



**GREAT JOURNEYS
NEW ZEALAND**

AOTEAROA BY TRAIN

Classic | Coastal Highlights Tour Wellington to Christchurch. 6 days

Day 1 Wellington

Explore Wellington

Kia Ora!

Welcome to Wellington – New Zealand’s capital city! Wellington is known for its world-class dining, great coffee and eccentric shops.

After checking into your hotel and reading your welcome letter from your Tour Director, head out and explore all that Wellington has to offer. This is the perfect opportunity to get cultured at Te Papa Museum or grab a drink at one of the many quirky bars on Cuba Street. You may even fancy a ride on the cable car!

After an exciting day on the town, your tour will officially begin as you join your fellow travellers and Tour Director at this evening’s welcome reception.

Accommodation

3.5 - 4 Star Accommodation (1 night)

Meals Included

A welcome drink is included in tonight's reception.

Activities

Welcome Reception

Day 2 Wellington to Blenheim

Crossing the Cook Strait

Adventure to the South

This morning you will say poroporoaki ki te motu raki (good-bye to the North Island) as you sail to the South Island, crossing the Cook Strait on the Interislander Ferry. As the shores of the North Island



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slowly disappear, enjoy a hearty seafaring breakfast on board.

Around midday, you will be spoiled with captivating harbour views as you enter the Queen Charlotte Sound. Admire the beauty of this coastal paradise as you arrive at the gateway of the South Island, Picton. Step off the Interislander Ferry and join your next world-class experience onboard a Marlborough Wine Tour!

Accommodation

3.5 - 4 Star Accommodation (1 night)

Meals

Breakfast

Activities

Interislander Ferry

Marlborough Wine Tour

Day 3 Blenheim to Kaikoūra

After enjoying a delightful breakfast, the morning is yours to explore sunny Blenheim. Enjoy the roses at Upton Oaks Garden or perhaps learn a thing or two about aviation at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.

You'll hear the hoot of the Coastal Pacific train as it pulls in to bring you on yet another scenic experience. This time – along the rugged coastline of the South Island. On this train journey, you will glide across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, on a timeless voyage of breath-taking beauty. Keep an eye out for the fur seals lazing on the rocks!

Once in Kaikoura, the evening will be yours to enjoy some iconic kai moana (seafood) at one of the well-known restaurants.

Accommodation

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Meals



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Day 4

Kaikoūra to Christchurch

Breakfast

Activities Included

Coastal Pacific Scenic Train Experience

Today will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. You will have the opportunity to go whale watching! Enjoy today's optional thrill of an up-close encounter with the world's largest-toothed predator, the Giant Sperm Whale. Want to get an aerial experience of the wildlife? Why not request a plane or helicopter ride to capture the true grandeur of it all?

Whether you have decided to go [llama trekking](#) or [swimming with the dolphins and seals](#), we're sure you will be feeling peckish. Head to the beach to sample some iconic New Zealand food - you can't go wrong with the humble Kiwiana fish and chips. Work off the deep-fried delights by wandering through the wonderful array of local artisan stores and souvenir shops.

In the late afternoon, your journey will continue, once again, on the Coastal Pacific Train en route to Christchurch, or "The Garden City". The spectacular scenery doesn't cease to amaze as you journey south through the rolling hills and flat plains. Enjoy the relaxing journey with a glass of wine in hand from the scenic café.

Accommodation

3.5 - 4 Star Accommodation (2 nights in Christchurch)

Meals

Breakfast

Activities

Coastal Pacific Scenic Train Journey

Day 5

Christchurch

Christchurch, the hub for South Island exploration is also a wonderful city that blends modern architecture and technology with the



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existing 19th-century Anglican influence. Often remembered for its earthquake in 2011, the city is still rebuilding itself into a multi-cultural haven. So, without further delay, jump on the historic tram to learn the history, tales and culture of Ōtautahi Christchurch.

Enjoy your free time as you explore the Arts Centre, Quake City Museum, Antarctic Centre, and botanical gardens. Ride on the city tram to uncover Christchurch's great history. There is also a multitude of delicious cafes tucked into quaint side streets we're sure you will love. If you are in the mood for something different, set off for Akaroa, an 'incroyable' French coastal settlement just outside the city.

This evening is your final hurrah as you enjoy a farewell dinner. This is the perfect time to reminisce and share photos and phone numbers with your new friends.

Accommodation

3.5 - 4 Star Accommodation (2 nights in Christchurch)

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Activities

Christchurch Tram City Tour

Day 6 **Christchurch**

Departing Christchurch

Your journey will end after enjoying a final breakfast with your fellow travellers.

Not ready to leave Christchurch? Reach out to our Travel Centre to pre-organise your extended stay.

Meals

Breakfast

Activities

Transfer to airport



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