



real adventure
small prices

ULTIMATE EXPLORER

27 or 28 Days

\$3740

includes food, transport,
ferry crossings, camp fees,
marae stay and shared tent

Explore the best of New Zealand on this fantastic loop taking in all our Kiwi favourites

This itinerary shows a trip starting from Auckland and heading north first. You can start/finish your loop at any point on the itinerary. Other popular starting points are Auckland heading south first (point 4) or Christchurch (point 10).

point 1: Depart Auckland 10am. Leave the city for the golden beaches and warm waters of the Bay of Islands. Visit the historic [Treaty House](#). Enjoy the mangrove walk to thundering Haruru waterfalls. Cycle scenic route. Star-gazing around camp fire. U/D U

point 2: Delicious pancake breakfast. Spend the day in the Bay of Islands' clear turquoise waters, relaxing at the beach or using the free boogie boards. Cycle scenic loop to Russell visiting Kauri Grove on the way. Options include [Cape Reinga](#), sail the Bay of Islands, dolphin swimming, Waka paddle and village tour or dive the [Rainbow Warrior](#). In the evening enjoy an optional [Maori Concert](#) and Haka! A second night at same camp. B/D U

point 3: A day full of adventure. Great cycle routes and walk options, then on to the dunes of Opononi for beach fun and optional [sand boarding](#). Cycle or bus to Waipoua Forest to explore the giant Kauri trees. Travel Hibiscus Coast and camp near [Waiwera hot pools](#) for a relaxing dip. B/L/D U

point 4: Return to the "City of Sails". Depart Auckland at 10am. The beautiful Coromandel Peninsula awaits us so bring your swimming gear. A relaxing afternoon at Cathedral Cove beach, if the tide is right, dig pools and bathe in the thermal springs of Hot Water Beach. Optional [sea kayak](#) around dramatic coastlines. Scenic rides on wonderful coastline. Camp near the beach tonight. B/D U

point 5: Drive or cycle to stunning Whiritoa beach for a swim or forest walk amongst the massive Pohutukawa trees. We continue to Rotorua and its thermal wonders. Optional activities like the head spinning [Zorb](#), [Agroventures](#), or [Luge](#) or the relaxed [Polynesian Pools](#). Cycle ride from camp around Lake Rerewhakaaitu nestled below the dormant but dramatic Mount Tarawera. B/L/D

point 6: A relaxed start at our lake side camp. We visit [Wai-O-Tapu thermal resort](#), mud pools. Drive on to the impressive Huka Falls. Walk or cycle to the great lakeside setting of Taupo. Optional [skydiving](#), [bungy](#). Mts Ngauruhoe, Tongariro and Ruapehu dominate the skyline as we hug the shores of one of the largest crater lakes in the world. Wonderful camp in Turangi. B/L/D U

point 7: Chance to try one of the World's greatest one day walks - the "[Tongariro Alpine Crossing](#)". Alternatively, relax or cycle in this beautiful area with an inspiring mountain backdrop. After some serious exploring we head to our accommodation for recharging and refuelling. B/L/D U

point 8: For those who are heading south we hit the water for a scenic ferry crossing (cost included) or if you are heading north rejoin us at noon (point 26). We arrive in Wellington by 10am. The capital offers cafés, good bars, the celebrated Te Papa Museum & the botanical gardens. The capital is a great place for shopping. We do not provide accommodation in Picton but will help you make a booking. B

point 9: Depart Picton 12.30pm. Travel the Pacific coast to Kaikoura, cycle stunning coastal route where close encounters with fur seals and a myriad of sea birds are common. Optional [whale watch](#) or [sea kayak](#) and coastal walk. Stay at a beach camp with an amazing sunrise opportunity. D U

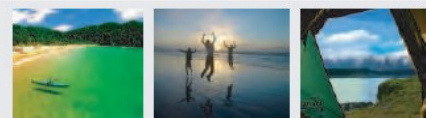
point 10: Optional [dolphin swim](#) or [seal swim](#) or a chance to cycle by the nature-rich coast. Head through Canterbury region and for those joining depart Christchurch 3pm. Head across Canterbury plains to Rangitata Gorge with a great ride and accommodation at the foot of the Alps. B/D U

point 11: Optional [white water rafting](#) on the Rangitata river. Morning cycle or walks in Peel Forest. Travel through Geraldine and Mackenzie Basin with views of the Main Divide. Cycle to Lake Tekapo and view the historic church. Lake Pukaki (great spot for swimming) camp with views of Mt. Cook. B/L/D

point 12: Morning cycle towards Mt Cook. Hikes around the Mt Cook basin before making our way to the east coast. A short stop in Oamaru before heading to our coastal camp. Chance for a scenic quiet cycle ride, walks or beach games. Optional [penguin tour](#). B/L/D

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner
blue text = optional activity
U = upgrade available

"this trip was perfect, you couldnt have done any more." Johanna, Sweden



Departs: anywhere on the loop. Popular choices are Auckland and Christchurch. You can take extended breaks anywhere along the way. Trip lasts 27 days if heading north from Auckland first (point 4) and 28 days if starting from Auckland and heading south first (point 1) or Christchurch (point 10).

