

# Purvers

## Hosted Journeys



## Hello (Kia Ora) New Zealand

Tuesday, 3 May 2022 - Sunday, 22 May 2022

**EX BRISBANE**



**Tour Cost from: \$8195.00 per person twin share  
(Single Supplement \$2430.00)**

**Tour Price based on minimum 20 paying passengers.**

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

**Day 1 – Tuesday, 3 May 2022**

**Depart South Burnett – Arrive Brisbane**

**Accommodation: Brisbane Ibis Airport Hotel**

- This afternoon, travel from the South Burnett by coach to Brisbane Ibis Airport Hotel for your overnight stay (Room Only).
- *Dinner is at your own expense.*

**Day 2 – Wednesday, 4 May 2022**

**Depart Brisbane – Arrive Auckland**

**Accommodation: Grand Millennium Auckland**

- *Breakfast is at your own expense.*
- This morning you will transfer to the Brisbane International Airport for your Air New Zealand flight to Auckland.
- On arrival into Auckland, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

**Meal Inclusions – Dinner**

Day 3 – Thursday, 5 May 2022

**Depart Auckland – Arrive Bay of Islands**

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

- Enjoy a city tour of Auckland, dubbed the ‘City of Sails’ before travelling to Matakohē to enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum.
- Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori tribes and the British.



**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 4 – Friday, 6 May 2022

**Bay of Islands**

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

- Today is a free day.
- Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight.
- This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast

Day 5 – Saturday, 7 May 2022

**Depart Bay of Island – Arrive Auckland**

Accommodation: Grand Millennium Auckland

- This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piercy Island, or as it is popularly known the ‘Hole in the Rock’. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life.
- Upon return to Paihia, travel south via Whangarei, call into the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree between returning to Auckland.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 6 – Sunday, 8 May 2022

**Depart Auckland - Arrive Rotorua**

Accommodation : Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

- This morning travel to Glenbrook Vintage Railway for a nostalgic 15 kilometre trip back in time on a beautifully restored vintage steam train. Visit the restoration workshop and on return to Glenbrook Station, morning tea will be served.
- Depart Glenbrook and travel through magnificent countryside of rolling hills and green pastures famous for dairying. Continue to Rotorua to visit Paradise Valley Springs, a superb wildlife park where you can hand feed rainbow trout.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 7 – Monday, 9 May 2022

**Rotorua**

Accommodation: **Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua**

- Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride!
- Next stop is the Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you’ve seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for.
- This evening experience an entertaining Maori Hangi and Concert.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Specialty Dinner

Day 8 – Tuesday, 10 May 2022

Depart Rotorua – Arrive Wellington

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

- Travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to the spectacular Huka Falls. Continue to Taupo for some free time to enjoy this scenic lakeside town.
- Travel via the Tongariro National Park and continue south to New Zealand's capital city, Wellington.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 9 – Wednesday, 11 May 2022

Wellington

Accommodation : James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

- A highlight this morning will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances.
- Reboard your coach for an extensive city tour.
- Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon and this evening is also free to explore Wellington's lively food scene.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast

Day 10 – Thursday, 12 May 2022

Depart Wellington – Arrive Christchurch

Accommodation: Distinction Christchurch Hotel

- This morning board the Interislander Ferry, cross Cook Strait and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton.
- Join the Coastal Pacific, a truly spectacular rail journey that showcases the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side and the rugged scenic coastline on the other travelling through numerous tunnels and across several bridges.
- Enjoy a two-night stay in the garden city of Christchurch.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 11 – Friday, 13 May 2022

Christchurch

Accommodation: Distinction Christchurch Hotel

- Today visit the International Antarctic Centre, designed to provide an informative account of life in Antarctica. This is followed by an introductory city tour of Christchurch.
- This afternoon includes a journey at leisure on board the Christchurch Tram, one of Christchurch's leading attractions.
- This evening is free to explore the local cuisine.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast

Day 12 – Saturday, 14 May 2022

Depart Christchurch – Arthur's Pass – Arrive Franz Josef

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier

- This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps.
- Board your coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before arriving at the township of Franz Josef where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.



