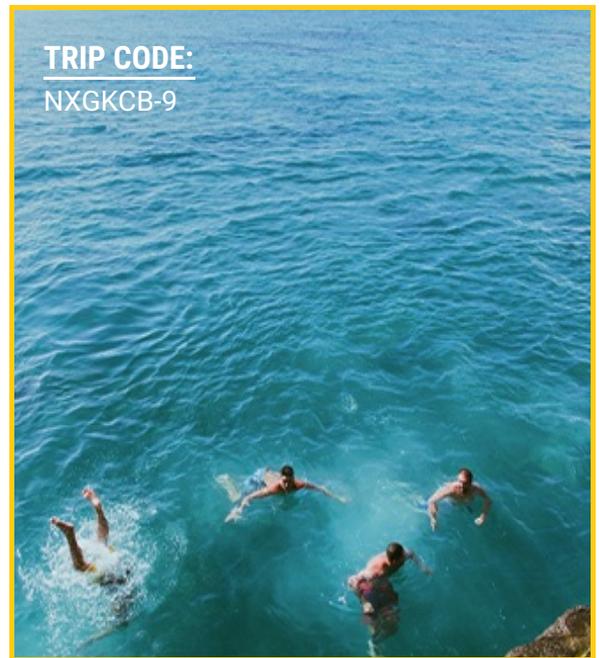


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TRIP CODE:
NXGKCB-9

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



Nights



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This is a sector
trip.

Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

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
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- + Visit Lake Taupo
- + Visit Parry Kauri Park
- + Visit Mt Eden
- + Visit Whangerau Falls

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Christchurch
New Zealand

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Auckland
New Zealand

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 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
- + 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. Tuck into a traditional Maori dinner tonight. Yum!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Stay overnight in a traditional Maori Marae
- + 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
- + Zorbing

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. Let's do this! Included activities: -Take part in a Haka and Poi class



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 17 | AUCKLAND TO BAY OF ISLANDS

Tear yourself away from Auckland, we're headed to the beautiful Bay of Islands. We'll make two pit stops first though: first at Mt Eden for a view of the city from the top of a volcano, then at Parry Kauri Park where you can check out New Zealand's most sacred tree species. Pretty cool, huh?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Parry Kauri Park
+ Visit Mt Eden

DAY 18 | 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! There's also the 'Rock the Boat' overnight cruise you can get involved in for the chance to see as many islands in the Bay as possible. If you've stuck with us on the mainland, we're having a fave Kiwi dish for dinner tonight – just the ticket after a day's excitement. **Pre-book your Rock the Boat trip to secure a spot as spaces fill up quickly. All meals, epic company and good times included.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

+ 'Rock the Boat' overnight
cruise
+ Kayak at Haruru Falls
+ Skydiving

DAY 19 | BAY OF ISLAND TO AUCKLAND

Say bye to paradise before hopping back on the coach. But before we end the trip in Auckland, we'll pay a visit to the pretty Whangerau Falls. With so much to see and do in New Zealand, where to next?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Whangerau Falls

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

NO TIP NECESSARY

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save traveling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing

better.

PLEASE NOTE: The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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PASSENGER SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

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.

RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!

- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues
- + Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (trust us).

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and activities run by local guides
- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

OTHER INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

PLEASE NOTE: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!)

Heading on our Namaste India trip? Your luggage is capped at 15kg, so maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen
- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



THAT'S IT!