zealand's highest peaks - **Aoraki (Mount Cook)** and **Mount Tasman**. The waters of Lake Matheson are dark brown, so on a calm day they create the ideal reflective surface. The colour is caused by natural leaching of organic matter from the surrounding native forest floor. By a happy coincidence, the mountains to the east are perfectly positioned to reflect in the lake. Fox Glacier welcomes you first, and then comes your destination for the night - **Franz Josef Township**. Overnight in Franz Josef.

## Day 8: Franz Josef Glacier to Christchurch

Today after breakfast, proceed towards Christchurch via Arthur Pass. The drive from Franz Josef to Christchurch via Arthur's Pass is a long drive (376km, 5 hrs) but there are plenty of interesting places to stop along the way. The first notable stop is Okarito, a small picturesque town on the west coast about 15-25 min from Franz Josef. Okarito abuts the Tasman Sea and has a rocky beach where it's possible to fish and surf. On a clear day, it's got a stunning view of the Southern Alps. The next stop is the former gold mining town of Ross. It used to be a boomtown in the gold mining heyday but these days it's a shadow of its former self. Later you arrive at Hokitika, a



town made famous by its greenstone (jade / pounamu) artisans. The town is mad about greenstone and features many jewelry shops where you can see the craftspeople at work. Greenstone is found in several waterways in the South Island. The stone is sacred to the Maori people (and also extremely popular with Chinese people. There were quite a few Chinese tourists here). Then head east to a steep ascent up to the town of Arthur's Pass. Head to Christchurch for Overnight Stay.

## **Day 9: Sights of Christchurch and Departure (Suggested Late Evening Flight)**

Today after breakfast, you are at Leisure till Departure or you could opt for **Hop-On Hop-Off 24hr Tram Pass (On Own)** and explore the sights of Christchurch.

Climb aboard a vintage tram (On Own) for a unique tour of Christchurch, and see the "Garden City" at your own pace with a full-day hop-on and hop-off tram ticket. Travel through the regenerated city center to see innovative architecture, such as shopping complex made out of shipping containers. See how the city center has been rebuilt after the devastating earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. Listen to a fascinating commentary from your driver as you take a full circuit in just 50 minutes, or jump on and off at leisure at 17 strategic stops. The tram currently starts at **Cathedral Junction** and travels through **Cathedral Square**, before passing the **River Avon**. Jump off at the **Re: Start Mall**, or **Canterbury Museum**, just a short stroll from the **Botanic Garden and Arts Center**. Discover the city's largest urban space at **Hagley Park**, or explore the boutique stores of **New Regent Street**, New Zealand's "Most Beautiful Street."

Later, proceed to **Christchurch International Airport**, bid adieu to **Christchurch** and the beautiful **South Island Nation, New Zealand** for your Onward Journey Home with great memories from **Horizon Holidays**.

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## 10 Nights South Island New Zealand Self Drive - Highlights

**Day 1:** Arrival at Christchurch.

**Day 2:** Sights of Christchurch & Over to Lake Tekapo.

**Day 3:** Lake Tekapo to Aoraki/Mount Cook.

**Day 4:** Aoraki/Mount Cook to Queenstown.

**Day 5:** Queenstown - Milford Sound Cruise - Queenstown.

**Day 6:** The Adrenaline Rush @ Queenstown (Jet Boat, Gondola & Luge Rides included).

**Day 7:** The Adrenaline Rush @ Queenstown (Your Day at Own Cost).

**Day 8:** Queenstown to Franz Josef.

**Day 9:** Franz Josef to Punakaiki.

**Day 10:** TransAlpine Scenic Train to Christchurch.

**Day 11:** Onward Home.

## Detailed Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrival at Christchurch.**

Upon arrival at **Christchurch International Airport**, post the immigration & baggage; we shall pickup our rental vehicle and proceed towards hotel. It's a long-long flight from **India**. Our bodies are tired & weary; screaming for rest & that's exactly what we are going to do; but before that let's all say in one tone - **Welcome to New Zealand**.

