

Lyceum World Congress 2025

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The Lyceum Congress 2025 Committee have engaged one of New Zealand's leading tour companies to create some Pre and Post Tours of New Zealand covering both North and South Island so you can experience our beautiful country.

The Leisure Time Group have been in business for over 30 years and are highly regarded and recommended by the thousands of international visitors who have embarked on their tours over the years.

Day 1 Monday 14th April 2025

ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH (D)

Fly from Tauranga and arrive Christchurch (flight by passenger not included in tour price). Welcome to the South Island! You are met on arrival at the Christchurch Airport before being transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation: Quality Hotel Elms, Christchurch – 1 night

Day 2 Tuesday 15th April 2025

CHRISTCHURCH – FRANZ JOSEF (BD)

From Christchurch *traverse the Southern Alps aboard the famous Tranz-Alpine rail journey to Arthurs Pass*. From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. Your train then climbs into the Southern Alps. Crossing Southern Alps, into the village of Arthurs Pass where you will be met by coach to continue your journey to the West Coast – or "the Coast" as locals call it, stopping in Hokitika where a visit is made to the *Greenstone and Glass Blowing factories*. Further south, tour the *Westland National Park, the home of Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers*. On arrival, time is available for optional scenic flights (at own cost), before continuing onto our accommodation for the night.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef, Graham Wing, Franz Josef – 1 night



Day 3 Thursday 16th April 2025
FRANZ JOSEF – QUEENSTOWN

(B)

Driving towards the southern end of the South Island's West Coast Road, there is a strong sense of entering a primeval land, and a feeling of total isolation. Arriving at Haast, you are surrounded by a landscape of rainforest, wetlands, sand dunes and surf-pounded shingle beaches. This wilderness forms part of the *South West New Zealand World Heritage Area*, so designated because South Westland and Fiordland have some of the most dramatic forest and mountain scenery and natural resources in the world. From the Westland National Park, travel through the Haast River

valleys and over the Haast Pass to Makaroa and onto the upper reaches of Lake Wanaka. Travelling past [Lake Hawea](#), reaching the popular [Lake Wanaka](#), the starting point of the mighty Clutha River. This afternoon you travel via Cromwell following the Kawarau Gorge Road into Queenstown. Tonight is free for you to explore the local restaurants, cafes and bars.

Accommodation: Copthorne Lakefront Hotel, Queenstown – 2 nights



Day 4 Thursday 17th April 2025

QUEENSTOWN

(BD)

[Today is at leisure](#). Visit the Remarkable's or Coronet Peak. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover or Kawarau Rivers. Perhaps a scenic 4 wheel drive excursion through Skippers Canyon, it's up to you. This evening we have a taste of rural life in New Zealand. Steeped in Queenstown's pioneering history, your experience commences with a cruise across Lake Wakatipu in the 1912 vintage steamship, the [TSS Earnslaw](#). [Disembark at Walter Peak High Country Farm](#), one of the first farms set up in the region and still a working farm.



In the ambience of the Colonel's Homestead, enjoy a delicious gourmet BBQ dinner which the chef will prepare in front of you. After dinner enjoy an entertaining brief farm experience including a sheep shearing demonstration. On the magical night-time cruise home, enjoy the camaraderie of a sing-along with the ship's pianist or breathe in the fresh night air on the moonlit decks as you watch the lights of Queenstown draw nearer.

Day 5 Friday 18th April 2025

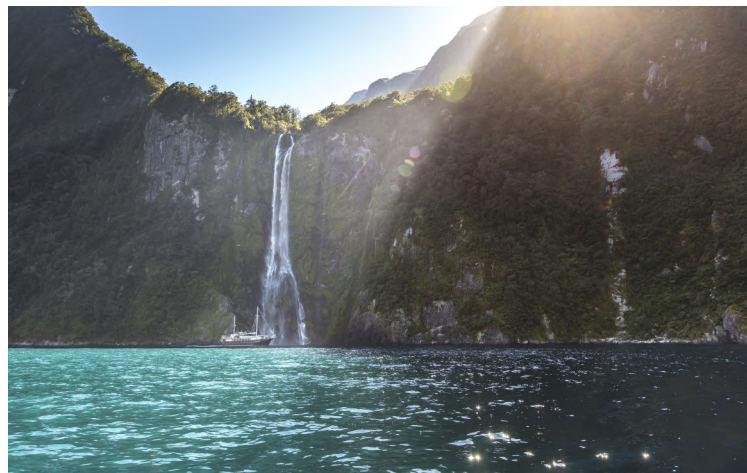
QUEENSTOWN – MILFORD SOUND – TE ANAU

(BLD)

