



New Zealand Rail, Land & Sea Explorer – 10 Days

15.- 24 November 2026

Max.
20
People

Indulge in a remarkable exploration of New Zealand, combining scenic rail journeys, immersive land touring and stunning coastal cruising. Over 10 unforgettable days, experience the country's diverse landscapes with ease and elegance.

What you will Experience

GROUP ADVENTURES

Enjoy the peace of mind travelling as a group while you share sights and experiences with others.

LIKE MINDED TRAVELLERS

Group tours bring together like-minded people who enjoy travel and adventures.

RELAXED PACE

On a guided tour you don't have to worry about driving or how you are going to get from place to place. Everything is taken care of, just sit back and relax enjoy the journey.

HIGHLIGHTS / INCLUSION

- ✓ *9night's Accommodation*
- ✓ *Return Flight from Brisbane to Auckland / return from Christchurch to Brisbane*
- ✓ *Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner as per itinerary*
- ✓ *All Entries, sightseeing as per Itinerary*
- ✓ *Guided Tour by a Member of Premier Qld*
- ✓ *Train Journey from Auckland to Otorohang*
- ✓ *Rotorua experience - Te Puia's world-famous hāngī buffet dinner*
- ✓ *Taupo 2hr Cruise Journey*
- ✓ *Train Journey from National Railway Station to Wellington*
- ✓ *4-hour Wellington tour incl. Cable car to Mt. Victoria*
- ✓ *Ferry Journey from Wellington to Picton*
- ✓ *Coastal Pacific Train Journey*
- ✓ *TranzAlpine Train Journey*

COST PER PERSON:

TWIN /DOUBLE SHARE \$8.580.00

SINGLE TRAVELLER \$10.333.00

Non-Refundable Deposit \$350.00 per Person required within 7 days of booking.

Final payment is required 8 weeks prior to departure. Booking can be made directly at our office 84 Warwick St., Toowoomba.

Day 1 SUNDAY 15 Nov 26 TOOWOOMBA TO AUCKLAND**D**

Today, we're departing for our 10-day New Zealand Rail Explorer Tour! Our first stop is the Brisbane International Airport. We are checking in and making our way to the Gate for the departure to Auckland for approx. 3 hours. Our transfer will be taking us to our Accommodation for 1 night. Dinner at Accommodation. **Overnight in Auckland**

Day 2 Monday 16 Nov 26 AUCKLAND TO OTOROHANG RAILWAY STATION**B, D**

After an early breakfast, transfer to **Auckland Strand Railway Station** for the 7:45am scenic rail journey to **Otorohanga Railway Station**, travelling through the lush dairy landscapes of the **Waikato Region** while enjoying panoramic windows, an open-air viewing carriage, and onboard café service. Arriving mid-morning, continue to **Rotorua** for a two-night luxury stay beside **Lake Rotorua**, perfectly located near the famous **Polynesian Spa**. This afternoon, ascend with **Skyline Rotorua** gondola for breathtaking panoramic views across the lake and city. The evening concludes with a sumptuous buffet dinner featuring award-winning cuisine prepared by expert chefs, served in a spectacular hilltop setting overlooking **Rotorua**.

Day 3 Tuesday 17 Nov 26**ROTORUA****B, D**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and free time to explore **Rotorua** before gathering in the late afternoon for a guided cultural experience at **Te Puia**. Discover the traditional arts at the **New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute**, visit the **Kiwi Conservation Centre**, and explore the dramatic **Te Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley**, home to the spectacular **Pōhutu Geyser**. The evening continues with Te Puia's world-famous hāngī buffet dinner at **Pātaka Kai Restaurant**, followed by an unforgettable Māori cultural performance in the beautifully carved meeting house **Te Aronui a Rua** featuring pōhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (chant), poi, and the powerful haka. The night concludes with hot chocolate under the stars as steam rises from the illuminated geyser terraces—an atmospheric finale to the Te Pō experience, lasting approximately 4.5 hours.

Day 4. Wednesday 18 Nov 26 ROTORUA TO TAUPO**B, D**

After breakfast, we make our way from **Rotorua to Taupō**, traveling by bus through lush farmland, native forests, and geothermal landscapes, with breathtaking views of sparkling lakes and distant volcanic peaks. Along the way, you'll experience the stunning beauty of **New Zealand's central North Island** at every turn. **Travel time:** approximately **1 hour 15–30 minutes**. Once in Taupō, we'll have time to check in and get familiar with the area before heading out for our **Lakefront Cruise**. Cruise along Lake Taupō's bays and the Taupō Lakefront on a **relaxing 2-hour journey**, getting up close to the **Ngātoroirangi Māori Rock Carvings**. Bring your towel — if conditions allow, there will be a chance to swim in the crystal-clear waters of Lake Taupō. What a wonderful day! We'll meet for dinner at our accommodation to share stories and reflections on the day's adventures.

