

Dencaro Tours Presents

Best of new Zealand Tour



Departing 26th October 2026

DENCAROTOURS invites you to join us on this 17 Day /16 Night. Visiting Auckland, Bay of Isles, Rotorua, Napier, Lake Taupo, Wellington,

Picton, Christchurch, Dunedin, Te Anau, Milford Sound, Queenstown, Arrowtown, Wanaka, Greymouth

Highlights Include

Waitangi Treaty Grounds Tour, Bay of Isles Hole in the Rock cruise, Rotorua Thermal springs, Maori cultural and Hangi evening, Interislander ferry crossing, Tranzalpine Train Journey, TSS Earnslaw cruise and dinner at Walter Peak Homestead, Milford Sound nature cruise, and lots more.



Auckland

Day 1 26th October

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Cessnock to Auckland

An early start this morning as we board a Dencaro Coach travelling down the M1 to Sydney International Airport for our flight across the ditch to the “Land of the Long White Cloud” arriving in Auckland. Enjoy a city highlights tour of the City of Sails, take a stroll down Queen Street to the main shopping precinct by the Viaduct Harbour and the Auckland Waterfront.

Overnight Legacy Airedale Hotel Auckland

Day 2 27th October

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Auckland to the Bay of Islands

This morning we depart Auckland city and travel north over the Harbour Bridge past the sprawling suburbs of the North Shore of Auckland. Your travels then take you through Northland's lush

farmland scenery before arriving in the beautiful Bay of Islands. After lunch in Paihia we visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and Te Kongahu Museum. Our motel is conveniently located in the centre of the CBD of Paihia less than 100 meters from the waterfront and harbour making it easy to explore Paihia and all its beauty.

Overnight Kingsgate Motel Paihia

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Bay of Islands

Day 3 28th October

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Bay of Islands

One of the true highlights of the tour is a 3 Hour Bay of Isles cruise. Experience spectacular scenery as you cruise through game fishing waters to Cape Brett and weather permitting through the famous Hole in the Rock formation, a stopover in Russell for lunch before returning to Paihia to enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Overnight Kingsgate Motel Paihia

Day 4 29th October

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Bay of Isles to Rotorua

Your journey south takes you through Whangarei, the northern most city in New Zealand to Warkworth passing the satellite tracking station, cross the Bombay Hills to the lush farmlands of the Waikato noted for its horse studs, and the bush clad Mamaku Ranges to Rotorua, our home for the next 2 nights.

Overnight Sudima Lake Resort Rotorua



Hells Gate Geothermal Springs Park



Day 5 30th October

BD

Rotorua

Our day starts in spectacular fashion with a 900 metre Gondola ride to the Skyline Rotorua complex where we will enjoy a buffet breakfast with Stunning views of the City and Coast, next we visit Hells Gate Geothermal Springs Park to experience the force of nature at its awesome best, tonight we are treated to an evening of culture, history and scrumptious food awaits you at a highlight dinner at Tamaki Maori Village. Learn about Maori art forms and traditions followed by a concert featuring local performers. Then experience an authentic Hangi meal steamed underground in the traditional way.

Overnight Sudima Lake Resort Rotorua

Day 6 31st October

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Rotorua to Napier

View the mighty Huka Falls and the Wairakei Geothermal project before stopping at Lake Taupo, the largest lake in New Zealand for lunch. Continue across the Central Plateau to the Hawkes Bay region and Napier, often regarded as the world's Art Deco Capital. On arrival enjoy a stroll along the esplanade and explore the many arts and craft shops that Napier is famous for.

Overnight Te Pania

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Napier to Wellington

Orchards and vineyards give way to farmland as you travel into the rural heartland of the Wairarapa region. You travel south over the Rimutaka ranges into the Capital City, Wellington. A city tour includes the summit of Mount Victoria for views over the city and its harbour, the Houses of Parliament and distinctive 'beehive' Wellington Cathedral, the central city and business area of Oriental Bay.

