

New Zealand in Autumn (12 days)

South & North Island



19 April to 30 April 2025

New Zealand is home to the world's most stunning scenic drives. Be amazed at every turn. Picturesque towns. Glistening lakes. Rolling farmland. Towering mountains. Plunging waterfalls. The best way to discover the ever-changing landscape is by the road .

This itinerary is drafted to capture the best photography locations of New Zealand in colourful autumn foliage. Private small group departure.

Day 01 19 April 25	KUALA LUMPUR – CHRISTCHURCH (MOB) Assemble at KLIA at 11.30am Check into Singapore Airlines to Singapore Airport on SQ 113 KUL 1430 SIN 1550 Enjoy some time available at Changi Airport. Depart on SQ 297 from Singapore to Christchurch 1950
DAY 2 20 April	Arrival CHRISTCHURCH (-/L/D) Expected to arrive Christchurch International Airport 0930 Meet & Greet by our English speaking guide. Transfer for a lunch and a short Christchurch city tour. Visit Hagley Park / Botanic Gardens for picturesque autumn scenery. <i>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.</i> Overnite in Christchurch
	<i>Botanic Gardens</i>
DAY 3 21 April	CHRISTCHURCH – LAKE TEKAPO (B/L/D) After breakfast, we shall drive to the beautiful Lake Tekapo. Spend the rest of the day around the lake



Lake Tekapo in autumn



There are many beautiful trees along the edges of Lake Tekapo.



Overnight in one of the Lake Tekapo's holiday homes.



A view from the Mt Cook Hill National Park.....

DAY 4
22 April

LAKE TEKAPO – Mt COOK HILL NATIONAL PARK – TWIZEL – LAKE WANAKA (B/L/D)

After breakfast, drive to visit the **Mt Cook Hill National Park**. Thereafter, continue along the road to the **Salmon farm tasting ice salted** delicious salmon (subject to local condition). (<https://youtu.be/9MiANohHVDM>)

En-route to **visit TWIZEL** – to have some photo-stops to capture the beautiful autumn trees at **Lake Ruataniwha & Wairepo Arm**.



We shall arrive Lake Wanaka in the late afternoon for some photography shots of this beautiful place, especially **the lonely Wanaka Tree**.



Overnite near to Lake Wanaka



Lake Ruataniwha near to Twizel, Mackenzie District



Lake Hayes



DAY 5
23 April



LAKE WANAKA – ORCHARD – LAKE HAYES - ARROW TOWN (B/L/D)

After breakfast, drive to the beautiful fairy-tale little town of **ARROW Town**, one of the highlights of this autumn tour. <https://www.arrowtown.com>
Arrowtown is charming and quirky, a delightful gold rush village nestled beside the sparkling Arrow River and below magnificent peaks.

On the way to Arrow town, visit **Jackson Orchards** for some shots of the fruits trees in autumn colour & thereafter the beautiful Lake HAYES.

At the [Lake Hayes Loop](#) is 8km of gentle track around the lake, with beautiful views of the surrounding mountains.



Jackson Orchard

Spend the rest of the day, strolling every corners of this little Arrowtown - exploring some [galleries and artist studios](#) of Arrowtown, **the Buckingham street, Avenue of trees, Historic Police Camp**, take a 15 minutes walk to **Millbrook Resort** via Malaghans Road & Manse Road walkway for their golden canopy of avenue of trees lining the main entrance.



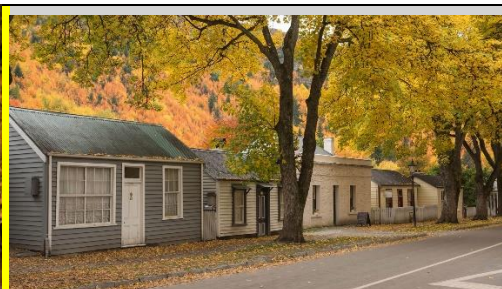
the entrance of Millbrook Resort

Overnite in Arrow Town or a new town of Queenstown which is 20min drive away

Note: If our timing is right, we may be able to catch up with the Autumn Festival which is a highlight of the year for Arrowtown, a time when the town welcomes in visitors to find out what they're about. It's a four days celebration of all the things that make Arrowtown special – history, nature, community, art, music and all-around fun. This festival normally is held on the third week of April every year.



Police Hut, ArrowTown



Miners cottages in ArrowTown



The Buckingham street of ArrowTown

DAY 6
24 April

ARROW TOWN – QUEENSTOWN (B/L/D)

After breakfast, take it easy with the [Arrow River Trail](#), a relaxing 4km stroll along the river through woodland and past a waterfall. [Tobin's Track](#) is the best way to get a spectacular vantage point and enjoy the autumn colours.



View of Arrowtown from Tobin's Track



Queenstown

After exploring this beautiful little Arrowtown, we shall drive to Queenstown City Center.

In the late evening, take the **cable car to the top of the town of Queenstown**-overlooking Queenstown with the surrounding snow-capped mountains with a panoramic view & a short **Queenstown city tour** when time permit.

Overnight in Queenstown



The famous Red Wharf shed of Glenorchy



Part of Glenorchy wetland



the road to Glenorchy/Paradise

DAY 7
25 April

QUEENSTOWN– Glenorchy —Queenstown (B/L/D)

Visit Lake Wakatipu & Glenorchy.

In the morning, departure from Queenstown, heading to Glenorchy. Along the way, visit the scenic spot along **Lake Wakatipu**. Up on arrive **Glenorchy**, visit old pier, trekking in the Glenorchy wetland to enjoy the Autumn view.

The Road to Glenorchy/Paradise is supposedly *one of the most scenic drives* in New Zealand which is saying something, as New Zealand has scenic drives coming out the wazoo. Part of the location of the film “Lost of the Rings” was here.



After lunch, we shall drive back to Queenstown. Take a stroll at the beautiful **Queenstown Gardens** where you can enjoy the beautiful autumn colour of the trees and full view of **Queenstown water-front** .

Overnite in Queenstown



DAY 8 26 April	QUEENSTOWN – MILFORD FJORD – LAKE TeANAU (B/L/D) Have an early breakfast, and today, enjoy the scenic drive to Milford National Park, Milford Falls & Milford Fjord. Take a boat ride to visit the fjord and the falls. 13:15-15:15 Arrive Lake Te Anau in the late afternoon, enjoy a walk along the beautiful Lake TeAnau while capturing the trees along lake in autumn. Have dinner in a restaurant in Lake TeAnau. Overnite : Queenstown
	   
DAY 9 27 April	Queenstown – Auckland : Hobbiton + Rotorua (B/L/D) After an early breakfast , check out and drive to Queenstown airport to take a morning flight to Auckland . Domestic flight : TBA Upon arriving Auckland domestic airport, drive to Hobbiton – “Lord of the Ring”explore the village . We shall enjoy our lunch in Hamilton, a small town along the way.



Drive to the hot spring town of **Rotorua** and enjoy a stay in a local spa hotel.
Overnite in Rotorua.



DAY 10
28 April

ROTORUA – Geothermal valley – TAUPO Lake (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will visit the **geothermal valley**.
After lunch, drive to **Lake Taupo**- New Zealand largest volcanic lake.
Enjoy a 2 hours boat ride on a century old steam ship (**Ernest Steam Boat Trip 2H**) around Lake Taupo.
Overnite at a nearby town of Waitomo



	
DAY 11 29 April	WAITOMO – WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVES – AUCKLAND departure (B/L/D) After breakfast, take an interesting journey to explore Waitome Glowworm caves (boat ride included) Drive to Auckland . Visit the Mt Eden and seaside port of Auckland Harbour Bridge. <i>(hopefully can catch the setting sun over Auckland from Mt Eden)</i>   Enjoy a seafood farewell dinner at Grand Harbor Restaurant and drive to Auckland's international airport for flight departure @ 2355 <i>To arrive the airport before/by 9.00pm (2100)</i> SQ4284 AKL-SIN 2355 0640 SQ108 SIN – KUL 0910 1010
Day 12 30 April	ETA KUALA LUMPUR
Highlight of this itinerary	Photography of autumn colours of the South Island of New Zealand
	Itinerary may subject to change due to local conditions at the time of visit. The actual colour of the autumn leaves is subjected to climate changes at the time of visit.

COSTING	Min 10 pax HIACE 12 seater Twin Sharing MYR per person	Min 12-14 person ROSA 25 seater Twin Sharing MYR per person	
(1) GROUND Arrangement Full Board Including New Zealand GST 15% Based on exchange rate NZD~MYR @2.97 (subject to change accordingly)	19,950.00	18,350.00	
Single supplement TBA			
(2) Estimated International air ticket on Singapore Airlines SQ Air Fare & taxes Subject to change at any time	6,100.00	6,100.00	
Estimated only		MYR 24,450.00	

Additional cost to take note : excluded		
i) New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA)	NZD 17.00 NZeTA fee NZD 35.00 International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL tax)	
ii) Travel Insurance		
iii) Personal expenses		
iv) Air ticket	Air ticket cost may be subjected to change.	

GROUND Arrangement <u>Inclusive</u>	9 nights hotel accommodation – a mixture of good 3* & 4* with daily breakfast
	Private transportation arrangement as per itinerary
	English speaking local guide service through the full tour
	Tipping to the Driver / Local Guide @NZD135 per traveller
	New Zealand GST of 15% payable
	Entrance fees to Skyline Queenstown, Milford sound Boat trip, Hobbiton, Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland (Geothermal valley), Ernest Steam Boat Trip 2H, Waitomo Glowworm cave tour included boat ride.
	Domestic air ticket Queenstown – Auckland with 20kg checked in bag
	Lunch / dinner as per itinerary : Meal a mixture of local & some Asian +/- 20% seafood & NZ dish menu. This is a Full-Board Package as per itinerary.

GROUND Arrangement <u>excluded</u>	Any optional items not listed in the itinerary Personal expenses Portage
International Air Ticket	<u>Suggested using Singapore Airlines</u> You may book the air ticket on your own directly with Singapore Airlines website which might be cheaper, if you preferred. However, please do not proceed to book your own air ticket until we reach the min pax of 10 persons. <u>Flight Schedule (subject to change)</u> Airlines : SQ Singapore Airlines 19APR SQ 113 KUL – SIN 1430 1550 19APR SQ 297 SIN – CHC 1950 0930 (20Apr) 29APR SQ 4284 AKL – SIN 2355 0640 (30Apr) – operated by Air New Zealand NZ 30APR SQ 108 SIN – KUL 0910 1010 ----- Alternative airlines : May consider Batik Airlines OR Malaysia Airlines KUL-Auckland-KUL direct flight, however have to incur additional cost of domestic ticket from Auckland to Queensland and additional accommodation cost if any in Auckland due to non- connecting flights.
Note	Any one interested to do an extension in Auckland on your own may consider before buying your international air ticket.
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