

TASSIE TO NEW ZEALAND FLY-DRIVE-STAY



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Tasmania & New Zealand 3-Week Fly-Drive-Stay

Duration: 21 days

Departs: 2023

Stay: 20 nights hotels

Travel style: Independent self-drive & flights

Booking code: NZTATZ21M

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21 Days Tassie & New Zealand Self-Drive & Flights

About the holiday

It's the perfect Australia and New Zealand travel combo and this special deal gives you extended stays in both exciting destinations!

Fly to Tasmania, where you'll enjoy 10 nights at top-rating accommodation around the island state. There's time to explore the great city of Hobart at your leisure and discover other highlights, like Cradle Mountain, Freycinet National Park, Port Arthur and more. Plus, a hire car is included with unlimited kilometres.

Next, fly direct to Auckland for an amazing New Zealand holiday. You have the freedom to do what interests you most during your 10-night stay and car hire is included with unlimited kilometres. Visit Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park. Take a seaside promenade along Mission Bay Beach or admire the spectacular views of Viaduct Harbour from the iconic Sky Tower. Absorb the vibrant culture and rich heritage of the sprawling city that's also known as *Tamaki Makaurau*.

Then jump in the hire car to Bay of Islands and Rotorua before making your way south. The ferry trip to the South Island is included and we'll help you plan an itinerary that includes the highlights around the wine-producing region of Marlborough, Kaikoura and the legendary city of Christchurch.

Why you'll love this trip...

It's such great value for a sensational holiday that combines Tasmania and New Zealand! Enjoy exploring with hire cars that include unlimited kilometres.

Fly from the mainland to Tasmania, then direct to Auckland in New Zealand and return from Christchurch to Australia's East Coast!

Travel dates

Departs regularly from Australia*

2023 – see our website for the lowest-price travel seasons

**Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on travel dates.*



Holiday Inclusions

Independent Package includes:

Flights – Economy airfares to Hobart, Hobart to Auckland & Christchurch to Australia
Depart from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane or Gold Coast (ask for other cities)

Ferry – New Zealand ferry from Wellington, North Island, to Picton, South Island
Includes car transport for compact vehicle

Car hire – Compact automatic vehicles with unlimited kilometres
10 days Tasmania, pick up & drop off Hobart airport
10 days New Zealand, pick up Auckland & drop off Christchurch

Accommodation – total of 20 nights in standard hotel rooms, based on twin share
10 nights in Tasmania
10 nights in New Zealand, on the North & South Island

Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Car hire additional expenses, such as fuel, road tolls, insurance excess waivers etc.

Meals, sightseeing & activities

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

Travel insurance is strongly recommended – please contact us for a quote

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

***This package is subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels, car companies & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

Have any questions about this self-drive tour?
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Suggested Itinerary

Here's an example of what you can see and where you can explore on the 21-day itinerary.

Day 1 - Welcome to Hobart

Collect your rental car - Toyota Corolla (CDAR/CCAR) Compact Automatic or similar (Budget Rent a Car)

- 5 door hatchback
- Air Conditioning, Bluetooth, AUX, and USB and reversing camera
- Engine: 2.0 litre
- Automatic
- Passengers: 5 passengers
- Luggage Space: 1 large bag, 1 small bag
- Maximum Excess/ Liability: NZD\$0

Nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Wellington, Hobart is a harbour town with heritage charm and a modern lifestyle. From the bustling waterfront of Salamanca Place to the historic houses of quaint Battery Point, Hobart is a gorgeous place to wander and get lost in. You won't be short of delicious dining options this evening: Hobart has fast become one of Australia's top gourmet hotspots, thanks to its amazing local produce.

