

NEW ZEALAND HONEYMOON ESCAPE ITINERARY



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International Flights to and from NZ are reserved by travelers
Domestic flights to all points within NZ scheduled/reserved by MAEvents on
travelers' behalf

Day 1

Flight# [REDACTED] (*own arrangements*) arrives at Auckland International Airport. Upon arrival you will make your way to the Domestic Airport for flight to Queenstown. You can either take the shuttle that runs every 20 mins (from outside the arrivals area at the airport) or it is an easy (signposted) 10-minute walk.

10:40am: Check in at the Auckland airport for your flight to Queenstown.

11:10am: Flight#: [REDACTED] Departs Auckland and arrives at Queenstown at 1:00pm.

Upon arrival make your way to the Hertz Counter to collect your hire vehicle.

Booking number below:

Hertz booking #: [REDACTED]

Self-drive to One at Belfast, Queenstown; refer to driving directions.

Accommodation: One at Belfast, Queenstown

Inclusions: Accommodation & Generous Breakfast provisions

Day 2

9:20am: Your guide will collect you from your accommodation for your West Coast River Safari.

10:00am: Fly to Haast and the Waitototo for the River Safaris jet boat. The flight is over the glaciers and by magnificent Mount Aspiring. It can either return to Queenstown or Glenorchy directly after the two-hour jet boat ride, or continue down the West Coast over Jacksons Bay, Big Bay, Martins Bay to Milford Sound before returning to Queenstown.

Accommodation: One at Belfast, Queenstown

Inclusions: Accommodation & Generous Breakfast provisions



Day 3

Spend the day at your leisure. Queenstown offers an abundance of things to see and do, from taking the Gondola for the classic picture postcard shot across Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown to The Remarkables mountain range – thrill seekers can also luge to the bottom. Enjoy many of the adventures on offer from Bungy Jumping to Jet Boating. Or relax with a walk around the lake or lunch at one of the fantastic wineries (Amisfield is highly recommended).

Accommodation: One at Belfast, Queenstown

Inclusions: Accommodation & Generous Breakfast provisions

Day 4

11:00am: Check out of your accommodation and self-drive to Queenstown domestic airport. Upon arrival at Queenstown Airport deliver your keys to the Hertz counter located inside the airport and check in for your flight to Christchurch.

1:15pm: Check in at the Queenstown airport for your flight to Christchurch.

1:45pm: Flight [REDACTED] departs Queenstown and arrives in Christchurch at 2:45pm.

Upon arrival, please go to the Hertz counter and present your itinerary as confirmation for your vehicle collection.

Hertz booking number: [REDACTED]

MAEvents booking reference: [REDACTED]

Make your way to Hapuku Lodge, Kaikoura. Refer to driving directions.

Accommodation: Hapuku Lodge (Treehouse), Kaikoura

Inclusions: Accommodation, breakfast

Day 5

9:30am: Make your way to the Whaleway Station for your Whale Watching experience. Refer to driving directions.

10:00am: Check in time for your tour.

Every Whale Watch tour is a unique experience, and the sightings vary. Giant Sperm Whales are the stars of the show and year-round residents. A typical Whale Watch tour may encounter New Zealand Fur Seals, pods of Dusky dolphins and the endangered Wandering Albatross. Depending on the season you may also see migrating Humpback Whales, Pilot Whales, Blue Whales, and Southern Right Whales. Kaikoura often hosts the world's largest dolphin - the Orca - and is home to the world's smallest and rarest - the Hector's. Kaikoura also attracts the largest concentration and variety of seabirds on mainland New Zealand including 13 species of Albatross, 14 varieties of Petrels and 7 types of Shearwater.



The comfort and safety of our clients is of paramount importance to us. If the sea and weather conditions are not suitable, we will cancel the tour. Passengers who suffer from motion sickness are advised to take precautions before arriving. We recommend that passengers traveling to Kaikoura on the day of the tour phone us before leaving for an update on the sea and weather conditions. Please dress warmly for your tour. Allow 3.5 hours for the Whale Watch experience. Between 2 and 2.5 hours is spent on the water, with the extra hour covering report time, checking in and transport to and from the boat.

Accommodation: Hapuku Lodge (Appointed Treehouse), Kaikoura

Inclusions: Accommodation, breakfast

Day 6

11:00am: Check out of your accommodation and self-drive to Straw Lodge, Marlborough. Refer to driving directions. This drive will take approximately 2 hours.

Accommodation: Straw Lodge, Marlborough

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast & Evening Meal

Day 7

Spend the day at your leisure; you may like to do a self-guided wine tour. The Marlborough wine area is the largest in New Zealand producing approximately half of NZ's wines. Cloudy Bay is a world-renowned winery taking the wine world by storm in the 1980s with a spectacular Sauvignon Blanc. Sauvignon Blanc is the predominant wine produced although Pinot Noir production is steadily increasing. There are some very good Rieslings taken from older vines, several fruit-driven Chardonnays, some new style Pinot Gris, smaller amounts of Sparkling, Merlot, Gewurztraminer, and delicious Late Harvest Noble Rieslings. I would be happy to book a tour for you or if you decide to self-drive Nettie your host at Straw lodge would be happy to recommend; you should definitely visit Cloudy Bay, Seresins, Fromm, Bladen, Te Whare Ra, Wither Hills, Clos Henri.

