



# PANORAMA CRUISE & TRAVEL

*We're here to get you there*

## INCLUDED ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Dolphin/Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Longlands Farm & Restaurant
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Skyline Gondola & Luge Ride
- Raindow Springs
- Thermal mud pools & geysers
- Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Southward Car Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre
- Greenshell Mussel Cruise
- Wither Hills Winery – tour and tasting
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- EXCLUSIVE Milford Mariner Overnight Cruise
- Cruise Lake Te Anau, visit Glow Worm Caves
- Fiordland Cinema
- Larnach Castle
- Oamaru Victorian Precinct
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin



## **Back to NEW ZEALAND with Maurice. 19 days departs Sunday 01 Mar 2015**

**Included for \$7850.00\*:-** \*Conditions are outlined in the complete itinerary.

- Return airfares from Sydney New Zealand
- Ultimate small group touring coach with 20 luxury leather reclining seats on a full size vehicle, 2 door access and panoramic windows



- 17 nights premium hotel accommodation
- 5 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions

### MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast at Cableway Restaurant - Rotorua
- 16 sumptuous dinners including 4 specialty dinners: Maori Hangi & Concert - Rotorua, Wither Hills Winery - Blenheim, Walter Peak Homestead - Queenstown, Farewell Dinner, selected beverages - Christchurch
- 1 specialty lunch at Longlands Farm & Restaurant - Matamata
- 1 delicious morning/afternoon tea

**Experience the difference of one of Panorama Cruise & Travel's small group holidays.**

**Call Caroline or Greg 02 63317044 Panorama Cruise & Travel.**

# ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

## **DAY 1 Sun 01 Mar15: Sydney - Auckland (D)**

Fly from Sydney to Auckland you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre dinner drink as a welcome to NZ.

**Hotel** Crowne Plaza Auckland

## **DAY 2 Mon 02 Mar15: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)**

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach, depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakoho, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British. The Rev Samuel Marsden one of Bathurst's forefathers also played a very big part in the history of this area.

**Hotel** Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands 2nights (Deluxe Room)



## **DAY 3 Tue 03 Mar15: Bay of Islands Cruise (B,D)**

This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands on board a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning via Russell to Paihia for a free afternoon. A range of optional activities are available or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront.

## **DAY 4 Wed 04 Mar15: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B)**

Farewell the Bay of Islands and drive south via Whangarei, Wellsford and Warkworth to Auckland. Enjoy a city tour on arrival into Auckland followed by free time. This evening is also free and you may choose to dine out at one of the many exciting restaurants in the Auckland Viaduct Harbour.

**Hotel** Crowne Plaza Auckland

## **DAY 5 Thu 05 Mar15: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)**

This morning enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Longlands Farm & Restaurant to enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch hosted by a rural New Zealand family. This afternoon travel to Hobbiton and discover the real Middle-earth when you visit the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings film trilogy on a fascinating guided tour. En-route from Matamata (Hobbiton) to Rotorua travel through the picturesque district Waikato and the town of PUTARURU the ancestral home of our "Fearless Tour Leader". **Hotel** Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)

## **DAY 6 Fri 06 Mar15: Rotorua (B,SD)**

Today begins with a Gondola ride to Cableway Restaurant where a buffet breakfast and spectacular views are on offer. Travel to Rainbow Springs, home to a huge variety of New Zealand's most precious inhabitants. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome Geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.





**DAY 7 Sat 07 Mar15:  
Rotorua - Wellington  
(B,D)**

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway before arriving at the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo where some free time is available to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel



via the Tongariro National Park and this afternoon visit Southward Car Museum, home to the most comprehensive collection of veteran and vintage cars in the southern hemisphere. Enjoy afternoon tea before continuing to Wellington.

**Hotel** InterContinental Wellington

**DAY 8 Sun 08 Mar15: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim (B,D)**

Enjoy free time this morning to explore Wellington. Options include a visit to Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. This afternoon board the Interislander Ferry and enjoy the scenery as you travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton where you board your coach for the short journey to Blenheim.

**Hotel** Chateau Marlborough (2 nights)



**DAY 9 Mon 09 Mar15: Blenheim (B,SD)**

Today travel to one of Marlborough's most visited attractions, Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. Marvel at a time gone by and at the rare memorabilia in this world-class destination. Continue to Havelock, the Greenshell mussel capital of New Zealand. Enjoy a truly unique cruise and take in the natural beauty of this tranquil environment. Learn about the history of the pioneering families who have settled in the Sounds over six generations and visit a mussel farm where freshly steamed mussels are served with a glass of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. A special wine maker's dinner will be presented this evening commencing with a visit to Wither Hills Winery where you will experience a wine tasting, followed by a stunning dinner within the surrounds of the winery.



