



Kiwi Travel & Tours

2008

18 DAY BACKPACKING NEW ZEALAND COACH TOUR

- Free Airport transfers
- 17 nights
- Accommodation and
- Auckland City
- The Kauri Museum
- Waipoua Kauri Forest
- Hokianga
- Beautiful Bay of Islands
- Whangarei
- Mount Maunganui
- Rotorua
- Taupo
- Turangi
- Wellington
- Christchurch
- Milford Sounds
- Dunedin

Day #1

Arrive in New Zealand at Auckland International Airport. Upon arrival take the city bus or shuttle to your accommodation in Auckland City at **'X' Base**. Your afternoon is at leisure prior to joining your tour group tomorrow morning.

Day #2

This morning your coach will depart Auckland and travel north along the Twin Coast Highway to the Bay of Islands. As we travel north you will visit The Kauri Gum Museum. This houses a significant part of New Zealand's history and you really could stay here for hours. After the museum we continue on to meet the mighty Tane Mahuta, the Lord of the Forest. Next we travel to the Bay of Islands, and Waitangi. Here we find the Treaty House and the symbolic home of the Treaty of Waitangi which was officially signed here in 1840. Following your time at the Treaty House grounds, we travel to Paihia and stay there for 2 nights at Paihia **'X' Base**.

Day #3

This morning options are plentiful; you may join our cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock, go Tandem parachuting, Para Sailing, Swim with the Dolphins. Ask the driver who organizes options for you or you may choose to take the ferry to visit the nearby township of Russell.

Day #4

This morning we travel back to Auckland, via Whangarei arriving in Auckland prior to lunch. Following lunch you will join your tour group and depart Auckland, traveling south to the Bay of Plenty. On the way you will travel through Waihi which is a mining settlement. There you will view the Martha Mine Museum and have a break. Following this, we continue on to Tauranga and Mount Maunganui. You will stay the night in Mount Maunganui and have the option of surfing, hiking, or just soaking in the thermal swimming pools. Rest in the cool night air whilst soaking in the warm thermal waters. Accommodation tonight at **Harbour City Backpackers**.

Day #5

This morning we will travel south to Rotorua and see the Rotorua sights. Options here include Agrodome, Zorb, Shwebe, Jet Boating, Whitewater rafting and more. Tonight you may even choose a Maori Concert and Hangi. Accommodation in Rotorua for the next 2 nights is at **'X' Base Hot Rock Backpackers**

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➤ *Option packages
available daily
with Coach Driver*

Day #6

Stay at Rotorua today. For options today, see your driver.

Day #7

This morning we will travel south to Lake Taupo. This is the largest town in the centre of the North Island and is also the largest volcano in New Zealand. Visit Huka Falls and Craters of the Moon and the mighty Taupo Bungy Jump. If you want some real fun, then wait till you see this bungee jump! Following Taupo we continue on to Wellington. When we reach Wellington we will visit, Parliament buildings, Te Papa National Museum and go up Mount Victoria for a view of Wellington and the South Island. Accommodation for the next 2 nights is at **'X' Base** Wellington.

Day #8

Free day in Wellington. For options today, see your driver.

Day #9

Following breakfast we will board the Inter-Islander Ferry for a crossing to Picton. (weather dependant). Following lunch at Picton, we travel south again to the Christchurch via the Kaikoura Coast which is famous for whale watching. We will stop at Kaikoura for a break where you may take an optional Whale Watching Scenic Flight. Following this it is on to Christchurch for 2 nights and a well earned rest staying at **'X' Base** Christchurch.

Day #10

Have a talk to the driver about options available and he can help to arrange them for you. Free day in Christchurch.

Day #11

This morning we will travel west through the Southern Alps. Lunch break at Greymouth. From here we travel south, down the rugged West Coast until we reach Franz Josef. We will stay here for 2 nights at **Chateau Franz**.

Day #12

Free day at Franz Josef. Enjoy the Alpine beauty, walk the Glacier, take in a scenic flight. So many options to do. For options today, see your driver.

Day #13

Today it's off to Queenstown. This is New Zealand's winter (and summer!) wonderland. Spectacular scenery from Coronet Peak. Climb The Remarkables, cruise the lake on the TSS Earnslaw, Jet boat rides, vineyards. 2 days here is not nearly enough. We are staying at **'X' Base** Queenstown

Day #14

Free day at Queenstown. Still time for a Bungee Jump! Option day, see driver. Late this afternoon we will transfer to Te Anau for 2 nights. Accommodation at **'YHA'** Te Anau

Day #15

Following breakfast we move south to Milford Sounds for a morning cruise up the Fiord. Following the cruise we return to Te Anau. This afternoon enjoy an optional tour through the Glow Worm Caves.

Day #16

This morning we travel to Dunedin. Dunedin options include a visit to the Penguin Colony, the Albatross Colony and Larnach Castle. We'll make time for the Speight's brewery if you want. Accommodation at **Dunedin Central Backpackers**.

Day #17

Following breakfast it's north to Christchurch via Moeraki Boulders. Arrive in Christchurch and get dropped off at **'X' Base** Christchurch for your final night with us.

Tonight let your hair down and go for it.

Day #18

Morning free until you either continue on your own to another part of New Zealand or to catch your transfer to Airport for your assigned flight.

TOUR ENDS

