

Topdeck

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Topdecker, MEET NEW ZEALAND

Yummy food, world-class wine, stunning scenery, unreal adrenalin activities, you're in new Zealand baby! You've got 19 days to get under the skin of New Zealand. We dare you not to fall head over heels in love with this place.

WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Sleeping bag not required



Android/iPhone app download info



This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Take part in a Haka and Poi class
- + Visit Huka Falls
- + Visit Lake Taupo
- + Wine tasting in Marlborough
- + Visit Lake Matheson
- + Stay in the Fox Glacier region
- + Cruise Milford Sound
- + Mountain bike in Arrowtown

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Visit Whangarei Falls
- + Visit Mt Eden
- + Stay overnight in a traditional Maori Marae
- + Take part in a Haka and Poi class
- + Visit Pohutu Geysir
- + Traditional Maori Hangi buffet lunch
- + Visit Huka Falls
- + Visit Lake Taupo
- + Orientation tour in Wellington
- + Cook Strait ferry crossing
- + Wine tasting in Marlborough
- + Christchurch orientation tour
- + Visit Lake Matheson
- + Stay in the Fox glacier region
- + Queenstown orientation tour
- + Mountain bike in Arrowtown
- + Visit a local farm

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Australia/New Zealand
Australia/New Zealand

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Australia/New Zealand
Australia/New Zealand

Trip currencies

- + New Zealand - NZD

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 | AUCKLAND TO BAY OF ISLANDS

James Cook named our first stop the Bay of Islands. Well, you know what to expect! Seeing over 140 islands might take a while, so hop on the optional 'Rock the Boat' island tour to take in as much as you can. **Pre-book your Rock the Boat trip to secure a spot as spaces fill up quickly. All meals, epic company and good times included.

★ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + 'Rock The Boat' overnight cruise

DAY 2 | BAY OF ISLANDS

What's it going to be today? Stick to the water and opt in for a kayak adventure at Haruru Falls or set your sights high and go skydiving. Either way, you'll be winning! We're having a Kiwi fave for dinner – just the ticket after all of that excitement.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

★ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Kayak at Haruru Falls
- + Skydiving
- + Hole in the Rock cruise
- + Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach tour

DAY 3 | BAY OF ISLAND TO AUCKLAND

Tear yourself away from the beautiful Bay of Islands. We'll make two pit stops: first at the pretty Whangarei Falls, then at Mt Eden for a view of the city from the top of a volcano. Pretty cool, huh?

MEALS:

- + Breakfast

INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Whangarei Falls
- + Visit Mt Eden

DAY 4 | AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA

On our way to Rotorua we'll swing by the Waitomo Caves. Take on the optionals and go exploring this otherworldly attraction. Why not try Black Water Rafting, explore the Ruakuri Cave or go see the glowworms. They're all awesome, trust us. Maori legends and mythology have been passed down for thousands of years. You have one night in a meeting house to soak in as much as you can! After learning some Haka moves and checking out the ladies' Poi dance, it's time to tuck into a traditional Kiwi dinner.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Stay overnight in a traditional Maori Marae
- + Take part in a Haka and Poi class

★ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit the Waitomo Caves - Black Water Rafting or Glowworm Caves Tour

DAY 5 | ROTORUA

While you're in Rotorua, you could head to the spa for a massage, jump into Tolkien's dreams at the Hobbiton movie set, take on the highest commercially-rafted waterfall in the world or roll down a hill inside a giant inflatable ball (all optional). When in New Zealand!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit a day spa
- + Visit the Hobbiton movie set
- + OGO Rotorua
- + Whitewater rafting

DAY 6 | ROTORUA TO TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

Crank the heat up to the max – today we're off to check out the geothermal activity in Rotorua on an included tour. Enjoy a traditional Hangi lunch – a meal cooked in an underground oven pit. Then, after taking a look at some the Kiwi birds, we'll make tracks to the epic Huka Falls (you'll hear the rumble of the falls before you see them). Finally, we'll swing by beautiful Lake Taupo before settling in at our accommodation near Tongariro National Park.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Pohutu Geyser
- + Traditional Maori Hangi buffet lunch
- + Visit Huka Falls
- + Visit Lake Taupo

DAY 7 | TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

Known as one of the best one-day hikes in the world, you'll get the chance to complete the Tongariro Alpine Crossing today (optional and weather dependent). With three volcanic peaks dominating the horizon and terrain that'll make you feel like you're on Mars, this hike is so worth the sore legs the next day. Look at you adventuring like a pro!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Hike the Tongariro Alpine Crossing
- + Shorter, local walks

DAY 8 | TONGARIRO TO WELLINGTON

Next up: Wellington. Get your bearings on an orientation tour, then go exploring. Our top tips? The incredible Te Papa Museum and the pretty botanical gardens. Don't miss the nightlife here either. With more bars and restaurants per capita than New York, what better way to spend the night?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Orientation tour in Wellington



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit the Te Papa Museum
- + Visit the botanical gardens

DAY 9 | WELLINGTON TO NELSON

Today we'll cross the Cook Strait by ferry and sail into the blue waters of Marlborough Sound. Hop off in Picton and you'll find out why this region has become so famous for its wine (and scenery).



