

BEST B&B DISCOVERIES

SAMPLE ITINERARY

New Zealand is renowned for the quality and diversity of its luxury bed & breakfasts – from romantic forest, lake or ocean locations to vibrant city centres. These bed & breakfasts offer peaceful havens to discover our people and country. With fresh, organic, locally sourced produce always available, you will always experience the very best of home grown foods.

DAY ONE

Arrive in Auckland, New Zealand.

Stay at Stafford Villa, a heritage listed colonial villa which has been a family home for over 100 years situated in the historic village of Birkenhead Point.

Explore Auckland's Heritage.

Walk to the ferry and cruise from Birkenhead Point to downtown Auckland; explore the Maritime Museum and Library, and Auckland's Domain (parklands) which is home to the Auckland Museum, with an excellent showcase of early Maori village life.

DAY TWO

Pick up a rental car and drive the Twin Coast Discovery Highway north to the Bay of Islands.

Stay two nights at the Bay of Islands Lodge with views over the Veronica Channel between Paihia and the charming, historic township of Russell.

Dine in or out, the choice is yours.

DAY THREE

Explore this sub-tropical paradise.

Take the 'cream trip' on the famous Hole in the Rock boat tour to the outer Bay of Islands, experience dolphins and abundant bird and marine life.

DAY FOUR

Drive south of Auckland to Seafields, to spend the night at this waterfront rural retreat.

Peace, tranquility and seclusion best describe Seafields, offering a myriad activities including bird watching, coastal walks and guided tours on horseback.

A dedicated spa room, as well as being just minutes from one of New Zealand's leading golf courses, Formosa.



Elm Tree House



Stafford Villa

DAY FIVE

Explore the thermal wonderland that is Rotorua.

Hamurana Country Estate is the perfect base to explore New Zealand's world famous therapeutic thermal region and heartland of Maori culture. Rotorua is host to some of the earth's most spectacular landscapes and powerful natural forces in this thermal wonderland. Sightseeing in the region is a must.

DAY SIX

Explore the local hidden jewel Hamurana Springs, Rotorua.

This magical place is one of great beauty, with abundant wildlife that few visitors get to experience. Steeped in Maori history, local myths abound about a gentle Taniwha, Hinerua. Stroll under a canopy of Redwood trees to the secluded spring that releases a million gallons of pure spring water per hour.

DAY SEVEN

With stunning scenery as the backdrop, continue driving south to Lake Taupo.

Stay two nights at Chalet Eiger, Lake Taupo. Chalet Eiger is a member of the slow food movement, and follows the principles of a new gastronomy encapsulating the complexities of food: from taste to culture, from nature to the people involved in its production. Dinner at Chalet Eiger is not to be missed.

DAY EIGHT

Some of the best trout fishing in the world can be found in the Lake Taupo region.

The mighty Tongariro National Park, a World Heritage

site, offers pristine skiing, and great hiking and outdoor opportunities. Scenic New Zealand at it's best.

DAY NINE

Fly from Taupo to Christchurch.

Stay two nights at Elm Tree House, a hosted villa in one of Christchurch's smartest locations, just 15 minutes walk from the centre of Christchurch, Cathedral Square.

DAY TEN

Discover the early French settlement of Akaroa.

Guests who buy a ticket for the Akaroa Dolphin Discovery Cruise through local operator, The Black Cat Group, will be entitled to a complimentary second ticket. Choose one of the many sightseeing options included in the exclusive Elm Tree House guide, "Essentially Christchurch".

DAY ELEVEN

Take the TranzAlpine train to Greymouth.

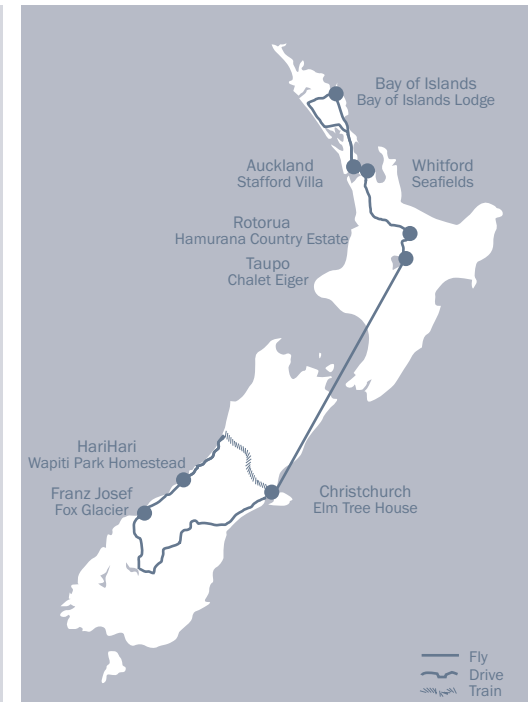
Pick up a rental car and drive south along the South Island's rugged West Coast. Stay two nights at Wapiti Park Homestead. Dramatic extremes of landscape, rugged mountains, vast rainforests, pristine lakes, turbulent rivers and coastline – this is the West Coast.

DAY TWELVE

Start your day with an exclusive opportunity, to accompany Wapiti Park's owner, to feed his Rocky Mountain Elk. Then a day at leisure to explore this famous region of glaciers, at either Franz Josef or Fox Glacier.

DAY THIRTEEN

Drive back to Christchurch for your departure flight.



Fly
Drive
Train

