

About travel

Go to Star author travel agency invites you to New Zealand.

It is no accident that New Zealand is one of the most popular tourist destinations: fascinating landscapes, breathtaking scenery, unlimited opportunities for extreme and outdoor activities, coupled with the hospitality and warmth of the locals make this country truly unique. The long historical isolation and remoteness from other continents has helped to preserve the unique flora and fauna of these two islands in their pristine beauty. New Zealand, one of the most eco-friendly countries in the world, is a land of evergreen meadows and clear lakes surrounded by tropical forests, with snow and ice on the peaks and hot thermal springs at their

feet. Our program of the trip, including helicopter tours over the misty fjords and mountains, water safari along picturesque rivers and canyons, bathing in the hot thermal springs of volcanic landscapes, mountain biking, trekking, visiting national parks and the marine reserve, will open all facets of this wonderful country and give you a lot of unforgettable impressions.





Day 1

Helicopter trip to Mt. Tarawera with a picnic landing.

Mount Tarawera was once the site of New Zealand's largest volcanic eruption. During your flight, you'll take in views of crater lakes, waterfalls, and vibrant geothermal reserves.

After landing, you'll cross the river and hike. Here you can swim in the hot thermal springs and geysers.

Overnight in Taupo (North Island).



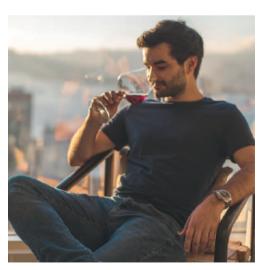
Day 3

Helicopter tour of Fiordland, the largest national park in the South Island. Spectacular views await you, from snowy peaks and glistening fjords to icy lakes and valleys. The park reveals some of New Zealand's best and most famous scenery.

Picnic lunch with freshly caught seafood.

Trekking through the fjords.

Return to the hotel. Dinner.



Day 2

Fly to Queenstown, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, which is surrounded by picturesque cliffs, on the shores of the lake bay.

Lunch in town. After lunch, an electric bicycle tour of the winery. Tasting and picnic at sunset.

Guided walk around Queenstown, dinner in a restaurant in town.



Day 4

Water Safari — thrilling jet boat ride on the Makarora River, through the scenic narrow canyons.

BBQ lunch with freshly caught fish in the wild.

Buggy Expedition: the trail winds its way through streams and scenic forest trails.

Dinner at the lodge.



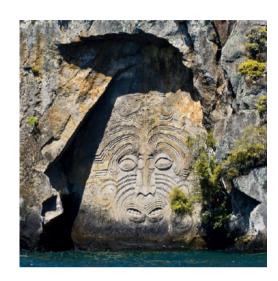
Day 5

Flight to Christchurch.

Lunch at the lodge.

Mountain biking tour through the foothills of the Southern Alps. The route passes through the picturesque Craigieburn Forest Park. You will see the sheep pastures and wildlife that inhabit the mountainous regions of New Zealand. Excursion to a special breed of sheep rearing station.

Dinner at the lodge restaurant.



Day 7

Helicopter ride over the Adams Wilderness. During the flight you will make several landings in the most scenic spots.

Picnic lunch at the top of the glacier, on the banks of the Rakaya River. Walk on the glacier.

Return to the lodge, free time and dinner.



Day 6

Meeting the sunrise and breakfast on the bank of the mountain river.

You will have an opportunity to catch wild trout with your own hands. Lunch will be made of freshly caught fish.

After lunch, bike ride to the cave.

At sunset, a jeep ride for a picnic.

Dinner at the lodge.



Day 8

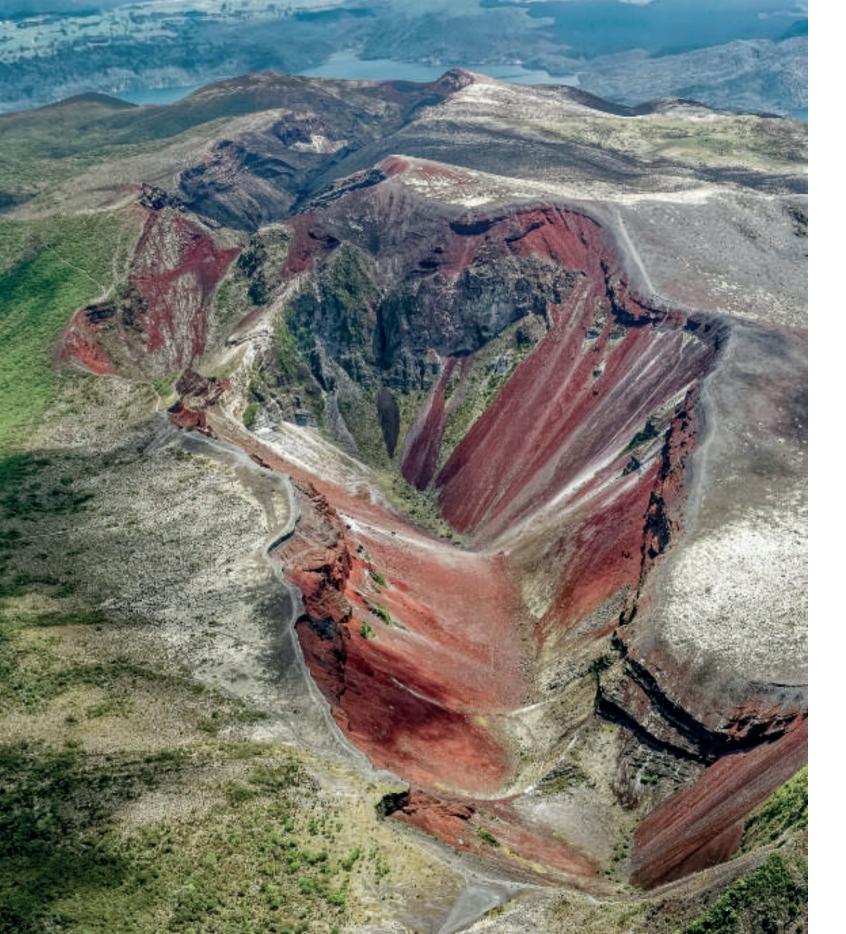
Helicopter trip to the winery.

