



## Agent Details:

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## Product Name:

21 Day Complete New Zealand Accommodated Summer Tour Auckland to Christchurch (ANZ21 / Budget)

## Product Description:

- **Style: Budget**
  - Money doesn't grow on trees right? Our budget adventures are for the traveller who needs to stretch their "dough" as far as it can go. Budget products might include sleeping in hostels or camping remotely in swags without a shower for a day or two
- **Age recommendation or restriction and fitness requirement:**
  - All Ages (Children 8+)
  - You don't have to be an athlete to travel on Stray - all walks and activities are optional and there is something for everyone.
- **Accommodation / Camping Style:**
  - Hostel, cabin (dorm & private rooms)
- **Operating partner:**
  - Stray Limited
- **Group size:**
  - Minimum 4
  - Maximum 24
- **Luggage limit**
  - Please bring only one large backpack/suitcase (23kg) and a day pack. If you are going to be travelling with a lot more than 15kg, then please let us know.
- **What's included:**
  - Experienced tour guide
  - Meals and touring as indicated
  - Accommodation as indicated
  - Bluebridge Ferry between North and South Islands
  - Tree hugging at Perry Kauri Forest
  - Swim at Waipu Cove
  - Bay of Island's wildlife cruise

- Hokianga ferry ride and sand boarding
- Visit Waipoua Forest and Tane Mahuta (NZ's largest Kauri tree)
- Swim at Kai Iwi Lakes
- Walk to Cathedral Cove
- Hot Water Beach
- Maori cultural experience, including traditional hangi meal and interactive performance
- Huka Falls
- 4WD eco-wilderness farm adventure
- Tongariro Alpine Crossing, Tongariro National Park
- Ferry to South Island
- Winery cellar door visit
- Walk in Abel Tasman National Park
- Aqua Taxi ride or Paddle board hire
- Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa
- Seal spotting in Kaikoura
- Pounamu jade factory
- Walks around Lake Matheson and the Blue Pools, Mt Aspiring National Park
- Jet Boat Ride in Makarora
- Doubtful Sound overnight cruise
- Sea kayaking in Doubtful Sound
- Mountain biking in Wanaka
- Walk up Hooker Valley track, Mt Cook National Park
- Explore Lake Tekapo area
- **What to bring:**
  - Sturdy walking shoes/boots
  - Bathers/towel
  - Hat and sunscreen
  - Water bottle
  - Towel
  - Toiletries
  - Warm clothing
  - Waterproof jacket
  - Insect repellent
  - Camera
- **Dietary information:**
  - Please advise of any dietary or medical conditions at the time of booking
- **Unique Selling Points:**
  - Tree hugging at Parry Kauri Forest
  - Swim at Waipu Cove
  - Visit Waipoua Forest and Tane Mahuta (NZ's largest Kauri tree)
  - Swim at Kai Iwi Lakes
  - Walk to Cathedral Cove
  - Hot Water Beach
  - Walk in Abel Tasman National Park
  - Walks around Lake Matheson and the Blue Pools, Mt Aspiring National Park
  - Bay of Islands Wildlife Cruise
  - Full day in Abel Tasman National Park for walks and optional sea kayaking and sailing
  - Cathedral Cove walk on the Coromandel Peninsula
  - Hike the Tongariro Alpine Crossing
  - Visit Franz Josef Glacier World Heritage area
  - Doubtful Sound overnight cruise through Fiordland National Park

- **Key Destinations Visited:**

- Picton, Marlborough Sounds, winery visit, Abel Tasman National Park, Hanmer Springs, Franz Josef, Lake Matheson and the Blue Pools, Mt Aspiring National Park, Doubtful Sound overnight cruise, Doubtful Sound, Queenstown, Cathedral Cove, Perry Kauri Forest, Waipu Cove, Bay of Islands, Hokianga, Waipoua Forest, Kai Iwi Lakes, Paihia, Opononi, Auckland, Cathedral Cove, Hot Water Beach, Rotorua, Lake Taupo, Huka Falls, Blue Duck Station, Tongariro Alpine Crossing

- **Vehicle Type**

- Minibus

- **Important Information:**

- Itineraries and inclusions can change due to seasonal, cultural or operational restrictions. For further information regarding our Terms and Conditions please visit <http://realaussieadventures.com/about-us/terms-and-conditions/>
- A moderate level of fitness is required for all tours and activities provided by Real Adventure Group. Some hikes and walks take place over uneven ground and/or a significant distance. Should you have any concerns regarding suitability please contact [enquiries@realadventuregroup.com](mailto:enquiries@realadventuregroup.com).
- Upgrade accommodation is excluded in Hahei and Doubtful Sound.
- Standard accommodation is 6-share in Whakahoro.

### **Day 1 - Auckland to Paihia**

Nau mai, haere mai (welcome)! Your journey kicks off in New Zealand's largest city Auckland, known by those who live here as the 'city of sails' because of its location between the Waitemata and Manukau harbours, making it a boaters and yachters paradise.

