

# AIR NEW ZEALAND

## *vacations*

### AUCKLAND & QUEENSTOWN ESCAPE

#### Day 1:

Depart USA

This evening make your way to the Los Angeles International Airport for departure to Auckland. If you require a connecting flight from another city to Los Angeles, please ask our agents for details.

#### Depart Los Angeles

Flying Time: Approximately 13 hours - Dinner, Breakfast and Snacks served

#### Day 2:

International Date Line

You actually lose day 2 somewhere in the universe as a result of the International Date Line. Don't worry, you will get it back!

#### Day 3:

Arrive Auckland

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Haere mai - Welcome to **Auckland**, New Zealand's biggest city! **After you clear Immigration collect your luggage and proceed to Customs. After you clear Customs you will be met and transferred to the Mercure Auckland where you will check in for four nights.**



Located in the heart of Auckland's downtown waterfront area, Mercure Auckland overlooks the bustling city and spectacular Waitemata Harbour. Auckland's shopping, restaurants, theaters, casino and attractions are at the hotel's doorstep.

The restaurant and bar on the top floor of the hotel offers the finest views in the city. Most rooms at the feature kitchenettes. The hotel's well-being services include a sauna, spa and gymnasium.

#### Day 4:

Half Day Auckland City Tour

**This afternoon you will depart on your half day Auckland City Tour.**

See firsthand why Auckland is known as the City of Sails as you enjoy a trip over the Harbour Bridge. Visit the famous Auckland landmark of Mount Eden, a dormant volcano whose summit offers excellent panoramic views of the city and harbours. From this fantastic vantage point you will see evidence of Auckland's volcanic history, the most significant being the youngest volcano of Rangitoto Island at the entrance to the Waitemata harbour.

The sightseeing tour also takes in the Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park which is situated on a 62,000 year old volcano. In addition to these natural features the city sights tour also takes in the trendy shopping area of Parnell Village with its historical buildings that have been transformed into boutiques, antique, craft and specialty shops. Your tour will then take you along the scenic waterfront route of Tamaki Drive before returning to Downtown.

**Day 5 - 6:****Leisure Time in Auckland**

**The next 2 days are yours to explore Auckland at your leisure. Talk to our Destination Experts about various touring options in and around Auckland.**

Wherever you stay in Auckland, you're never far from breathtaking scenery, beautiful beaches, invigorating walks, idyllic holiday islands, outstanding food and wine, great shopping and exciting nightlife.

Auckland is the centre of commerce and industry, and is perhaps the most vibrant, bustling and multicultural city in New Zealand. Auckland is the biggest Polynesian city in the world, and this cultural influence is reflected in many different aspects of city life.

The city's landscape is dominated by volcanic hills, the twin harbours, bays, beaches and islands. Its nickname 'the city of sails' is very apt. Auckland has more boats per capita than anywhere else in the world. Auckland is dotted with volcanic hills, many of which were once the site of Maori pas, or fortified villages, and which currently afford great views of the city. Auckland lies between the Waitemata and Manukau harbours, and its geography is such that glistening waters seem to beckon from every point. It is a water lover's paradise, with some of the best beaches, swimming, diving, fishing, sailing, wind surfing and water sports in the country

**Day 7:****Auckland to Queenstown**

Today you will be transferred to the Auckland Airport for your flight to Queenstown.

**Depart Auckland****Arrive Queenstown**

Flying Time: Approximately 1 hour 50 minutes - Snacks & drinks available onboard

**Upon arrival in Queenstown you will be met and transferred to the Rydges Lakeland Resort where you will check in for four nights in a Superior Lakeview Room.**



Rydges Lakeland Queenstown is located on the shores of stunning Lake Wakatipu, surrounded by the majestic Remarkables Mountains. Enjoy spectacular views across the water to some of the most incredible scenery in New Zealand.

The hotel features comfortable and nicely equipped standard rooms, a restaurant and a swimming pool. Queenstown is known as New Zealand's action and adventure capital. Ideally positioned, the hotel is within walking distance of the town centre.

**Day 8:****Full Day Milford Sound Tour**

Travel by luxury coach on an unforgettable journey from Queenstown into Milford Sound. Located within the World Heritage Fiordland National Park, this region is rich with dense rainforest, lakes and waterfalls cascading from rugged mountain peaks. Journey through the Southern Alps via the Homer Tunnel, a 1.2km tunnel drilled through a solid mountain of rock. Upon arrival at Milford Sound, board your Red Boat vessel for a spectacular cruise where you will see the wonders of Mitre Peak, glacier scarred rock walls that rise 1,200m vertically from the sea, and waterfalls that tumble from hanging valleys and crash into the sound far below. Return by coach to Queenstown.

**Highlights Include:** Te Anau, Eglington Valley - ancient alpine beech forest, stunning waterfalls, Mirror Lakes, Homer Tunnel, Fiordland National Park, Milford Sound Red Boat Cruise, Knobs Flat, Christie Falls and The Chasm (subject to road and weather conditions).

**Day 9 – Day 10:****Leisure Time in Queenstown**

The next 2 days are yours to explore Queenstown at your leisure. Talk to our Destination Experts about various touring options in and around Queenstown.

**Queenstown** is the New Zealand destination for international visitors. Its natural beauty changes with the seasons, the lake gleams in the summer sun, and snow clad mountains tower above the township in winter. Queenstown is a great place to visit all year round. Nestled in beside the mysterious Lake Wakatipu, in the Southern Lakes district of New Zealand, Queenstown is a cosmopolitan haven, offering a limitless adventure, southern wine and cuisine, and breathtaking alpine scenery.

Queenstown doesn't earn its title of Adventure Capital of the World for nothing. Here, you can bungee jump, ski or snowboard, paraglide, jet boat, white water raft, skydive, hang glide, jet ski, and drive quad bikes to your heart's content!

For its remoteness, Queenstown is one the busiest little towns in the country, sporting the equivalent to around half the population of New Zealand in tourists in 2006, who came to experience the unique "Adventure Capital of the World", and to relax on the scenic walks, flights, and cruises, taking in the vast lakes, rushing rivers, and awe-inspiring mountains.

**Day 11:****Return to USA**

Unfortunately your great New Zealand vacation concludes today when you are transferred to Queenstown Airport for your flight to back to the US – unless you decide to extend for an extra few nights...!

**Depart Queenstown**  
**Arrive Los Angeles**

**Flying Time: Approximately 17 hours 05 minutes - Lunch, snacks and breakfast served**

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