

New Zealand

20 Day Rail, Cruise & Coach Holiday

SPECIAL DEPARTURE 7 February 2020



PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

\$7438


FULLY
ESCORTED
TOURING


INCLUDES
RETURN
AIRFARES


4
RAIL
JOURNEYS


OVERNIGHT
MILFORD
SOUND


BONUS
TOUR
INCLUSIONS#

Featuring 4 breathtaking rail journeys and Milford Sound overnight cruise

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7 - 26 February 2020

ALL INCLUSIVE tour price

Fully escorted tour includes airfares, taxes, modern coach travel, 4 star hotel accommodation, most meals, sightseeing & attractions.

	Tour including airfare	Pre paid taxes**	Total per person twin share
Brisbane	\$7243 +	\$195 =	\$7438
Single Supplement			\$2435

**Prepaid taxes are subject to change. Exact amounts will be confirmed by your travel agent at the time of final payment.

BONUS TOUR INCLUSIONS#

Value \$940 per couple. See panel opposite.



DOCUMENTATION pack

Travellers receive a durable travel bag, toiletry wet pack & laundry bag, luggage tag & personal name badge. Your ticket wallet (1 per couple) includes tour itinerary & questionnaire, Optional Tours Directory, General Information & Frequently Asked Questions Directory, Touring Map, postcard, customs required resealable plastic bag and an emergency contact card.

NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

PRE PAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum*
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds*
- Dolphin / Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway
- Paradise Valley Springs*
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola & Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools & geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi & Concert
- Wellington Tramway Museum
- Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Cruise on the Interislander Ferry
- Coastal Pacific Rail Journey
- International Antarctic Centre
- Christchurch Tram
- TranzAlpine Rail Journey
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw
- Lakes District Museum
- **HIGHLIGHT** Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
- Taieri Gorge Limited Rail Journey
- Larnach Castle*
- Haggis Ceremony & Gift
- Olveston Historic Home*
- City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin

*Guided tour is included with 1 guide per 24 travellers.

TOURING

- Return transfers to Brisbane Airport
- Return airfares from Brisbane
- Aspire Travel & Cruise Tour Escort
- Personalised Meet & Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- 48 seat modern coach travel, 2 door access, restroom, reclining seats and panoramic windows
- Professional Coach Captain & Tour Guide
- 18 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
- 7 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 4 rail journeys
- 4 cruises
- All sightseeing and pre paid attractions
- Comprehensive documentation pack#

MEALS

- 18 cooked breakfasts including a speciality breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 14 sumptuous dinners including 4 speciality dinners: Maori Hangi & Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin; Farewell Dinner, Christchurch
- 2 delicious morning teas

ITINERARY

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Speciality Dinner.

BONUS NIGHT

7 February 2020

Arrive Auckland

Today you will be transferred to Brisbane Airport. Fly to Auckland where you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel.

Hotel Grand Millennium Hotel (2 nights)

1

Auckland (Free Day) (B,D)

Today is free to explore Auckland at leisure. You may like to take advantage of the discount coupons in your Optional Tours Directory.

2

Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the 'City of Sails', before travelling to Matakohē to enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

3

Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free and you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

4

Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

This morning travel aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for bottlenose and common dolphins before returning to Paihia. Travel south via Whangarei, call into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree before returning to Auckland.

Hotel Grand Millennium Hotel

5

Auckland - Rotorua (B,D)

This morning travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop and on return to Glenbrook Station, morning tea will be served. Depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures



“Excellent tour, very comfortable coach and good accommodation. A variety of experiences with coach, rail and boat travel. A bonus was sleeping on the Milford Mariner. Excellent commentary of local sights.”

R. & K. S. - Past travellers



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Enjoy spectacular views from the Skyline Rotorua; cruise aboard the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak; visit Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour; panoramic windows allow you to view the spectacular scenery.



famous for dairying. Continue to Rotorua to visit Paradise Valley Springs, a superb wildlife park where you can hand feed rainbow trout.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (Superior Room. 2 nights)

6

Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at the Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

7

Rotorua - Wellington (B,D)

Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Lake Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town. Travel via the Tongariro National Park to the Wellington Tramway Museum to view a display of tramway history and enjoy a nostalgic trip on one of the original trams that served Wellington city.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Lambton Room. 2 nights)

8

Wellington (B)

A highlight this morning will be time to explore Te Papa, NZ's National Museum with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views. Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon and this evening is also free to explore Wellington's lively food scene.

9

Wellington - Christchurch (B,D)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey that showcases the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side and the rugged scenic coastline on the other travelling through numerous tunnels and across several bridges. Enjoy a two night stay in the garden city of Christchurch.

Hotel Distinction Christchurch (2 nights)

10

Christchurch (B)

Today visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch. This afternoon includes a journey on board the Christchurch Tram at your

leisure, one of Christchurch's leading attractions. This evening is free to explore the local cuisine.

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Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Franz Josef (B,D)

This morning board the TranzAlpine, one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before arriving at the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier (Douglas Wing)

12

Franz Josef - Queenstown (B)

See the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is free to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel and Resort Lakefront (2 nights)



TOP TO BOTTOM: The Pohutu Geyser in Rotorua; Agrodome, an educational hands on experience.

BONUS TOUR INCLUSIONS

\$940

VALUE PER COUPLE#

Book on the 20 Day New Zealand Rail, Cruise & Coach Holiday with Aspire Travel & Cruise and receive the following range of BONUS tour inclusions:

- Assistance of Aspire Travel & Cruise Tour Escort
- Return airport transfers
- A pre tour accommodation night with breakfast in Auckland
- Discount of \$100 per person
- 400 page New Zealand Travel Guide

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Queenstown (Free Day) (B,SD)

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown. Your Tour Guide and Coach Captain are available to assist with the many options available. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner which the chef will prepare in front of you at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano on your return cruise.

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Queenstown - Milford Sound Overnight Cruise (B,D)

This morning travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue via Te Anau to Milford Sound and board the Milford Mariner for your amazing overnight cruise. There is plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife - you're bound to encounter seals and if you're lucky maybe dolphins and penguins. As evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared freshly by the onboard chef.

Overnight Milford Mariner

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Milford Sound - Te Anau (B,D)

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) to explore more of the fiord. Return to meet your coach and enjoy the scenic drive to Te Anau for an afternoon at leisure. You may like to visit the Te Anau Glow Worm Caves (optional).

Hotel Distinction Luxmore (Deluxe Room)

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Te Anau - Dunedin (B,D)

Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Pukerangi to board The Taieri Gorge Limited for a journey through spectacular scenery only accessible by rail. On arrival at Dunedin's historic Edwardian Railway Station your coach will transfer you to the hotel.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Southern Cross (2 nights)

17

Dunedin (B,SD)

This morning travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea. Return to the city for an informative city tour followed by some free time. You might be

interested in a tour of Speights Brewery (optional) or the chance to see wildlife in their natural habitat (optional). Tonight a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, Haggis Ceremony and gift.

18

Dunedin - Christchurch (B,SD)

This morning visit Olveston, a prosperous merchants' home from the turn of the century before travelling to Oamaru, famous for its limestone. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your new found friends.

Hotel Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

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Depart Christchurch (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday. On arrival at Brisbane you will be met for your arranged transfers.

MILFORD SOUND OVERNIGHT CRUISE



THE MILFORD MARINER

For a majestic experience, spend the night on board the Milford Mariner. Cruise the full length of Milford Sound with commentary by a specialist nature guide. You will view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife - you're bound to encounter seals and if you're lucky maybe dolphins and penguins. As evening falls, enjoy a delicious carvery buffet, prepared by an onboard chef. Relax in the company of your fellow travellers or indulge in some star-gazing before retiring to your private cabin. In the morning, indulge in a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) and exploring more of the breathtaking fiord.



+ 4 BREATHTAKING RAIL JOURNEYS



GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAIL

Experience the thrill of travelling by steam train as you meander through beautiful rural countryside on a vintage train hauled by one of the lovingly restored steam locomotives. Settle into the immaculate wood carriages and as you listen to the panting steam engine.



COASTAL PACIFIC

Begin your journey from the coastal port of Picton, travel through the picturesque Marlborough Wine Region and the East Coast providing vistas of the Pacific Ocean and the coastal mountains. You may see amazing wildlife including dolphins, seals and penguins.



THE TAIERI GORGE LIMITED

Travel through some of New Zealand's most spectacular and iconic scenery. The train will make its way through ten tunnels and over countless bridges and viaducts. The natural wonders combined with the challenge of man-made engineering will leave you amazed.



THE TRANZALPINE

One of the great train journeys of the world. Depart Christchurch and travel through the patchwork farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, view alpine scenery, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps.





Travel in style Merchandise

Make sure you look the part when on tour. Our groups look fantastic when they are all wearing their jackets and caps. Both products offer great value.

TOUR JACKET Unisex black waterproof shell jacket with embroidered logos, silver reflective piping, fleece lined collar, hood, inside mesh, adjustable Velcro cuff, double front and inside pockets, hidden draw cord and mobile phone pocket. Compact, lightweight, ideal for touring. Available in sizes XS to XXXL.

TOUR CAP Black wool blend cap with pre curved suede peak, six panel structure with fabric Velcro strap and embroidered logo. One size.

Ask your Travel Agent about a DISCOUNTED price!

Booking Terms and Conditions

Payment and completion of the booking form to your Travel Agent acknowledges that you have read, understood and accepted these booking conditions. Grand Pacific Tours (GPT) is 100% Australian owned company.

Deposit & Payment A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is required at the time of booking. The balance is due 31 October 2019.

Prices All holiday prices are based on schedules, fares and tariffs current at the time of printing. GPT reserves the right to vary the cost of tours if necessary, by reason of currency fluctuation, component cost increase or airfare cost. Tour costing will be guaranteed at the price prevailing at the date of final payment.

Luggage Limits Each traveller is entitled to take one suitcase, the sum of its length, width & depth not to exceed 140cm. Weight limits apply to luggage due to Occupational Health and Safety issues. The maximum allowed by most airlines and GPT is one piece up to 23kg. Luggage over this allowance will be charged by the airline at the applicable rate. If a traveller brings more than the allocated limit of luggage, any additional arrangements made to get their luggage to final destination will be at travellers own expense. All luggage is entirely at the 'owners risk' whilst on tour and we strongly recommend that travel insurance be taken out by each traveller to cover accidental damage or loss. The GPT travel bag is designed to carry a maximum of 6kg. Due to limited space on board the coach, please ensure carry-on bags do not exceed this limit. Check with your Travel Agent for more details.

Dietary Requests GPT limit special dietary requests to Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Lactose Intolerant & Diabetic. These will be requested to the hotel but cannot be guaranteed. Religious dietary requests (ie. Hindu Vegetarian, Kosher, Halal) cannot be accommodated. Being a volume group tour operator contracting specific menus which range from Buffet to A-la-carte, the logistics of arranging meals meeting the correct criteria over an extended touring itinerary can be challenging and cannot be guaranteed to meet the expectations of the traveller. Any further intolerances needing to be managed are the responsibility of the traveller. Airlines have restricted dietary conditions which vary, ask at time of booking.

Milford Mariner Overnight Cruise There are stairs to the cabin and dining area. All travellers are required to be physically able to climb stairs on their own or with the assistance of their travelling companion. A mainland option is available. Bedding types are limited and we are unable to guarantee preferred bedding. Special conditions apply for triple share requests on the Milford Mariner, please enquire at time of booking.

Single Travellers Paying the Single Supplement covers the sole use of a hotel room. The coach is not single seating, you will be required to sit with a fellow traveller.