Day 2 - Port Arthur Day from Hobart

Explore Port Arthur and the Tasman Peninsula with this full day self-drive tour from Hobart. Taking you from Hobart and into the heart of the Tasman Peninsula, you'll be amazed by the natural beauty that the region possesses. The Peninsula is home to a handful of impressive sights including the Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen, both of which will be seen on this adventure. Additionally, you can embark on a cliff top walk from Paterson's Arch to Waterfall Bay to admire the natural beauty it showcases. Visiting some of the Tasman Peninsula's must-see sights is a great way to begin your adventure out of Hobart. Upon arrival at the popular Port Arthur Historic Site, you will have around 4 hours to explore the grounds and learn about the rich history of the site with the help of one of the Site's expert guides. You can wander around the ruins, admire the views and board a cruise to the Isle of the Dead, which was the burial place for inmates. Come time to leave the Port Arthur Historic Site, you'll travel towards Richmond Village for a short stop. Here, you'll be able to walk across Australia's oldest bridge that's still in use today and is believed to be haunted, as well as exploring the historic streets of this popular township.

Day 3 - Travel Hobart to Strahan

Strahan is a harbour-side village with a dark and fascinating convict past set on the edge of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Nestled on the shores of massive Macquarie Harbour, Strahan is the gateway to the World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Strahan is full of stories from the days of convicts and pioneers toughing it out in Tassie's wild west.

These days, Strahan is an iconic travel destination with shops selling artisan wares and eateries serving up delicious local produce. Strahan Village is an ideal base for exploring Tasmania's stunning wilderness. Journey into the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, encounter west coast wildlife and discover Strahan's culture and heritage as you explore the museums, galleries and attractions of this historic fishing port.

Day 4 – Free day, time to take a Gordon River Cruise

On this free day we highly recommend cruising aboard Spirit of the Wild on the national award-winning Gordon River Cruise. You will experience quiet cruising with electric motors while taking in the tranquil surrounds of the Gordon River. Dedicated guides and character-based interpretation will take you through the history of this remarkable place as you cruise across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gates and then on to the Gordon River.

Day 5 -Travel from Strahan to Launceston

The riverside city of Launceston is a vibrant hub for food and wine, culture, and nature. It's famed for the Cataract Gorge, visit this unique natural formation with panoramic views, walking trails, sculpted gardens, and a chairlift, perhaps consider experiencing the Cataract Gorge River Cruise. Visit the Queen Victoria Museum, in a 19th-century railway workshop, has exhibitions on Tasmanian history. Its sister Art Gallery lies across the river, by sprawling Royal Park.

Visit the vineyards of the Tamar Valley stretch northwest along the Tamar River. The Tamar Valley is Tasmania's oldest wine-growing area and a place where premium cool-climate wines have become a major tourist attraction on a world scale.

Approximate Distance: 270 km | 168 miles **Total Driving Time:** 3 hours 30 mins

Accommodation: Launceston - 3 Nights

Day 6 - Cradle Mountain Day from Launceston

After departing Launceston, enjoy a short stop in Sheffield – 'The Town of Murals' and explore this quirky village where the history of the Cradle Mountain region is depicted in artworks across the buildings throughout the town. This includes the opportunity to see the famous Eason's Mural. Continue into the mountains and arrive at Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake with around 5 hours of possible walking time before you. Begin with a series of short walks before moving on to a longer walking options for the rest of the day. Choose from the gentle and iconic Dove Lake Circuit or climb to loftier peaks to view the vastness of the surrounding World Heritage Area from Marion's Lookout. Enjoy lunch by a quiet stream and watch the famous and friendly Cradle wombats in their natural habitat.

Day 7 – Wine Glass Bay Day from Launceston

Depart Launceston, travelling through the well-preserved Georgian townships of Evandale and Campbell Town. Make a short stop in Campbell Town. Discover the Convict Brick Trail

that extends through the town, visit the Red Bridge, and check out the tree sculptures. Enter the Freycinet National Park and admire the sight of The Hazards mountain range.

