



Topdecker, MEET NEW ZEALAND

High octane or slow and steady, this trip switches up the pace every day. Learn local legends from the Maori people, visit some world-class museums, go skydiving and hike one of the best one-day hikes in the world. You'll see movie-worthy scenery, lush greenery and volcanic vistas. Kia Ora New Zealand!

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



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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

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Christchurch orientation tour
- + Wine tasting in Marlborough
- + Cook Strait ferry crossing
- + Orientation tour in Wellington
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- + Take part in a Haka and Poi class
- + Visit Rotorua
- + Traditional Maori Hangi buffet lunch
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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 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. Get amongst it today with some unique optional activities. There's optional whale watching and swimming with the resident dusky dolphins today.



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Christchurch orientation tour



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Whale watching
- + Swim with dolphins

DAY 2 | KAIKOURA TO NELSON

Try to spot a New Zealand fur seal or two in Kaikoura. Then, get your clink on today with a stop by a Marlborough winery for a tasting of the sweet stuff on our way to Nelson. 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.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Wine tasting in Marlborough

DAY 3 | 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 4 | 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 5 | 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 6 | 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 7 | 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. After learning some Haka moves and checking out the ladies' Poi dance, tuck into a traditional Kiwi dinner tonight. Yum!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



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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 8 | 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
- + OGO Rotorua

DAY 9 | ROTORUA TO AUCKLAND

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. It might be time to say goodbye to your trip buddies here, but there's plenty more of New Zealand out there to explore.



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!