A flight to the Waipara Hills, where the winery of the same name is located. Premium grapes are grown here without the use of artificial fertilizers and herbicides, their pinot noir is among the best in the world.

Wine tasting and lunch at the winery's organic restaurant.

Rest.





Mount Tarawera

In 1886, the eruption of Mount Tarawera destroyed almost everything around it. The volcano split the mountain itself in two, forming a depression 17 km deep. Mount Tarawera offers stunning views of the volcano crater and Lake Tarawera, located at its base. The lake is home to rainbow trout, introduced to New Zealand from California in the late 19th century.

Selling trout in restaurants, and commercial trout fishing in New Zealand is prohibited, but if you want to taste this fish for dinner, you can catch it yourself on the hook. Lake Tarawera is considered New Zealand's most "fishy" lake and a favorite trout fishing spot for locals.



Queenstown

Queenstown is the 20th best place to visit in the world. This alpine town spreads out on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, amid the fantastic mountain scenery of the South Island. With its crystal clear waters, majestic mountain ranges, expansive valleys and fabulous beech forests, Queenstown is a familiar sight from episodes of The Lord of the Rings trilogy, which was filmed all over New Zealand, including Queenstown. Outdoor enthusiasts come here for kayaking, boating and rafting, bungee jumping, hiking and skiing. Those with a calmer adventure can take a trip to nearby Milford Sound Fjordland, part of Fjordland National Park, a World Heritage Site, or sample a Pinot Noir at one of the region's 75 wineries.



Fjordland National Park

This area can be considered one of New Zealand's major treasures. Under the protection of Fiordland National Park are the ancient wet evergreen forests of New Zealand, which occupy two-thirds of the park. Another third belongs to the magnificent waterfalls and the clearest mountain lakes, formed by a glacier that once existed here. The flora and fauna of "Fjordland" are extraordinary, and many plants and animals are found nowhere else but in the local forests. There are especially many unique birds here: parrots kea and kakapo, local little penguins and many others.



Makarora River

This mountain river with perfectly clear water is located among the beech trees in "Mount Aspiring," a national park in the Southern Alps of South Island, New Zealand. "Founded in 1964, Mount Aspiring is New Zealand's tenth national park. The river, formed by glaciers, surprises by the bright blue color of the water, and if you walk through the forest by a suspension bridge, the floodplain of the Makarora reveals a real natural treasure — the Blue Pools, where trout are found. When the current is calm, you can swim in the river and feel as if you are floating in the air. To see more, take a jet boat ride.





Christchurch

Christchurch is New Zealand's third largest city, founded in the early 19th century by Scottish settlers. It is a city full of pure English charm, where tourists can visit picturesque parks, see ancient monuments, dine at a fashionable restaurant, go water-sports, just sunbathe on one of the beaches, or visit the only zoo in New Zealand with open-air cages. Highlights include the grand Anglican Cathedral, City Council building, Christchurch Club, arts center and Canterbury Museum, with its extensive collection of recordings of the city's colonial past.





Sheep Farming

Ask what this tempting and remote Land of the Long White Cloud lives on and even someone who has never been there will tell you: sheep. Ninety percent of New Zealand's economy is devoted to cattle breeding.

The first pair of sheep were brought to New Zealand by Captain Cook in 1773, and in 1982 they numbered 70,3 million. Today the number of sheep is down to 43,1 million, but there are still 12 sheep for every New Zealander. There are 36,000 flocks of sheep, averaging 1,400 head each.

Besides merino sheep, of which there are about 2 million in New Zealand, there are Bodadale, Border Leicester, East Frishian, Dorset Down, Drysdel, Corridel, Lincoln, Oxford, Perendale, Poll Dorset, Pulworth, Ryland, Romney Marsh, Suffolk, Texel, South Dorset Down and many others.



The Viper valley

New Zealand's vineyards are located all over the country, but the best wines are made from raw materials grown in areas with a mild climate. The cool air gives the famous grape varieties a lightness and the wines from them a fresh austere note and subtle flavor. In the Waipara Valley, tourists look for the special exoticism of the far away islands, so when vacationing in New Zealand, you should definitely attend tastings at local wineries. The signature wine of the islands is sauvignon blanc, its peculiar bouquet has notes of lime, gooseberry, vanilla and even green pepper and asparagus.

