



# MILE ZERO TOURS

Victoria, BC

## SPECTACULAR NEW ZEALAND 18 DAYS: JANUARY 30–FEBRUARY 16, 2025

**SAVE UP TO \$250**  
with early booking  
First 10 seats only!

**\$9899 PER PERSON**  
Includes all taxes and fees  
Single Add: \$1449  
Triple Deduct: \$375  
Own Air Deduct: \$2500

Complimentary home pickup/return - Travel that starts at your door!

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ Pick up at your door (Victoria or Vancouver)
- ✓ Round trip airfare from Vancouver
- ✓ Airline baggage fee for first checked bag
- ✓ 25 meals
- ✓ Transportation by deluxe charter vehicle
- ✓ Locally Guided City Tours
- ✓ Auckland Town Hall
- ✓ Sky Tower
- ✓ Waiheke Island excursion
- ✓ Wine tasting on Waiheke island
- ✓ Maori Village
- ✓ Waitomo Glowworm Caves
- ✓ Hangi dinner (Traditional Māori cooking)
- ✓ National Kiwi Hatchery
- ✓ Lake Taupo
- ✓ Ohakune Railway Museum
- ✓ Tongariro National Park
- ✓ National Museum, Te Papa Tongarewa
- ✓ Wellington Cable Car
- ✓ Cook Strait Ferry
- ✓ Fyffe House, Kaikoura
- ✓ Cardboard Cathedral, Christchurch
- ✓ Bridge of Remembrance
- ✓ Gondola, Christchurch
- ✓ Arrowtown
- ✓ #ThatWanakaTree
- ✓ Wanaka Lavender farm
- ✓ Manuka Honey experience
- ✓ Cruise on TSS Earnslaw
- ✓ The Walter Peak High Country Farm
- ✓ Milford Sound Cruise
- ✓ Luggage handling at hotels
- ✓ Gratuities for all included meals
- ✓ All taxes and fees
- ✓ Services of a professional Tour Director
- ✓ Gratuities for Tour Director & Driver

### HOTELS:

**DAY 3–5: AUCKLAND**  
SUDIMA AUCKLAND CITY HOTEL

**DAY 6 - 7: ROTORUA**  
RYDGES ROTORUA

**DAY 8: OHAKUNE**  
POWDERHORN CHATEAU

**DAY 9-10: WELLINGTON**  
OAKS WELLINGTON HOTEL

**DAY 11: BLENHEIM**  
SCENIC HOTEL MARLBOROUGH

**DAY 12–13: CHRISTCHURCH**  
RYDGES CHRISTCHURCH CITY

**DAY 14: WANAKA**  
OAKRIDGE RESORT

**DAY 15-16: QUEENSTOWN**  
HERITAGE HOTEL QUEENSTOWN

**DAY 17: TE ANAU**  
DISTINCTION LUXMORE HOTEL

### DAY 1 - THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 - HOME TO NEW ZEALAND

Fly away to a naturally beautiful island country represented by the flightless Kiwi bird, a symbol of wildlife and natural heritage of proud New Zealanders.

### DAY 2 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025 - ENROUTE TO AUCKLAND

Crossing the international date line, we skip this entire day. (don't worry – you get the day back on your return flight)



Auckland by night

### **DAY 3 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 - AUCKLAND**

Kia Ora! Welcome to the City of Sails, Auckland, the largest city in New Zealand. Check into your home away from home, rest and refresh and join your Tour Director and travel companions for a friendly social dinner. Take it easy this evening or try your luck at the only casino in Auckland, a stone's throw away from your hotel. **Today's dinner is included**

### **DAY 4 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 - AUCKLAND**

This morning tour the city with a knowledgeable local guide who will take you through its remarkable history. Get to know the city's features including the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, Queen Street and the impressive Auckland Harbour Bridge. Later go beyond the clouds for a panoramic view of the city from the iconic 328m high Sky Tower - the tallest building in New Zealand.

**Today's breakfast is included.**

### **DAY 5 - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 - AUCKLAND — WAIHEKE ISLAND — AUCKLAND**

After breakfast, take a scenic ferry ride across sparkling blue waters to the jewel of the Hauraki Gulf islands, the "Island of Wine" - Waiheke Island, with its delightful cafes, pristine white sandy beaches and award-winning wineries and olive groves. Taste your way around the charming island with distinctive varietals. Return to Auckland and roam like a local during this free evening. **Today's breakfast and lunch are included.**

### **DAY 6 - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 - AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA**

This morning we bid farewell to Auckland and journey south, passing through rolling countryside painted in endless shades of green. Our first enchanting stop takes us to the Waitomo Glowworm Caves, where thousands of tiny glowworms illuminate underground passages, creating a celestial spectacle akin to strolling beneath starlit skies. Our journey continues to fascinating Rotorua where we're immersed in Māori culture at a traditional Hangi dinner, savoring both flavors and stories that connect us to this rich heritage.

