



100%  
CARBON  
NEUTRAL  
TOURS

WORK &  
TRAVEL  
ADD-ON

From the volcanic landscapes of the North Island to the snow-capped mountains of the South, New Zealand is a magical land of wilderness and wonder. Over 17 days we'll show you the best of both islands, along with some off-the-beaten-path adventures. Explore the city of Auckland, wander the real Hobbiton film set, experience traditional Māori culture, discover underground caves, then fly south to cruise misty fjords, go on incredible hikes, jet boat through breathtaking landscapes, and so much more. We will also help you sort all your essentials and help you find work in NZ with our NZ Intro add-on. Oh, and did we mention you'll be doing all this with a knowledgeable group leader and a new crew of mates? There's no better way to kick off your adventure in NZ!

AUCKLAND → QUEENSTOWN

**Transport:** Minibus, Flight

**Meals:** 10B, 2L, 3D

**Group size:** 4 - 18

**Age Range:** 18 - 39

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the world-famous Waitomo glowworm caves by boat
- Tour the real Hobbiton film set and locations featured in The Lord Of The Rings and Hobbit trilogies
- Experience New Zealand's incredible volcanic landscapes and thundering waterfalls
- Experience authentic Māori culture in a traditional Māori village
- Sail across Lake Taupo at sunset
- Jet boat through canyons and cruise the breathtaking Milford Sound fiord
- Explore Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park
- Unlimited assistance securing a paid job in New Zealand and support with all onward travel with the NZ Intro add-on

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Transfer
- ✓ 16 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 15 Meals
- ✓ All Transport & Internal Flight
- ✓ Help Before You Go
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Auckland City Orientation
- ✓ Ferry to Waiheke Island
- ✓ Waitomo Glowworm Caves Boat Tour
- ✓ Hobbiton Film Set Tour
- ✓ Kerosene Creek
- ✓ Wai o Tapu
- ✓ Māori Experience
- ✓ Lake Taupo Sunset Sailing
- ✓ Huka Falls
- ✓ Queenstown City Orientation
- ✓ Jet Boating
- ✓ Milford Sound Cruise
- ✓ Kayaking on Lake Wanaka
- ✓ Mount Cook / Aoraki National Park
- ✓ Mount John Hike
- ✓ Lake Tekapo Bike Ride
- ✓ Hot Pools
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel
- ✓ Unlimited Support

### NZ INTRO ADD-ON INCLUSIONS

- ✓ NZ Sim Card
- ✓ NZ Bank Account
- ✓ IRD Number
- ✓ NZ Jobs Program Lifetime Membership

### NOT INCLUDED:

International flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals



# ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

## DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND

• **AUCKLAND** Kia ora! Landing in Auckland, we'll meet you at our centrally located hostel to settle in. Tonight you'll meet up with the rest of your travel crew and get excited for all the adventures yet to come travelling New Zealand!

## DAY 2 - AUCKLAND ORIENTATION

• **AUCKLAND** Today we'll get oriented with the beautiful city of Auckland. After doing some life admin and getting your local essentials set up, we'll then catch a ferry and travel to the beautiful Waiheke Island. This evening we see what Auckland's all about after dark! Don't forget to listen out for the local Kiwi accent to see if it lives up to its title as the 'World's Sexiest.'

## DAY 3 - GLOWWORM CAVES & HOBBITON

• **ROTORUA** Leaving Auckland, we're off to discover the best of the beautiful North Island. Our first stop is Waitomo, home to the world-famous glowworm caves. We'll explore this surreal, subterranean landscape by boat, watching in awe as the glowworms light up the darkness. Next we're heading to Hobbiton, the real-life movie set featured in The Lord Of The Rings and Hobbit trilogies. After strolling through the enchanting village on a guided tour, we'll enjoy a drink at the Green Dragon Inn before departing for Rotorua.

## DAY 4 - DISCOVER ROTORUA

• **ROTORUA** First on the agenda is Kerosene Creek, a naturally heated hot spring where we can laze away the morning. Next is one of New Zealand's most magnificent geothermal wonderlands – Wai o Tapu, featuring dramatic geysers & bubbling mud.

## DAY 5 - MAORI CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

• **ROTORUA** This morning you'll have some free time to maybe try some zorbing or the skyline luge. In the evening we'll go to the Mitai Maori village for an authentic introduction to Maori culture. It doesn't get more authentic than this!