**Day 5. Thursday 19 Nov 26****TAUPO TO WELLINGTON****B, D**

We enjoy a lovely breakfast and have time for some leisure time before departing for the National Railway station to catch to the train to Wellington. We travel through the dramatic volcanic landscapes of Tongariro National Park, with towering peaks like Mount Ruapehu and lush rolling farmland below. Glide past rivers, gorges, and charming towns such as Ohakune and Levin, capturing the essence of rural North Island life. Descend through the scenic Rimutaka Ranges with glimpses of the Cook Strait before arriving in Wellington after 6:00pm. Our transfer will be waiting for us taking us to our accommodation for 2 nights.

Day 6. Friday 20 Nov 26**WELLINGTON****B, D**

In the morning, we discover Wellington, New Zealand's vibrant capital, exploring the iconic Beehive and Parliament Buildings, the historic Old Saint Paul's Cathedral, and the fragrant Lady Norwood Rose Gardens. We ride the charming historic cable car up to Mount Victoria for breathtaking 360° views of the city, sparkling harbour, and surrounding forested hills, then visit Te Papa, the national museum, and stroll the lively waterfront lined with galleries, cafés, and historic architecture. The afternoon is free to soak up Wellington's culture and atmosphere at your leisure before we gather again for dinner.

Day 7. Saturday 21 Nov 26**WELLINGTON TO PICTON****B, L, D**

We will enjoy a leisurely breakfast before departing from our accommodation to the Wellington Ferry Terminal for a one-way ferry journey to Picton. The Cook Strait crossing spans 96 kilometres (52 nautical miles) and takes approximately three and a half hours. Recognized as one of the world's most scenic ferry journeys, two-thirds of the trip treats passengers to stunning landscapes, as the ferry loops around Wellington Harbour and winds through the fjord-like channels and inlets of the Marlborough Sounds. The remaining third takes us across Te Moana o Raukawa / Cook Strait, offering a thrilling seafaring adventure through the rugged waters where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. The ferry crossing from Wellington to Picton typically lasts about three hours on either the Interislander or Bluebridge ferries, depending on the vessel and weather conditions. Upon arrival in Picton, we will be transferred to our accommodation, followed by dinner. Overnight stay in Picton.

Day 8. Sunday 22 Nov 26**PICTON TO CHRISTCHURCH****B, SPE**

Today we continue our journey to Picton Raily Station to Christchurch Railway Station arriving at 7.30pm. You will travel on the **Coastal Pacific train** from Picton, gateway to the Marlborough Sounds, through Blenheim's wine region to Kaikoura—famous for whale watching—and on to Christchurch, the South Island's largest city. The journey showcases the Kaikoura mountains on one side, the Pacific coastline with seals and penguins on the other, and the fertile Canterbury Plains, all from the comfort of your carriage. You are booked into the **Scenic Plus Experience**, enjoying an exclusive carriage with freshly prepared seasonal meals served at your seat, paired with New Zealand wines, beer, or coffee. Dedicated hosts provide local insights and ensure your journey through some of New Zealand's most spectacular scenery is unforgettable 2 nights in Christchurch.

**Day 9. Monday 23 Nov 26****CHRISTCHURCH TO GREYMOUTH AND BACK****B, SPE**

This morning, travel from Christchurch to Greymouth on the return journey aboard the TranzAlpine. Crossing the South Island from east to west, the train passes over the Canterbury Plains and through the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. A brief stop is made at the alpine village of Arthur's Pass before descending through the Otira Tunnel to the lush rainforests of the West Coast. We have the pleasure of experiencing **the Scenic Plus Experience**, travelling in an exclusive carriage with freshly prepared seasonal meals served at our seats, complemented by New Zealand wines, beer, or coffee. Dedicated hosts provide attentive service and local insights, enhancing this breathtaking journey. After approximately one hour in Greymouth, we return to Christchurch, where our transfer will take us back to our accommodation in the evening.

Day 10. Thursday 24 Nov 26**CHRISTCHURCH TO BRISBANE****B, L**

Enjoy our final breakfast together before departing for our flight back to Brisbane. This morning, we explore Christchurch using the Christchurch Tram, Punting & Gondola Pass, offering flexibility and ease as we discover the city. The hop-on, hop-off tram provides unlimited rides to 18 key stops, including the Botanic Gardens, Riverside Market, and colourful New Regent Street. The pass also includes a relaxing 30-minute punt along the Avon River, where we can unwind while gliding past lush gardens and historic landmarks. We will meet again for lunch before making our way to the airport for our afternoon flight to Brisbane. Upon arrival, our transfer will be waiting to take us back to Toowoomba, giving us time to reflect on a wonderful 10 days exploring both islands of New Zealand.



All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc. This itinerary is going through a National Park.