**DAY 10 Tue 10 Mar15: Blenheim - Kaikoura - Christchurch (B)**

Travel through Marlborough Country, famous for its food and wine then travel to the seaside village of Kaikoura. Continue onto the garden city of Christchurch for an introductory city sights tour. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

**Hotel** The George

**DAY 11 Wed 11 Mar15: Christchurch - Fox Glacier (B,D)**

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing via Franz Josef to Fox Glacier where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

**Hotel** Distinction Fox Glacier

**DAY 12 Thu 12 Mar15: Fox Glacier - Queenstown (B,D)**

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into Millbrook Resort, where you will be warmly welcomed and given a full update on all the facilities available. Tonight a welcome to Millbrook dinner will be provided.

**Hotel** Millbrook Resort (Village Inn Room, 2 nights)



**DAY 13 Fri 13 Mar15: Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)**

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown at leisure. Your Coach Captain is available to assist with the many sightseeing options available, whether it be a heritage tour to Skippers Canyon or a total wilderness experience on the famous Dart River. You may prefer to simply relax and soak up the surrounds and luxurious facilities at Millbrook. Options at the Resort include playing an unforgettable round of golf, one of the most scenic golf courses in the world, or indulging in a massage at one of the Top Ten Hotel Spas in the World. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. On arrival sit back and relax, as you are treated to the best of New Zealand's high country cuisine in the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

**DAY 14 Sat 14 Mar15: Queenstown -Arrowtown - Milford Sound Overnight Cruise (B,D)**

Travel to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Milford Sound where you will board the Milford Mariner for an unforgettable overnight adventure. There will be plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife as you cruise the full length of Milford Sound accompanied by a specialist nature guide. Late afternoon the Milford Mariner anchors in a sheltered cove, where you can join the nature guide and explore in the vessel's tender craft (small boat) and kayaks. As evening falls, enjoy a delicious carvery buffet in the dining saloon before retiring to your private cabin.

**Overnight Milford Sound Overnight Cruise****DAY 15 Sun 15 Mar15: Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,D)**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning as you cruise back to the Milford Sound Wharf. On arrival, travel by coach to Te Anau where you will visit the fascinating Glow Worm Caves. Admire the incredible limestone caverns, waterfalls and mystery of the Glow Worm Grotto. This evening relax in the comfort of the Fiordland Cinema as you view the amazing production of *Ata Whenua -Shadowland* which brings to life the Fiordland World Heritage areas in this unforgettable journey. **Hotel** Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

**DAY 16 Mon 16 Mar15: Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)**

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin known as the "Edinburgh of the South". Enjoy an informative city tour followed by some free time to explore at leisure. The sweet tooth might like to tour Cadbury World (optional) whilst others might be interested in a tour of the Speight's Brewery (optional).

**Hotel** Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

**DAY 17 Tue 17 Mar15: Dunedin - Twizel (B,D)**

Travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you will hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by morning tea in the grand ballroom. Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. After a true Victorian welcome, enjoy an informative update on this unique precinct where several amazing buildings and shops are on show. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Twizel for your overnight stay.

**Hotel** The Hermitage Hotel Aoraki Mount Cook (Mount Cook View Wing).

**DAY 18 Wed 18 Mar15: Twizel - Mt Cook - Christchurch (B,SD)**

This morning marvel at Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak. The opportunity is available to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and see the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving into Christchurch. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages. Enjoy a group toast to this beautiful land of the long white cloud and to Maurice's home land.

**Hotel** The George

**DAY 19 Thu 19 Mar15: Christchurch - Sydney (B)**

Time to say goodbye to your GPT's driver. You'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Sydney after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

## **Cost**

The cost per person is based on economy class air travel and a group size of 20 travellers.

The cost per person based on two people per room is \$7850.00\*

\*Cost is based on the current fuel costs, airfares etc.with an average inflation rate applied. Any significant change in these would have to mean an ammendment of the cost. As a general rule, costs are fixed when total moneys are paid.

### **Included in costs-**

Package includes:-

- All meals as specified on itinerary (B) breakfast, (L) lunch, (D) dinner
- Economy class flights and all airport taxes
- All transfers, sightseeing as indicated in itinerary, with English speaking guides
- All Entrance fees to all attractions included in the itinerary.
- Experienced services of a professional coach driver/guide

Single room supplement is available for \$2200.00.

### **Not included in costing –**

- Meals not specified
- Beverages not specified
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Any services not specified in the above inclusions.

A place on the tour can only be held by a non refundable deposit of \$1500 per person  
Payment of the balance is due on or before 13 Dec 2014



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