20 DAY TUI ADVENTURE

Auckland to Christchurch Tour

DAY 01

Arrival Auckland
Kia ora! Welcome to Aotearoa New Zealand. Settle in to your hostel, then stroll downhill to Auckland's waterfront - the 'City of Sails'. Your guide will meet you at 6pm for a tour intro before an optional group dinner.

DAY 02

Auckland to Hahei
Haere rā (goodbye) Auckland! We journey to the Coromandel's Hahei Beach. At low tide, we'll dig our own natural hot pool at Hot Water Beach. The day ends with a classic Kiwi BBQ group 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
Today is a free day to spend exploring Wellington, our capital city and home to New Zealand's parliament and the iconic Beehive government building. Also known as the 'coolest little capital in the world' thanks to Lonely Planet, Wellington is a great place to check out the lively arts, craft beer and café culture scenes or do some shopping.

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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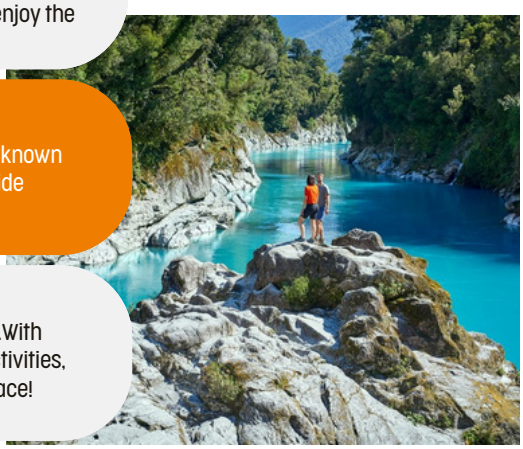
Marahau (Abel Tasman)
Embark on a full-day Abel Tasman adventure. A water taxi transports you to Anchorage Bay, showcasing golden beaches and turquoise waters. Enjoy a picnic, discover Cleopatra's Pools, then hike the scenic coastal track back to Marahau, with ample opportunities for swimming and photos.

DAY 12

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.

DAY 13

Franz Josef
Travel through lush rainforest to Franz Josef. This afternoon, hike the valley track to the glacier's terminal face for spectacular views. For an unforgettable experience, consider a heli-hike to stand on the glacier itself. Alternatively, relax and enjoy the township's stunning alpine scenery.



DAY 14

Franz Josef to Queenstown
It's another scenic journey today! First up is the amazing Lake Matheson, known as the mirror-lake, for a short walk. Then through Haast Pass and alongside beautiful Lake Hawea and into Queenstown.

DAY 15

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!

DAY 16

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!

DAY 17

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

Queenstown to Lake Tekapo
We'll see an electric blue lake framed by the Southern Alps. Walk over to the famous Church of the Good Shepherd and then learn about Māori astronomy at the Dark Sky Project centre.

DAY 19

Lake Tekapo to Christchurch
Enjoy a relaxed morning in Lake Tekapo before discovering this rejuvenated city with the Avon River running through it, full of lush parks and cool laneway bars! Wander the city streets to discover creative street art and hidden eateries, visit the Botanic Gardens, do some shopping or hop on the tourist tram and see the sights!

DAY 20

Depart Christchurch
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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