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FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 14, 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS

- » Enjoy an Auckland city tour
- » Ferry to Waiheke Island for a culinary & wine experience
- » Cruise around the Bay of Islands
- » Visit the Hobbiton Movie Set
- » Learn all about the national bird (the kiwi!) at the National Kiwi Hatchery
- » Explore Rotorua and its geothermal activity with its violent geysers, boiling mud pools and hot springs
- » Take in a cultural performance at the Whakarewarewa Village
- » Admire the Maori culture, art and treasures Te Papa Museum
- » Tour the Parliament Buildings and learn about the New Zealand government
- » Sample wines of the South Island
- » Visit the Kawarau Bridge – home to the original Bungy Jump
- » Journey to Milford Sound

 **BAY OF ISLANDS**

 **AUCKLAND**

ROTORUA 

 **WELLINGTON**

 **QUEENSTOWN**

*New
Zealand*



DAY 1 | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 **FLIGHT TO AUCKLAND**

Depart on an international flight to Auckland to start our New Zealand adventure.

DAY 2 | SATURDAY, MARCH 1 **FLIGHT TO AUCKLAND**

Cross the International Date Line.

DAY 3 | SUNDAY, MARCH 2 **AUCKLAND**

Welcome to Auckland! Hit the ground running with a city tour.

Known as the City of Sails, Auckland city extends over a narrow isthmus between the Waitemata Harbor on the Pacific Ocean, and the Manukau Harbor on the Tasman Sea. A melting pot of 190 different ethnicities, Auckland is the world's biggest Polynesian city. This diversity is reflected in the lively arts and culture scene, a wide range

of food and craft markets, vineyards, a hip cafe culture and outstanding restaurants. The dozens of islands of the Hauraki Gulf form a distinctive aspect of the Auckland landscape and provide a magnet for boaties, fishing enthusiasts and hikers.

Arrive at the hotel for check-in.

Gather with your fellow Mayo Clinic travelers for a welcome to New Zealand dinner.

Meals: Dinner
Overnight: SkyCity Hotel

DAY 4 | MONDAY, MARCH 3 **WAIHEKE ISLAND**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Board a ferry to Waiheke Island. This scenic 40-minute cruise takes you through the beautiful Hauraki Gulf to the stunning island of Waiheke just off the Auckland coast.



Here you will find beautiful beaches, vineyards, olive groves, native bush and laid-back seaside villages.

Spend the day discovering Waiheke Island including a visit of Allpress Olive Oil, wine tasting at Goldie Winery, and lunch at Batch Vineyard.

After lunch, board the ferry back to Auckland and return to the hotel. This evening will be at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: SkyCity Hotel

DAY 5 | TUESDAY, MARCH 4 **AUCKLAND TO BAY OF ISLANDS**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Today, travel from the City of Sails into Northland, New Zealand's northernmost sub-tropical region. Pass through the dairy farming area of Maungaturoto and head towards Matakohē, where

an optional (own expense) visit can be made to the Kauri Museum with the magnificent Kauri Gum collection and artifacts of the timber industry.

Continue through the old town of Dargaville where you will pass by Waipoua Kauri forest where you can view some of the largest Kauri in New Zealand at close range. Head inland and arrive in the Bay of Islands by late afternoon, where you will stay for the next two nights.

The Bay of Islands on the east coast of Northland is an idyllic section of irregular rock and golden sanded coastline that circles a sea encompassing 150 islands. The Bay was the site of some of New Zealand's earliest settlements, both Maori and European, and New Zealand's founding document, The Treaty of Waitangi, was signed in the township of Waitangi in 1840.

Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands



DAY 6 | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 **BAY OF ISLANDS**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Take a morning cruise to see some of the Bay of Islands' most scenic highlights. This four-hour cruise around the sheltered waters includes an island stopover, dolphin viewing and the Hole in the Rock. Travel along the Cape Brett Peninsula to the historic lighthouse at its end and see the famous Hole in the Rock. If conditions permit, you'll cruise right through the hole! You'll also spend some time on Urupukapuka Island. Relax on the beach or stroll around the island to drink in the views of this breathtaking region.