Pick-ups start at your accommodation bright and early, before we head north to the seaside town of Paihia. We stop en-route to hug some of the world's mightiest trees, the native Kauri, enjoy a hike to a beautiful waterfall and stop for lunch and a swim at scenic Waipu Cove. This is followed by a trip to the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds (own expense), before settling into our accommodation where you'll have a group meal and the evening free to relax. (D)

### **Day 2 - Paihia to Opononi**

This morning we take a wildlife cruise in the beautiful Bay of Islands, a collection of 144 islands bursting with marine life. There's no better way to see it than by boat, keep an eye out for wild dolphins.

In the afternoon it's off to the Hokianga Harbour, where we will see the huge sand dunes. Tonight you have the option to take part in a Maori-guided twilight encounter, where you'll visit the Waipoua Forest, learn about Maori legends and the spiritual inhabitants of the forest, and visit the largest Kauri tree in the world, the "God of the Forest" Tane Mahuta (own expense). Finish the day with a Kiwi classic for dinner, traditional fish and chips. (B,D)

### **Day 3 - Opononi to Auckland**

We start the morning with a ferry ride across the Hokianga Harbour to go sand boarding down massive dunes (weather dependant); before we start to make our way south through the mighty Waipoua Forest. Here we will have the opportunity to visit NZ's largest Kauri trees. We visit the idyllic Kai Iwi Lakes for a swim in the beautiful crystal clear waters surrounded by a pure white sandy beach, before returning to the 'big smoke' for a late afternoon arrival. (B)

### **Day 4- Auckland to Hahei (Coromandel)**

We depart Auckland and head south east stopping for a walk to the famous Cathedral Cove. Accessible only by foot or boat, you'll discover some of New Zealand's most spectacular scenery and stunning views in this beautiful coastal spot. Cathedral Cove is a 'must see' on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Afterwards we'll drive to Hot Water Beach, a unique surf beach where you dig a hole in the sand and sit in your own personal spa pool (tide dependent). In the afternoon there will be time for a kayaking tour (own expense) before we feast on a delicious BBQ for dinner. (D)

### **Day 5 - Hahei to Rotorua**

Today we head for Rotorua, arriving around midday, to discover an area well-known for its Maori heritage, adventure and geothermal activity. Here you will get the chance to do some great optional activities, such as a visit to Hobbiton.

This evening you will be welcomed into the authentic Tamaki Maori Village, where you will discover Maori art, ancient rituals and traditions. Tonight we dine on a delicious hangi (Maori feast), enjoy an interactive cultural performance and the company of our Maori hosts. (B,D)

### **Day 6 - Rotorua to Whakahoro**

We start the day by visiting some bubbling mud pools before travelling to the powerful Huka Falls. Huka means 'foam' in Maori and describes the gushing rapids that squeeze through the narrow gorge and burst over this impressive 20 metre drop.

Our destination today the most remote parts of the North Island by road. We're heading for the award winning Blue Duck Station in Whakahoro, a 5,200 acre high country farm that is both a working sheep and beef station and an environmental conservation leader. This afternoon you get the opportunity to take part in a 4WD Bush Safari and farm adventure, where you'll explore this vast land and the New Zealand native bush, discover the remains of an unbelievable local history, and learn about the farm's conservation efforts. Your dinner is all cooked using local produce. (B,D)

### **Day 7 - Whakahoro to National Park**

Today we make our way to the UNESCO World Heritage Site 'Tongariro National Park,' where you'll get the chance to do what is rated as one of the world's best one day walks, the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. Trek through dramatic natural scenery, past volcanic peaks, vast craters and stunning turquoise lakes on one of the most spectacular treks in New Zealand. Alternatively you can go on one the shorter walks around this volcanic region or visit the Volcanic Centre Museum (own expense). (B,D)

### **Day 8 - National Park to Wellington**

We depart early to arrive into Wellington around midday. Wellington is known as the 'coolest little capital in the world' thanks to Lonely Planet, and it's a great place to check out the lively arts, shopping, craft beer and café culture scenes. As New Zealand's capital city, it is home to New Zealand's parliament and the iconic Beehive government building. This afternoon, you have the option to tour the world famous Weta Workshop, marvel at the wonders of Te Papa National Museum or wander along the Oriental Parade. (B)

### **Day 9 - Wellington (via Picton) to Abel Tasman**

Leaving Wellington we'll travel across the Cook Strait to the South Island's coastal town of Picton. Here we meet our coach and cruise through the famous Marlborough wine region. We visit a local vineyard's cellar door to sample New Zealand's world famous Sauvignon Blanc, before heading to the spectacular Abel Tasman National Park. Tonight we enjoy some delicious seafood and a BBQ dinner at our exclusive campsite accommodation. (B,D)

### **Day 10 - Full day in Abel Tasman**

Today is a free day to experience the incredible Abel Tasman National Park. Explore this stunning, coastal area famous for being one of the sunniest spots in New Zealand. Walk the coastal track and discover some of New Zealand's best natural golden beaches or choose an optional activity like sailing or sea kayaking (own expense). Tonight you can self-cater and use the BBQ facilities at our accommodation on the edge of the national park. (B)