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Cook Strait ferry crossing

DAY 10 | NELSON

Explore the beautiful Abel Tasman National Park by boat, take to the walking tracks, paddle along the shoreline in ocean kayaks, or see it all from above with a skydive. This is a real South Island gem, so get amongst it.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit Abel Tasman National Park
- + Hiking
- + Kayaking
- + Skydiving

DAY 11 | NELSON TO KAIKOURA

This place is famous for producing some of the world's best Sauvignon Blanc. Today, see if you agree with an included tour and tasting at a Marlborough winery. As we carry on down the coast, try to spot a New Zealand fur seal or two in Kaikoura.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Wine tasting in Marlborough

DAY 12 | KAIKOURA TO CHRISTCHURCH

Few places in the world can boast such natural wonders as Kaikoura. Get amongst it today with some unique optional activities. There's optional whale watching and swimming with the resident dusky dolphins today. Then: after an orientation tour in Christchurch, the city is yours to wander.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Christchurch orientation tour



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Whale watching
- + Swim with dolphins

DAY 13 | CHRISTCHURCH TO FOX GLACIER

The Canterbury Plains make for pretty window views today – but we'll be in mountain territory in no time. We'll make a pit stop by the stunning Lake Matheson en route to Fox Glacier. Fingers crossed for good weather so you can see NZ's two tallest mountain peaks reflected in the mirror-like lake!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Lake Matheson
- + Stay in the Fox glacier region

DAY 14 | FOX GLACIER TO QUEENSTOWN

Hit up NZ's most famous glacier with an optional guided terminal face walk or heli-hike. Then, we'll journey past Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea as we roll into Queenstown. Get your bearings on an orientation tour, then be free! The nightlife here is unreal. Trust us.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Queenstown orientation tour



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Heli-hike
- + Guided terminal face walk

DAY 15 | QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown has sooo many adrenalin-fuelled activities to try. Question is, how many can you fit in to your time here? You could try bungy jumping, a canyon swing, skydiving, hiking or the skyline gondola. Hungry after all of that adventuring? Don't miss Fergburger, Queenstown's famous burger joint. The queues are worth it.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Jet boating
- + Bungy jumping
- + Canyon swinging
- + Horse riding
- + Skydiving
- + Skiing in winter
- + Ziplining
- + Whitewater rafting
- + Half-day hike
- + Scenic helicopter flights

DAY 16 | QUEENSTOWN

It's time for the main event! We're headed to the unbelievable beauty of NZ's southwestern fjords for a cruise through Milford Sound. This place comes complete with thundering waterfalls and towering cliffs that'll blow your mind. Keep your eyes peeled for resident seals and dolphins too (cute). Included activities: -Cruise Milford Sound



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch

DAY 17 | QUEENSTOWN

Our hot tip for your last day here? Sign up for a jet boat ride or some rafting (both optional). For dinner, why not try the yummy pizzas at Winnie's before a final night out on the town? Let's gooo!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Jet boating
- + Rafting

DAY 18 | QUEENSTOWN TO LAKE OHAU

Hop on a bike and ride past mountains, lakes and rivers in Arrowtown on the most spectacular ride on the Queenstown trail. Crossing the 80 m suspension bridge, get ready for open farmland and stunning views.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Mountain bike in Arrowtown

DAY 19 | LAKE OHAU TO CHRISTCHURCH

It may be our last day, but there's still plenty of time to squeeze in a visit to a real working farm. We'll tuck into afternoon tea with the owners before moving on to Christchurch to say our goodbyes.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit a local farm

Meals

Breakfasts are included each day (except on the first morning). A typical breakfast consists of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, a range of spreads, and fruit juice, tea or coffee. It is rare to get a hot breakfast, though on some occasions it may be available.

Included evening meals will be combination of those prepared by the Topdeck Road Crew, local restaurants and places in which we stay.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Topdeck Trip Consultant when you book. But please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

Tipping

Your Topdeck crew never expect tips themselves and will not ask for any; that's not what friends do! We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead, spoil yourself with the money you will save by travelling with Topdeck (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, it's important to be aware of the following:

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Be cautious when accepting drinks from strangers and never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but don't be naïve, and be mindful of the signals you are sending out so that you don't find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!