Begin by stretching your legs on the Cape Tourville Lighthouse circuit. One of Tasmania's Great Short Walks, this easy 20-minute walk provides spectacular 360-degree views of the surrounding coastline. Next, walk for about 60 minutes to the Wineglass Bay Lookout. Once at the top you are rewarded with the world-famous view of Wineglass Bay and the stunning Freycinet National Park. The Wineglass Bay Beach hike is a 2.5-hour return walk and good fitness is required. The final stop on the recommended East Coast day trip is the stunning Devil's Corner Winery, where you can take in the magnificent view and choose to purchase some wine, wood-fired pizza, fresh seafood, or ice cream. Then, drive back to Launceston.

Day 8 - Drive from Launceston to St Helens

Today, your drive from Launceston to St Helens. Overlooking Georges Bay, St Helens is a perfect base to explore the natural beauty of Tasmania's spectacular north-east coast.

St Helens is the largest town on this stretch of coast and a great place for outdoor adventures of all kinds, with the Bay of Fires, St Helens Point Conservation Area and Binalong Bay in easy reach. As the island's game-fishing hub and second largest fishing port, the area is known for deep-sea fish and southern rock lobster, known locally as crayfish or crays. So there's no shortage of excellent seafood to try at local restaurants and eateries. Head offshore on a game-fishing charter to cruise for marlin, albacore tuna and yellowfin tuna, or hire a boat and fish in the bay. Or simply drop a line off a jetty. Divers appreciate the area's marine life from another perspective, exploring underwater caves and abundant sea life.

Approximate Distance: 170 km | 105 miles **Total Driving Time:** 2 hours 10 mins

Accommodation: St Helens - 2 Nights

Day 9 – Bay of Fires

The Bay of Fires is located on the north-eastern coast of Tasmania. It includes a gorgeous coastline that stretches over 50 kilometres from Binalong Bay in the south to Eddystone Point in the north. The northern section of the bay is part of Mount William National Park; the southern end is a conservation area. The conservation area is divided into three sections, with Ansons Bay dividing the southern and northern ends. Drawing in visitors for decades, this popular conservation reserve is actually a string of breathtakingly beautiful beaches, interspersed by lagoons and rocky bluffs. Famous for the orange lichen-covered granite boulders, combined with the powder-white sand and turquoise waters, this ideal setting is a spectacular place to soak in the sensational views and experience a dreamlike walk along the beach. These magnificent secluded beaches and inlets are a sight to behold and give the Bay of Fires its reputation as one of the most pristine natural wonders of the world.

Day 10 – Drive from St Helens to Hobart

Today you will drive from St Helens to Hobart via Campbell Town and Oatlands. Hobart sits on the River Derwent and is the capital of Australia's island state of Tasmania. At its fashionable Salamanca Place, old sandstone warehouses host galleries and cafes.

Nearby is Battery Point, a historic district with narrow lanes and colonial-era cottages. The city's backdrop is 1,270m-high Mount Wellington, with sweeping views, plus hiking and cycling trails.

Approximate Distance: 252 km | 159 miles **Total Driving Time:** 3 hours 50 mins

Accommodation: Hobart - 1 Night

Day 11 - Farewell Hobart

Say farewell to Tasmania today as you drop off your rental car and board your onward flight. We hope you enjoyed your Tasmanian Self-Drive Tour. Check in for your flight to Auckland in New Zealand.

Welcome to Auckland

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- 5 door hatchback
- Air Conditioning, Bluetooth, AUX, and USB and reversing camera
- Engine: 2.0 litre
- Automatic
- Passengers: 5 passengers
- Luggage Space: 1 large bag, 1 small bag
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Auckland, New Zealand's self-proclaimed "City of Sails," is the country's largest metro area. Resting between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea, this urban paradise has something for everyone. Surrounded by native bush, rainforests, and an abundance of beaches, Auckland is a playground for both the city savvy and those with an eye for adventure. Explore the central museums and galleries on foot, or get out onto the water to experience the best views of the city.

Day 12 - Auckland to Paihia, Bay of Islands

The drive from Auckland to the Bay of Islands takes around 3.5 hours, but give yourself a little leeway for stops and sightseeing. As you go through Puhoi, take in the bohemian atmosphere of this historical township. Stop for a breath of fresh salty air in Whangarei and take another break at Kawakawa, home to the colourful, world-famous Hundertwasser toilets. Enjoy the native bush surrounds and marvel at the endless golden beaches as you arrive into central Bay of The Islands, Paihia.