This afternoon, visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, New Zealand's pre-eminent historic site. It was here in 1840 that the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed between Maori and the British Crown.

Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

DAY 7 | THURSDAY, MARCH 6 **BAY OF ISLANDS TO AUCKLAND**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Today, travel from the Bay of Islands back to Auckland. Along the way, pass through Wellsford and venture through Dome Valley where there are some stunning viewpoints. Continue along the Hibiscus Coast to the Waitemata Harbor before arriving at your hotel.

This evening will be at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: SkyCity Hotel



DAY 8 | FRIDAY, MARCH 7 AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Travel south into the mighty Waikato Region and across the Hauraki Plains. The Waikato River once flowed over this land, and has left behind a flat, sometimes swampy landscape of fertile alluvial soil that is excellent for dairy farming, the area's main industry. To the east, the craggy Kaimai Range overlooks the plains and remains a constant presence as you continue south. Nestled at the base of the scenic Kaimai ranges is the small vibrant town of Matamata. Here you will see influences from The Lord of the Rings & The Hobbit trilogies throughout the town as you make your way to the Hobbiton Movie Set on Alexander Farm. Welcome to Middle Earth!

Discover the lush pastures of the Shire, journey past Bag End, explore the inside of the Hobbit Hole on Bagshot Row and step into the world-

famous Green Dragon Inn. Fall in love with the Alexander family sheep farm, just as acclaimed director Sir Peter Jackson did. After your tour of the movie set, lunch will be served buffet style from a specially themed table in the festive Party Marquee.

Say Goodbye to Middle Earth and make our way to the Thermal Wonderland of Rotorua. As you arrive in 'The Sulphur City' you will start to take in the rather unique pungent aroma of Sulphur coming from the geysers, bubbling mud pools, and steaming, sulphurous lakes.

Visit the National Kiwi Hatchery for a guided tour, then transfer to the hotel for check-in. This evening will be at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Millennium Rotorua Hotel



DAY 9 | SATURDAY, MARCH 8 **ROTORUA**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Take in the sights of Rotorua with a scenic drive around Kuirau Park, Rotorua Lake Front and The Government Gardens where you will view the magnificent architecture of The Museum of Art and History.

Visit Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Park. Sculptured out of volcanic activity and thousands of years in the making, this park is considered to be New Zealand's most colorful and diverse geothermal sightseeing attraction. This is a uniquely different natural landscape, and the key to what visitors see lies below the surface: one of the most extensive geothermal systems in New Zealand.

Enjoy a guided tour of Whakarewarewa Village, home of the Tūhourangi Ngāti Wāhiao people. You'll see untouched geothermal landscapes

and experience the raw nature of Papatuanuku (mother-earth). Your time here also includes a cultural performance including Māori songs, Poi dance, and the world-famous Haka. Lunch is a geothermal hangi meal including foods cooked in the geothermal steam-box and hot pool situated within the village.

Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Millennium Rotorua Hotel

DAY 10 | SUNDAY, MARCH 9 **ROTORUA TO WELLINGTON**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Transfer to Rotorua airport for our domestic flight to Wellington.

Start our visit of Wellington with a sightseeing tour of the city.



Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, is known for its vibrant arts scene, world class café and restaurant culture and active outdoor lifestyle. This creative, cosmopolitan city is surrounded by the rugged beauty of green hills and has an easily walkable downtown area set around an attractive waterfront.

Travel to the top of Mount Victoria which offers panoramic views of the central city, nearby suburbs, the picturesque harbor, Cook Strait and even the South Island on a clear day. Then enjoy lunch at Logan Brown Restaurant.

After-lunch highlights include a visit to the Botanic Gardens to see the Begonia House and Rose Gardens, and a tour of Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand.

Transfer to the hotel for check-in. This evening will be at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay

DAY 11 | MONDAY, MARCH 10 WELLINGTON

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

This morning, enjoy a tour of Wellington's Parliament Buildings to get a general introduction to their parliamentary processes, as well as the architecture and history of the buildings.