Overnight Ibis Wellington

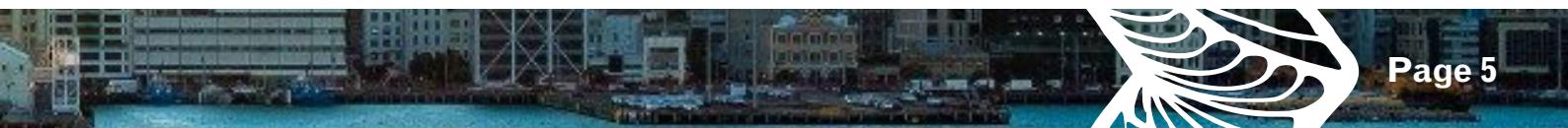


Napier

Wellington

A Free Day today, to do as much or as little as you wish. Our motel is located in the heart of the city, making it easy to explore the many attractions and sites that the windy city has to offer.

Overnight Ibis Wellington



Day 9 3rd November

BD

Wellington to Christchurch

This morning we farewell the North Island and our wonderful driver as we make our way to Wellington airport for the short flight to Christchurch, the largest city on the South Island.

Overnight Heartland Hotel Cotswold

Day 10 4th November

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Wellington to Fox Glacier

This morning we board the TranzAlpine Train. This spectacular train journey dates back to 1914, it is rated as one of the world's most scenic train trips. The train forges through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow- capped peaks, icy rivers, beach forests, gorges and river valleys, arriving in Greymouth our coach will be waiting to transfer us through the spectacular Glacier country arriving in Fox Glacier in late afternoon.

Overnight Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier

Day 11 5th November

BD

Fox Glacier to Wanaka

This morning you may want to get up close and personal with the glaciers on a helicopter flight. Your flight will hover over the snow face and may land high up on the valley so you can walk across the ice fall (subject to weather conditions optional experience, own expense). After lunch we follow an ancient greenstone trail, you will travel over Haast Pass, marking a change from the Alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes, to the rainforest marvel of the wild West Coast. View the sheer drop of Thunder Creek Falls and the grand sight of Mt Hooker, flanked on three sides by extensive glaciers, your final destination for today is the beautiful Lake Wanaka, where the shoreline is charmingly lined by poplars and willows.

Overnight Edgewater Motel

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Day 12 6th November

BD

Wanaka to Queenstown

Farewell the Alpine wonderland of Wanaka this morning, It is a day of gorgeous lakes, you will travel into central Otago and view the vivid blue waters of Lake Hawea, and begin the passage through Westland. On the way to Queenstown region you will stop and visit the faithfully restored gold mining settlement of Arrowtown. As you amble down the tree lined avenues, past the 19th century wooden buildings, you will feel like you have stepped back in time. Arriving in Queenstown we will have time for a rest up before boarding the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Homestead Farm for an evening you will never forget, following a gourmet barbecue “Highlight Dinner”. Enjoy an entertaining farm show that provides a glimpse into high country farm life. Why not join in a sing-a-long on your way back to Queenstown.

Overnight Copthorne Lake Front Queenstown

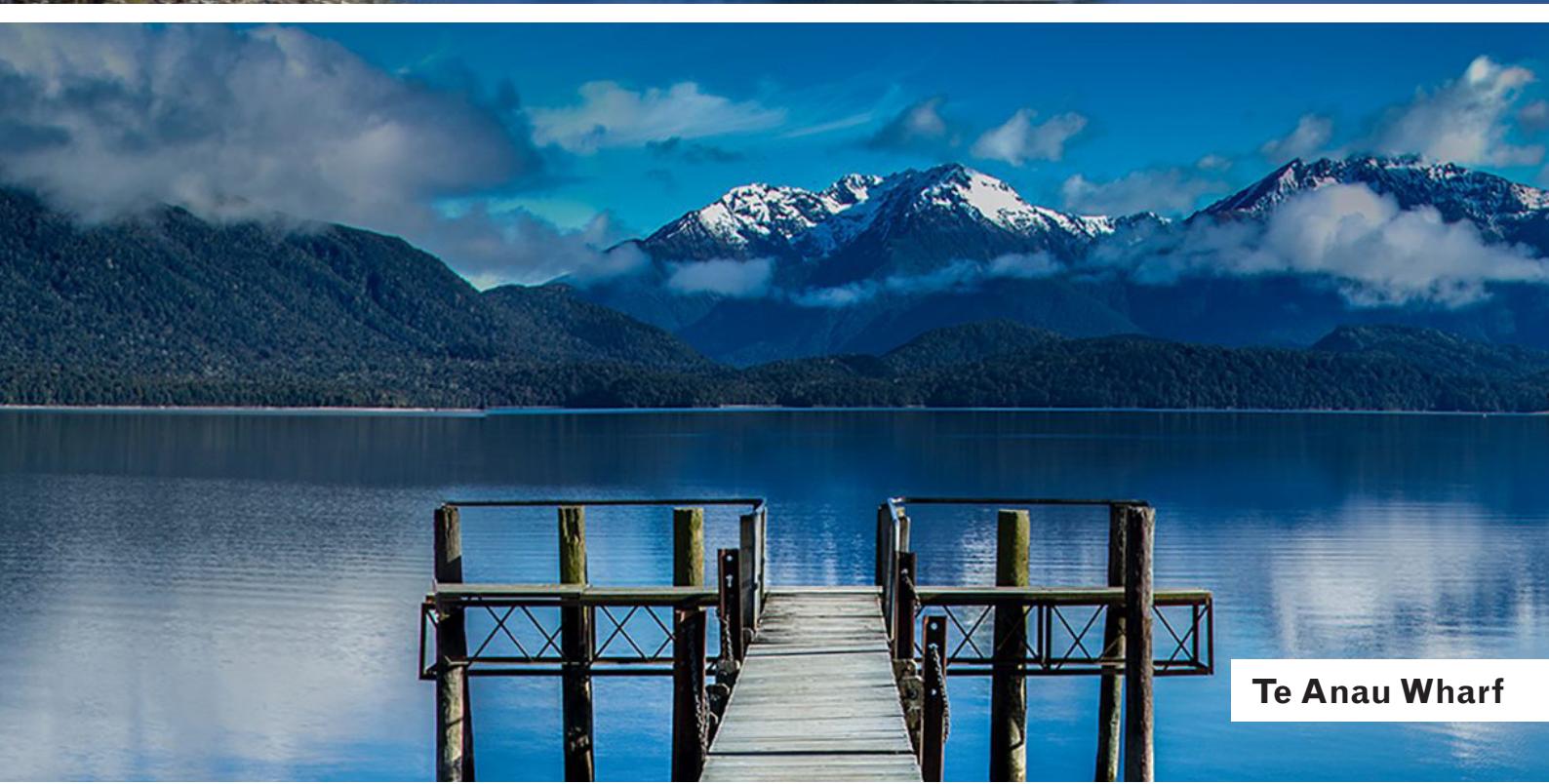
Day 13 7th November

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Queenstown

A Free Day Today to explore Queenstown. You may choose to take one of the many sightseeing experiences. Take the Gondola up to Bobs Peak to enjoy magnificent views over Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu, ride the Shotover Jet, take a 4WD drive minibus through Skippers Canyon, visit the 5acre Kiwi Birdlife Park or just spend the day exploring the shopping precinct of Queenstown.

Overnight Copthorne Lake Front Queenstown



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Day 14 8th November

Queenstown to Te Anau

This is one of the days you want to have your camera charged, and ready to go! Leaving Queenstown you will journey through the Fiordland National Park and out to Milford Sound on one of the most scenic roads you could hope for. Travel through native rainforests, beach forest, alluvial flats and meadows. You will stop at Mirror Lakes where, as the name suggest, you can see the stunning mountain scenery perfectly reflected in the waters in the lake. Then on to the Homer Tunnel where man's attempt to master the sheer rocky ranges still left rough-hewn around the edges. As you emerge out of the other side of the tunnel, you are presented with one of the world's most dramatic alpine drives, down through the Cleddau River has carved its way through solid rock, and then it's on to Milford Sound, where you will cruise the waters of this natural wonder. Your cruise will meander down the Sound, taking in the Bowen and Stirling Falls as these plummet from glacial hanging valleys sharply into the sea, and the sheer pinnacle of mitre peak, rising from the deep waters of the fiord.