Leaving Queenstown you skirt the shores of Lake Wakatipu, New Zealand's third largest lake. Travelling via Te Anau to reach the [beautiful Eglinton Valley](#) climbing to Homer Tunnel before descending through the spectacular Cleddau Canyon to reach [Milford Sound and enjoy a cruise of the Sound](#). The

Sound is dominated by the grandeur of [Mitre Peak and the Bowen Falls](#). Lunch today is provided onboard your Milford Cruise. From Milford Sound you return to Te Anau reaching our overnight accommodation.

Accommodation: Distinction Luxmore Hotel, Lake Te Anau – 1 night



Day 6 Saturday 19th April 2025

AUCKLAND – HOME PORT

(BD)

Departing Te Anau, travel through some of New Zealand's most populated sheep country through to Lumsden and onto Gore before arriving in [Dunedin – "the Edinburgh of the South"](#). Upon our arrival into Dunedin, visit [Larnach Castle high on the hills above Otago Harbour](#). Learn about the tragic and scandalous history of this superbly crafted building which was built in 1871 and see the unique collection of New Zealand antiques and furniture. Enjoy a stroll around the beautiful gardens and climb the tower for panoramic views over Otago Harbour, Dunedin City and Taiaaroa Heads. This afternoon, visit [Olveston House](#) – an impressive turn-of-the-century house that is still home to all the lavish furnishings and art collections that have been collected from all corners of the world.

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel, Dunedin – 1 night



Day 7 Sunday 20th April 2025

DUNEDIN – TWIZEL

(BD)

Travelling onto Oamaru where you will have time to look at the **'White Stone City'** where the old buildings have been constructed with local limestone. It was from Oamaru that New Zealand's first frozen meat was shipped in 1882 taking over three months to reach England, and thus began New Zealand's most important export industry. Travelling inland through Benmore and Otematata, through Sailors Cutting before arriving at Omarama, before skirting the shore of Lake Pukaki to **Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain**. Time is available to enjoy an optional scenic flight over the ancient rivers of ice and the West Coast Glaciers (weather permitting – a highly recommended option).

Accommodation: MacKenzie Country Hotel, Twizel – 1 night



Day 8 Monday 21st April 2025

TWIZEL – CHRISTCHURCH

(BD)

Visit the **Church of the Good Shepherd and the statue of the Collie dog**, before travelling the **vast Mackenzie Basin**, over Burke's Pass through Fairlie, Geraldine, Ashburton and across the Canterbury Plains into Christchurch. enjoy sightseeing tour of the central city including the Christchurch Cathedral and new Cardboard Cathedral; Spanish Mission inspired New Regent Street; Canterbury Provincial Chambers; Christchurch Art Gallery and Hagley Park. Followed by a **30 minute Punting in the Park** service by knowledgeable and professional boatmen, in straw boaters and traditional dress, giving an informative and entertaining guide to the Avon River and the Botanic Gardens.

Accommodation: Quality Hotel Elms, Christchurch – 1 night



Day 9 Tuesday 22nd April 2025

CHRISTCHURCH – AUCKLAND

(BD)

After breakfast you will be **transferred from the hotel to Christchurch Airport** for your flight to Auckland (flight by passenger not included in tour price). Welcome to the Auckland! **You are met on arrival at the Auckland Airport** and taken on a **sightseeing tour of Auckland City**. See the vibrant Viaduct Harbour and the lovely waterfront drive and drive



through the cozy suburbs of Parnell, with old, well-restored houses, small restaurants and galleries. Visit Bastion Point for panoramic views of the city and the sparkling Hauraki Gulf. This afternoon visit the **Auckland War Memorial Museum** which was built as a memorial to New Zealand's war dead who sacrificed their lives in WWI, WWII and other conflicts. The Museum offers visitors an excellent introduction to New Zealand from unique geography, flora and fauna and history at war to the precious collection of Māori and Pacific treasures in the extensive Māori and Pacific Islands Court. The Museum's galleries showcase New Zealand's natural, cultural and social history in an interesting and informative manner. Housed in one of the nation's finest heritage buildings and with spectacular views of Auckland City and the Waitemata Harbour, Auckland Museum is a popular destination.