Twin Share Travellers If you are travelling alone and do not wish to pay the single supplement, a twin share room will be provided with a person of the same gender. Smoking and special room requests are not permitted on this basis. It is your duty to disclose any medical or other conditions that may prevent you from being a suitable rooming partner and you must accept that compatibility with your rooming partner cannot be guaranteed. If at any time during the tour you consider your rooming partner unsuitable, we will endeavour to arrange single accommodation for you for the remainder of the tour, subject to availability and at your own cost. We accept no responsibility for the suitability of the allocated rooming partner.

Coach Seat Rotation For the enjoyment of all travellers GPT operates a daily seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking.

Cancellations / Transfer of Booking In the event a traveller cancels off a tour the following fees apply:
- 65 days or more prior to departure, loss of deposit plus the cost of the airline ticket and taxes if issued.
- Between 7 and 64 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour package price.
- Less than 7 days prior to departure, 100% of the tour package price.
If you wish to cancel your existing booking and transfer to a new departure date, the above cancellation fees will still apply.

Traveller Demographic GPT' demographic of traveller is the mature aged person 50+, or those travellers that prefer a low impact itinerary. All travellers should have a good level of fitness and health to cope with full days of travel, walking and climbing stairs.

Health and Fitness Payment of deposit by traveller(s) to GPT acts as a warranty that the traveller(s) is/are reasonably healthy and / or fit to participate in the tour and the traveller(s) indemnifies GPT from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any want of health and fitness. GPT reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if their health and/or fitness interferes with the tour or other traveller(s) tour experience in any way. Travelling with a collapsible wheelchair/mobility scooter is subject to availability at the time of booking as each tour only has the capacity to cater for one wheelchair/mobility scooter traveller. Accessible Rooms are subject to availability and not always allocated in the room type advertised.

General Conduct GPT reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way.

Responsibilities GPT advises that the service it provides is for the booking and packaging of goods and services provided by other operators such as hotels and transportation companies. Travellers are advised to familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions on which these services are supplied. Accordingly, GPT will not be responsible and will be excluded from liability for any loss, damage, omission or acts being negligent or otherwise, committed by the operators of airlines, coach companies, hotels or attractions used in connection with the tour.

Optional Tours These tours are to be booked with the Coach Captain whilst on tour. GPT does not operate these excursions.

Variation GPT reserves the right to cancel or vary content of its tours should need arise.

Dispute The law of this contract is the law of the State of Victoria and where applicable the law of the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand.

Documentation GPT documentation including any merchandise will be forwarded to your Travel Agent two weeks prior to departure. PO Box address is not acceptable. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate early requests for documentation. Ticket wallet is one per couple. The traveller(s) is / are responsible for the acquisition of passports and appropriate visas, where necessary. We recommend that such documents, as required by governments, are finalised at least six weeks prior to the date of departure.

Refund Please note that no refund shall be made for any unused portion of any itinerary. Any alteration to the holiday, made by a traveller(s), shall be wholly at the expense of that traveller(s)

Privacy Use of any personal data that you provide to GPT for your booking is governed by the GPT Privacy Policy which is published at <https://www.gptnz.com/privacy-statement>.

Bonus Tour Inclusions Return transfers have been arranged by Aspire Travel and Cruise and are offered within the Maryborough and Hervey Bay areas. Please ask your Travel Agent for more details. Escort by a Aspire Travel and Cruise representative is subject to a minimum of 20 paying travellers. Pre tour night's accommodation including breakfast has been included in your itinerary. Saving of \$100 per person has already been deducted from the advertised price. Eyewitness Travel Guide is one per household (Value \$30).

Force Majeure Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we regret that we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance of our contractual obligations is prevented or affected by reason of circumstances amounting to 'force majeure'. In these booking conditions, 'force majeure' means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include war or threat of war, riots, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire and all similar events outside our control.

Internet Most hotels have internet access available. Not all hotels offer free Wi-Fi, charges may apply. GPT do not have any influence over hotel Wi-Fi access and related costs.

Travel Insurance Travel Insurance is not included and is strongly recommended

For a full list of booking conditions please refer to the GPT website at gptnz.com

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