## DAY 6 - TAUPO & SUNSET SAIL

• **TAUPO** Get your cameras out as we head to Taupo, a lakefront town right in the heart of the North. Tonight we've got something special lined up - a sunset sail across the lake. The majestic scenery will wow us, and the sunset will add a touch of magic.

## DAY 7 - WATERFALLS & ADRENALINE

• **TAUPO** This morning we'll check out the epic Huka Falls, a spine-tingling torrent of icy water thundering down from the Waikato River. After witnessing the raw power of Mother Nature, you'll then have some free time when you can do a skydive or the world's highest bungee jump!

## DAY 8 - CHILL OUT IN AUCKLAND

• **AUCKLAND** Today we'll head back to where it all started in Auckland! Spend the afternoon relaxing, checking out the sights, and getting ready for the trip down south tomorrow.

## DAY 9 - FLY TO QUEENSTOWN

• **QUEENSTOWN** Catch a short flight to Queenstown and we'll meet you at the airport and take you to our hostel in the city. We'll head out for dinner tonight and get excited for our new adventure in the South Island!

## DAY 10 - QUEENSTOWN JET BOATING

• **QUEENSTOWN** Today we'll show you around stunning Queenstown. The good news is that our first jolt of adrenaline isn't far off, as this afternoon we'll rush through Skippers Canyon at over 80 km/h on a jet boat ride. Tonight we'll see what Queenstown has to offer after dark!

## DAY 11 - MILFORD SOUND CRUISE

• **TE ANAU** Leaving Queenstown, today we're heading to the majestic Milford Sound. We'll hop on a boat to cruise around the fjord, feeling tiny amongst sheer cliff faces, ancient forests, and plunging waterfalls. This evening we'll get cosy in Te Anau, a town in the heart of Fiordland.

## DAY 12 - TRAVEL TO WANAKA

• **WANAKA** After soaking up the Tolkien-esque vistas and taking thousands of photos we'll arrive in Wanaka, a dreamy resort town hugging the sapphire lake.

## DAY 13 - DISCOVER WANAKA

• **WANAKA** Today we'll check out the highlights of Wanaka, including going kayaking on the stunning Lake Wanaka and discovering the famous Wanaka Tree. We'll later hike up Mount Iron for stunning 360 degree views of the local area including The Pisa range, Upper Clutha Basin and the mesmerising Southern Alps.

## DAY 14 - AORAKI/MT COOK

• **LAKE TEKAPU** We'll enjoy a scenic drive through the southern alps towards Tekapo. Known for its milky turquoise hue, Lake Tekapo is an alpine oasis! This afternoon we'll stretch our limbs hiking the iconic Hooker Valley track. This walk winds us through the valley to grant unforgettable views of Aoraki/Mt Cook, the highest mountain in New Zealand.

## DAY 15 - LAKE TEKAPU

• **LAKE TEKAPU** Today we'll take a hike up Mt John where we'll get 360-degree views of the Southern Alps before soaking our tired muscles in some hot pools.

## DAY 16 - ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS

• **QUEENSTOWN** After travelling back to buzzing Queenstown, securing you a paid job in NZ is on the agenda for today for those with the NZ Intro add-on. Our team will help make sure you've got everything sorted for living and working in NZ, and get you signed up to our NZ Jobs program. Tonight we'll get together one last time for our farewell dinner

## DAY 17 - CHECK OUT

• **QUEENSTOWN** This morning your unforgettable 17 day adventure comes to an end. Check out and journey home, stay in Queenstown, or continue the next leg of your travels with the new friends you've made! Whatever your plans, we'll be there to help every step of the way.

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date as there's no activities on day one so you'll have plenty of time to check in, relax and meet your group. If you do arrive early, you can book and pay for extra nights of the accommodation we use with your agent or in the [Manage My Booking](#) area.

## AFTER NZ 17 DAY

During the 17 days of the trip you'll get lots of help with finding work, accommodation and your onward travel. We'll make sure you're comfortable with what you're doing, where you're going and help you with everything you'll need to have the trip of a lifetime.

## VISAS

If you're planning a short holiday and are from Australia, the UK, Canada, USA, or any of the [countries on this list](#), you do not need a visa to enter but do require an NZ ETA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority) which can be requested online. We can help organise this before you go.

If you are doing the NZ Intro add-on you will need a Working Holiday Visa. A WHV is usually available to those aged 18 - 30 and valid for 12 or 23 months.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise travel insurance [here](#) or contact us.

## NZ JOBS PROGRAM

By doing the NZ Intro add-on you don't need to worry. We'll give you everything you need to find work in New Zealand.