### **Day 11 - Abel Tasman to Hanmer Springs**

Today you'll travel through beautiful scenery in the Kahurangi and Nelson National Parks where we'll stop for a picnic lunch, before heading to the peaceful town of Hanmer Springs. This afternoon you are free to enjoy this alpine setting. Spend the afternoon surrounded by mountains and forest as you relax in the thermal hot pools. Tonight is a group dinner. (B,D)

### **Day 12 - Hanmer Springs to Christchurch**

Today we head for the East Coast and the coastal village of Kaikoura, famous for a huge array of natural wonders from land to sea. We arrive in Kaikoura early, so you are free to experience all this location has to offer. Why not go out on the water and experience one of Kaikoura's famous dolphin and whale spotting tours (own expense), see seals sitting right beside the road at Goose Bay or wander around the peninsula and check out the breathtaking views from the lookout. After the afternoon's activities, we make our way to the city of Christchurch. Check out the city sights as you make your way to your accommodation in the city centre. (B)

### **Day 13 - Christchurch to Franz Josef**

We depart Christchurch this morning for a stunning journey across the Canterbury Plains and over the famous Arthur's Pass to the West Coast. Around almost every corner there is a picturesque backdrop to enjoy so have your camera ready as we stop often for walks and photo opportunities. We visit Hokitika, famous for pounamu (jade), before our day ends in the quaint little West Coast town of Franz Josef, home to the mighty Franz Josef Glacier. (D)

### **Day 14 - Full day at Franz Josef**

Enjoy a free day and get out and explore the mighty Franz Josef Glacier. Navigate the maze of ice and explore the incredible landscape on a Franz Josef Glacier guided tour which we highly recommend (own expense). There are also many excellent bush hikes available in the region. Tonight we self-cater, giving you the opportunity to dine at one of the many local cafes and restaurants in town or make use of the self-catering kitchen at our accommodation. (B)

### **Day 15 - Franz Josef to Makarora**

Today we head down the West Coast towards Mount Aspiring National Park, stopping to take in some breathtaking scenery at the amazing mirror Lake Matheson, NZ's most photographed lake. See waterfalls as we travel through the mountainous Haast Pass towards Makarora then visit the stunning Blue Pools. On arrival in Mount Aspiring National Park we go jet boating, experience the best in shallow water boating skimming just inches from the riverbed, see pristine waterways, snow-capped peaks and native bush. (B,D)

### **Day 16 - Makarora to Doubtful Sound**

Fiordland National Park is one of New Zealand's most beautiful locations, with stunning ice-carved fiords, valleys, lakes and mountain scenery; it is our first port of call today. Within Fiordland we visit Doubtful Sound, the deepest of all the fiords, surrounded by towering peaks and huge waterfalls. We will board a purpose built boat and enjoy complimentary afternoon tea while cruising past fur seals, penguins and dolphins. There are also sea kayaks to explore the fiord. (B,D)

### **Day 17 - Doubtful Sound to Queenstown**

We depart Doubtful Sound around midday, leaving behind the stunning Fiordland to head for the 'adventure capital of the world' Queenstown. Queenstown offers an optional big (make that huge) night out with excellent restaurants, pubs and live music. (B)

### **Days 18 and 19 - Queenstown**

You have two free days to fully explore everything on offer. Queenstown is a great place to spend a few days, no matter what your past-time of choice is. Options include: bungy jumping, zipline tours, canyoning, Shotover River jet boating, skiing, sky diving or walk Ben Lomond or Queenstown hill for amazing views, or just enjoy the stunning scenery and do nothing. Optional activities and meals not indicated are at your own expense. (B)

### **Day 20 - Queenstown to Mt Cook**

We'll jump back on the bus for a short drive to Wanaka, where we'll spend the morning biking some of New Zealand's most scenic lakeside trails. After lunch, we head over the Lindis Pass through the picturesque Mackenzie region to the base of the country's highest mountain, Aoraki/Mt Cook. There is time for a hike through the Hooker Valley for breathtaking views of the dramatic mountain landscape, or opt to take an alpine scenic flight (own expense). This is also one of the best places in New Zealand to join an evening stargazing tour. (B,D)

### **Day 21 - Mt Cook to Christchurch**

Today we make our way through a landscape made famous in the 'Lord of the Rings' films. We'll take a break for a stroll around Lake Tekapo, iconic for its historic church and turquoise waters. Between Tekapo and Christchurch there is an option for thrill seekers to hop-off and join a top-notch Grade 5 white water adventure on the Rangitata River (own expense). Those not rafting will continue on to Christchurch, where your driver guide will point out the highlights of the South Island's largest city. The rafters will rejoin the group in Christchurch this evening. This is where your tour comes to an end - we hope you had a blast on your New Zealand journey! (B)

**Summer Departures:** Every Saturday October - April

**Departure pick-up:** Time will be approximately 7am. The exact time of pick up from your Auckland accommodation will be confirmed with you.

**Finish:** Christchurch at approximately 5:00pm

**Duration:** 21 days/ 20 nights

### **Extras**

Optional Extra activities at customers own expense