19 DAY NEW ZEALAND HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 24TH - APRIL 11TH

TOUR PRICE

$6150 Per Person Twin Share
$7770 Single Traveller

Deposit: $500 per person required on booking
Final Payment: 70 days prior to departure

DAY 1 - *Sunday 24th March* D
Dubbo - Sydney

This morning we depart Dubbo and travel to Sydney for your overnight accommodation at the North Sydney Harbourview Hotel. We enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel.

DAY 2 - *Monday 25th March* D
Sydney - Christchurch

This morning, we depart our hotel bright and early for the International Airport. Here, you will have a chance to grab some breakfast before boarding our flight. On Arrival into Christchurch you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 3 - *Tuesday 26th March* BD
Christchurch - Free Day

Today is a free day to explore Christchurch at leisure. You may like to take advantage of the discount coupons in your Optional Tours Directory.

DAY 4 - *Wednesday 27th March* BD
Christchurch - Omarama

After an introductory city sights tour depart Christchurch and travel through the southern Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo. See the brilliant turquoise water, visit The Church of the Good Shepherd and view the Sheep Dog Statue. Marvel at the spectacular mountain ranges including Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available (time and weather permitting) to enjoy a scenic flight (optional) over the Southern Alps before travelling to Omarama.

DAY 5 - *Thursday 28th March* B SD
Omarama - Dunedin

Depart Omarama and see Lake Benmore, before following the Waitaki River to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. Continue south to Dunedin and enjoy a city sights tour followed by some free time. Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special Haggis Ceremony and gift.

DAY 6 - *Friday 29th March* BD
Dunedin - Te Anau

This morning travel out along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Farewell Dunedin and travel through Balclutha and Gore to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland and your overnight stay. Tonight you may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

DAY 7 - *Saturday 30th March* BL
Te Anau - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon travel to Queenstown, overlooking magical Lake Wakatipu. Spend the next two nights at this year round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

DAY 8 - *Sunday 31st March* B SD
Queenstown (Free Day)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain & Tour Guide are available to assist with the many sightseeing options available, including the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or get up close to a Kiwi bird. 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 you at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

DAY 9 - *Monday 1st April* BD
Queenstown - Arrowtown - Franz Josef

Travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via the Haast Pass to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel north to Fox Glacier. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a scenic flight (optional) over the spectacular glaciers.

DAY 10 - *Tuesday 2nd April* BD
Franz Josef - Arthur's Pass - Christchurch

Travel to Hokitika and visit the Greenstone Factory. Continue into Arthur's Pass and board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the Waimakariri Basin, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains to the elegant city of Christchurch. On arrival your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

DAY 11 - *Wednesday 3rd April* BD
Christchurch - Picton - Wellington

Travel along the East Coast to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine. Continue to Picton, where you will board the Interislander Ferry for your journey through the Marlborough Sounds and across Cook Straight to Wellington

DAY 12 - *Thursday 4th April* B
Wellington

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. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour which showcases the history and culture on show. Enjoy free time this afternoon and this evening is also free to choose your own dining arrangements.

DAY 13 - *Friday 5th April* BD
Wellington - Taupo - Rotorua

Depart Wellington and view the snow capped peaks of Mt Ruapehu and Mt Tongariro as you travel to Lake Taupo. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls then travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua.

DAY 14 - *Saturday 6th April* B SD
Rotorua

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at the Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Visit Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for.

Enjoy some free time this afternoon. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

DAY 15 - *Sunday 7th April* BD
Rotorua - Auckland - Bay of Islands

This morning depart Rotorua and travel north via Auckland. Continue via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy an introduction to the Bay of Islands, location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

DAY 16 - *Monday 8th April* B
Bay of Islands

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands on board a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning via Russell to Paihia for a free afternoon. A range of optional activities are available or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront. This evening is also free and you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 17 - *Tuesday 9th April* B SD
Bay of Islands - Auckland

Depart the Bay of Islands this morning and travel via Whangarei and Dargaville to Matakohe. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum before continuing to Auckland for a city sights tour. This evening enjoy a final dinner with your new found friends.

DAY 18 - *Wednesday 10th April* B
Auckland

Today is a free day to explore Auckland at leisure. You may like to take advantage of the discount coupons in your Optional Tours Directory.

DAY 19 - *Thursday 11th April* B
Auckland - Dubbo

This morning after breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to the land of the long white cloud. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home, before hopping on board Langley's Luxury Coach for your journey home.

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