**Before You Start:** We'll help sort all the important things you'll need before you start working in New Zealand. We'll assist you with opening up a local bank account with [Wise](#), along with a SIM card and IRD Number.

**INTRO Jobs App:** You'll get exclusive access to our INTRO Jobs App, where we post lots of great job opportunities every day from our NZ wide network of employers.

**Unlimited Help & Advice:** Your group leader will give you a comprehensive 'Work in NZ' presentation, as well as one on one advice and support on CV Building, Job Finding, Interview Skills and anything else you may need!

**Training Courses:** Certain jobs such as bar work and construction require you to complete specific training. We'll explain what's needed and can book you onto all necessary training courses after NZ Intro.

# ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

## AUCKLAND - LYLO HOSTEL

**3 NIGHTS**

Modern hostel in a great location.

- Mixed Dorm Rooms
- Shared Bathroom
- WiFi
- Kitchen & Laundry

## ROTORUA - ROCK SOLID BACKPACKERS

**3 NIGHTS**

Unique centrally located hostel.

- Mixed Dorm Rooms
- Shared Bathroom
- WiFi
- Kitchen, Dining Area & Laundry
- Indoor Rock Climbing Wall & Cinema

## TAUPO - YHA FINLAY JACKS HOSTEL

**2 NIGHTS**

Laid back vibes, creature comforts and lake views.

- Mixed Dorm Rooms
- Shared Bathroom
- WiFi
- Kitchen, Dining Area & Laundry
- Outdoor Picnic Area



AUCKLAND



ROTORUA



TAUPO

## QUEENSTOWN - NOMADS HOSTEL

### 3 NIGHTS

Great location and vibe.

- Mixed Dorm Rooms
- Shared Bathroom
- WiFi
- Dining Area & Laundry
- Cinema & Games Room



QUEENSTOWN

## MILFORD SOUND - TE ANAU BACKPACKERS

### 1 NIGHT

Boasts beautiful lake views with a central location.

- Mixed Dorm Rooms
- Shared Bathroom
- WiFi
- Kitchen, Dining Area & Laundry
- BBQ Area



MILFORD SOUND

## WANAKA - YHA HOSTEL

### 2 NIGHTS

Cosy hostel in the centre of Wanaka.

- Mixed Dorm Rooms
- Shared Bathroom
- WiFi
- Kitchen, Dining Area & Laundry
- Outdoor Terrace



WANAKA

## LAKE TEKAPO - YHA HOSTEL

### 2 NIGHTS

A fantastic hostel right on the lake.

- Multi-Share Rooms
- Shared Bathroom
- WiFi
- Kitchen & Laundry
- Shared Outdoor BBQ Space



LAKE TEKAPO

## IMPORTANT NOTE



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

# #SMALLCHANGE

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do, and we are proud to say that every INTRO tour is 100% carbon neutral.

Small Change is our socially conscious initiative aimed at travelling responsibly and changing the world for the better!

[Find out more.](#)

## FAQS



### DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends!



### CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose [New Zealand](#).



### CAN I CHANGE MY START DATE?

Enjoy ultimate peace of mind and flexibility with INTRO. Should your travel plans change or be disrupted you can change your start date or tour for free up to 30 days before your start date.

Or simply transfer your booking to 100% travel credit that will never expire and can be used on any tour with us at any time in the future.



### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND?

The country's rugged beauty and varied landscapes means it's always a good time to go backpacking in New Zealand! The summer months (December to March) bring long, sunny days perfect for spending outdoors, the winter months (June to September) bring snow to the South Island and parts of the North.



### IS IT EASY TO FIND WORK IN NEW ZEALAND?

By doing the NZ Intro add-on you'll get unlimited help & support to find a job in NZ. Not just during NZ Intro but for the entire time you're in NZ. You'll also receive a lifetime membership to our NZ Jobs Program, which includes unlimited access to our network of employers all over NZ through our INTRO Jobs App, where we post lots of jobs!



### HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

If you're going to be working in NZ, you'll need an NZ bank account. To open your bank account just go to the [Manage My Booking](#) section of our website. Your bank account will be set up with [Wise](#). NZ employers will be able to pay you through this. If you're on a tourist visa you'll be able to use the Wise travel currency card to pay for things and withdraw cash at ATM's. There are ATM's available throughout New Zealand so it's easy to access cash.



### IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

All accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. New Zealand's Wi-Fi is generally good.



### TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.

#### That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to Manage My Booking and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on New Zealand, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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