

# 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:** 20 days, 19 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 \$11,309

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](#)

Fly or transfer up to Kerikeri in Northland.

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 - Tairua, Eastern Coromandel**

Stay [Colleith Lodge](#)

Fly back to Auckland and take a car to the Coromandel Peninsular. Pop out to Hot Water beach and experience the hot pools and then up to Cathedral Cove.

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

### **Day 5 - Tairua, Eastern Coromandel**

Do [Kiwi Dundee Adventures | Guided Walks & Tours](#)

Join a guide for a private tour discovering New Zealand's unique flora and landscapes.

Stay [Colleith Lodge](#)

### **Day 6 - 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 7 - Rotorua, Central Plateau**

**Do** [Orakei Korako Cave & Thermal Park | Geothermal Park Tour](#)

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

Explore Orakei Korako thermal Park and visit Lake Taupo.

### **Day 8 - 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 9 - Dunedin, Otago**

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

Fly from Rotorua to Dunedin in the South Island.

### **Day 10 - Dunedin, Otago**

**Do** [Dunedin Railways | Scenic Train Rides and Rail Touring](#)

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

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

### **Day 11 - Arrowtown, Queenstown**

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

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 12 - Arrowtown, Queenstown**

**Do** [Nomad Safaris | 4WD Safari & LOTR Locations](#)

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

Enjoy a fun-filled day on a 4WD tour in the rugged countryside around Queenstown.

### **Day 13 - Arrowtown, Queenstown**

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

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

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 14 - 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 15 - 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 16 - 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 17 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury**

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

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

### **Day 18 - 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 19 - 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 20 - Journey's End**

You leave this journey in Christchurch.