The rest of the day is yours to explore Wellington on your own.

Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay



DAY 12 | TUESDAY, MARCH 11 **WELLINGTON TO QUEENSTOWN**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Transfer to Wellington Airport for our domestic flight to Queenstown.

Located on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown is a year-round alpine resort nestled in a magnificent setting amid steep mountain ranges and pockets of native bush with the jagged peaks of the Remarkables Range rising from the lake. The town is compact enough to travel around on foot and features a great range of restaurants, bars and boutique stores. The lake was created by glacial action thousands of years ago and a mysterious phenomenon causes the lake to vary several inches in depth every few minutes, giving credence to a Maori legend of an ancient Taniwha (demon) still breathing beneath the surface.

Visit Kinross Cottages for a wine tasting and

lunch. Kinross offers in-depth wine experiences to showcase exceptional Central Otago wines along with tales of this industrious and proud wine region.

After lunch, continue to the Kawarau Bridge Bungy (bungee) - home to the original 43-meter Bungy Jump. If you've heard of Bungy, you've heard of the Kawarau, it is where Bungy founders AJ Hackett and Henry van Ash started it all. The world's first and most infamous of leaps is still going strong, with tens of thousands Bungy jumping each year. Jump if you dare (not included).

Travel to picturesque Arrowtown visit the Lakes District Museum. Appropriately set in the former gold mining town of Arrowtown, the museum has a strong hands-on focus, presenting an authentic picture of early Maori life and the harsh pioneering days of the European settlers and goldminers through working displays covering two floors and incorporating three historic buildings. The museum also houses an art gallery, bookshop, archives, and research facility.



Transfer to the hotel for check-in. This evening will be at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Novotel Queenstown Lakeside

DAY 13 | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 **MILFORD SOUND**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Today, leave the picturesque resort town of Queenstown and make your way to the gateway of the Fiords, Te Anau. The first part of your journey will skirt Lake Wakatipu in the shadow of the rugged Remarkable Ranges until you arrive in Kingston, the home of a remarkable vintage steam train. From here, continue through to Mossburn and into the tussock covered hills. Once the highest point is reached there are magnificent views of the mountains of Fiordland to the north, south and west. After a few miles the wide panorama of Lake Te Anau comes

into view. The road from Te Anau to Milford is one of New Zealand's most scenic drives. The first part is relatively mild farmland, then you'll ease into beech forest near the entrance to the Fiordland National Park. Look for the Avenue of the Disappearing Mountain and the Mirror Lakes. The rough hewn Homer Tunnel brings you into Milford Sound, an amazing 13.5 mile long fiord dominated by Mitre Peak.

Enjoy a leisurely two-hour cruise of Milford Sound. Cruise the full length of Milford to the Tasman Sea whilst a nature guide provides a detailed commentary. There is plenty of time available to explore points of interest and view the stunning scenery, including waterfalls, rainforest, the towering peaks, and wildlife. Lunch will be included on the cruise.

Return to Queenstown for an evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Novotel Queenstown Lakeside



DAY 14 | THURSDAY, MARCH 13 **QUEENSTOWN**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Today is free to explore Queenstown at your leisure. Queenstown and its surrounds are a true outdoor playground with much to offer for adrenaline-seekers, the active, wine lovers, and families alike. Known as the adventure capital of the world, thrill-seekers have an abundance of options to choose from. A busy soft-adventure playground is located on top of Bob's Peak, high above town. It can be reached by the iconic Skyline Gondola. Take a scenic helicopter flight, paraglide flight or take to the skies with a tandem skydive.

If you feel more comfortable on the ground, activities are plentiful, too. Cycling tours and mountain biking trails in Queenstown are a great way to explore and discover remote parts of this beautiful region!

Or take to one of the many walking and hiking trails along the lakeshore or up the many hills and mountains.

Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner with spectacular lake views and roaring log fires.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Novotel Queenstown Lakeside

DAY 14 | FRIDAY, MARCH 14 **RETURN TO US**

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

You'll be transferred to Queenstown's airport for our return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

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