Note - this route takes you via the Northern Gateway toll road. This costs NZ\$2.40 each way for a car (subject to change). You can prepay this toll at the booths clearly signposted on the northern highway. If you miss the booths you can also pay by via www.tollroad.govt.nz.

Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is: 226 kms / 140 miles : 3.0 hours

Day 13 - Cape Reinga & Ninety Mile Beach

Journey to the very tip of the North Island and uncover a region of rich Māori tradition along the way on an unforgettable full-day drive. Travel along the sand-swept shore of Ninety Mile Beach. Climb the massive sand dunes at Te Paki Stream and you can even experience the thrill of sand-boarding. In Māori tradition, Cape Reinga or Te Rerenga Wairua is the place where spirits depart on their long journey back to the homeland. Stand at the northernmost point of New Zealand and drink in the panoramic views. As you stand beneath the iconic lighthouse and watch the Tasman Sea and the mighty Pacific Ocean collide far below, you'll feel the power of this special place.

Day 14 - Bay of Islands (Paihia) to Waitomo

Leaving the Bay of Islands, follow State Highway 1 south through Northland farmland towards the city of Whangarei. Here you can enjoy a stroll along the Town Basin and Hatea River with its fascinating heritage trail and sculpture trail. Leaving Whangarei head south on State Highway 1 back towards Auckland. The route takes you through the farming regions of Wellsford and Warkworth and time permitting, taking a side-trip to Matakana or the Tawharanui Peninsula is well worth the effort. Passing through the suburbs of the North Shore before crossing the harbour bridge and into the heart of Auckland City.

The drive south from Auckland takes you past the Bombay Hills and into the rolling farmland and rich dairy pastures of the Waikato – before arriving in the limestone hills of the Waitomo countryside, home to a huge underground network of caves.

Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is: 407 kms / 253 miles : 5.2 hours

Day 15 - Waitomo to Rotorua

Today, cross the lush farmland of the Waikato as you make your way inland to Rotorua. Pass through several small farming towns, such as Otorohanga and Putaruru, before the region's geothermal activity signals your arrival into the city of Rotorua. Rotorua, a town set on its namesake lake on New Zealand's North Island, is renowned for its geothermal activity and Maori culture. In Te Puia's Whakarewarewa Valley, there are bubbling mud pools and the 30m-tall Pohutu Geyser, which erupts many times daily.

Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is: 139 kms / 86 miles : 1.9 hours

Day 16 - Rotorua to Napier

This drive will take you through the thermal region just south of Rotorua. Home to a plethora of unique geothermal attractions including boiling mud pits, natural hot springs and steaming geysers, this area is a must do before you move on to Napier. Notable attractions are Wai-O-Tapu, Waimangu and Craters of the Moon.

Continue on to Taupo and marvel at the lake, a giant crater formed following a volcanic eruption in the year 180 CE. As you approach the city, be sure to stop at Huka Falls to view the spectacular sight of hundreds of cubic metres of water spilling every second down the narrow 11 metre drop. For an extra thrill take a jet-boat ride to the base of the falls.

Leaving Taupo, follow the road as it climbs the rugged Ahimanawa Range before descending back down the Pacific Coast to art deco Napier. Napier, a coastal city on New Zealand's North Island, is set amid the renowned wine-producing region of Hawke's Bay. Rebuilt after a 1931 earthquake, the city is known for art deco landmarks like the zigzag-patterned Daily Telegraph Building. Along the tree-lined waterfront promenade the Marine Parade, the Pania of the Reef statue depicting a Maori maiden, is a symbol of the city.

Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is: 210 kms / 131 miles : 2.4 hours

Day 17 - Napier to Wellington City via Masterton

The rolling countryside of the Hawke's Bay leads you into some of New Zealand's richest farmland, located around the Manawatu region. Passing along the Manawatu Gorge the Wairarapa welcomes you. Masterton is home to the Golden Shears sheep shearing competition while just further south Greytown boasts the largest concentration of historic wooden buildings in the country. Nearby Martinborough is home to dozens of boutique wineries. The route takes you over the Rimutaka Range and along the magnificent natural harbour that the capital city of Wellington sits upon.

Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is: 322 kms / 200 miles : 4.1 hours

Day 18 - Interislander Ferry including vehicle Wellington to Picton, Picton to Kaikoura

Final check-in at the Interislander Terminal is 1 hour before departure. Please leave ample time to check in. To minimise delays, please have your reservation reference ready on check in. Drop your rental car off at the Interislander terminal. The car rental counters are situated in the ARRIVAL TERMINAL at the Interislander Ferry Terminal. Please park your vehicle in the marked rental car parks. If you wish to board via the gangway, instead of staying in the vehicle, the vehicle and all passengers should first check in together to arrange for the group's boarding passes to be split up. This should be completed at the terminal, before reporting to the vehicle check-in area. During the sailing, access to the vehicle deck is not permitted. Please take any items you require during the sailing with you to the passenger areas onboard.

The 92 km journey between Wellington and Picton takes around 3 hours and has been described as 'one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world'. Leaving Wellington Harbour you pass many interesting points such as Pencarrow Head on top of which is New Zealand's oldest lighthouse (1859). Red Rocks is home to a seal colony and Oterangi Bay is the site which recorded the country's highest ever wind speed of 268 kph (167 mph).

From the Cook Strait spectacular views of the Kaikoura Ranges on the South Island can be enjoyed and dolphins and many sea birds are often seen. Around one hour of the cruise takes you through the Marlborough Sounds and this region of bush covered mountains, small islands, crystal clear waters and secluded bays offer remarkable photographic opportunities. The final leg of your cruise travels through Queen Charlotte Sound before coming to an end in the picturesque town of Picton.

Picton to Kaikoura

From Picton, head south on State Highway One towards Blenheim, and the wine producing region of Marlborough. Ideally located to enjoy an afternoon sampling the local produce, you might want to stop for a guided wine tour. Crossing the dry hills of the Marlborough ranges you head towards one of the most spectacular coastlines of the South Island, the Kaikoura Coast. The road hugs the shore for around 50 kilometres and offers many chances to view the native wildlife such as seabirds and New Zealand fur seals. To the east is the Pacific Ocean and to the west you'll follow alongside the Kaikoura Ranges before arriving into the bustling Kaikoura Township.

Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is: 157 kms / 98 miles : 2.1 hours

Day 19 - Kaikoura to Christchurch

Today you travel down the coast before heading inland through the North Canterbury wine region - the Waipara Valley. As you drive through this area you'll be greeted by one of New Zealand's most notorious animals, the sheep. If you've time on your hands we recommend taking a detour to Hanmer Springs for relaxing dip in its thermal pools. Arriving into Christchurch you'll see a new and improved city, steadily rising from the ruins of the 2011 earthquake.

Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is: 178 kms / 111 miles : 2.5 hours

Day 20 - Free day in Christchurch

Today is a free day for you to explore at leisure. Christchurch is a city that thrives on adventure, urban redevelopment, and heritage. The core city is home to cutting-edge architecture as well as some of New Zealand's oldest structures. The Banks Peninsula, as well as the gorgeous Southern Alps and legendary Canterbury Plains, are all within easy reach of Christchurch, which serves as a basecamp for South Island adventure.

Day 21 - Return your vehicle to Christchurch Airport and depart

Explore more of Christchurch before dropping your rental car at the airport depot and continuing your onward journey. We hope you enjoyed your amazing New Zealand holiday. Please remember to fill up your car with fuel before returning it to the rental car depot at the airport.

Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is: 7 kms / 5 miles : 0.2 hour

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Your chosen itinerary will be pre-booked before departure, but travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are for your benefit and beyond the control of the organisers.

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