



9 DAYS

Glimpse of New Zealand

North & South Islands



FINDING THE REAL MIDDLE-EARTH

The journey fulfils a life long dream as you re-live favourite scenes, walk in the actors' footsteps, and explore the intricacies of movie production. Mythical Middle-earth really does exist in the dramatic scenery, wide open spaces, rare flora and fauna of Aotearoa - 'the youngest country on earth'.



TOUR CODE : NZG

DAY 1 KUALA LUMPUR → CHRISTCHURCH

Your exciting holiday with New Zealand Holidays begins with a pleasant flight to Christchurch.

DAY 2 ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH – LAKE TEKAPO (L/D)

Haeremai - Welcome to New Zealand... 'The Land of The Long White Clouds'. Upon arrival, you will be taken for your Christchurch Sightseeing tour. As you drive through acres of well-kept parklands, gothic-style buildings and Elizabethan mansions, discover why this city is also called 'The Most English City outside England'. Travel across the fertile Canterbury Plains. Bypass Geraldine, center of the prosperous farming regions, reach Farlie and cross Burke Pass to arrive at Lake Tekapo. This highland lake and settlement at 710 meters (2300 feet) is in the heart of Mackenzie District and surrounded by mountains and far from the glare of city lights. Lake Tekapo's cloud free skies make it the best place in the Southern Hemisphere to see the night's sky. World heritage status is currently being sought for the area as the world's first starlight preservation area.

DAY 3 LAKE TEKAPO – MT COOK REGION – ARROWTOWN - QUEENSTOWN (BB/D)

Visit Church of Good Shepherd, a small memorial set against a spectacular backdrop of snowcapped mountains and turquoise waters of the lovely glacier-fed Lake Tekapo. Next, visit one of New Zealand's best known public monuments, a bronze statue of a New Zealand Collie sheepdog, surmounting a large boulder by the lake's edge. Make a stop at Pukaki-Lookout for a closer look of Mount Cook, also known as "Aorangi" when we travel across Mount Cook Region. If weather permits, you may want to take an optional helicopter flight up to the glaciers and experience the thrill of landing on a sparkling white snowfield. Continue on with your scenic drive through Lindis Pass and visit Arrowtown - a vibrant historic gold mining town established in 1862. It was the discovery of gold in the Arrow River, which led miners by the thousands into the district and resulted in the formation of settlements adjacent to the gold diggings. In the evening, you will reach the major resort town of Queenstown, nestled beside the deep blue waters of beautiful Lake Wakatipu.

DAY 4 QUEENSTOWN – PURE INSPIRATION DAY (BB)

A free day to explore the endless optional attractions available. Just minutes walk from downtown Queenstown is a 10-minute scenic gondola ride to Bob's Peak for iconic views across Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu. The most sedentary of visitors will have trouble avoiding adventure in this part of the world. Bungy jumping and jetboating are the classic Queenstown activities, but many are the way to raise adrenaline levels. When you're ready to relax, you'll find a fantastic range of eateries and bars as well as shopping awaits you!

DAY 5 QUEENSTOWN – CROMWELL LAKE WANAKA - HAAST PASS - GLACIER REGION (BB/D)

Taste some seasonal fruits as we visit Cromwell (The Fruits Capital). Pass picturesque Lake Hayes on to an area steeped in fascinating history relating to an early settlement and the gold-mining era to Lake Wanaka, a picture postcard resort on the lakes edge with a spectacular mountain backdrop. Pass Lake



Hawea and the upper reaches of Lake Wanaka to Makarora, cross the Haast Pass into the Mt Aspiring and Westland National Parks. Drive north along the coast to the magnificent Glacier Region.

DAY 6 GLACIER REGION - ARTHUR'S PASS - CHRISTCHURCH (BB/D)

Coming face-to-face with billion cubic metres of solid blue ice is an unforgettable experience. Part of the South West New Zealand World Heritage area, the ancient Fox Glacier is nestled amidst primeval rainforest, an untamed yet accessible wilderness. Head toward Hokitika onto Arthur's Pass National Park before arriving Christchurch. You may want to experience at your own expenses the magic of the Tranz Alpine train ride at Arthur's Pass - New Zealand's highest alpine pass where you will enjoy the lush Canterbury Plains, spectacular river gorges and stunning snow-covered peaks of Southern Alps.

TRANZ ALPINE OPTION

Join the world famous Tranz Alpine train for a journey through Southern Alps. Ask New Zealand Holidays for details.

DAY 7 CHRISTCHURCH → AUCKLAND - HOBBITON MOVIE SET & FARM TOUR (BB/L/HD)

This morning on board flight to Auckland. Discover the real Middle-Earth on the most picturesque private farmland near Matamata, where you can visit the Hobbiton Movie Set from The

Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings film trilogy in a fascinating guided tour. The set has been completely rebuilt and will remain as it was seen in the movie before arriving Rotorua. This evening, enjoy an authentic Maori Hangi (Feast) and Concert.

DAY 8 ROTORUA - AUCKLAND (BB/L/FD)

Visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve to see boiling mudpools and roaring geysers. Set high on the side of Mount Ngongotaha with extensive views of Rotorua City, Lake Rotorua, geothermal areas and surrounding hinterlands as we ride on the Skyline Skyrides Gondola Cableway and enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch. An educational tour will bring you to the New Zealand Supreme Deer Factory. Embark your journey through the Waikato farmlands to Bombay where you join the motorway to reach Auckland. This evening, enjoy a 'Special Farewell Dinner' at local restaurant.

DAY 9 AUCKLAND → KUALA LUMPUR (BB)

Bid farewell to New Zealand today. Transfer to Auckland Airport for your flight to Kuala Lumpur bringing with you sweet memories of an enjoyable holiday with New Zealand Holidays.

BB : Buffet Breakfast	HD : Hangi Dinner
L : Lunch	FD : Farewell Dinner
D : Dinner	

Glimpse Highlights

- **Lake Tekapo** - Overnight at the world's first starlight preservation area
- **Scenic Drive** - along the Haast Pass and Lake Wanaka
- **Glacier Region** - Visit the ancient Fox Glacier
- **Tranz Alpine** – An opportunity to ride on the world famous train (Optional)
- **Rotorua** – Ride on the Skyline Skyrides Gondola
- **Matamata** – Visit Hobbiton Movie Set & Farm Tour

Dining Highlights

- Buffet breakfast daily. (BB)
- 3 Lunches. (L)
- 6 Dinners. (D)
- Hangi Dinner with Maori Concert (HD)
- Special Farewell Dinner in Auckland (FD)