Finishes: wherever you started the loop but contact us if it doesn't quite fit - we are flexible!

Groups: average around 26-28 per trip

Fitness Level: all levels

Accommodation: camping in commercial and Department of Conservation camps. Most nights you can upgrade to a cabin for a small fee

Food: Tasty & healthy meals suitable for all diets, snacks & hot drinks (details on itinerary)

Included: all travel, side trips to remote areas & walking tracks, sports equipment on board, food & drinks (as per itinerary), camp fees & much, much more

Optional hires:

Cycle hire (for full trip)	\$385
Private cycle handling (for full trip)	\$150
Tent single (inc. mattress)	\$75
Sleeping bag	\$50



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point 13: Morning coastal walk or cycle. Visit bizarre Moeraki Boulders. Explore historic and picturesque Dunedin - home to the world's steepest street! Sample the delights of the [Cadbury \(Chocolate\) factory](#) or [Speights Brewery](#) depending on your tastes. We travel to the spectacular natural beauty of the Catlins area for the night. Cycle from camp to Nugget Point lighthouse along a quiet country road. B/D U

point 14: Journey through scenic southern pastures, stopping for lunch on the shores of Lake Manapouri. Visit the lake town of Te Anau before heading for Fiordland National Park and our historic camp in the unspoilt Hollyford Valley where cycle rides and walks abound. B/L/D U

point 15: One of the world's most scenic routes into Milford Sound! Cycle the magnificent descent from Homer Tunnel (3000ft)! Optional [boat cruise](#) to enjoy the fiord up close. The [Routeburn](#), [Greenstone Track](#) walkers depart for their awesome trek. Stunning lakeside camp. B/L/D U

point 16: Explore Te Anau and plenty of time to walk, fish or cycle in the area. Day or overnight walk on the [Kepler Track](#) with panoramic views from Mt Luxmore. Also the chance to try some [jet boating](#) or visit the enchanting [glowworm caves](#). Same amazing lakeside camp in Te Anau. B/D U

point 17: Journey to Queenstown along the shores of Lake Wakatipu. We stay a short stroll from town, in a camp overlooking the beautiful lake. Queenstown is the adventure capital and there are bars, [activities and thrills galore!](#) Track walkers re-join group. A big night out for those who are keen. B U

point 18: Queenstown with its [multitude of adrenalin activities](#). [Bungy](#), [fly-by-wire](#), [jet boat](#), [rafting](#), [horse trekking](#), [parapenting](#), [skydive](#), [gondola ride](#) - this place has it all, as well as spectacular views. Cycle and walk in alpine areas. Depart Queenstown at 3pm. Camp beside a tranquil lake with hikes, cycle and swimming all available and a chance to wind down and compare notes and photos from your Queenstown thrills! B/D

point 19: A relaxed morning at the camp. Optional [jet boating](#) then over the dramatic Haast Pass. Chance for a cycle with views of the Alps through rainforest, past waterfalls and pools to the wild West Coast. Head to our camp at Fox Glacier and explore this unique town. B/L/D U

point 20: Spend the morning taking in the wonderful scenery before an optional [guided walk or heli hike](#) on the spectacular glaciers. Cycle to Okarito beach camp. This gorgeous spot is home to a number of spectacular walks and breathtaking views of the Southern Alps. B/L/D

point 21: Morning at Okarito. Great cycle route along the coast. Visit [Bushmans Museum](#), check out famous [Greenstone factories](#) of Hokitika. Stunning coastal walk and cycle. Excellent beach camp at Punakaiki, home of the famous Pancake Rocks and Paparoa National Park. Keep your eyes peeled for kiwi birds!! Many great walks and rides to choose from. B/D U

point 22: Travel through the Buller Gorge for some cycling and beautiful scenery to one of NZ's most stunning spots - the Abel Tasman region. Cycle backroad route. Optional [skydive](#) or fly an [aerobatic plane](#). We stay 2 nights at Marahau, with the Abel Tasman National Park on our doorstep. B/D U

