

AUCKLAND & QUEENSTOWN

5 day itinerary



Waitematā Harbour
Auckland



Take in some of the best New Zealand has to offer with a five-day visit to Auckland and Queenstown. Enjoy fine dining and sailing in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland before travelling to Queenstown to find pure inspiration and adventure amongst stunning scenery.

DAY ONE – AUCKLAND

Bridge Climb or Bungy Join an Auckland Harbour Bridge climbing tour to scale the city's iconic bridge and take in stunning views of the city and harbour. The brave can try bungy jumping from the purpose-built jump pod suspended beneath the bridge.

Get out on the water Split your group between Explore Group's two America's Cup yachts for an exhilarating race across the Waitematā Harbour. With guidance from the crew, take the helm in the ultimate team building experience!

Lunch on the waterfront Auckland's Wynyard Quarter and Viaduct Harbour are ideal places to enjoy lunch. Located on Auckland's waterfront, both offer a wide range of dining options for groups of all sizes. Enjoy views of the harbour while sampling some of New Zealand's most delicious food and wine.

Welcome dinner Kick off the evening at the All Blacks Experience, an interactive showcase of what it takes to make and shape New Zealand's legendary national rugby teams. Be inspired as a former player walks you through the concepts of culture, leadership and team development. Feel the excitement of game day and get competitive in the interactive zone. Enjoy a welcome dinner before being presented with a personalised All Blacks jersey as a gift.



All Blacks Experience

DAY TWO – AUCKLAND

Island time Take the ferry or board a luxury super yacht and cruise to Waiheke Island for a full-day guided tour of the island's award-winning vineyards, olive groves and beautiful golden beaches. Sample wines at a local vineyard, try olive oil tasting at an olive plantation, or admire the view while soaring high above the vineyards and treetop canopies on the island's zipline attraction. Return to Auckland for dinner.

History, culture and dinner Finish your Auckland visit in style with a gala dinner in the Grand Foyer of the iconic Auckland War Memorial Museum – Tāmaki Paenga Hira. Experience a traditional Māori kapa haka performance of song, dance and demonstrations of traditional weaponry before facing a haka, the spine-tingling war dance which is a must-see whilst in New Zealand.



Auckland Museum

DAY THREE – QUEENSTOWN

Journey to Queenstown Now that you've experienced some of the best of what Auckland has to offer, it's time to find pure inspiration in the South Island city of Queenstown. Board a plane at Auckland Airport for a morning flight. Don't miss the chance to travel from Queenstown Airport to your accommodation in style with a jet boat transfer across Lake Whakatipu. There's no better way to arrive in a destination where dramatic landscapes set the scene for unforgettable experiences.

Lunch among the vines Take a short trip to the nearby Gibbston wine region to enjoy lunch at one of its scenic vineyard restaurants. The region is set amongst dramatic mountains and renowned for its award-winning Pinot Noir. Spend the afternoon sampling the local vintages on a boutique wine tour.

Off Road Safari Spend the afternoon on a 4WD tour of New Zealand's backcountry, exploring by Land Rover or quad bike. Learn about the Queenstown area's gold mining history or visit sites where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed.

Exclusive lakeside dining Return to Queenstown in the evening for dinner at an exclusive restaurant alongside Lake Whakatipu. World class restaurants on the waterfront serve some of the region's best fresh produce and wines. Relax with a meal as you look out over Queenstown's spectacular alpine landscape and the crystal clear water of Lake Whakatipu.



Nomad Safaris, Queenstown

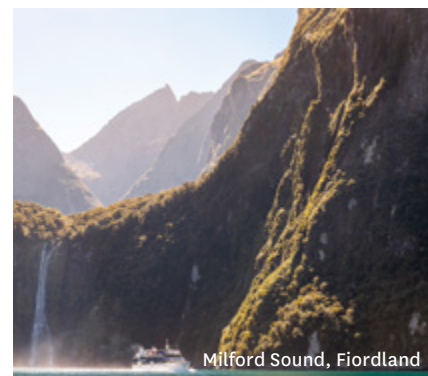


Chard Farm, Gibbston Valley

DAY FOUR – QUEENSTOWN

A journey into wonder Join a full-day tour to Milford Sound to explore the area by land, sea and air. Milford Sound is renowned as one of the world's natural wonders. Its clear waters and surrounding rainforest are ideal places to view native birds and marine life, including penguins, fur seals and dolphins. Embark on a luxury coach journey from Queenstown to Milford Sound before joining a 1.5-2hr cruise to experience the scenery and wildlife from the water. Complete your Milford Sound experience with a scenic flight to Queenstown.

Dinner with a view Finish the day with a mouth-watering meal at one of the vineyards or top dining destinations near Queenstown. Ayrburn is ideal for incentive groups, offering a variety of options and unsurpassed alpine views.



Milford Sound, Fiordland

DAY FIVE – QUEENSTOWN

Scenic helicopter tour Begin the day with a scenic helicopter flight over Lake Whakatipu and Queenstown, before landing on a mountain peak to take in the epic views. Fly on to Walter Peak Station high country farm, situated on the shores of Lake Whakatipu. The Colonel's Homestead is the perfect setting for a barbeque lunch. Join a walking tour to explore the property's extensive lakeside gardens and meet some of the station's many farm animals. Board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw for an atmospheric cruise back across the lake to Queenstown.

Finish your trip in style No trip to Queenstown would be complete without dinner at Skyline's Stratosfare Restaurant & Bar. Situated on top of Bob's Peak and accessed by gondola, the restaurant serves a delicious buffet using fresh seasonal produce. It's one of the best spots in Queenstown to watch the sun go down.



Skyline Gondola, Queenstown



Walter Peak Station high country farm, Queenstown