



# GREAT JOURNEYS NEW ZEALAND

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## “Packages” Terms and Conditions

Effective from 6 October 2022

These terms and conditions apply to “**Packages**” provided by KiwiRail Limited (**KiwiRail**) (“**us**”/“**we**”/“**our**”) trading as Great Journeys New Zealand (“**GJNZ**”), and other third-party providers of services (“**Other Providers**”).

The Packages are comprised of services provided by GJNZ and Other Providers. The terms and conditions that apply to these Packages include:

- the terms and conditions set out in these Packages Terms and Conditions;
- the General Conditions of Carriage for Scenic Rail Passenger Services of Great Journeys New Zealand (“**General Conditions of Carriage**”), such terms being available on the GJNZ website - [greatjourneysnz.com](http://greatjourneysnz.com); and
- any conditions of Other Providers that may apply (“**Other Provider Terms**”) (as described below).

(together the “**Customer Terms and Conditions**”).

Where there are any inconsistencies between the Customer Terms and Conditions, these Packages Terms and Conditions shall prevail.

### Package suppliers

While GJNZ is the main provider of the Packages, some or all services that are part of Packages may be offered by Other Providers (including hotels, activity providers, transfer transportation and other independent parties) (“**Third Party Services**”) and GJNZ may receive a commission from the Other Providers in respect of the Third Party Services. When you book a Package, we act as an agent for, and make arrangements with, Other Providers. This means the Third Party Services may be governed by separate terms and conditions of those Other Providers. Where this is the case, it will be stated on the GJNZ website and the Other Provider Terms will be available to view on the GJNZ website. When you accept these Customer Terms and Conditions you will be deemed to have accepted the Other Provider Terms.

While we have taken steps to ensure that information, including the Other Provider Terms, provided by Other Providers is accurate and up-to-date, we make no guarantee,

representation or undertaking whether expressed or implied, nor do we assume any legal liability, whether direct or indirect, or any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of the information provided in relation to the Third Party Services offered by Other Providers.

Although great care is taken to choose the Other Providers, we are unable to directly control them and therefore we are not responsible for their acts or omissions. The Third Party Services are subject to the conditions imposed by them, and their liability may be limited by their tariffs, conditions of carriage, and international conventions and agreements. We accept no responsibility for the day-to-day provision of such Third Party Services and we accept no liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or illness which you may suffer whilst using the Third Party Services.

We have no control over Other Providers' facilities or services themselves, or the manner in which they are provided. We will not be liable for any loss or damage of any kind which may arise from your use or consumption of, or inability to use or consume those facilities or services.

Nothing in these Packages Terms and Conditions affects your rights under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993. However, if you are purchasing any Packages for business purposes, you agree the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 will not apply.

## **COVID-19**

From time to time, and subject to New Zealand Government requirements, in connection with COVID-19, GJNZ and Other Providers may require specific documentation or information to be able to accept your booking, such as proof of vaccination certification. Where this documentation or information is required, GJNZ will endeavour to provide advance notice of such requirements where possible. Please note that requirements are subject to change at short notice. It is the responsibility of the Customer to provide such information as and when required.

You may be required to wear a face covering in order to participate in some or all of the components of the Package, in accordance with New Zealand Government requirements, the General Conditions of Carriage and Other Provider Terms.

Do not travel if you are required to self-isolate, quarantine or have COVID-19 symptoms. If you test positive, the GJNZ Travel Centre will assist with assessing availability at the current hotel to isolate; or help to find an alternative. The hotel will quote a per room per night rate, with or without meals, and payment for the isolation stay will be your responsibility and payment will

be direct to the hotel via credit card. Each hotel will have its own COVID-19 isolation Policy and Procedure to follow.

We recommend that you check [safetravel.govt.nz](https://safetravel.govt.nz) and the GJNZ website prior to travel for the latest COVID-19 information, including information about what to do if you test positive for COVID-19 during your Package.

