

# Topdeck

## KIWI ENCOUNTER



TRIP CODE:

NXGKCA-9



## Topdecker, MEET NEW ZEALAND

Wherever you look it's beauty, beauty and more beauty. You'll see everything from soaring volcanoes and towering mountains to mirror-like lakes and dolphins. Journey through wine regions (and try the local goodies) and chill out in a craft beer capital. Make friends for life and see the best that New Zealand has to offer. Are you ready for it?

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



Android/iPhone app  
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This is a principal  
package.

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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 Lake Matheson
- + Stay in the Fox Glacier region
- + Queenstown orientation tour
- + Mountain bike in Arrowtown
- + Visit a local farm
- + Christchurch orientation tour
- + Wine tasting in Marlborough
- + Cook Strait ferry crossing
- + Orientation tour in Wellington
- + Stay overnight in a traditional Maori Marae
- + Take part in a Haka and Poi class
- + Visit Rotorua
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- + Visit Lake Taupo

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Christchurch  
Australia/Pacific

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Auckland  
Australia/Pacific

## *Trip currencies*

- + New Zealand - NZD

# Your Itinerary

## DAY 1 | CHRISTCHURCH TO FOX GLACIER

And so the journey begins! 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 New Zealand's two tallest mountain peaks reflected in the mirror-like lake!



### MEALS:

- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

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

## DAY 2 | FOX GLACIER TO QUEENSTOWN

Hit up New Zealand'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
- + Ice walk

## DAY 3 | 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 bungee 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
- + Bungee jumping
- + Canyon swinging
- + Horse riding
- + Skydiving
- + Skiing in winter
- + Hang-gliding
- + Ziplining
- + Whitewater rafting
- + Half day hike
- + Scenic helicopter flights

## DAY 4 | QUEENSTOWN VIA MILFORD SOUND

It's time for the main event! We're headed to the unbelievable beauty of New Zealand'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 5 | 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 6 | QUEENSTOWN TO LAKE OHAU

Bye Queenstown, you've been epic. On our way to Lake Ohau you'll get the chance to hop on a bike and take on the most spectacular ride on the Queenstown trail. Cross the 80 m suspension bridge and take in the stunning, open farmland, mountain and river views.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Mountain bike in Arrowtown

## DAY 7 | LAKE OHAU TO CHRISTCHURCH

We're headed to Christchurch today. But not before squeezing in a visit to a real working farm. We'll tuck into afternoon tea with the owners before moving on to Christchurch.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit a local farm

## DAY 8 | CHRISTCHURCH TO KAIKOURA

Before leaving Christchurch, we've got an orientation tour on the cards. Then it's onwards to beautiful Kaikoura. Few places in the world can boast such natural wonders as Kaikoura. Once here, you'll have the unique opportunity to swim with the resident dusky dolphins. There's also whale watching on the cards too. Eeek!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Christchurch orientation tour



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Whale watching  
+ Swim with dolphins

## DAY 9 | KAIKOURA TO NELSON

Try to spot a New Zealand fur seal or two in Kaikoura. Then, we're on to Nelson. But first we'll stop for an included tour and tasting at a Marlborough winery. Famous for producing some of the world's best Sauvignon Blanc, come check it out for yourself.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Wine tasting in Marlborough

## 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 WELLINGTON

Today we'll cross the Cook Strait by ferry and sail into the blue waters of Marlborough Sound. Hop off in Wellington and get ready to experience the big city with a chilled out feel. 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. With more bars and restaurants per capita than New York, what better way to spend the night?



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Cook Strait ferry crossing
- + Orientation tour in Wellington



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

## DAY 12 | WELLINGTON TO TONGARIRO

Quick! Visit everything you didn't get the chance to yesterday before we board the coach for Tongariro National Park.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 13 | 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
- + Dinner



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

## DAY 14 | TONGARIRO TO ROTORUA

We'll swing by beautiful Lake Taupo before making tracks to the epic Huka Falls (you'll hear the rumble of the falls before you see them). Then, 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. 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. Learn some Haka moves and check out the ladies' Poi dance, then tuck into a traditional Maori dinner tonight. Yum!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

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- + Take part in a Haka and Poi class
- + Visit Rotorua
- + Traditional Maori Hangi buffet lunch
- + Visit Huka Falls
- + Visit Lake Taupo

## DAY 15 | 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, 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

## DAY 16 | ROTORUA TO AUCKLAND

Before leaving Rotorua, learn some Haka moves and checking out the ladies' Poi dance. Then, On our way out of Rotorua we'll swing by the Waitomo Caves. Take on the optionals and go exploring this otherworldly attraction. It's awesome, trust us. Then, we say hey to Auckland but bye to the trip. Swap memories and numbers, and get organising your next travel adventure!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

## 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.

## 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, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

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 registered 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. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

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. 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 stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**