# NEW ZEALAND INTERCITY COACH TOUR



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## North & South Islands by Bus with Flights

**Duration:** 9 days

**Departs:** 2023 & 2024

Stay: 8 nights hotels

Travel style: Independent with coach & ferry travel

**Booking code:** NZCT9AZ

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## 9 Days New Zealand North & South Islands by Bus

#### About the holiday

Take advantage of New Zealand's great InterCity coach services and sit back and let someone else worry about driving, while you explore the spectacular North and South Islands!

Fly to Auckland to begin your New Zealand discovery. There will be ample free time to enjoy the urban delights of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch on this self-guided trip.

After the 3-night stay in Auckland, board the InterCity bus and gaze out the window as you travel through green pastures, rolling hills and towns like Rotorua and Taupo on the way to Wellington. The second InterCity bus route skirts the Pacific Coast between Picton and Christchurch. Between the two coach trips is a scenic Cook Strait crossing on the Interislander Ferry from Wellington to Picton, which is sure to be another highlight of this memorable New Zealand holiday!

#### Why you'll love this trip...

It's a comprehensive, worry-free trip travelling around New Zealand by bus and ferry! Spend three nights in Auckland & Christchurch, plus two nights in Wellington

Discover historic monuments, iconic sights & cultural experiences in the cities.

Breathtaking coach rides through volcanic mountains, rich forests & rural landscapes!

#### Travel dates

#### Departs from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane or Gold Coast\*

2023 – 1 May to 10 September; 10 October to 30 November 2024 – 26 January to 31 March; 1 May to 10 September

Please ask if you wish to depart from other cities or on different dates & we can let you know the options. A similar tour also operates with scenic rail replacing the bus routes.

\*Subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on travel dates.

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#### **Holiday Inclusions**

Flights to New Zealand – return economy class with Air New Zealand (or similar carrier)
Fly from Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast & Sydney

**Coach** – *InterCity* bus from Auckland to Wellington through central North Island *InterCity* bus from Picton to Christchurch, connecting the mountains and the sea

Ferry – InterIslander scenic ferry to marvel at the beautiful Marlborough Sounds

Accommodation - 8 nights in standard rooms, based on twin share
3 nights Auckland – VR Auckland Hotel or Grand Central Serviced Apartments
2 nights Wellington – Mercure Hotel or Bella Vista Wellington
3 nights Christchurch – Bella Vista Christchurch or BreakFree on Cashel

#### Package excludes:

Airport & train station transfers
Meals & sightseeing not specified
Optional tours & activities
Any items not specified in the inclusions or itinerary
Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.
Travel insurance is strongly recommended, please contact us for a quote
Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

This is subject to confirmation by the airlines, bus company, ferry, hotels and local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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#### **Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Arrive Auckland and catch a taxi to your hotel for the next 2 nights.

#### Days 2 & 3 Free Days in Auckland

Your time is free to explore Auckland. Auckland, based around 2 large harbours, is a major city in the north of New Zealand's North Island. In the centre, the iconic Sky Tower has views of Viaduct Harbour, which is full of superyachts and lined with bars and cafes. Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park, is based around an extinct volcano and home to the formal Wintergardens. Near Downtown, Mission Bay Beach has a seaside promenade.

#### Day 4 Auckland - Wellington by InterCity Bus

Today, make your own way to the InterCity Auckland Central bus terminal to catch the coach to Wellington. The journey normally takes around 11.5 hours with comfort stops along the way and travels the centre of the North Island through Rotorua and Taupo.

Arrive in Wellington this evening and make your own way to your centrally located accommodation. Wellington sits near the North Island's southernmost point on the Cook Strait. A compact city, it encompasses a waterfront promenade, sandy beaches, a working harbour and colourful timber houses on surrounding hills. From Lambton Quay, the iconic red Wellington Cable Car heads to the Wellington Botanic Gardens. Strong winds through the Cook Strait give it the nickname "Windy Wellington."

#### Day 5 Wellington

This day is free to enjoy your time discovering more of New Zealand's capital city.

#### Day 6 Wellington - Interislander Ferry - Picton - Christchurch by InterCity Bus

This morning check out of your hotel and make your way to the ferry terminal for your 8:45am departure on the Kaitaki Interislander Ferry. Connecting the North Island and South Island since 1962, the Interislander ferry service is New Zealand's original Cook Strait ferry. Sailing between Wellington and Picton several times a day, the Interislander journey is considered one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world and one of New Zealand's most iconic experiences. Arrive in Picton on the north of the South Island at approximately 12.15pm where you will disembark and make your own way to the Picton bus station for departure of the service to Christchurch. The coach trip takes around 6 hours and travels mountains and sea on a picturesque road journey.

Upon arrival in Christchurch make your own way to your centrally located accommodation, which will be your comfortable home for the next three nights.

#### Days 7 & 8 Free Days in Christchurch

Your time is free to explore Christchurch at leisure. Christchurch, known for its English heritage, is located on the east coast of New Zealand's South Island. Flat-bottomed punts glide on the Avon River, which meanders through the city centre. On its banks are cycling paths, the green expanse of Hagley Park and Christchurch Botanic Gardens. In 2010 and 2011, earthquakes destroyed many of the historic centre's stone-built buildings and today you can see the inspired resurrection and recovery of the vibrant city.

You may want to take the opportunity to explore the surrounding regions or jump onboard the famous TranzAlpine train for a full day trip that covers 223 kilometres (139 miles) each way and traverses the majestic Canterbury Plains, to the backdrop of the mighty Southern Alps.

#### Day 9 Depart Christchurch

Please catch a taxi Christchurch airport for your flights home. We trust you have had a wonderful time.

Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, sea & road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit.

It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

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## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND TRAVEL COMPANY BOOKING CONDITIONS

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- 1. Upon making a reservation with Australia & New Zealand Travel Company you will receive a booking form, which needs to be filled out and signed to confirm that you agree to the terms and conditions.
- 2. Your booking will then be confirmed to you in writing and you will be required to make a payment to secure your reservation.
  - 3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
- 4. 90 days prior to departure you will be asked to make the balance payment for your trip (you will be notified if your supplier requires earlier payment).
  - 5. 10 days prior to departure you will be sent your travel documents via email.

Australia & New Zealand Travel Company operates a Client Trust bank account. This means that we do not hold your money. We pay the ultimate travel providers (Suppliers) of your travel services the funds for your holiday. The Suppliers include airlines, tour operators, cruise lines, transport companies, hotels etc. We are required to pay the Suppliers deposits and final payments to secure your booking and in some instances these items are non-refundable.

If you wish to cancel you must notify us of your cancellation in writing. We will then write to the Suppliers to cancel your booking and request a refund (if applicable) for any elements of your holiday that are refundable. You will need to make an insurance claim for any travel arrangements that are non-refundable. If you have any issues during the refund or cancellation process, you have 30 days to contact our office in writing to lodge a complaint so an immediate resolution can be found for you.

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