



**STATE EXPRESS
GLOBAL VOYAGES**

NEW-ZEALAND-SPLENDOR-TOUR

10 Days / 9 Nights

Auckland, Rotorua, Queenstown, Milford sound, Franz Josef Glacier,
Christchurch



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OVERVIEW:

During this 8-day spectacular trip of New Zealand, we will witness this land of pristine natural beauty adorned with beautiful landscapes and a hint of exciting adventure. We will mark the beginning of our trip with the visit to Auckland. Here we will enjoy a brief city tour and see the world from the observation deck at Skytower.

After a tour of Auckland, we will fly south to the country's adventure capital, Queenstown which attracts travellers from all over the world for its exquisite natural beauty. During our stay at Queenstown, we will go on scenic road trip to Milford Sound. The cruise on Milford Sound is mesmerizing and will surely be the highlight of your 8-day tour of New Zealand. The brave hearted must try the bungee jump here, the place where it originated and wine connoisseurs should definitely go out for the wine tasting experience.

After Queenstown, we will turn our ways towards Franz Josef town where we will enjoy scenic view of glaciers. Here, one must go for an adventurous yet captivating heli-hike tour of the Franc Josef Glacier.

After enjoying glamorous mountain views at Franz Josef Glacier, we will transfer to Christchurch. Here, you shall enjoy the beautiful botanical gardens and amazing street art of Christchurch while punting down the Avon river.

Finally, fly back to North Island as you make your way to Rotorua. Rotorua is a geothermal land featuring colourful landscapes and a natural geysers. Here we will take a trip to the Te Puia Thermal Reserve to see southern hemisphere's largest geyser and learn about the culture of the Maori people. We shall also will visit the natural wonder called Waitomo cave. It is a unique cave illuminated by millions of glow worms. Finally, we bid goodbye to the fabulous country of New Zealand as we catch our flight back to India.



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DAY 01: ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND

On arrival at Auckland International Airport, you will be met by our local representative in New Zealand for a brief meet and greet. Later, proceed to your city centre hotel in Auckland for check-in.

Auckland is New Zealand's largest and most populous city with a population of just 15 lakh people (2019). While Wellington is the country's political capital, the city of Auckland is the main financial and commercial centre. One of the most expensive cities in the world, it is also considered as one of the most liveable. A highly cosmopolitan city, people from all over the world now call this city their home.



Overnight stay at hotel in Auckland.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Auckland International Airport

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DAY 02: AUCKLAND CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for a half day city tour of Auckland.



The tour begins with a short trip over the **Harbour Bridge** to the North Shore before returning to the central city to visit Queen St and the **Viaduct harbour**. You will then drive along the scenic waterfront route of **Tamaki Drive** to the **Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park**. A memorial to the first Labour Prime Minister of New Zealand, it is a beautiful garden and a renowned kite flying venue. Finally, visit Auckland's most popular and tallest building - **Sky Tower** and enjoy glamorous views of the city from its 51st floor observatory deck. Here, you can also enjoy a sky walk – where you can walk at the outer side of the building while being safely tied to a harness.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Auckland International Airport
- Half-day city tour of Auckland and visit Sky Tower Observation Deck

DAY 03: TRANSFER TO QUEENSTOWN

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to Auckland Airport to catch a flight to **Queenstown**. Upon arriving, we will check-in at our city centre hotel there.



The adventure capital of the world, Queenstown is a region carved out by glaciers, lakes and rivers. People come from all over the world to enjoy the beauty of its unique landscape and participate in the adrenaline pumping activities available in this resort town. Built around Lake Wakatipu, the longest lake in New Zealand, it serves as a base for nearby vineyards and mining towns.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Queenstown.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly to Queenstown and check-in at the hotel

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DAY 04: FJORD CRUISE ON MILFORD SOUND

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for one of the most stunning road trips in the world between Queenstown and Milford Sound.



Milford Sound is a beautiful fiord located deep within Fiordland National Park. Many considered it to be New Zealand's most beautiful natural attraction. The best way to soak in the natural beauty of the region is by taking a **cruise along the fiord**, surrounded by stunning waterfalls falling down over sheer cliffs of the southern Alps. After the cruise, we will take the scenic route back to Queenstown.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Queenstown.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the beautiful journey from Queenstown to Milford sound
- Take a cruise on the fiord to bask in the stunning scenery

DAY 05: DAY FREE IN QUEENSTOWN

After breakfast at the hotel, rest of the day is free for you to explore Queenstown on your own. You can choose to spend the day by participating in a number of adventure activities in Queenstown such as bungee jumping, luge ride or jetboat riding down the Shotover river canyon.



Overnight stay in Queenstown.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – Queenstown is surrounded by beautiful wine country which produces some of the best wines in the world. If you are fond of wine, or still new to it, you can participate in a wine tasting tour leaving from Queenstown. During the tour, you will sample some of the award winning wines from the region while you get to travel to amazing off-the-beaten-track wineries.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Queenstown at your own leisure
- Go on a wine tasting tour to sample New Zealand's famous wines
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DAY 06: TRANSFER TO FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER

After breakfast, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Glacier.

The journey from Queenstown to the glacier region located on the west coast of New Zealand is another spectacular drive across the beautiful country. As you cross the Haast Pass and travel through the Westland National Park, you get to drive past snowy



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mountains and serene lakes. Upon arriving in **Franz Josef Town**, we will check-in at our hotel there.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Franz Josef Town.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – Those looking for a unique adventure in New Zealand should definitely choose a **heli-hike tour of the Franz Josef Glacier**. During the tour, you will take a helicopter to enjoy the views from the top. The helicopter lands at a makeshift place directly on the glacier from where you start a two-hour hike through pristine glacier snow, spectacular ice formations and fresh air. Later, grab a return helicopter ride back to the departure location.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic ride to Franz Josef town and see magnificent glaciers
- Go on a Heli-Hike tour of Franz Josef Glacier [RECOMMENDED]

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DAY 07: TRANSFER TO CHRISTCHURCH

After breakfast, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to Christchurch. Upon reaching Christchurch, we will check-in at the hotel.

Christchurch is the largest city in New Zealand's South Island and the oldest British city in the country. Also called the garden city for its vast botanical gardens, the city is renowned for its fabulous street art. The well-planned city has one of the best water supply systems in the world with its water quality frequently rewarded as the cleanest and purest. The city also serves as a gateway for Antarctic exploration.



Overnight stay at the hotel in **Christchurch**.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – Venture out for a fabulous **punting ride on the Avon river** in Christchurch. During this relaxing ride, you shall marvel at the beautiful botanical gardens lining the Avon river that give the name 'Garden City' to Christchurch as you are poled by a punter dressed in Edwardian era clothes. This eco-friendly ride is an iconic activity in Christchurch.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride the majestic Trans Alpine train to reach Christchurch
- Enjoy a relaxing punting ride on the iconic Avon river [RECOMMENDED]

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DAY 08: TRANSFER TO ROTORUA AND ENJOY GONODLA RIDE

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to Airport to catch a flight to Rotorua. Upon arrival, we will transfer to our hotel and check-in.



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Named after a lake by the same name, **Rotorua** has been a principal base of Maori culture since 14th century who constitute a significant portion of the region's population. Due to its location in the heart of North Island's geothermal belt, the city of Rotorua is popular for its wide array of bubbling mud pools, surging geysers and thermal spa resorts.



In the afternoon, we will take a **gondola ride** up Mount Ngongotaha to **Skyline Rotorua**. Apart from offering stunning views of the Rotorua lake and the surrounding region, it is a hub of fantastic adventure activities such as zipline, luge ride and a crazy 50m tall giant swing. Apart from adventure and stunning views, the skyline is populated with fantastic cafes where you can satiate your tastebuds.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Rotorua..

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SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION - Redwoods Nightlights Treewalk is one of New Zealand's top design led tourism experiences. Set high amongst the giant redwood trees, you walk across eco-suspended bridges and platforms intricately designed to honour the stunning natural environment. Exquisite lanterns float above the forest floor and enhance the experience of the walk among the 75-metre-tall trees. Enjoy the forest at night on a 40 minute award-winning, eco-tourism walk that spans 28 platforms and suspension bridges.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch a flight to Rotorua and check-in at the hotel
- Take a Gondola ride to Skyline Rotorua and enjoy adventure activities on top
- Enjoy a Night time experience at the much-awarded Redwoods Treewalk [RECOMMENDED]

DAY 09: VISIT TE PUIA THERMAL WONDERLAND AND WAITOMO CAVES

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a tour of Te Puia Thermal Wonderland.

The best place to enjoy spectacular geothermal elements, **Te Puia** features colourful landscapes, powerful geysers and bubbling mud pools. These reliefs were sculpted as a

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result of thousands of years of volcanic activity in the region. The Pohutu geyser is the largest geyser in the Southern Hemisphere and can reach a height of about 30 metres.



Afterwards, we will continue our tour to Waitomo Caves. **Waitomo Cave** is a world-famous natural attraction of New Zealand. Millions of indigenous glow worms thrive in these caves and illuminate its ceiling. As you cross an underground river running through these caves on a boat, the guide explains to you the history of these fantastic caves. Apart from a regular guided tour, you can also indulge in adventure activities like black-water rafting and abseiling.



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Overnight stay at the hotel in Rotorua.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at geysers and coloured mud pools at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal wonderland
- Visit Waitomo Caves that are lit up by millions of glow worms
- Arrive in Rotorua and check-in at the hotel

DAY 10: FLY BACK TO INDIA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to Auckland international airport to catch our flight back to India.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your New Zealand tour organised by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Board flight to return back to India



“TOUR END”

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