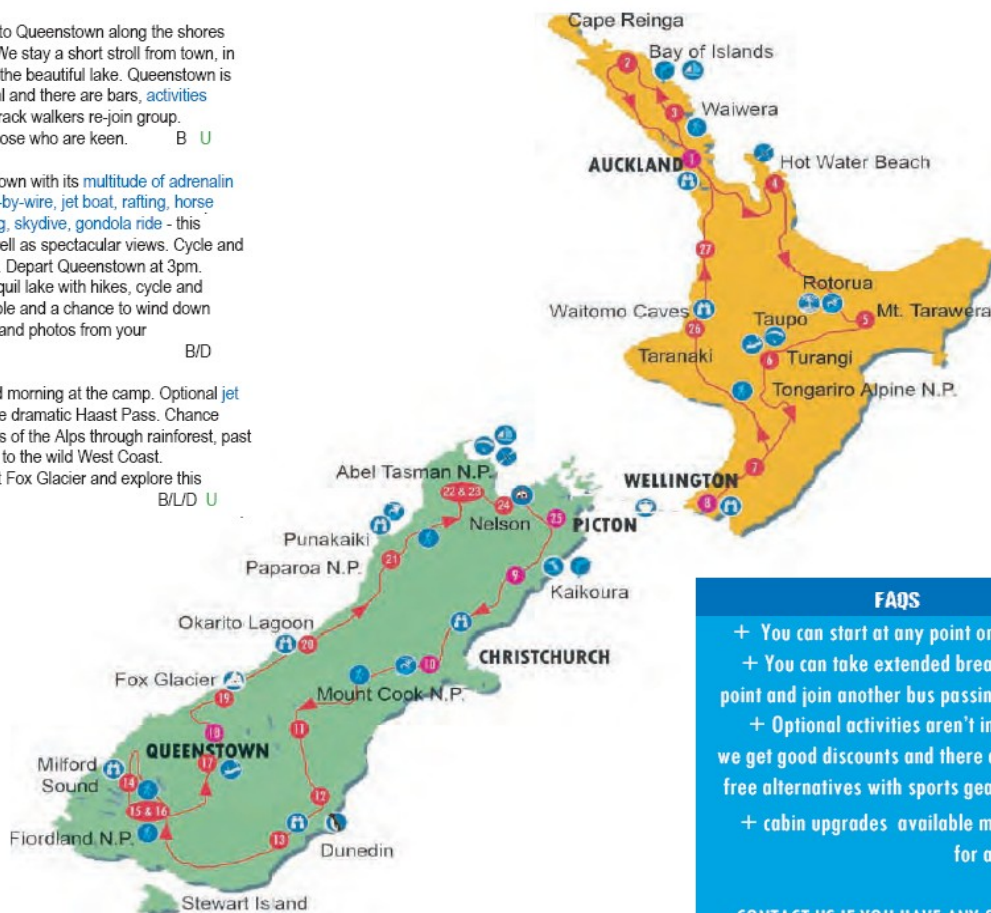
point 23: Free day for exploring the area. Walk, cycle, optional awesome sailing the scenic coast or choose from an overnight [kayak trip](#), [boat and walk the golden beaches](#). Swim in crystal clear waters. Night out at a cool cafe. B/L U

point 24: Travel to Nelson, morning coastal cycle option. Lunch at the village of Mapua. Optional [skywire](#), [horse trekking](#) or [quad biking](#). Cycle to [Waimarama Bird Sanctuary](#) or take time to enjoy Nelson's cafes and arts culture. Traditional Marae stay and hangi (subject to availability) B/D

point 25: Chance to see the worlds largest private collection of [Maori carvings](#). Travel through the Marlborough wine region. Picton by 6pm. If going north, on the scenic ferry to Wellington (cost included), we don't provide accommodation but will help you make a booking. B

point 26: Time in morning to explore then we depart Wellington at noon and on to Taranaki. Camp in the stunning Taranaki. No meals U

point 27: Leave early and head to [Waitomo Caves](#) - a limestone wonderland created by erosion over millions of years. Optional [blackwater rafting](#) or some excellent walks. Arrive in buzzing Auckland by 6pm for a taste of big city life "kiwi style". If heading north (started trip at point 4 or 10), we don't provide accommodation but will help you make a booking in a local hostel perfect for exploring the city. B/L



FAQS

- + You can start at any point on the loop.
- + You can take extended breaks at any point and join another bus passing through
- + Optional activities aren't included but we get good discounts and there are always free alternatives with sports gear on board
- + cabin upgrades available most nights for a small fee

CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS