

# 18 DAY KAHU ADVENTURE

## Auckland to Queenstown Tour



### DAY 01

#### Arrival Auckland

Kia ora, welcome to Aotearoa! Settle into your hostel, then explore. Stroll downhill to the vibrant waterfront, discovering why Auckland is the 'City of Sails.' Meet your guide at 6pm for an intro before an optional group dinner.

### DAY 02

#### Auckland to Hahei

Haere rā Auckland! We head to Hahei Beach, a coastal gem. At low tide, we'll dig our own natural hot pool at Hot Water Beach. The day culminates with a classic Kiwi BBQ dinner at the resort.

### DAY 03

#### Hahei Free Day

Enjoy a full free day in Hahei. Kayak at sunrise, walk to Cathedral Cove, or explore sea caves by boat. Relax on the beach or at the local pub. This is your day for total R&R in paradise.

### DAY 04

#### Hahei to Rotorua

Start with a sunrise at Hahei Beach. We then journey south, stopping for a scenic walk through Karangahake Gorge. Experience Middle-earth on a Hobbiton movie set tour before arriving in Rotorua to explore the Whakarewarewa Redwood Forest.

### DAY 05

#### Rotorua to Lake Aniwhenua

Choose your perfect Rotorua morning: thrilling ziplining or relaxing hot pools. This afternoon, we visit Lake Aniwhenua for a genuine Māori cultural experience. Learn traditions, witness a hāngi being unearthed, and share a feast that could be your best meal ever.

### DAY 06

#### Lake Aniwhenua to Lake Taupō

Rise and shine! Keep your togs (swimwear) handy, because our first stop is Kerosene Creek - a naturally hot river and the perfect place for a morning soak. Then it's on to Taupō to see Australasia's largest lake and the mighty Huka Falls, grab lunch and explore or simply relax at your accommodation

### DAY 07

#### Lake Taupō to Tongariro National Park

Tackle the epic Tongariro Alpine Crossing. Traverse an awe-inspiring volcanic plateau with emerald lakes. If weather prevents the crossing, fantastic shorter walks are available. Reward your efforts with a spa soak.

### DAY 08

#### Tongariro National Park to Wellington

Onwards to Wellington, the 'coolest little capital in the world!' Fill your afternoon by browsing through the exhibits at Te Papa National Museum, climb to the top of Mt Victoria for panoramic views or take a stroll along the waterfront and Oriental Parade.

### DAY 09

#### Wellington Free Day

Explore Wellington, our vibrant capital. Discover national treasures at Te Papa, savour a famous craft beer or coffee, and hike Mt Victoria for stunning views. The city's charm is yours to uncover at your own pace.

### DAY 10

#### Wellington to Marahau (Abel Tasman)

Cross the Cook Strait by ferry, sailing through the stunning Marlborough Sounds. Watch for wildlife from the deck before we journey to Marahau. Our accommodation sits on the edge of the spectacular Abel Tasman National Park, your gateway to exploration.



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### Marahau (Abel Tasman)

Hike directly from our accommodation into the park (no water taxi needed) along the Abel Tasman Coastal Track to Anchorage Bay. Enjoy lush bush, golden sand beaches, and brilliant blue waters for swimming. The walk is about 4hrs each way, or take a water taxi back for more time to explore.

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### Marahau (Abel Tasman) to Franz Josef

Journey down the wild West Coast, a drive of untamed beauty named one of the top drives in the world by Lonely Planet. We'll stop at the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks before continuing on to Franz Josef.

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### Franz Josef

TEperience this icon of the West Coast. Hike through native bush and across glacial streams to see the terminal face for spectacular photos or hang out and relax in one of NZ's largest spa pools.

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### Franz Josef to Queenstown

Today, we visit the mirror-like Lake Matheson. We'll then travel through Haast Pass, beside Lake Hawea, and into Queenstown. Settle in, then explore its vibrant nightlife with over 100 bars and clubs.

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### Queenstown Free Day

Yaaaasssss Queen(stown)! You've got 2 full days in the adventure capital. With awesome night life, beautiful mountain scenery and plenty of outdoor activities, it's easy to understand why so many backpackers refuse to leave this place!

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### Queenstown Free Day

Embrace your second day in Queenstown! Enjoy some of the vibrant local cafes and restaurants, hike Ben Lomond, the Queenstown Hill or Bob's Peak. You can also enjoy jet boating, skydiving, mountain biking, zipling and so much more!

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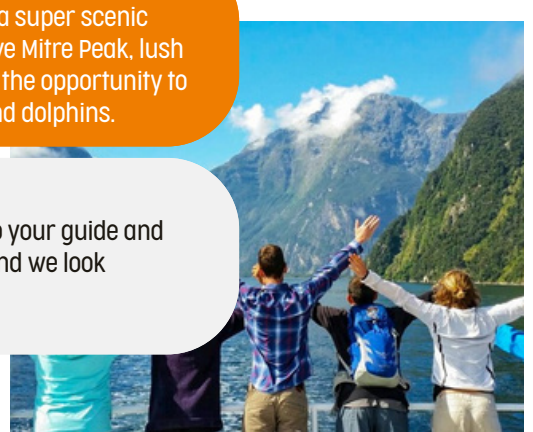
### Day Trip to Milford Sound

Enjoy the stunning, world famous Milford Sound. After a super scenic drive, you'll board the boat and cruise by the impressive Mitre Peak, lush rainforests and thundering waterfalls. You'll also have the opportunity to spot lots of amazing wildlife like fur seals, penguins and dolphins.

DAY  
18

### Depart Queenstown

Today your adventure comes to an end. Say goodbye to your guide and your new Stray mates, we hope you had a great time and we look forward to adventuring with you again in the future!





## What to Bring:

- Camera
- Sturdy walking shoes/boots
- Warm clothing
- Waterproof jacket
- Hat & sunscreen
- Bathers/towel
- Water bottle
- Motion sickness tablets
- Insect repellent

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