

3 Day Itinerary – ex Auckland

Option One: Waitomo Caves, Rotorua & Hobbiton

Day 1: Sunday 21 February 2027

Auckland > Waitomo > Rotorua



This morning depart Auckland – Tāmaki Makaurau and travel south to **Waitomo**, famous for its enchanting glowworm caves. Visit the **brightest glowworm cave in Waitomo**, which was even visited by Sir David Attenborough. You'll take a spectacular boat ride through a cave lit entirely by glowworms and experience the magical sight of hundreds of glowworms shining just for you and visit an amazing limestone cave shaped over millions of years. After the tour, you have free time and lunch at own expense.

Continue to **Rotorua**. Set on a lake near the centre of New Zealand's vast North Island, Rotorua boasts an astonishing wealth of geothermal wonders - geysers, hot springs and mud pools. Check in to your accommodation at the **Distinction Rotorua**. Tonight is at leisure.

Dining suggestion: **Eat Street** precinct located on Tutanekei Street, has a range of restaurants and bars offering pub fare and steaks, to tapas, Indian, Italian and much more.



Day 2: Monday 22 February 2027 Rotorua



Start your day with breakfast at the hotel, then depart for your morning **Redwoods Treewalk** excursion - this award-winning eco-tourism walk is 700 metres long, spans 28 suspension bridges and 27 platforms, and takes about 40 minutes to complete. and enjoy breathtaking and stunning views from a bird's eye perspective. You'll wander across eco-suspended bridges and platforms designed to honour the surrounding natural beauty, all without the need for safety harnesses or training. This immersive experience invites you to explore at your own pace - while learning about the history of the Californian redwoods, the local iwi (people), and the whenua (land). A journey that leaves you feeling inspired, refreshed, and deeply connected to nature.

Afterwards you have free time and lunch at own expense, then depart at 3pm for **Te Puia** – New Zealand's geothermal wonderland, featuring dramatic geysers, bubbling mud pools, traditional Maori carvers and weavers at our national schools. Enjoy a 90 minute guided tour, a hāngī dinner buffet, and cultural performance. Afterwards, coach returns to hotel. (included meals B, D)

Day 3: Tuesday 23 February 2027 Rotorua > Hobbiton > Auckland



Breakfast at the hotel, then depart Rotorua travelling through lush pasturelands to rural Matamata in the Waikato and **Hobbiton** - the iconic MiddleEarth film location featured in the smash-hit movie trilogy of The Lord of the Rings. **Experience the magic of the Hobbiton Movie Set**, with your guide on a shared 2.5-hour walking tour around the movie set, showing the intricate details, pointing out the most famous locations and explaining how J.R.R. Tolkien's legendary stories came to cinematic life. At the conclusion



of the tour, lunch is served. After lunch, depart Hobbiton and return to Auckland arriving late afternoon. Tour Concludes. (Included Meals – B, L)

Cost Per Person: \$1,065 USD Share Double/Twin Room Basis (\$1,705 NZD)

\$166 USD Single Room Supplement (\$265 NZD)

Please note a minimum of 10 people are required for this tour to go ahead. If numbers are not reached you will be advised and we can assist with alternative travel arrangements (this may be at additional cost).

Cost Includes:

- Accommodation in hotels listed or similar subject to availability
- Meals as listed in the itinerary
- Transportation by private deluxe air-conditioned coach as listed in the itinerary with English speaking driver providing tour commentary, unless specified
- Sightseeing as listed in the itinerary
- New Zealand Goods and Services tax which from 01 October 2010 is 15%
- Costing is based on a minimum of 10 passengers travelling

Exclusions:

- Flights of any kind
- Meals or sightseeing not shown as included in the above itinerary
- Services of a dedicated Tour Guide or Tour Leader
- Bottled Water
- Any Optional Services requested, will be quoted separately
- Pre-registration or late check out of hotel rooms
- Gratuities, departure or airport taxes or insurances of any kind
- Items of a personal nature such as mini bar, laundry, phone or internet charges
- Public holiday surcharges where applicable

Booking Information:

To book this post-conference tour, please email Joelle Talbot, Fortis Events
joelle@fortisevents.co.nz

Full payment is due by 10 November 2026 (payment can be received by Bank Transfer, Visa or Mastercard *** transaction fees apply*). An invoice will be forwarded with payment details.

Cancellation: Full cancellation penalty applicable 60 – 1 days prior to departure.

We recommend travel insurance to cover such eventualities.

5 Day Itinerary – ex Auckland

Option Two: Queenstown & Milford Sound

Day 1 – Sunday 21 February 2027



Depart Auckland for Queenstown (flights not included but a quote can be provided).

On arrival in **Queenstown**, meet your coach driver. Your Queenstown adventure starts with a thrilling **Shotover Jetboat** ride. Enjoy riding the **Skyline Gondola** to the top of **Bob's Peak** for magnificent views over the Queenstown area. Arrive to your accommodation at the **QT Hotel Queenstown**. The evening is at leisure to explore a little further and choose from a wide range of dining options.



Day 2 – Monday 22 February 2027 Milford Sound



An early start for **Milford Sound** this morning, with many photo stops and short walks along the way travelling with Southern Discoveries aboard their spectacular glass-roof coaches equipped with WiFi, USB charging ports and comfortable seating. Arriving Milford Sound, join **Southern Discoveries for the 'Discover More Milford Cruise'** including picnic lunch. The cruise is 2 hours 15 mins and designed to give you time to take it all in, with expert insights and stories from on board nature guides. Get close to the **famous waterfalls of Milford Sound**—maybe even feel the spray from the outdoor decks. Year-round wildlife viewing—watch for New Zealand fur seals, playful bottlenose dolphins, and, if you're lucky, the rare Fiordland crested penguins. At the conclusion of the tour return to Queenstown by coach. This evening is at leisure to sample Queenstown nightlife. (included meals – Breakfast & Lunch)

Day 3 – Tuesday 23 February 2027 Queenstown > TSS Earnslaw Cruise & Walter Peak Station



Breakfast at hotel, then walk to the Queenstown lakefront pier in time to board the **TSS Earnslaw** for the lake cruise to **Walter Peak Station**. Enjoy a BBQ lunch and see the famous sheep dogs in action.

Return to Queenstown aboard TSS Earnslaw, arriving early afternoon, with the remainder of the day at leisure. (Included meals: B, L)



Day 4 – Wednesday 24 February 2027 Queenstown

Breakfast at hotel. Today is at leisure – decide as you please your next adventure – wine-tasting in Southern Lakes vineyards, bungy jumping off the Kawarau Bridge, a visit to Arrowtown – a quaint town with a great selection of shops and dining, world-class golf, the choices are endless. (Included meal: B)



Day 5 Thursday 25 February 2027 - Depart Queenstown

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Queenstown Airport for departure flight ** (flight not included)

Cost Per Person: \$2,075 USD Share Double/Twin Room Basis (\$3,320 NZD)

\$1,040 USD Single Room Supplement (\$1,665 NZD)

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