Overnight Distinction Luxford Te Anau

Day 15 9th November

BD

Te Anau to Dunedin

This morning travel through lush green pastures, crossing sheep filled farmland. New Zealand is internationally known for its sheep farming and these are sights many visitors to this country recognise as typically New Zealand. You are sure to find the perfect sheep photo here. As your journey continues, the rolling hills, grassy hills once again turn back into heavily forested, rugged mountains, and you meander your way to Dunedin New Zealand's southernmost city. Arriving at Larnach Castle (New Zealand's only Castle) after lunch

enjoy a guided tour of the Castle and Gardens, tonight we experience a traditional Haggis ceremony before dinner.

Overnight Mercure Leisure Inn





Day 16 10th November

BD

Dunedin to Christchurch

Our day starts with a tour of Dunedin, take a wander down George street to experience Dunedin's Scottish heritage before reboarding the coach for the journey alongside the Waitaki River and a photo stop at the Waitaki hydro Power scheme and Benmore Dam arriving in Christchurch in time for a city highlights tour to see how Christchurch is rebuilding after the devastating earthquakes in 2010, 2011. The afternoon is free to shop or rest up before joining your Hosts Denis & Carolyn, our driver and new found friends for a farewell dinner.

Overnight Heartland Hotel Cotswold

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Dunedin Railway Station

Day 17 11th November

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Christchurch to Home

All good things must come to an end, today we farewell New Zealand flying from Christchurch Airport to Sydney, where our Dencaro Coach will be waiting to take us home. I'm sure there will be many fond memories and experiences that will stay with us for ever.



Dencaro Tours

Bookings to Denis Mcgorey - 0412 730 578

FARE: \$8,790 per person
based on twin/double share

Deposit: \$1000.00 per person
Due at time of booking

Balance: Due by 1st September 2026

*GST is included in fare.
Cancellation fees apply.*

Cancellation:

*6 weeks loss of Deposit;
unless a replacement is found.
3 weeks prior to tour - No Refund.*

Payment can be made by cheque or direct deposit to Dencaro Tours.

*Beyond Bank. BSB 325 185 ACC 03769681.
Please put your name as a reference. Eftpos also available by Master card, Visa and Amex.*

FARE INCLUDES - All luxury coach travel & sightseeing as per this itinerary, quality motel accommodation with dinner and breakfast and admissions to the attractions listed.

FARE DOES NOT INCLUDE - Lunches, (unless stated), morning/afternoon teas (unless stated), optional sightseeing or items of a personal nature.

GST is included in fare

B = Breakfast, **MT** = Morning Tea,
L = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS - please advise in writing to Denis when final payment is due.

Dencaro Tours does not offer Travel Insurance, but we recommend all passengers have insurance prior to final payment and during the tour. Travel Insurance can be purchased from Travel Agents, NRMA or online.

GENERAL TRAVEL CONDITIONS

ITINERARY CHANGES: Dencaro Tours acts in the best interest of their passengers and will endeavour to operate as closely as possible to the itinerary but reserves the right to alter them where necessary due to conditions prior to or during the tour.

FARES: All prices quoted are based on tariffs current at the time of printing, and are subject to increase without previous notice, as a result of any increase in basic tariffs which may occur prior to final balance being paid.

BAGGAGE: Is restricted to one suitcase per person not exceeding 23kgs in weight. a small travel bag or brief case is allowable as well.

Baggage is at owner's risk for the duration of the tour. Insurance is recommended.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: IS RECOMMENDED FOR YOUR OWN PEACE OF MIND ON ALL TOURS

TOUR ARRANGED & CONDUCTED BY:

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ELIGIBILITY: Dencaro Tours. reserves the right to terminate the tour of any person or persons who disrupt the operation of the tour, or who are objectional to other travellers, or who are unable to maintain themselves on tour. Dencaro Tours will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for such reasons SMOKING AND ALCOHOL: are not permitted while travelling on the coach. Adequate stops will be provided for smokers. Passengers are requested not to bring food or drink on to the coach unless for medical reasons.

TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES: Where Dencaro Tours does not operate the excursion which may be included in the tour itinerary, they shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury occasioned to any person or property as a result of such excursion undertaken during the tour whatsoever or howsoever the same may be caused whether as a result of negligence or otherwise.