

# The All Blacks Tour

14 Nights/15 Days

Auckland – Waiheke – Waitomo – Hobbiton – Rotorua – Wellington – Picton –  
Kaikoura - Christchurch – Mount Cook – Queenstown – Milford Sound – Glacier  
Region – Greymouth - Christchurch

## DAY 1: AUCKLAND

Upon arrival in Auckland, 'The City of Sails', seat-in-coach passengers will meet our local representative and will be privately transferred to the hotel. Self-drive passengers will collect the rental car at the airport and drive to the hotel.

Afternoon - Explore Auckland on your own or try your luck at the Sky City casino!

Overnight in Auckland

Meals: None

## DAY 2: AUCKLAND - WAIHEKE - AUCKLAND

After breakfast this morning, be introduced to Waiheke on the Taste of Waiheke Tour – a picturesque 40-minute boat trip followed by a guided tour of three vineyards and tastings at the Stonyridge, Wild on Waiheke and Mudbrick. Cruise to Waiheke through the glorious Hauraki Gulf and on arrival an experienced guide will give you an insight in the culture and history that make up the diverse island of Waiheke.

Your tour includes - Open Waiheke return ferry ticket, guided tour of three vineyards, all tastings, and light lunch at Stonyridge and olive oil tastings at Rangihoua Estate.

On conclusion of the tour, avail the complimentary 'All Day Bus Pass' to either return to a destination visited on the tour or explore the island further on scheduled public bus services.

Overnight in Auckland

Meals: Light lunch & breakfast.

## DAY 3: AUCKLAND – WAITOMO - HOBBITON – ROTORUA

After breakfast this morning, travel south through the fertile Waikato region to arrive at Waitomo. Enjoy a guided tour of the world famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves including an underground boat ride to view millions of glow worms on the cavern roof. This followed by a picnic lunch and a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set Tour. On completion continue over the forested Mamaku Ranges to reach the 'Thermal City' of Rotorua.

Why not try the very relaxing - Polynesian Spa, New Zealand's leading international day spa, providing a unique thermal spa experience on the shores of Lake Rotorua. In a picturesque, tranquil setting overlooking Lake Rotorua, visitors can enjoy a wonderful fusion of relaxing hot spring pool bathing, sumptuous spa, massage therapies and picturesque lake views.

Hot pools and hot springs: 26 hot mineral spring pools are offered in four areas – simply choose an area to suit your requirements: deluxe, adult, private or family hot pools.

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#### **DAY 4 – ROTORUA**

Visit the Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park, a favorite destination with the tourists since 1932. Rainbow Springs offers a truly unique experience and is a must-see for anyone who wants to explore New Zealand's wonderful environment and wildlife before continuing to the Agrodome. Agrodome offers visitors an experience like none other – seeing through the eyes of a true New Zealand farmer. Visit the Agrodome Farm Show, an exciting and informative insight into the world of New Zealand agriculture, featuring 19 breeds of sheep, sheep shearing, cow milking, lamb feeding and dog demonstrations.

The afternoon is at leisure.

Te Puia is the premier Māori cultural centre in New Zealand - a place of gushing waters, steaming vents, boiling mud pools and spectacular geysers. The Maori traditional experience continues at Te Whakarewarewa, with guided tours and attractions of Māori culture, and National Carving and Weaving Schools of New Zealand. Te Pō is Te Puia's evening cultural experience. It is a feast of storytelling, entertainment and Māori Cuisine. (*Special requests for dietary requirements can be made in advance*) Later enjoy the illuminated thermal valley.

Overnight in Rotorua

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

#### **DAY 5: ROTORUA – WELLINGTON**

Travel south to reach the popular lake resort of Taupo before continuing on the Desert Road, dominated in the background by the three peaks of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. Try some adventure activities enroute or drive through the beautiful wine trail. Continue south through farmland before arriving in the 'Capital City' of Wellington.

Overnight in Wellington

Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 6 – WELLINGTON**

Explore New Zealand's nature, art, history and cultural heritage at Te Papa. Te Papa is New Zealand's national museum famed for being bicultural, scholarly, innovative and fun.

*“Our success is built on our relationships with and ability to represent our community. Our collections span five areas: Art, History, Pacific, Māori and Natural Environment. Our exhibitions are interdisciplinary and interactive, and we have dynamic events and education programmes.”*

Enjoy a unique Gourmet tour! With your knowledgeable and entertaining Zest Guide, explore Wellington's food quarters and some of our favorite food places on this delicious introduction to the culinary capital. Visit a boutique coffee roastery and café\*. Enjoy tastings at Wellington's best food places including trying regional cheeses, honey, chocolates and much more.

Savor a delicious three course tasting lunch with unmatched New Zealand wines at award winning Logan Brown Restaurant & Bar\*\*

Other optional activities - New Zealand's National Museum. Visit the many trendy bars & enjoy Wellington's nightlife.

Overnight in Wellington

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 7 - WELLINGTON - PICTON - KAIKOURA**

Journey across the Cook Strait which separates the North and South Islands of New Zealand pass through the Marlborough Sounds to explore the sparkling clear waters and lush forests.

Arrive at Picton.

Travel south through the town of Blenheim and arrive at the beautiful Kaikoura.

Evening is at leisure.

Overnight in Kaikoura

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 8: KAIKOURA - CHRISTCHURCH**

Enjoy a Whale Watch Cruise this morning. Whale Watch is New Zealand's only marine-based whale watching company offering visitors an exciting up-close encounter with the Giant Sperm Whale at all times of the year. Every Whale Watch tour is a unique experience and the sightings vary. Giant Sperm Whales are the stars of the show and year-round residents. A typical Whale Watch tour may encounter New Zealand Fur Seals, pods of Dusky Dolphins and the endangered Wandering Albatross. Depending on the season you may also see migrating Humpback Whales, Pilot Whales, Blue Whales and Southern Right Whales. Kaikoura often hosts the world's largest dolphin, the Orca and is home to the world's smallest and rarest marine dolphin, the Hector's.

*"Designed especially for whale watching, our modern catamarans are equipped with engines that minimize underwater noise and toilets that never pollute the sea. The main passenger cabin is enclosed and outside decks offer great viewing and photo opportunities. Spacious air-conditioned interiors are fitted with comfortable seating while large plasma screens display our award-winning marine wildlife animations."*

Leave Kaikoura behind as you turn inland and travel through North Canterbury to reach the 'Garden City' of Christchurch.

Overnight in Christchurch

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 9 - CHRISTCHURCH - MT COOK - QUEENSTOWN**

Travel across the fertile Canterbury Plains to Lake Tekapo and the 'Church of the Good Shepherd' before continuing on to New Zealand's highest mountain - Mt Cook. Depart from Mt Cook and follow the shores of Lake Pukaki south through the historic Central Otago region to the 'Alpine Resort' of Queenstown.

Overnight in Queenstown

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 10 - MILFORD SOUND**

Onboard a luxury glass-roofed coach in Queenstown, travel along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and through the rolling countryside to Te Anau. The coach driver provides a commentary and interpretation material is available in foreign languages. After a morning tea break in Te Anau, the coach continues along the spectacular Milford Road through impressive alpine scenery. There is time for photo stops and short walks along the way.

On reaching Milford Sound, enjoy a full length cruise of the fjord in modern, purpose built vessels. The vessels offer excellent viewing of the waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife with large windows, spacious decks and comfortable lounges. Commentaries are provided in several languages and interpretation handouts are available in eight languages. A range of lunch options and complimentary tea and coffee is available on all vessels. After the cruise, we return to Queenstown aboard a luxury coach.

*Lunch (at additional cost and must be pre-ordered): Buffet, Indian Lunch Box and Picnic Lunches*

Overnight in Queenstown

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 11 - QUEENSTOWN**

A free day to explore the endless optional attractions available

No visit to Queenstown is complete without exploring 'Catching the Canyons' with award winning Shotover Jet, 'the World's most exciting Jet Boat ride' and the only company permitted to operate in the spectacular Shotover River Canyons. Since 1970 over 2 million passengers have been thrilled by the unique Shotover Jet experience. It is a thrilling ride - skimming past rocky outcrops at close range in your Shotover Jet 'Big Red', twisting and turning through the narrow canyons at breath taking speeds. And the ultimate highlight - hold on tight for the world famous Shotover Jet full 360° spins!

Overnight in Queenstown

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 12 - QUEENSTOWN - GLACIER REGION**

Depart Queenstown and travel via Lake Wanaka and through the historic Haast Pass, gateway to the World Heritage Westland National Park. Continue up the West Coast past spectacular mountain ranges, native forests and lakes to the glacier region of Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers.

Meals: Breakfast

### **DAY 13 - GLACIER REGION**

A full day at leisure to explore this magnificent glacier region

Experience the truly untouched beauty and awe inspiring scenery of New Zealand's South Island with an exciting scenic helicopter flight and snow landing on the majestic Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. Discover the scenic wonders of both the Fox and Franz Josef glaciers with this scenic flight. Take advantage of the terrific photo opportunities of Mount Cook and Mount Tasman.

Overnight in Franz Josef / Fox Glacier

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 14 - GLACIER REGION - GREYMOUTH – CHRISTCHURCH**

Travel north towards Greymouth today and board the TranzAlpine train (seat-in-coach passengers only). Ascend through lush beech forests past the alpine village of Arthur's Pass before crossing the spectacular Southern Alps. Travel over Canterbury Plains to Christchurch.

Overnight in Christchurch

Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 15 - DEPARTURE DAY**

Your arrangements conclude today with a departure transfer or the return of your rental car.

Meals: Breakfast

**End of Services**