Welcome to a vibrant city in transition, coping creatively with the aftermath of NZ's second-worst natural disaster. Traditionally the most English of NZ cities,





**Christchurch's** heritage heart was all but hollowed out following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, but don't be deterred; exciting new buildings are opening at an astonishing pace. Curious travelers will revel in this chaotic, crazy and colorful mix, full of surprises and inspiring in ways you can't even imagine. By evening, we have the option of taking a stroll & exploring the streets of **Christchurch** or just explore the **Casino** all on our own.

## **Day 2: Sights of Christchurch & Over to Lake Tekapo.**

After breakfast, explore the **sights of Christchurch**. Drive to **Cathedral Square** & pass by the **River Avon**. Discover the city's largest urban space at **Hagley Park** and explore the boutique stores of **New Regent Street**, New Zealand's 'Most Beautiful Street'. Later after lunch, drive towards **Lake Tekapo**, about three hours south-west of Christchurch in the Mackenzie Basin. The township faces north across the remarkable turquoise coloured lake to the mountainous drama of the Southern Alps. Lake Tekapo gets its intense milky-turquoise colour from the fine rock-flour (ground by glaciers) which is suspended in the water. Lake Tekapo is in the Dark Sky Reserve & is one of the darkest areas on Planet Earth.

## **Day 3: Lake Tekapo to Aoraki/Mount Cook.**

After breakfast, explore the shimmering Lake under the bright blue skies & drive ahead towards **Mount Cook** passing by another beautiful lake '**Lake Pukaki**'. Aoraki Mount Cook National Park is home of the highest mountains and the longest glaciers. It is Alpine in the purest sense - with skyscraping peaks, glaciers and permanent snow fields, all set under a star-studded sky. **Mt Cook**, the tallest mountain in New Zealand, helped **Sir Edmund Hillary** to develop his climbing skills in preparation for the conquest of **Mt Everest**.

## **Day 4: Aoraki/Mount Cook to Queenstown.**

After breakfast, enjoy the awe-inspiring landscapes of the Southern Alps/Kā Tiritiri o te Moana on one of the best day hikes - wind up the **Hooker Valley (4 Hours)** past alpine streams and glaciers in the shadow of **Aoraki/Mount Cook**. From the first of three swing bridges along the way, enjoy the views over the **Mueller Lake** and listen for the rumbling of avalanches from the distant **Mount Sefton**. Try to spot them before they crash into the **Mueller Glacier** below. After crossing the **Hooker River**, the track goes



between old moraine ridges and humps. From the second swing bridge, the vegetation changes to more open tussock and a wider valley floor. A third swing bridge leads to the East Hooker and the source of the Hooker River. The track ends with an amazing view over the iceberg-speckled Hooker Lake and up to majestic Aoraki/Mount Cook and the Southern Alps/Kā Tiritiri o te Moana. Return on the same track, enjoying more views down valley and across to the Sealy Range. The best time to walk this stunning track is at dawn when you can view the first rays of the sun creeping over the Southern Alps, including over New Zealand's highest peak, Aoraki/Mount Cook. Early risers will be rewarded (so get up early and get going) with the serenity of sharing the track with only a handful of other walkers along its 10km length. Later, after lunch, proceed to **Wanaka** enjoying the scenic **Lake Pukaki** while on your way and further ahead to the City of adventurous dreams - **Queenstown**.

**Note:** Don't indulge in Queenstown Night Life tonight, tomorrow is a long day.

## Day 5: Queenstown - Milford Sound Cruise - Queenstown (600km/7hrs)

Today, you shall leave very early in the morning; enter the **Eglinton Valley** and travel through the breathtaking man made **Homer Tunnel** to reach the most visited destination in New Zealand, '**Milford Sound**'. Situated on the west coast of the South Island, Milford Sound is a fusion of spectacular natural features with amazing visual cues around every corner. Described by Rudyard Kipling as the 'Eighth wonder of the world', Milford Sound was carved by glaciers during the ice ages. Breathtaking in any weather, the fiord's cliffs rise vertically from the dark waters, mountain peaks scrape the sky and waterfalls cascade downwards from as high as 1000 metres. When it rains in Milford Sound, and it often does, those waterfalls multiply with magnificent effect. So just sit back and relax as your cruise departs from Milford Sound Wharf, and makes its way out past the iconic **Mitre Peak**. Cruise the length of the 16km fiord, out past **St Annes Point Lighthouse**, while listening to informative commentary from Cruise Skipper who will highlight points of interest along the way including the mighty **Lady Bowen Falls, Lion Mountain, Copper Point, Seal Rock** and **Stirling Falls**. Be sure to keep an eye out for seals basking in the sun, pods of dolphins or rare Fiordland Crested Penguins that can be found seasonally within the region. Later, make your way back to **Queenstown**.

