

2008 PROBUS RENDEZVOUS, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Post Tour Itinerary - 16 Day Highlights of New Zealand Tour (G3) 19 September - 4 October 2008

NZ\$3399.00 pp twin share AU\$2999.00 pp twin share
NZ\$4299.00 single AU\$3849.00 single

PRICE INCLUDES:

15 nights quality hotel accommodation
Luxury coach travel throughout the tour
Professional Coach Captain
Meet and greet on arrival in New Zealand
15 cooked breakfasts including 1 specialty breakfast:
Skyrides Restaurant - Rotorua
13 dinners including 3 specialty dinners:
Haggis Ceremony - Dunedin
Walter Peak Homestead - Queenstown
Maori Hangi and Concert - Rotorua
1 picnic lunch
Sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary
The TranzAlpine Rail Journey
Interislander Ferry between Picton and Wellington
Return airport transfers in New Zealand
GST - New Zealand Goods and Services Tax
Grand Pacific Tours travel bag, ticket wallet, toiletry wetpack,
personal New Zealand travel diary, personal name badge,
luggage label, personalised itinerary, touring map, postcard and
Optional Tours Directory.

DAY 1 - 19 September:

CHRISTCHURCH >> (D)

Today you will be **transferred** from your Probus Rendezvous Hotel to the tour hotel. Tonight at dinner you will be met by a **Grand Pacific Tours** representative.

Accommodation: The Elms Hotel

DAY 2 - 20 September:

CHRISTCHURCH - OMARAMA >> (B,D)

After a **city tour** depart **Christchurch** and travel through the **southern Canterbury Plains** to **Lake Tekapo**. View the brilliant turquoise water, visit the **Church of the Good Shepherd** and the **Sheep Dog Statue**. See the spectacular mountain ranges including **Mt Cook**, **New Zealand's highest peak**. The opportunity is available (time and weather permitting) to enjoy a **scenic flight** (optional) over the Southern Alps before travelling to **Omarama**.

Accommodation: Heritage Gateway Hotel

DAY 3 - 21 September:

OMARAMA - DUNEDIN >> (B,D)

Depart **Omarama** and see **Lake Benmore**, before following the **Waitaki River** to **Oamaru**, famous for its limestone. Continue south to **Dunedin**, a well preserved Victorian city. Enjoy an **informative tour** including a visit to **Olveston House**, a prestigious historic home. Tonight a **Scottish evening** will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, special **Haggis Ceremony** and **gift**.

Accommodation: Mercure Leisure Lodge

DAY 4 - 22 September:

DUNEDIN - TE ANAU >> (B,D)

This morning travel out along the **Otago Peninsula** to **Larnach Castle** where you enjoy a **guided tour**. Visit **Glenfalloch Woodland Gardens** and view the superb collection of flowers as you enjoy a delightful morning tea. Farewell **Dunedin** and travel through **Balclutha** and **Gore** to **Te Anau**, **gateway to Fiordland** and your overnight stay. Tonight you may like to visit the **Te Anau Glow Worm Caves** (optional).

Accommodation: Luxmore Hotel (Superior Rooms)

DAY 5 - 23 September:

TE ANAU - MILFORD SOUND - QUEENSTOWN >> (B,L)

Depart **Te Anau** for a fascinating drive to **Milford Sound** where you board your launch for a **cruise on this magnificent fiord**. See the spectacular **Bowen Falls** and towering **Mitre Peak** as you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon travel to **Queenstown**, overlooking magical **Lake Wakatipu**. Spend the next two nights at this year round resort which offers a wide range of activities and attractions. This evening is free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

Accommodation: Mercure Resort Queenstown (2 nights)

DAY 6 - 24 September:

QUEENSTOWN (FREE DAY) >> (B,D)

Today is a **free day** for you to explore **Queenstown** at leisure. Your Coach Captain is available to assist with the many sightseeing options available whether it be the thrill of a jet boat ride, a heritage tour to **Skippers Canyon** or the helicopter ride of a lifetime. This evening board the **vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw** and cruise across **Lake Wakatipu** to **Walter Peak Station**. On arrival sit back and relax, as you are treated to the **best of New Zealand's high country cuisine** in the **Colonel's Homestead**. After dinner enjoy a **short farm** tour then reboard the **TSS Earnslaw** for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to **Queenstown**.

DAY 7 - 25 September:

QUEENSTOWN - ARROWTOWN - FOX GLACIER >> (B,D)

Travel to **Arrowtown**, an old gold mining village and visit the **Lakes District Museum**. Continue via the **Haast Pass** to the mighty West Coast, an area of stunning beauty. See the **snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps** as you travel to **Fox Glacier**. Time is available (weather permitting) to experience a **scenic flight** (optional) over the spectacular glaciers.

Accommodation: Scenic Circle Glacier Country Hotel



DAY 8 - 26 September:

FOX GLACIER - ARTHUR'S PASS - CHRISTCHURCH >> (B,D)

Travel to **Hokitika** and visit the **Greenstone Factory**. Continue into **Arthur's Pass** and board **The TranzAlpine**, renowned as **one of the great train journeys of the world**. View rivers and valleys as you travel through the **Waimakariri Basin**, over massive viaducts and through the patchwork farmlands of the **Canterbury Plains** to the elegant city of **Christchurch**. On arrival your coach will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.
Accommodation: The Elms Hotel

DAY 9 - 27 September:

CHRISTCHURCH - PICTON - WELLINGTON >> (B,D)

Travel along the East Coast to the fishing village of **Kaikoura**. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you travel through **Marlborough Country**, famous for its food and wine. Continue to **Picton**, where you board the **Interislander Ferry** for your journey through the **Marlborough Sounds** and across **Cook Strait** to **Wellington**.
Accommodation: Hotel Ibis (2 nights)

DAY 10 - 28 September:

WELLINGTON >> (B)

This morning enjoy an extensive **city tour** which explains the history and culture on show in New Zealand's Capital, **Wellington**. A highlight will be a **guided tour of Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum**, with exhibits that embrace both Maori and European views of the land, environment and people. A leisurely afternoon has been set aside for you to further explore the sights or relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the waterfront. This evening has been left free and you may choose to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.



DAY 11 - 29 September:

WELLINGTON - TAUPO - ROTORUA >> (B,D)

Depart **Wellington** and view the snow capped peaks of **Mt Ruapehu** and **Mt Tongariro** as you travel to **Lake Taupo**. Visit the spectacular **Huka Falls**, then travel along the **Thermal Explorer Highway** to the geothermal wonderland of **Rotorua**.
Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (2 nights)

DAY 12 - 30 September:

ROTORUA >> (B,D)

Today begins with a **Gondola ride** to **Skyrides Restaurant** where a **buffet breakfast** and spectacular views are on offer. Travel to the **Agradome** where you see **performing sheep**, a **shearing display** and **sheep dog trial**. Next visit **Paradise Valley Springs**, a **superb wildlife park** where you can hand feed rainbow trout. Some free time is available before an afternoon transfer to see the **boiling mud pools** and the **awesome Geysers** that **Rotorua** is famous for. This evening you will experience an entertaining **Maori Hangi and Concert**.



DAY 13 - 1 October:

ROTORUA - AUCKLAND - BAY OF ISLANDS >> (B,D)

This morning depart **Rotorua** and travel north via **Auckland** to the **Parry Kauri Park** to see a magnificent example of a **Kauri Tree**. Continue via **Whangarei** to **Paihia**, situated in the heart of the beautiful **Bay of Islands**. Enjoy a **guided tour** of the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**, location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.
Accommodation: Hotel Paihia (2 nights)

DAY 14 - 2 October:

BAY OF ISLANDS >> (B,D)

This morning travel aboard a **luxury catamaran** to **Cape Brett** and the famous **Hole in the Rock**. Stopover at **Otehei Bay** before returning via **Russell** to **Paihia** for a free afternoon. A range of optional activities are available or you may choose to relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the waterfront.

DAY 15 - 3 October:

BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND >> (B,D)

Depart the **Bay of Islands** this morning and travel via **Whangarei** and **Dargaville** to **Matakohe**. Enjoy a visit to the **Kauri Museum** before continuing to **Auckland** for a **city sights tour**. Later check into your centrally located hotel where this evening you will enjoy a **farewell dinner** with your new friends.
Accommodation: Mercure Hotel

DAY 16 - 4 October:

AUCKLAND - HOMEPORT >> (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be **transferred** to the airport for your flight home after a memorable holiday.

(B) Breakfast >> (L) Lunch >> (D) Dinner