Accommodation: Grand Millennium Hotel, Auckland – 1 night



Day 10 Wednesday 23rd April 2025

AUCKLAND – BAY OF ISLANDS

(BD)

We commence our northward journey to Whangarei. New Zealand's northern-most city Whangarei is nestled between forest-clad hills at the heart of the beautiful Whangarei Harbour, and on arrival we travel out to view the **Whangarei Falls**, a picturesque waterfall that falls 26 metres over basalt

cliffs. Continuing our journey we reach Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands where on arrival you'll take a [guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty House](#) where New Zealand's history began.

Accommodation: Kingsgate Hotel, Paihia – 3 nights



Day 11 Thursday 24th April 2025

BAY OF ISLANDS

(BL)

This morning join a [Hole in Rock cruise](#). On the way to the Cape Brett Lighthouse, the boat seeks out the playful dolphins. Bottlenose and common dolphins take great delight in racing alongside and showing off their aerobic flips! Farther out see beautiful Motukokako Island and the famous Hole in the Rock. Hold your breath as the skipper skilfully navigates his way through the hole and into Grand Cathedral Cave (sea conditions permitting).



On the return to Paihia pass several remote islands, fringed with golden sand beaches. Before reaching Paihia we disembark our vessel in Russell [nearby historic Russell](#). Here we enjoy a leisurely [lunch at the famed Duke of Marlborough Hotel](#) [situated](#) right on Russell's waterfront, with free time after to stroll and explore the beautiful township. The afternoon is at your leisure so you may wish to take in more sights in Russell before taking the ferry back over to Paihia. Dinner this evening is at your leisure – suggest a stroll to the village to dine at a restaurant on the wharf or maybe more relaxed grab some fresh fish and chips to enjoy on the wharf or beach!

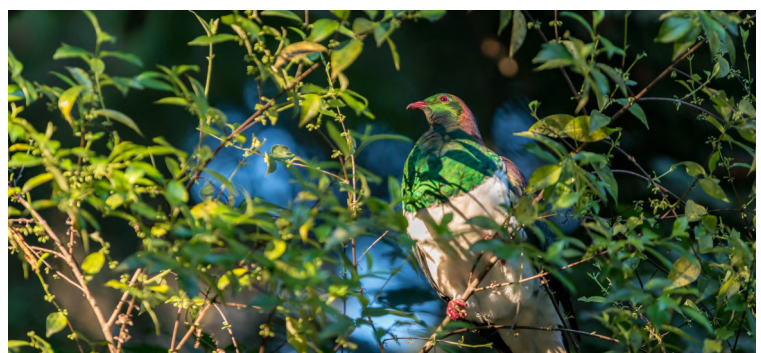


Day 12 Friday 25th April 2025

CAPE REINGA DAY TOUR

(BLD)

This morning you will be collected from your hotel by coach for a [full day tour to Cape Reinga](#), the northernmost tip of New Zealand. Your luxury air-conditioned coach will be driven along a quicksand stream and raced through the waves of mighty Ninety Mile Beach. At Cape Reinga you will enjoy spectacular views, including the meeting of the blue Pacific Ocean and deep green Tasman Sea. Your tour includes a visit to Puketi Forest to see giant kauri trees. On arrival back in the Bay of Islands you will be returned to the hotel.



Day 13 Saturday 26th April 2025

PAIHIA – AUCKLAND

(BD)

From Paihia today we travel south to *Matakohe for a visit to the excellent Kauri Museum* records the timber milling and gum digging pioneering days of the Northland region. The Kauri is the largest tree in New Zealand's forests, and grows to a huge size. The kauri industry formed the basis upon which much of Northland's history and economy rested in the early days. Its timber was very important as a building material both at home and abroad and used for houses, furniture and ships it was in great demand. The trees were commercially exploited, almost to the point of extinction. This noble tree is now regenerating in protected areas. At The Kauri Museum, view lifelike displays showing a collection of Kauri products, the story of the area's history, and the Kauri's more practical uses by pioneers. We re-join the main State Highway back into Auckland travelling back over the Auckland Harbour Bridge to Auckland City.