**Today's breakfast and dinner are included**

### **DAY 7 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 - ROTORUA**

Unforgettable in every way will be learning about the national icon, the Kiwi bird at the internationally acclaimed National Kiwi Hatchery. Entertain the kid in you by sitting in the giant kiwi egg or standing in the kiwi burrow built to human size. Next you will encounter a spectacular phenomenon, the largest naturally active geyser in the southern hemisphere. Marvel at the earth boiling, bubbling, and steaming with the world-famous Pōhutu geyser erupting 30m high into the air. Later we'll explore the captivating geothermal wonders of Whakarewarewa, where bubbling mud pools and erupting geysers paint a vivid picture of the Earth's raw power.

**Today's breakfast is included**

### **DAY 8 - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 — ROTORUA - TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK - OHAKUNE**

Setting forth from Rotorua, our day's adventure takes us along a scenic route, with a captivating stop by the serene shores of Lake Taupo. Our journey then leads us to the sacred grounds of Tongariro National Park, a place of profound significance to the Māori people. Here, the towering peaks of Tongariro, Ngauruhoe, and Ruapehu are not just majestic geological formations but also hold deep spiritual value. The park's rugged beauty becomes a backdrop for us to immerse ourselves in nature's splendor. Continuing our expedition, we find our way to the carrot capital of New Zealand, Ohakune, a quaint town at the southern end of Tongariro National Park.

**Today's breakfast and dinner are included**

## DAY 9 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 - OHAKUNE - WELLINGTON

Our day begins with a delightful exploration of the Ohakune Railway Museum, where the past comes alive through vintage trains and rich displays that trace the evolution of rail travel. Stepping into this museum is like stepping back in time, a nostalgic journey that captures the essence of a bygone era when trains ruled the tracks. With each exhibit, we uncover stories of engineering marvels, the people behind the scenes, and the profound impact of railways on shaping communities. Then we bid adieu to Ohakune and embark on the next leg of our journey, which leads us to the vibrant heart of New Zealand, Wellington. As we traverse the picturesque landscapes, anticipation builds for the cosmopolitan charm that Wellington is renowned for. **Today's breakfast and dinner are included**



Māori warrior

## DAY 10 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 - WELLINGTON

After breakfast, visit the National Museum of New Zealand known as Te Pa Pa with vintage clothing collections dating as far back as the sixteenth century. Gain an in-depth knowledge of Māori cultural treasures and Pacific cultures. The museum also has the rare colossal squid specimen weighing 495 kilograms and 14ft. long. This afternoon board a moving, historic landmark, the Wellington Cable Car, a funicular railway that rises 120 metres over a track length 612 meters through three tunnels and over three bridges. It is a short but fun ride and be camera ready for some stunning views of Wellington as you go up, up and away. **Today's breakfast is included**

## DAY 11 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 - WELLINGTON TO BLENHEIM

Today marks the transition from the North Island to the South Island, as we embark on a voyage across the Cook Strait, navigating through its rugged beauty on a mesmerizing coastal ferry route from Wellington to Picton. Keep your eyes peeled for the graceful presence of native dolphins, the majestic spectacle of whales, the awe-inspiring sight of orcas, the graceful flight of albatrosses, and the playful antics of New Zealand fur seals – all of which may grace our journey. Upon arrival in the sun-kissed Marlborough region, you'll find yourself in a place where the forecast promises a 100% chance of indulging in the pleasures of wine. This area boasts the title of being the largest grape growing and wine-making region in all of New Zealand. Amidst its varied landscapes, you'll be

treated to the finest in fresh seafood, locally sourced cuisine, and an array of flavors that create a symphony of tastes. Our stay for the night awaits in Blenheim, a mere hop, three sips, and a corkscrew's twist away from the heart of Marlborough's exquisite offerings. **Today's breakfast and dinner are included**



Rotorua

## DAY 12 - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 - BLENHEIM TO CHRISTCHURCH

Our day begins with a visit to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, where an exceptional collection of WW1 and WW2 aircraft shares the bravery of yesteryears. Journey through Glacier Country, where the road unveils stunning mountain vistas painted by nature's hand. En route, stop at the 1842 Fyffe House, a historic gem built on whalebones, and immerse yourself in Kaikoura's seaside charm. As you continue, Christchurch emerges as a captivating destination – the South Island's largest city beckoning with modern energy and timeless allure. **Today's breakfast and dinner are included**



### The youngest country on Earth!

*It was only 800 years ago when the first Māori set foot in New Zealand.*

*At that time, every other country on Earth had already been explored by humans! New Zealand, the youngest country on Earth, holds a unique place in history as a land of fresh beginnings and boundless opportunities.*

## DAY 13 - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 – CHRISTCHURCH

This morning is free for you to rest, recapture or get some retail therapy at one of the epic shopping malls in the city. In the afternoon, set out on a city tour of New Zealand's oldest city. Visit the historic sites and seaside suburbs. Visit the unusual Cardboard Cathedral and see the poignant 185 empty white chairs earthquake memorial. A Gondola ride will give you unparalleled views of the city, Lyttelton Harbour, the Southern Alps and the waters of Pegasus Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