**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 13 – Sunday, 15 May 2022

Depart Franz Josef – Arrive Queenstown

Accommodation: Millennium Hotel Queenstown

- See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu.
- This evening is free to dine at one of the many fine restaurants.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast

Day 14 – Monday, 16 May 2022

Queenstown

Accommodation: Millennium Hotel Queenstown

- Today is a free day to explore Queenstown. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader will assist with the many optional activities available.
- This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as your cruise back to Queenstown.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Specialty Dinner

Day 15 – Tuesday, 17 May 2022

Depart Queenstown – Arrive Milford Sound

Overnight onboard Milford Mariner

- This morning travel to Arrowtown and visit the Lakes District Museum.
- Continue via Te Anau to Milford Sound and board the Milford Mariner for your amazing overnight cruise.
- There is plenty of time to view the fiord's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife – you're bound to encounter seals and if you're lucky maybe dolphins and penguins.
- As evening falls enjoy a delicious carvery buffet prepared freshly by the onboard chef.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner



Day 16 – Wednesday, 18 May 2022

Depart Milford Sound – Arrive Te Anau

Accommodation: Distinction Luxmore Hotel

- Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading back out to the Tasman Sea (weather permitting) to explore more of the fiord.
- Return to the wharf to meet your coach and enjoy the scenic drive to Te Anau where you will enjoy an afternoon at leisure. You may like to visit the Te Anau Glow-worm Caves (optional).

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 17 – Thursday, 19 May 2022

Depart Te Anau – Arrive Dunedin

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

- Travel via Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, famous for its stunning Edwardian and Victorian architecture dating back to the gold rush of the 1800's. Today Dunedin is New Zealand's oldest university city.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner



Day 18 – Friday, 20 May 2022

Dunedin

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross

- This morning travel along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle where you hear of the tragic and scandalous history on a guided tour. Enjoy time to wander around this Garden of International Significance followed by a delicious Devonshire Tea.
- Return to Dunedin for a city tour followed by some free time. Optional activities you might be interested in include a tour of Speights Brewery or the chance to see wildlife in their natural habitat.
- Tonight, a Scottish evening will be presented comprising of bagpipes, great food, Haggis Ceremony and gift.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Specialty Dinner

Day 19 – Saturday, 21 May 2022

Depart Dunedin – Arrive Christchurch

Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Christchurch Airport

- This morning visit Olveston Historic Home, a prosperous merchants' home from the turn of the century before travelling to Oamaru, famous for its limestone.
- This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your travelling companions.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Specialty Dinner

Day 20 – Sunday, 22 May 2022

Depart Christchurch – Arrive Brisbane

- Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday. On your arrival back to Brisbane you will be met by your Pursers Coach for your return journey to the South Burnett.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast



## **Important Information:**

### **COVID-19**

Due to the ongoing current global circumstances and the impact of COVID-19, Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd is not responsible for any travel restrictions imposed by state or federal governments before or during your travel. Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd will continue to monitor the relevant government agencies and will advise our group passengers if any special requirements for entry are necessary.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd is not responsible for any costs incurred to you for changes or cancellations of your booking by you and/or suppliers.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd is bound by our wholesalers/suppliers and their Terms and Conditions as well as government authorities. Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd has the right to charge cancellation and amendment fees as per our Fee Schedule. All tour itineraries are compiled based on the knowledge that all accommodation and attraction suppliers will be fully operational by commencement of the 2022 touring season. If for any reason a component of the tour is not available at the time of touring, a replacement or refund will be provided.

### **General Information/Health and Fitness**

There is no age limit or fitness standard required to participate in the New Zealand Tour.

