

# The Long White Cloud

 19 DAYS

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## HIGHLIGHTS



DISCOVER

Hike the path of where the Franz Josef glacier once stood, and wander through New Zealand's vibrant capital Wellington.



EXPLORE

Visit the magical Glowworm Grotto in Waitomo, then take a guided walk through the Redwood Forest.



IMMERSE

Lean about Rainbow Springs kiwi hatchery program, and tour the grounds and castle of the Larnach Family in Dunedin.



RELAX

Unwind in Rotorua's healing waters, and wake up to the beauty of Milford Sound when staying at the bespoke Milford Sound Lodge.



 START

 END

 1 Number of night stays

 Sightseeing stops



Redwoods Treewalk

## CHOOSE THIS TRIP IF YOU'D LOVE TO:

- Traverse the Canterbury Plains onboard the TranzAlpine
- Immerse yourself in traditional Māori life
- Gain insight into the Fiordland National Park
- Enjoy wine-tasting at one of Napier's renowned wineries

### 1 Welcome to Christchurch

On arrival at Christchurch Airport you'll be driven by private car to your hotel. Spend the afternoon at leisure before joining your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Montreal.**

### 2 Christchurch – Franz Josef

Travel in comfort across the Canterbury Plains through the Southern Alps aboard TranzAlpine train. From Arthur's Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, and meet a local greenstone (jade) carver. Later we continue to Franz Josef, where you'll spend two nights in an eco-friendly retreat. **Hotel: Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights. B DW**

### 3 Franz Josef Glacier (Relaxed Start)

After a relaxed start we explore this area, where a local guide explains the history behind the Franz Josef Glacier. **B**

### 4 Franz Josef – Queenstown

This morning it's time for an adventure as we travel in a purpose-built fully enclosed river jet boat and journey down the Haast River. After a lunch break at Makarora we head to Queenstown, taking time to stop and explore the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown on the Arrow River, and then an orientation tour on arrival. **Hotel: St. Moritz, 3 nights. B DW**

### 5 Queenstown at Leisure

Enjoy Queenstown your way. Why not join a wine tour, view The Lord of the Rings film locations or spend time at the spa. **B**

### 6 Queenstown at Leisure

Today, why not brace some of Queenstown's most daring activities. This evening, enjoy a Local Dining Experience at one of Queenstown's exclusive restaurants. **B DE**

### 7 Queenstown – Milford Sound

Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau and then through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park. Tonight, stay at Milford Sound Lodge, with views of the magical Cleddau Valley. **Hotel: Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights. B DW**

### 8 Milford Sound

Wake up to the startling beauty of Milford Sound. Learn more about Fiordland National Park with an informative talk by a local expert. Later, board the Southern Discoveries vessel for a half day exploration of Milford Sound. **B L DW**

### 9 Milford Sound – Dunedin

We leave the majestic Fiordland National Park for the picturesque of South Otago. Travel through the musical town of Gore, before arriving in Dunedin. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B DW**

### 10 Dunedin (Relaxed Start)

This morning, join an exclusive tour of Larnach Castle. Spend the afternoon at leisure. **B**

### 11 Dunedin – Christchurch

Travel up the east coast through Oamaru. Back in Christchurch, embark on a sightseeing tour of the city. **Hotel: Montreal. B DW**

### 12 Christchurch – Wellington

Travel along the Pacific coast to the whale-watching capital of Kaikoura. Continue to the seaside village of Picton. Later cross the Cook Strait to Wellington for a city sightseeing tour, and then visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. **Hotel: Sofitel, 2 nights. B DW**

### 13 Wellington at Leisure

Today see Wellington your way. Why not visit Weta Cave, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies or go on a walking tour around Wellington. **B**

### 14 Wellington – Hawke's Bay

Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier in Hawkes Bay. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Hotel: Porters Boutique, 2 nights. B DW**

### 15 Napier (Relaxed Start)

Enjoy a relaxed start before you venture out to explore Napier. Join a local guide for a walking tour where you'll gain an insight into the city's Art Deco style. This evening, enjoy wine-tasting and Local Dining Experience at one of their world-famous wineries. **B DE**

### 16 Hawke's Bay – Rotorua

Enjoy a leisurely start before continuing the journey to nearby Rotorua. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls, before arriving in Rotorua for a sightseeing tour. Later, visit the Whakarewarewa Living Village for an insight into Māori life. This evening, your Local Dining Experience is an authentic Māori Hangi and concert at the Tamaki Māori Village. **Hotel: Pullman, 2 nights. B DE**

### 17 Rotorua

Ascending to the breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk, enjoy an elevated bird's eye view of the 115-year old redwood giants redwood giants. Next stop is Rainbow Springs Nature Park. Discover native flora that grows around the crystal clear mineral water springs and you might even spot a kiwi or two. **B**

### 18 Rotorua – Auckland

Make your way to the famous Waitomo Caves for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience. Later, travel through the dairy farming district of Waikato, and onto Auckland. This evening, toast your trip together at a Celebration Dinner. **Hotel: Sofitel. B CD**

### 19 Farewell from Auckland

Time to say farewell as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and you are transferred to Auckland Airport for your onward flight. **B**



Tamaki Māori Village