



## 10 Days | New Zealand Rail Adventure | With Flights

Auckland - Wellington - Christchurch

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From **\$3,199** Typically \$3,599 ✈️ pp Twin Share

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Return Economy Class Airfares to Auckland and from Christchurch

9 Nights of Quality Accommodation

Experience 3 iconic New Zealand Rail Journeys

Marvel at the beautiful Marlborough Sounds from the Interislander Ferry

2025 Dates AVAILABLE NOW!

## Description

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Combining three of New Zealand's greatest rail journeys in one package, with ample free time to enjoy the urban delights of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, this is the trip you've been waiting for.

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**Book NOW for 2025!**

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Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of New Zealand with our exclusive travel package. This meticulously crafted adventure combines three of the country's most iconic rail journeys with ample free time to explore the vibrant cities of Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

Your adventure begins with return economy airfares to Auckland, where you'll kickstart your exploration of the Land of the Long White Cloud. Settle into luxury accommodation with 3 nights at the QR Suites on Queen or Parnell Hotel, offering comfort and convenience in the heart of the city.

Next, brace yourself for an immersive journey through Tongariro National Park aboard the Northern Explorer train. Traverse the stunning landscapes of the central North Island as you make your way to the eclectic capital city of Wellington. Here, you'll spend 3 nights at the Astelia Apartment Hotel or Quest on Lambton, providing a cozy retreat after days of exploration.

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But the adventure doesn't stop there. Board the Coastal Pacific train for a



mesmerizing journey along the Pacific Coast, offering breathtaking views of rugged coastline and pristine beaches. Your next destination is Christchurch, where you'll spend 3 nights at the Canmore Hotel or Breakfree on Cashell, soaking in the charm of this vibrant city.

The highlight of your journey awaits as you embark on the TranzAlpine train through the Canterbury Plains. Marvel at the South Island's striking natural landscape as you traverse mountains and valleys, truly feeling like you've stepped into Middle Earth.

Before bidding farewell to the enchanting landscapes of New Zealand, experience a scenic crossing aboard the Interislander Ferry, where you'll be treated to stunning views of the Marlborough Sounds.

This isn't just a trip; it's an odyssey through some of the most breathtaking scenery on the planet. So if you're ready to immerse yourself in the beauty and wonder of New Zealand, don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Get in touch today and let the journey begin!

## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Australia ✈ Auckland, New Zealand

Arrive Auckland and catch a taxi to your hotel for the next 3 nights.

Accommodation: QR suites on Queen or Parnell Hotel

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### Day 2

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#### Auckland

Explore Auckland, the harbour city, at leisure. Auckland, based around 2 large harbours, is a major city in the north of New Zealand's North Island. In the centre, the iconic Sky Tower has views of Viaduct Harbour, which is full of superyachts and lined with bars and cafes. Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park, is based around an extinct volcano and home to the formal Wintergardens. Near Downtown, Mission Bay Beach has a seaside promenade.

**Accommodation:** Ramada Suites Victoria Street West or similar

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### Day 3

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#### Auckland

Today is a Free Day to continue exploring the amazing city of Auckland!

**Accommodation:** Ramada Suites Victoria Street West or similar

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### Day 4

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#### Auckland 🚆 Northern Explorer Train Journey - Wellington

Today make your own way to Auckland Train Station for a 745AM departure onboard the famous Northern Explorer train. New Zealand's longest running passenger service, the Northern Explorer is a long distance scenic train service running between Auckland and Wellington, stopping at Palmerston North, Ohakune, National Park and Hamilton.

The journey through Tongariro National Park, with its three spectacular volcanic mountains – Tongariro, Ngāuruhoe and Ruapehu – is a highlight, a place of extremes and surprises, where snow-blanketed fields, ancient lava flows and dense beech forests can be seen side by side. Arrive in Wellington this evening and make your own way to your centrally located Wellington accommodation.

**Accommodation:** ibis Wellington or similar

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## Day 5

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### Wellington

Explore the capital city at lesiure. Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, sits near the North Island's southernmost point on the Cook Strait. A compact city, it encompasses a waterfront promenade, sandy beaches, a working harbour and colourful timber houses on surrounding hills. From Lambton Quay, the iconic red Wellington Cable Car heads to the Wellington Botanic Gardens. Strong winds through the Cook Strait give it the nickname "Windy Wellington."