In some destinations there are sightseeing excursions by foot. It is suggested that if you are elderly or have recently suffered a serious illness that you consult your doctor to see if you are fit to travel. Please be aware that a variety of temperatures may be encountered on the tour. Any disability or medical condition requiring special attention must be advised at the time of booking.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd is not responsible for any loss of enjoyment, loss of touring or loss of monies should the passenger be unable to participate in the tour or in any or all of the activities.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd will endeavour to assist all passengers but are unable to guarantee provision of individual assistance to any passenger for walking, dining, boarding or alighting coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs. Please feel free to discuss your particular needs with our friendly staff. It is the passenger's responsibility to advise of their circumstances to ensure the selected tour is suited to their individual needs.

### **Passport/Visa Requirements:**

Before travelling to New Zealand, you need to make sure your passport is valid for at least three months longer than your expected return date.

If you have a biometric ordinary passport (or electronic passport) and are over 12 years old, you may be able to use the New Zealand Customs eGate service. This allows you to complete your Customs and Immigration checks faster so you can get on with enjoying your visit to New Zealand.

You do not need a visa to visit New Zealand if you are:

- A New Zealand or Australian citizen or resident
- A UK citizen and/or passport holder (you can stay up to six months)
- A citizen of a country which has a visa waiver agreement with New Zealand (you can stay up to three months).

If you come from a country that needs a New Zealand visa to enter, please be sure to apply in advance.

**Airline Check in:**

Air New Zealand flights will depart from **Brisbane International Airport.**  
Check in is required two to three hours prior to the scheduled departure time.

**Luggage:**

The checked luggage on tour is limited to one suitcase per traveller measuring no more than 150cm (59") (length + width + depth) with a maximum weight of 23kg per person.

Each traveller will be supplied with a Travel Bag for personal and small items which can be carried on the coach when travelling. The travel bag is designed to carry a maximum limit of 6kg.

Due to limited space on the coach, please ensure carry-on bags are approximately 81cm (32") (length + width + depth), with a maximum weight restriction of 6kg.

All bags must be clearly labelled with a name.

**Seat Rotation:**

For the enjoyment of all passengers the tour operates a daily seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking. We will endeavour to provide seating towards the front of the coach for passengers with motion sickness issues.

**Accommodation:**

The tour provider endeavours to utilise the most suitable hotels available in each location to ensure travellers enjoy a consistent level of cleanliness, comfort and service. In more remote locations, hotel standards and facilities may differ to city hotels. As hotel allocations are booked in advance, room upgrade requests are not possible. Should the hotels on tour change for any reason, the tour provider shall endeavour to ensure that the alternative hotel is of an equivalent standard.

**Optional Activities**

These tours are to be booked with the Coach Captain whilst on tour. Optional tours will be subject to availability. Once booked cancellation fees may apply.

**Milford Mariner Overnight Cruise:**

There are stairs to the cabin and dining area. Travellers are required to be physically able to climb stairs on their own or with the assistance of their travelling companion. A mainland option is available which must be requested at time of booking and is subject to availability with no price reduction. Bedding types are limited, and preferred bedding is not able to be guaranteed.

**Dress:**

Casual/comfortable clothes are suggested for the duration of the tour. Suitable footwear is recommended. Please ensure you pack a hat/visor, sunglasses and sunscreen.

**Tipping and Gratuities**

The Coach Captain is responsible for driving and maintaining the coach and for providing commentary throughout the tour. As the Coach Captain works exceptionally hard to provide all travellers with a memorable holiday, tipping is appreciated for extra special service. Many tours arrange an envelope to be circulated for a farewell group presentation to the Coach Captain with any contributions based on individual appreciation.

**Mobile Phone:**

Please contact your mobile phone service provider to discuss your options regarding overseas phone service/charges.

**Dietary Requirements:**

Special dietary requests (eg: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Lactose Intolerant and Diabetic and any life-threatening allergies (whereby the traveller carries an EpiPen) should be advised at the time of booking. These requirements will be forwarded onto the accommodation and tour providers but cannot be guaranteed. Tour meal options may be limited. On a group tour, menus may range from Buffet to A-la-carte, and the logistics of arranging meals over an extended touring itinerary can be challenging and cannot be guaranteed to meet the expectations of travellers. Therefore, religious dietary requests (Hindu Vegetarian, Kosher, Halal) cannot be accommodated. Any further intolerances needing to be managed are the responsibility of the passenger. Airlines have restricted dietary conditions which vary, all requests should be advised at the time of booking.