**Today's breakfast is included**

## DAY 14 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 - CHRISTCHURCH TO WANAKA

From the largest city to Wanaka, the alpine town grown by a tree. Today's drive sweeps you through changing landscapes – from the coastal charm of Christchurch to the rolling hills and serene lakes that frame your path. As you traverse this enchanting route, you'll witness the splendor of New Zealand's South Island unfold before you. Arrive in Wanaka with spectacular views of the Southern Alps and see that Wanaka Tree, also known as the Wanaka willow and claimed to be New Zealand's most famous tree.

**Today's breakfast and dinner are included**

## DAY 15 - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 - WANAKA TO QUEENSTOWN

This morning visit the Wanaka Lavender Farm, where aromatic fields spread a tapestry of color and fragrance. After immersing in these sensory delights, Wanaka awaits, a realm for wandering and wonder, offering vistas of the majestic Southern Alps, serene aquamarine lakes, and lush emerald forests. Our next stop this afternoon is the historic Arrowtown which sits alongside the gold-bearing Arrow River. The town was established in 1862, during the height of the Otago gold rush and grew quickly as pioneers constructed cottages, shops, hotels and chues, more than 60 of which can still be seen today. Later we depart for Queenstown, just 30 minutes away.

**Today's breakfast is included**

## DAY 16 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 - QUEENSTOWN

Surrounded by a range of mountains, we will uncover Queenstown. Only in New Zealand is the unique Manuka tree producing Manuka honey - known to contain bioactive healing properties. A sweet way to remember your friends and family at home with some honey candles and soaps good enough to eat. See thousands of bees through a glass walled observation hive and if you are an intrepid traveller, spin your own honeycomb for a buzz. Later set sail aboard the vintage TSS Earnslaw, the only remaining commercial coal-fired steamer operating in the southern hemisphere. Experience rural life on a working farm tour and a sheepshearing demonstration with our rural host. View sheepdogs, stroll through lush gardens along the lakeshore and enjoy to your farm's content tea and scones around a roaring fire. Go ahead and try wool-spinning on a loom. You may uncover a hidden talent.



Lake Tekapo

**Today's breakfast and dinner are included**

## DAY 17 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025 — QUEENSTOWN — MILFORD SOUND - TE ANAU

Departing from the enchanting town of Queenstown, we set out on a captivating road trip to Milford Sound. The drive will be a scenic adventure, as we wind through lush landscapes and dramatic mountain vistas. The drive takes us through the majestic Fiordland National Park, offering vistas of unparalleled beauty. Upon arrival in Milford Sound, prepare to be awestruck by the sheer beauty of the fjords as we embark on a scenic cruise, an immersive experience that allows you to witness the grandeur of nature and perhaps spot some local wildlife. After this unforgettable voyage, continue your travels, heading towards the charming town of Te Anau. Upon reaching Te Anau, unwind and savor a delightful farewell dinner at one of the town's inviting restaurants, where you can relish the flavors of New Zealand cuisine while reminiscing about your New Zealand adventure.

**Today's breakfast and dinner are included**

## DAY 18 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 - TE ANAU - QUEENSTOWN TO HOME

As we prepare to leave the youngest country on earth with the shortest human history, the memorable experiences and encounters will return home with us and there is only one word to describe New Zealand – spectacular!

**Today's breakfast is included**



Mitre Peak, Milford Sound



### **TOUR POLICIES:**

**Early Booking:** A \$250 early booking discount is offered off the first 10 seats booked and \$100 is offered off the next 10 until Oct 28, 2024.

**Deposit and Payment:** A \$400 deposit per person is required at booking or booking may be cancelled. Full payment is required by Nov 25, 2024

**Airfare:** Airfare has been included at our preferred group rate. For airfare, space should be reserved by Oct 28, 2024. After that date airfare at this rate may be limited or tour price with air may be higher. Should you wish to book your own flights, price will be reduced by \$2500.

**Price Changes:** In the event of significant changes in taxes or surcharges by suppliers or local government Mile Zero Tours reserves the right to increase price up until final payment is made.

**Cancellation Policy:** Full refund less \$50 per person admin fee if cancelled before October 28, 2024, from October 28-November 25, 2024 non-refundable amount increases to \$150. After November 25, 2024 only 35% is refundable and after December 31, 2024 only 15% is refundable. There are no refunds offered after January 16, 2025. We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance as Mile Zero Tours cannot issue refunds, no matter the reason, beyond the scope of the above-mentioned policy.

**Notes:** Passports are required for this tour and all travellers will need to obtain a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) shortly prior to travel. The cost for the NZeTA is approximately \$50 CAD and will be paid directly to New Zealand authority.

**Terms of Travel:** Please also review our Terms of Travel before booking.

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