Accommodation: Grand Millennium Hotel, Auckland – 1 night



Day 14 Sunday 27th April 2025

AUCKLAND – HOME PORT

(B)

Farewell from New Zealand. After breakfast you will be *transferred from the hotel to Auckland International Airport* for your flight back home.

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Tour Inclusions & Costs....

- 13 nights accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with surcharge) all with private facilities
- All Tour Admissions as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfasts (B), Lunch (L) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary
- Touring in modern air conditioned tour coach with a full commentary (English speaking) driver

TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON (NZD):

Twin Share/Double Price:	\$8,180.00
Single Room Supplement (additional):	\$2,390.00
Non-refundable deposit due at time of booking:	\$ 200.00

Balance of tour payment due Friday, 21 February 2025

Please note all tours are subject to a minimum of 10 passengers

Terms & Conditions

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If you book a Packaged Tour with us and pay your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. If you booked your Packaged Tour with us through an agent, the agent is deemed to have accepted these terms on your behalf. We may ask you to sign a copy of these terms when you join your Packaged Tour to provide a record of your acceptance of these terms and you agree to sign these terms on our request.

Itineraries

The itinerary for your Packaged Tour was correct at the time of printing, but it is subject to change without notice. Your itinerary could change due to road or weather conditions, changes imposed by other tour operators or a range of other factors outside our control. You agree that we have no liability to you for changes to your itinerary.

Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing, however Leisure Time Travel reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or major fluctuation in the exchange rates, or increases in government or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature. Leisure Time Travel also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to low numbers and in this instance a full refund will be provided.

Health and Fitness

Passengers should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances to fully participate and experience the sightseeing opportunities within the enclosed itinerary. All passengers are required to acknowledge that they are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel and are not travelling contrary to any medical advice. By acknowledging their health and fitness to participate passengers are indemnifying us from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any lack of health and fitness. We reserve the right to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day to day running of the tour. In this instance our normal cancellation terms and conditions will apply. You agree that we have no liability to you for any loss, damage, costs or other effects of health problems you may encounter on your Packaged Tour.

Health and Safety Information Including COVID-19

For the health and safety of all passengers on tour any illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard the coach unless they can provide us with a negative Covid19 test result received within the past 72 hours. Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their tour manager and contact Healthline then

visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To return to the tour the passenger must be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour, obtaining and providing us with a written medical clearance – not just a negative Covid19 test. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger's own expense.

Luggage Allowance

Luggage is restricted to one suitcase and one small item of hand luggage per person. Baggage handling of one suitcase per person, at each hotel, is included in the trip price. Due to limited storage capacity in the motorcoaches used on tour, each case should have dimensions not exceeding 30" x 18" x 10" (76x46x25cm) and 62 linear inches (157cm) and weight not exceeding 50lbs (23kg).

Payments, Cancellations and Refunds

A non-refundable deposit per person is required at time of booking to confirm your seat. All balance payments must be received by Leisure Time Travel prior to the date specified as per itinerary or your booking confirmation. Payments are available to be made by Cash, Cheque, Direct Credit or EFTPOS only – Credit Card payments are not available without an additional surcharge. Leisure Time Travel reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Leisure Time Travel also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date will be offered or a full refund will be made available. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

Travel Insurance

Leisure Time Travel strongly advises all passengers to purchase a travel insurance policy when booking a tour. A comprehensive travel insurance policy gives peace of mind for unexpected issues or emergencies that may arise prior to or during a tour.

New Zealand Cancellation Policy

If you cancel your booking:

- 42+ days prior to tour commencement, loss of non-refundable deposit
- 30-41 days prior to tour commencement your cancellation charge will be 50% of the holiday price (50% refund) plus any applicable supplier cancellation fees
- 30 days prior to tour commencement your cancellation charge will be 100% of the holiday price (no refund)
- No refunds on any unused portions of any itinerary. The exception is if a sightseeing service is cancelled by operator due to weather conditions/safety concerns etc and the operator authorises a refund. Any such refunds will be processed through agent.