**Internet:**

Most hotels have internet access available. Not all hotels offer free Wi-Fi, and charges may apply.

**Special Requirements:**

Please ensure you bring any prescription medication needed.

**Travel Insurance**

It is strongly recommended that passengers be covered by adequate travel insurance for protection against overseas medical expenses, amendment or cancellation costs, travel delay, luggage, accidental death and personal liability. As airlines do not accept responsibility for flight delays or cancellations due to weather, passengers electing not to take travel insurance do so at their own risk for costs or losses incurred. Pursers Coaches are agents for Covermore Travel Insurance. Please ask for an obligation free quote.

**Cancellations / Transfer of Booking**

In the event that a passenger cancels off a tour the following fees will apply prior to departure:

- ... 65 days or more prior to departure, loss of deposit.
- ... Between 7 and 64 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour package price.
- ... Less than 7 days prior to departure, 100% of the tour package price.

Please note that no refund shall be made for any unused portion of the itinerary. Any alteration to the holiday outside of the touring itinerary, made by a traveller shall be wholly at the expense of the traveller.





## **Tour Price Includes:**

Return coach transfers from South Burnett to Brisbane Airport

1 x night accommodation – Brisbane Ibis Airport Hotel (Room only)

Return economy airfares and taxes from Brisbane International Airport to New Zealand

Return airport transfers in New Zealand

Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival

17 x nights 4\* accommodation (including 6 x two-night stays)

18 x cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast:

- *Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua*

14 dinners including 4 specialty dinners:

- *Maori Hangi and Concert, Rotorua;*
- *Walker Peak Homestead, Queenstown;*
- *Haggis Ceremony, Dunedin;*
- *Farewell Dinner, Christchurch*

2 x morning tea

Hotel Porterage

Milford Sound Overnight Cruise

3 Rail Journeys

4 Cruises

All Sightseeing and Prepaid Attractions including:

- *Kauri Museum*
- *Waitangi Treaty Grounds*
- *Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise*
- *Glenbrook Vintage Railway*
- *Paradis Valley Springs*
- *Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride*
- *Agrodome*
- *Thermal Mud Pools and Geysers*
- *Te Puia traditional Maori Hangi and Concert*
- *Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum*
- *Cruise on the Interislander Ferry*
- *Coastal Pacific Rail Journey*
- *International Antarctic Centre*
- *Christchurch Tram*
- *TranzAlpine Rail Journey*
- *Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw*
- *Lakes District Museum*
- *Milford Sound Overnight Cruise*
- *Larnach Castle*
- *Haggis Ceremony and Gift*
- *Olveston Historic Home*
- *City sights tour of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin*



Tour Price Excludes:

Beverages  
Optional tours and services not detailed  
Travel Insurance  
Excess Luggage  
Meals and drinks not specified  
Items of a personal nature - laundry etc.

Optional Extras:

These tours are to be booked with the Coach Captain whilst on tour. Optional tours will be subject to availability.

Cape Reinga Wander

*A full-day trip takes you to the Cape Reinga lighthouse at New Zealand's most northern tip. Discover the wild beauty of the region, rich in Maori culture and tradition.*

Twin Glacier Helicopter Flight

*Fly over both the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, plus the ice flow high into the upper reaches. Land in the snow and survey the path that the glacier has carved below you.*

Te Anau Glow-worm Caves

*Tour of the mysterious world of underground waterfalls and incredible rock formations before drifting into the silent darkness beneath glittering glow-worms.*

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***Non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is due at time of booking to confirm your place on this tour together with a completed booking form.***

***Tour Balance Due – Monday, 31 January 2022***

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