## **Bookings**

- You can book a Package right up to departure subject to availability.
- You must be at least 18 years of age to make a booking.
- If you make a booking on behalf of additional travellers, you confirm that you have appropriate authority to act on their behalf, and that you agree to the terms and conditions and provide personal information under that authority.
- You must provide the personal information requested when making a booking.
- You must ensure that your details are correct and valid at the time of booking. We take no responsibility for any incorrect information submitted.
- Images displayed on the website or in promotional material are included as a guide only. Hotel room photographs are representative examples only and rooms may vary from those shown. In the event our designated hotel is not available, an alternative property of an equivalent standard will be booked.
- The advertised rate is per person and based on twin share occupancy where accommodation is involved, unless otherwise stated. Additional fees for extra people will be charged where applicable.
- If you are arriving at your accommodation after 7.30pm, please contact the hotel to ensure that you can check in late. Your room will be held until 11.59pm on the check-in date unless otherwise advised. Thereafter, there is no guarantee that your accommodation will remain available.
- Some Packages include accommodation with breakfast. This breakfast may be a full cooked breakfast, a continental breakfast or as otherwise stated on your itinerary. Please check your Package inclusions at the time of booking.
- The maximum number of people per room is stated in the information during the booking process.

## **Inclusions**

### Packages

All inclusions are shown on the individual Package itinerary ("**itinerary**"), which can be viewed on the GJNZ website, and may include travel by Scenic Trains, air-conditioned buses, cruises and ferries and intra-holiday flights (including light aircraft) as described in the respective itinerary.

Seating on the Scenic Trains may be forward or rear facing. There is no seat reservation system available.

GJNZ will not issue you a refund or credit, including any partial refund or credit, where you or any guest in your booking declines to participate in any activity, meal or any other component of the Package.

### Hotel Accommodation

Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room with private bath or shower. Options available usually include the choice between two-bed rooms and rooms with one double bed. Special room requests (adjacent, connecting or lower-floor rooms, as examples) must be made at time of booking. Special room requests are not guaranteed and are subject to the discretion of the Other Provider. Many hotels, lodges and luxury tented camps are 100% smoke-free, including all guest rooms, restaurants, lounges, meeting rooms and public spaces. Smoking in a non-smoking room will result in a fine or penalty. Substitute accommodation may be used sometimes. We try to use substitute accommodation of a similar standard. Hotel frequent traveller programme points are not earned on hotel stays as part of the Packages. Please note that hotel room sizes, standards, facilities and services provided may vary from region to region and are often local in style and may not have air-conditioning.

### **Booking with a travel agent**

If you book your Package through a travel agent then you acknowledge and agree that for your booking to be confirmed and maintained, we must have received payment for the Package in full from your travel agent. You agree that your travel agent is independent of GJNZ and, unless expressly authorised by us in writing, we are not bound by or liable for anything affecting us that the travel agent may or may not do.

### **Age Restrictions**

Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their welfare and supervision for the duration of the Package.

You must ensure you satisfy the age limits before participating in any activity or Third Party Service included as part of the Package that has an age restrictions (such as the consumption of alcohol) and you release us from all liability and claims arising from your inability to participate in such activities or Third Party Services.

### Self-Guided Packages

The Packages and third-party add-ons are self-guided and not accompanied by GJNZ travel guides.

### Meals

Some meals are included, as detailed on the itinerary. Any special meal requirements, including allergies, must be provided at time of booking and are received on a request basis only. GJNZ cannot give any assurance that special meal requests will be fulfilled and does not assume responsibility or liability if requests are not fulfilled.

The provision of meals by GJNZ may be subject to additional terms and conditions as notified to you by GJNZ prior to travel.

### Sightseeing

Experiences, entrance fees and an English-speaking local guide (when required) are included as detailed in the itinerary. Some included activities (marked on the itinerary) require a signed liability waiver; participation in those included activities and is at your own risk. Guidebooks, maps and other souvenir items are not included unless specifically listed in the itinerary.

### Transfers

Transfers between airports, hotels, railway stations and piers are only included as indicated on each itinerary. Transfers can be purchased for an additional cost in many destinations. There will be no refund for missed or unused transfers. It is your responsibility to update GJNZ or the Other Provider with any changes to your schedule to ensure that you receive any transfers included as part of the Package. Failure to do so may result in missing these services and no refund shall be due for missed transfers resulting from your failure to provide updated information to GJNZ or the Other Providers.

### **Website**

We are not responsible for any interruptions (whether due to any (including temporary and/or partial) breakdown, repair, upgrade or maintenance) of the GJNZ website or otherwise, any errors (including manifest and typographical errors), inaccuracies, or incomplete information (including but not limited to inaccuracies relating to product or service photographs and descriptions and lists of amenities/extras) or non-delivery of information in relation to Packages. All information relating to Packages on the GJNZ website is correct at the time of publication to the best of our knowledge.

### **Payments**

- Payment for all Packages must be made in full, on booking of the Package, by credit or debit card via a secure payment system. Payment directly to our bank account may also be arranged. Prices are subject to change; however, the price will not be increased once you have received your booking confirmation (as defined below). All prices are quoted in New Zealand (NZD) dollars and include Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 15% (if applicable).
- A 2% convenience fee will be applied to payments made by credit card.
- The price shown DOES NOT include any hotel service fees, items of a personal nature, charges for optional incidentals (such as minibar snacks or telephone calls), or

surcharges. Some accommodation providers may require you to present a credit card or cash deposit upon check-in to cover any additional expenses that may be incurred during your stay. Any deposit taken or amounts charged to your credit card by the relevant accommodation provider are unrelated to any payment made through the GJNZ website for your Package.

- Once your payment is processed, your booking details are automatically sent to the Other Provider/s and a booking confirmation ("**booking confirmation**") is sent to your registered e-mail address. The booking confirmation will need to be presented to all Other Providers during your Package journey.
- Advertised rates are indicative and based on the level of demand. Packages are subject to availability.
- All rates are subject to change until booked and paid for.

### **Changes/Cancellations**

- We reserve the right to modify, alter, or substitute all or any part of the service or product components of a Package. Should this occur, we will endeavor to provide the closest alternative service or product reasonably available. Every effort will be made to adhere as closely as possible to your original booking; however, all fares, schedules, itineraries, hours of arrival and departure are subject to change without notice at any time.
- You have the right to cancel your Package with us at any point, however, the following cancellation charges may apply for Packages for 1-9 people:
  - 0 - 14 days before departure 100% of Package cost
  - 15 - 30 days before departure 60% of Package cost
  - 31+ days before departure 20% of Package cost
- For groups of 10 or more, the following cancellation charges may apply:
  - 0 – 35 days before departure 100% of Package cost
  - 36 - 65 days before departure 60% of Package cost
  - 66+ days before departure 20% of Package cost
- If you wish to amend your Package and we can make the requested change, an amendment fee of \$35 per person named in the booking will be made to cover administration costs. However, the amendment fees charged by Other Providers may be higher and we reserve the right to pass on such fees. A new reservation may be required where there are non-refundable components of the Package. In these instances, should you change or cancel your reservation for any reason, our cancellation charges will apply.
- Other Providers are unable to approve any refund of Packages. All claims and refund requests must be lodged in writing with us within 30 days from the completion of your Package. Please send your claim or refund request to the applicable email address listed below. No refunds will be issued for late check-in or early check-out for any reason whatsoever.
- Where you seek a refund for a changed or cancelled Package for which payment has been made to the Other Provider, we will not provide a refund to you until we receive the funds

from the Other Provider. In the event we are still holding funds, we can only provide you with a refund once we are authorised by the Other Provider to process your refund, subject to the Other Provider's change or cancellation policy, as set out in the Other Provider Terms.

### Force Majeure Event

- If GJNZ cancels your Package as a result of a Force Majeure Event, a future travel credit ("**FTC**") to the value of funds paid to date, less any Other Providers costs incurred, will be provided. All FTCs will be valid for 24 months from the date of issue.
- Where your Package is terminated mid-Package due to a Force Majeure Event, if we provide you with any alternative services or assistance (such as hotels or travel) then you agree to pay for these costs. In return, GJNZ will provide a pro-rated FTC for the unused portion of your trip, less any Other Provider costs incurred.

**"Force Majeure Event"** means an event or occurrence which is beyond a party's reasonable control including: (i) act of God; (ii) earthquake, flood, fire, storm and adverse weather conditions or natural events for which provision could not reasonably have been made; (iii) interruption or failure of any utility services, or unpredictable delays which could not reasonably be prevented in delivery of materials, equipment or services necessary for the compliance by that party with an obligation under this agreement; (iv) sabotage, riot, civil disturbance, explosion, terrorist acts, insurrection, epidemic, pandemic, national emergency (whether in fact or law) or act of war (whether declared or not); (v) act or omission of any authority not directly or indirectly arising from any act or omission by that party, its agents, representatives or advisors; (vi) governmental restraint, sanction, expropriation, prohibition, intervention, direction or embargo; and (vii) strike, lockout, work stoppage or other labour hindrance.

### Cancellation by GJNZ

If the cancellation of your Package by GJNZ is not as a result of a Force Majeure Event, GJNZ will provide an alternative comparable Package (if available), if an alternative is not available then a refund will be made. Where a Package is cancelled by GJNZ, other than as a result of a Force Majeure Event, during the course of the Package, GJNZ will pay a partial refund commensurate to the part of the Package not completed. GJNZ is not liable for any cancellation or change cost or penalties incurred on other travel arrangements including air travel, that may be affected thereby. GJNZ is not responsible for other travel arrangements that you or your party have made outside GJNZ and which are affected by our cancellations.

### Early Return

Early return expenses are your responsibility. There is no refund for absence or early departures from a Package, including but not limited to missed hotels, transfers, meals or sightseeing cruises or optional extensions.

## **Insurance**

It is strongly recommended that you purchase comprehensive travel cancellation insurance to protect your holiday investment. Travel insurance benefits can include coverage for trip cancellation, early departures from a Package, lost baggage, and emergency medical care. Specific terms, limitations, and conditions apply to all travel policies purchased. Please ensure you understand your policy before you travel.

### **Luggage and personal belongings**

- When you travel on a Package the luggage accepted and transported is subject to our luggage policy and conditions as set herein and in the [General Conditions of Carriage](#).
- Your Package includes one checked piece of luggage per person with a maximum weight of 23kg. Maximum volume per bag is 158 linear centimeters (this is calculated by adding height + length + width together).
- Each piece of luggage must have an identification tag attached to it that includes name, return address, and telephone number.
- We recommend all customers carry any valuables, medications, or necessary belongings with them onboard the train, bus, car, plane or ship. All belongings are carried at the owner's own risk.
- Oversized items will not be accepted when travelling on a Package, for example, sports equipment including bikes and bike trailers.

For GJNZ Scenic Train Services

- Bags over 23kg will not be accepted and must be re-packed.
- Repack bags can be purchased for \$10 (in addition to our \$35 extra bag charge).
- A maximum of one additional item of baggage per person can be purchased for \$35 per piece.

### **Liability**

We are not liable or responsible in any way for any loss, costs, expense or other damage relating to your luggage, personal possessions, health or welfare, or delays to travel (whether as a matter of contract, tort (including negligence), statute, restitution, or otherwise) or for any direct, indirect or consequential loss, liability, claim, cost, expense, proceeding, demand or penalty, unless these arise directly as a result of our booking services and in this case our liability does not extend to any indirect or consequential losses.

GJNZ's liability is further limited by the terms specified in the General Conditions of Carriage, and the liability of any Other Provider may be limited by their terms and conditions. Except as set out in these Packages Terms and Conditions, we will not be responsible if a Package or component of a Package is not available due to a Force Majeure Event.

This liability clause is subject to your rights under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 and nothing in the Customer Terms and Conditions is intended to limit any right you may have under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 or the Fair Trading Act 1986.

When you book a Package, you accept responsibility for the proper conduct of all members of your party during your travels with GJNZ. We reserve the right at any time and at our



discretion to terminate the travel arrangements and/or cease to deal with any party member(s) whose behaviour, in the reasonable opinion of us or our Other Providers, may cause danger, upset, discomfort, disruption or distress to anyone else or damage to property. Full cancellation charges will apply and no refund will be made. We shall have no obligation to pay compensation or meet any costs or expenses (including but not limited to alternative accommodation and return transportation arrangements) you may incur as a result of the travel arrangements being terminated.

You must immediately report any pre-existing damage in your room to accommodation staff and/or contact GJNZ. If you damage the accommodation in which you are staying or any property while on the Package, you must reimburse the accommodation provider or property owner concerned for the cost of the damage before the end of your stay if the cost has been established by then or as soon as it has been established if later. You agree to indemnify us for the full amount of any claim (including legal fees) made against us as a result of any damage caused by you. Criminal proceedings may be instigated.

### **Supplier Default and Insolvency**

Without limiting the clause above, for the avoidance of doubt, in the event of an Other Provider being unable to provide you with the Third Party Service you have booked due to that Other Provider for any reason, including becoming insolvent or being placed under external administration, subject to your refund and remedy rights under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993, we have no obligation to reimburse you for the cost of your Package, or for any loss or damage you may otherwise suffer as a result of any such failure, including as a result of the Other Provider's insolvency or external administration.

### **Monies not held on Trust**

You agree and acknowledge that such monies paid by you to us will not be held by us on trust for and on behalf of you and we may hold such monies in any account as we see fit, including with our own and/or other customer monies. All monies paid by you will be a debt due and payable to the Other Provider in accordance with the payment terms we have agreed with that Other Provider. Payment may be made to the Other Provider before the services to which the money relates are provided, however, in some cases, payment will be made to the Other Provider once the service to which the money relates has been provided. In the event that we hold the monies, we can only provide you with a refund once we are authorised by the Other Provider to process your refund, subject to that Other Provider's change or cancellation policy and the terms of these Customer Terms and Conditions.

## **Data Protection**

We will only collect and use your personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020. To process your Package, you agree to KiwiRail's privacy policy and GJNZ will need to use personal information for you and the guests in your booking. Personal information may include each guest's name, address, phone number, email address, and sensitive information such as health, medical, dietary, mobility, or other special requirements. We may need to provide personal information to contractors who provide services to or for us (e.g. sending mail, providing marketing assistance, etc) and the Other Providers. This may involve sending personal information (including sensitive information) to other countries that may not afford the same level of protection of personal information. In purchasing your Package, you consent to your personal data being passed to relevant third parties as set out above.

We may also use the personal information you provide us to review and improve the Packages and services that we offer (including as part of our complaints process and Package feedback), and to contact you (by post, email and/or telephone) about other Packages and services offered by GJNZ that you may be interested in (providing you have opted in to receive this information). You can update, delete, or request access to your personal information by email request to [privacy@kiwirail.co.nz](mailto:privacy@kiwirail.co.nz).

## **Checking your travel arrangements**

We have taken care in putting together the arrangements requested by you in regard to your Package. It is important that you check all of the documentation handed to you in relation to your Package to ensure that it fully meets with your requirements and to ensure that there have been no misunderstandings.

## **Complaints**

If you have a complaint about an aspect of your Package whilst away, you must immediately notify the provider of the service locally. If they are unable to resolve the problem immediately, you may contact us for further assistance. If you are still not satisfied on the completion of your Package, you may write to our customer support team at the following email addresses:

*[feedback@greatjourneysnz.com](mailto:feedback@greatjourneysnz.com)*

Please include your Package booking reference number and your best contact number(s) in your email.