

# New Zealand Icons

## New Zealand Family Holiday



This is a long itinerary but it can be shortened if time is tight. All the accommodations are family friendly so this journey suits couples or those travelling with children.

It is ideal for a first trip to New Zealand as you visit the iconic attractions but also get off the beaten track to explore the wilder side. Plenty of time on the beaches to make this a real holiday.

### At a glance

**Duration:** 22 days, 21 nights

**Connection Points:**

Auckland Airport  
Christchurch Airport

**Activity level:** moderate

**Best Season:** October - April

### Driving times

Auckland - Kerikeri: 3 hours  
Auckland - Tairua: 2 hours  
Tairua - Rotorua: 2 1/2 hours  
fly Rotorua - Dunedin:  
Dunedin - Queenstown: 3 1/2 hours  
Queenstown - Bruce Bay: 3 hours  
Bruce Bay - Arthur's Pass: 4 hours  
Arthur's Pass - Christchurch: 2 hours

### Indicative Price from \$11,622

Price is for accommodation only and excludes meals, ground or air transport unless stated. [Contact one of our Travel Agents](#) or use [My Holiday](#) to contact the operators and book direct.



NZ FAMILY HOLIDAY

*Don't miss a beat*

NORTH & SOUTH





### **Day 1 - Kerikeri, Bay of Islands**

Stay [Takou River Lodge](#)

Magic Cottages are totally romantic but also have great family accommodation. Set on a big organic property there is plenty to explore, free kayaks will take you to sea or just soak in your own private outdoor bath.

### **Day 2 - Kerikeri, Bay of Islands**

Do [Carino Sailing | Sailing with Dolphins](#)

Stay [Takou River Lodge](#)

A sailing trip in the Bay of Islands is almost compulsory and Carino Sailing are the only operator able to swim with the dolphins.

### **Day 3 - Kerikeri, Bay of Islands**

Stay [Takou River Lodge](#)

Visit Waitangi and discover New Zealand's Maori history or take the ferry to historic Russell and browse the galleries and cafes.

### **Day 4 - Ponsonby, Auckland**

Stay [Great Ponsonby Art Hotel](#)

If you drive to Auckland, stop at the Kauri forests on the way south.

Ponsonby is a bustling inner-suburb with a trendy cafe scene.

### **Day 5 - Ponsonby, Auckland**

Stay [Great Ponsonby Art Hotel](#)

Convenient to public transport, today is a day to visit the Museum, Galleries, Sky Tower or take a ferry to Devonport before stopping for dinner in the Viaduct.

### **Day 6 - Tairua, Eastern Coromandel**

Stay [Colleith Lodge](#)

Tairua is a small beach village with 3 good cafe options. Colleith Lodge commands views out to the ocean from all rooms.

### Day 7 - Tairua, Eastern Coromandel

**Do** [Cathedral Cove Kayaks | Kayaking at Cathedral Cove](#)

**Stay** [Colleith Lodge](#)

An afternoon kayak around Cathedral Cove explores many caves and rock formations. Then, if the tides are right, visit Hot Water Beach to dig your own hot pool in the sand.

### Day 8 - Rotorua, Central Plateau

**Stay** [Koura Lodge](#)

Koura Lodge has a lake front setting, take out the kayaks or relax in the sauna and hot tub at the water's edge.

### Day 9 - Rotorua, Central Plateau

**Do** [Te Puia | Maori Arts & Thermal Valley](#)

**Stay** [Koura Lodge](#)

Visit the Wakarewarewa thermal valley and the Maori Art and Crafts centre at Te Puia to get a real taste of Rotorua.

### Day 10 - Rotorua, Central Plateau

**Do** [Cruise & Fish | Cruise Lake Tarawera](#)

**Stay** [Koura Lodge](#)

A relaxing day cruising on scenic Lake Tawawera. Swim, sit in hot rock pools or drop a fishing line.

### Day 11 - Dunedin, Otago

**Stay** [Fletcher Lodge](#)

Fly from Rotorua to Dunedin in the South Island.

### Day 12 - Dunedin, Otago

**Do** [Dunedin Railways | Taieri Gorge & Seaside Trains](#)

**Stay** [Fletcher Lodge](#)

Take the historic train ride into the Taieri Gorge and enjoy a day without driving.

### Day 13 - Arrowtown, Queenstown

**Stay** [Arrowtown House Boutique Hotel](#)

Cross Otago, through fruit orchards, vineyards and dry landscapes to the old gold town of Arrowtown, a quiet base for all the Queenstown activities.

### Day 14 - Arrowtown, Queenstown

Do [Dart River | Dart River Funday & Wilderness Jet](#)

Stay [Arrowtown House Boutique Hotel](#)

The Dart River trip gives you the combination of adventure and some of the most beautiful remote scenery. For a lower adrenalin day, the fun yaks offer a slower eco trip down the river.

### Day 15 - Arrowtown, Queenstown

Do [Mitre Peak Cruises | Milford Sound Day Cruise](#)

Stay [Arrowtown House Boutique Hotel](#)

A cruise on Milford Sound is a highlight of any New Zealand trip. Fly one direction for great scenic views and less time in a coach.

### Day 16 - south of Glaciers, West Coast

Stay [Mahitahi Lodge](#)

Heading north, passing through Wanaka and over the Haast Pass to the verdant West Coast. Tonight's accommodation is a minute walk to the sea where you can watch the crashing waves, see Mt Cook and sometimes see penguins on this remote stretch of beach. Book dinner as there are no cafes in Bruce Bay.

### Day 17 - south of Glaciers, West Coast

Stay [Mahitahi Lodge](#)

Today, go fishing or gold panning with John or visit the glaciers just 30 minutes away.

### Day 18 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass](#)

The sister property at Arthur's Pass is in very different landscape and is also a working farm. This evening you can take the farm dogs for a walk to stretch your legs

### Day 19 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass](#)

Your stay includes your choice of guided trip and all meals.

### Day 20 - Christchurch

Stay [The George](#)

It is only 2 hours' drive to Christchurch where you can drop off your car. Explore the city and catch up on some shopping as your trip draws to an end.

### Day 21 - Christchurch

Do [Canterbury Trails | Kaikoura Day Tour](#)

Stay [The George](#)

Let your guides show you either the area north around Kaikoura, including a whale watching trip or take you south to the french settlement of Akaroa for a dolphin swim and hike.

**Day 22 - Journey's End**

You leave this journey in Christchurch.