**Accommodation:** ibis Wellington or similar

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## Day 6

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### Wellington Interislander Ferry - Picton - Coastal Pacific Train Journey Christchurch

This morning check out of your hotel and make your way to the ferry terminal for your 845AM departure on the Kaitaki Interislander Ferry. Connecting our North Island and South Island together since 1962, the Interislander ferry service is New Zealand's original Cook Strait ferry. Sailing between Wellington and Picton several times a day, the Interislander journey is considered one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world and one of New Zealand's most iconic experiences.

Arrive in Picton on the north of the South Island at approximately 1230PM where you will disembark and make your own way to the Picton Station for a 140PM departure on the Coastal Pacific Train Journey. The station is very close to the ferry terminal, approximately 5 minutes walk.

Climb aboard one of the most picturesque journeys on New Zealand railways, meandering along the Pacific coast between Picton and Christchurch. Upon arrival in Christchurch make your own way to your centrally located accommodation. The Coastal Pacific train takes you along rugged coastlines, across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, on a timeless journey of breathtaking beauty. Explore the stunning Kaikōura Coastline, famous for its marine life and whale watching. Voyage through the vineyards of Blenheim, dripping with New Zealand's premium crop. Canter amidst the idyllic Canterbury countryside to the Garden City of Christchurch.

Travelling between Christchurch and Picton, the Coastal Pacific meanders breathtakingly close to the sea, where the roaring Pacific Ocean meets the rising Kaikōura mountains. The Coastal Pacific isn't just a scenic activity, combined with the Interislander Ferry it is the perfect way to connect between Wellington, Blenheim, Kaikoura and Christchurch.

**Accommodation:** Canmore Hotel or similar

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## Day 7

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### Christchurch

Today is a Free Day to explore the beautiful city of Christchurch!

**Accommodation:** Canmore Hotel or similar

## Day 8

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### Christchurch

Today is another Free Day to continue exploring the beautiful city of Christchurch!

**Accommodation:** Canmore Hotel or similar

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## Day 9

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### Christchurch 🚆 TranzAlpine Rail Journey 🚆 Christchurch

Today make your own way to Christchurch Train Station for an 815AM departure onboard the famous TranzAlpine train.

This will be a return journey finishing back in Christchurch. Experience the South Island's striking natural landscape by taking a train between Christchurch and Greymouth. Along this journey you'll see epic vistas, travel the edges of the ice-fed Waimakariri River, traverse the Southern Alps, and see miles of native beech forest.

The TranzAlpine is one of the world's great train journeys covering 223 kilometres (139 miles) each way. You'll traverse the majestic Canterbury Plains, to the backdrop of the mighty Southern Alps - the journey of a lifetime.

Return to Christchurch station in the evening and make your own way back to your centrally located accommodation.

**Accommodation:** Canmore Hotel or similar

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## Day 10

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### Christchurch ✈ Australia

Please catch a taxi to Christchurch airport for your flight home. We trust you have had a wonderful time and we look forward to making your next Traveldream a REALITY!

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- Return Economy Class Airfares to Auckland and from Christchurch
- 3 nights at Ramada Suites Victoria Street West or similar
- 2 nights at ibis Wellington or similar
- 4 nights at Canmore Hotel or similar
- Experience 3 iconic New Zealand Rail Journeys
- Take the Northern Explorer from Auckland to Wellington through the central North Island
- Journey between the mountains and sea aboard the Coastal Pacific train
- Experience the South Island's striking natural landscape on the TranzAlpine train
- Marvel at the beautiful Marlborough Sounds from the Interislander Ferry

**Upgrades:** The option to upgrade your Accommodation to 5 Star as well as upgrading your Rail Journey is available on checkout. For more information, please speak with our Friendly Customer Service Team.

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### Exclusions

- Travel insurance
- Travel not specified in itinerary (ie transfers to hotels, attractions etc)
- Items of a personal nature including phone calls, drinks and meals away from the group
- Tipping/Gratuities (optional)
- Items of a personal nature: ie souvenirs etc

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