Accommodation: Straw Lodge, Marlborough

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast & Evening Meal

Day 8

9:30am: Check out of your accommodation and self-drive to Blenheim domestic airport (refer to driving directions). Upon arrival at Blenheim Airport deliver your keys to the Hertz counter located inside the airport and check in for your flight to the Bay of islands.



9:45am: Check in at Blenheim airport for your flight to the Bay of islands.

10:15am: Flight [REDACTED] departs Blenheim and arrives in Auckland at 11:35pm.

1:25pm: Flight [REDACTED] departs Auckland and arrives in the Bay of Islands at 2:05pm.

Upon arrival, please go to the Hertz counter and present your itinerary as confirmation for your vehicle collection.

Hertz booking number: [REDACTED]

MAEvents booking reference: [REDACTED]

Make your way to Huntaway Lodge, refer to driving directions.

Accommodation: Huntaway Lodge, Bay of Islands

Inclusions: Accommodation, dinner, complimentary port and chocolates, continental or full breakfast, use of all facilities such as ride-on kayaks, boogie boards, snorkeling and fishing equipment etc.

Day 9

9:30am: Meet at the Marlin Wharf, Marlin Hotel Whangaroa Harbour, Whangaroa to begin your days sailing (refer to driving directions). Enjoy a full day charter sailing in the Bay of Islands where you can discover the magnificent Whangaroa Harbour and the subtropical Cavalli Islands (resting place of the Rainbow Warrior), while viewing sub-tropical beaches and taking walks with stunning views. Your guide will call you the night prior to discuss your day sailing and meeting point etc.

Accommodation: Huntaway Lodge, Bay of Islands

Inclusions: Accommodation, dinner, complimentary port and chocolates, continental or full breakfast, use of all facilities such as ride-on kayaks, boogie boards, snorkeling and fishing equipment etc

Day 10

7:15am: please make your way to Keri Keri airport for your Cape Reinga Scenic flight.

8:15am: Meet your guide at the Keri Keri airport for your Cape Reinga Scenic Flight.

After a scenic flight to Cape Reinga via the famous Ninety Mile Beach, an air-conditioned vehicle will meet the aircraft - Onwards to Cape Reinga Lighthouse where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. Our local guide will share the myths and legends of this very spiritual area. Time for a stroll on the beach at Tapotupotu Bay and a swim if desired. Next stop is the Te Paki quicksand stream with its giant sand dunes (sleds are available for those who wish to experience the exhilaration of sand surfing). The return flight to the stunning Bay of Islands includes some spectacular coastal scenery only visible by air or sea. This area is without doubt one of the most beautiful places in New Zealand, with its pure



white silica sand and crystal-clear waters. The flight also passes across the Cavalli islands and Kauri Cliffs golf course.

Accommodation: Huntaway Lodge, Bay of Islands

Inclusions: Accommodation, dinner, complimentary port and chocolates, continental or full breakfast, use of all facilities such as ride-on kayaks, boogie boards, snorkeling and fishing equipment etc

Day 11

Enjoy a day at your leisure, there are a wide range of recreational activities to enjoy from your accommodation including swimming, snorkeling, kayaking or boogie boarding in the pristine waters around Te Ngaere Bay.

You may like to explore the Bay of Islands many activities available such as:

- Go Swimming with dolphins, sailing, big game fishing and kayaking.
- Take the 'Hole in the Rock' cruise to the tip of Cape Brett.
- Look around Pompallier, in Russell, an original rammed earth Catholic Missionary House
- Walk to Haruru Falls – 3km from Paihia. The waterfalls are in a horseshoe shape- very rare and quite spectacular.
- Drive up Ninety Mile Beach on your way to the northernmost point of New Zealand and watch the Tasman Sea collide with the Pacific Ocean. Or take a coach tour along the sand of Ninety Mile Beach
- Paihia Duck... It's a BOAT, It's a BUS, It's BOTH First in New Zealand! Ride high on the land and in the water and see the Bay of Islands as it's never been seen before in a single tour. Paihia Duck is a brand-new amphibious vehicle/vessel designed to give you a land and water sightseeing experience like no other.
- Visit Waitangi. Treaty House and National Reserve, New Zealand's most important historic site, where Maori and British signed the Treaty.
- Experience the delight of one of the many local wineries.
- Kerikeri art and craft Trail, discover locally crafted products to delight your senses.
- Enjoy a scenic walk along one of the many gorgeous walking tracks the Bay of Islands has to offer, don't forget your camera!

Accommodation: Huntaway Lodge, Bay of Islands

Inclusions: Accommodation, dinner, complimentary port and chocolates, continental or full breakfast, use of all facilities such as ride-on kayaks, boogie boards, snorkeling and fishing equipment etc



Day 12

11:00am: Check out of your accommodation and make your way to Auckland for your last night in New Zealand.

This drive will take approximately 3.5 - 4 hours. There are plenty of places to stop along the way for lunch, or to stretch your legs. Refer to driving directions.

Once you arrive in Auckland follow your map to The Westin Hotel.

Accommodation: The Westin Hotel

Inclusions: Accommodation and Breakfast

Day 13

11:00am: Check out of your accommodation and make your way to Auckland International Airport for your flight to Los Angeles (refer to driving directions).

Remember to drop your rental car keys off at the Hertz desk inside the airport.

Check in for all international flights out of Auckland is 3 hours prior to departure.

12:40pm: Check in for your flight to Los Angeles

3:40pm: Your Flight [REDACTED] departs Auckland and arrives in Los Angeles at 6:35am—local time. (Own Arrangements)