## Day 6: The Adrenaline Rush @ Queenstown

After breakfast, it is a day at leisure; Well Really? Is it? Why not test ourselves of what we are actually made of - **A test of Nerve-Racking Guts.**

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**Activities Included for Today:** Jetboating, Gondola to Bob's Peak & 3 X Luge Rides per person.

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## Day 7: The Adrenaline Rush @ Queenstown (Your Day at Own Cost)

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## Day 8: Queenstown to Franz Josef (360km/5hrs)

After breakfast, proceed towards **Franz Josef**. Stop at **Blue Pools** for One hour return walk through native beech forest to a glacier-fed swimming hole; enjoy numerous waterfalls like **Thunder Creek Falls**, **Billy Water Falls** and **Fantail Falls**. Pass through **Knights Point Lookout** and then hike 1.5 hrs return journey to **Lake Matheson**. At Lake Matheson, nature has combined exactly the right ingredients to create truly stunning reflections of New Zealand's highest peaks - **Aoraki (Mount Cook)** and **Mount Tasman**. The waters of Lake Matheson are dark brown, so on a calm day they create the ideal reflective surface. The colour is caused by natural leaching of organic matter from the surrounding native forest floor. By a happy coincidence, the mountains to the east



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## Day 9: Franz Josef to Punakaiki (225km/3hrs)

Early Morning, get set for **Franz Josef Glacier Walk**. Not for the fainthearted, this track winds through a rocky riverbed. You'll be rewarded with stunning glacier views. The first 15 minutes of the Franz Josef walk are a breeze as the track winds through forest. The track becomes more challenging when it reaches the rocky riverbed, so suitable footwear is required. The hike finishes with a short climb to the viewing area, where you can see the icy wonderland about 750m away. Beneath the serene scene, the glacier is constantly moving, with ice and rock falling without warning. Check the latest conditions before starting your trip. Later move to **Punakaiki**. The **Pancake Rocks** in Punakaiki are the most visited natural attraction on the West Coast with good reason; they really do look like Pancakes! **The Pancake Rocks at Dolomite Point near Punakaiki** are a heavily eroded limestone area where the Sea bursts through several vertical blowholes. The foundations of the Pancake Rocks were formed 30 million years ago when minute fragments of dead marine creatures and plants landed on the seabed about 2 km below the surface. Immense water pressure caused them to solidify into layers of more resistant limestone and softer, thin, mud-rich layers. Gradually seismic action lifted the limestone above the Seabed where water, wind and salt spray eroded the softer layers leaving a 'Pancake' like stack of harder limestone. Along the way, there are some impressive blowholes that are best viewed at high tide. Later proceed to **Greymouth** for overnight stay.

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## Day 10: TranzAlpine Scenic Train to Christchurch

After breakfast, drive around **Greymouth**, the largest town on the West Coast and the starting point for the last leg of your journey - **The TranzAlpine Scenic Train**. We drop our rental car at the **Greymouth Train Station** before boarding the train to **Christchurch**. Considered one of the world's great train journeys, the TranzAlpine Scenic Train takes you from Greymouth to Christchurch. You'll travel across the South Island from the west to the east coast through **Arthur's Pass National Park**. From the comfort of your carriage see lush beach forest, deep river valleys and the spectacular peaks of the **Southern Alps**. Descend to the windswept **Canterbury Plains** before arriving in the city of **Christchurch**. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel.



## Day 11: Onward Home

Today, after a delicious breakfast, you will be transferred to '**Christchurch International Airport**' for your Onward Journey Home with great memories from Horizon Holidays

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