

NEW ZEALAND NORTH & SOUTH RAIL TOUR



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NZ North & South Islands Rail Tour & Flights

Duration: 7 days

Departs: 2022 & 2023

Stay: 6 nights hotels

Travel style: Independent rail travel with flights

Booking code: NZRT7M

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7 Days New Zealand Rail Tour with Flights

About the holiday

Combine three of New Zealand's greatest rail journeys and explore the spectacular North and South Islands!

Fly to Auckland to begin your New Zealand discovery. There will be ample free time to enjoy the urban delights of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch on this self-guided trip. Journey through Tongariro National Park aboard the **Northern Explorer** train, skirt the Pacific Coast between Christchurch and Picton aboard the **Coastal Pacific**, feel like you've arrived in Middle Earth on the **TranzAlpine** train through the Canterbury Plains - and more! A scenic crossing aboard the Interislander Ferry is sure to be another highlight of this memorable New Zealand holiday!

Why you'll love this trip...

It's a comprehensive, worry-free trip travelling around New Zealand by train and ferry!

Spends two nights in Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch.

Discover historic monuments, iconic sights & cultural experiences in the cities.

Breathtaking train rides through volcanic mountains, rich forests & alongside icy blue rivers!

Travel dates

Departs from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane or Gold Coast*

2022 & 2023 – 26 January to 31 March; 25 April to 10 June; 25 July to 10 September;
10 October to 30 November

Please ask if you wish to depart from other cities or on different dates & we can let you know the options. You can also join the tour as 'land only' (without international flights).

**Subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on travel dates.*

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Holiday Inclusions

Flights to New Zealand – return economy ex Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast & Sydney

Rail journeys – *Northern Explorer* from Auckland to Wellington through central North Island

Coastal Pacific from Christchurch to Picton between the mountains and the sea

TranzAlpine train through the South Island's striking natural landscape

Ferry – Interislander scenic ferry to marvel at the beautiful Marlborough Sounds

Accommodation - 6 nights in standard rooms, based on twin share

2 nights Auckland – VR Auckland Hotel or Grand Central Serviced Apartments

1 night Wellington – Mercure Hotel or Quest on Lambton

3 nights Christchurch – ibis Christchurch or BreakFree on Cashel

Package excludes:

Airport & train station transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

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Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Arrive Auckland and catch a taxi to your hotel for the next 2 nights.

Day 2 Free Day Auckland

Today is free at leisure to explore Auckland. 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.

Day 3 Auckland - Northern Explorer Train Journey - Wellington

Today make your own way to Auckland Train Station for a 7.45am 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 accommodation. 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."

Day 4 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 8:45am 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 12.15pm where you will disembark and make your own way to the Picton Station for a 1.40pm 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.

Day 5 Free Day Christchurch

Today is a free day to explore Christchurch at leisure. Christchurch, known for its English heritage, is located on the east coast of New Zealand's South Island. Flat-bottomed punts glide on the Avon River, which meanders through the city centre. On its banks are cycling paths, the green expanse of Hagley Park and Christchurch Botanic Gardens. In 2010 and 2011, earthquakes destroyed many of the historic centre's stone-built buildings and today you can see the inspired resurrection and recovery of the vibrant city.

Day 6 Christchurch - TranzAlpine Rail Journey - Christchurch

Today make your own way to Christchurch Train Station for an 8.15am 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.

Day 7 Depart Christchurch

Please catch a taxi Christchurch airport for your flights home. We trust you have had a wonderful time.

Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, rail & road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

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