



New Zealand and Australia

21 days/ 26 days including Australia

New Zealand is considered one of the most beautiful places on the planet - a paradise for nature lovers and cultures. A mosaic of beautiful landscapes, cities, gardens, and sea- majestic fjords, golden beaches next to rocky shores, active volcanoes, and quiet villages. The country is composed of 2 main islands, the north Island and the South Island and a number of smaller islands. We will visit both the North and South Islands. We will see some of the most beautiful natural wonders of New Zealand and visit its major cities as well.

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Day 1, Thursday, Auckland

We will land in Auckland known as the "Sailboat City," New Zealand's largest and most populous city. Over the next two days, we will get to know the city, We'll be visiting the Auckland Museum with rare Maori art treasures and the Botanical Gardens, home to more than 10,000 plants from around the world. We'll ascend Sky Tower, the tallest tower in the southern hemisphere, 328 meters high, for panoramic views of the city.

Day 2, Friday, Auckland, Waitakere Ecological Park

Today we will travel for a first encounter with one of New Zealand's most famous rainforests, a short drive to the WAITAKERE RANGES - a lush rainforest, where we will walk among New Zealand's famous giant kaori trees, through spectacular panoramic views that reveal the Tasman Sea on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other. At the end of the tour we will return to the hotel and begin preparations for Shabbat.

Day 3 Shabbat, Auckland

After Shabbat prayers and a festive Shabbat meal, we will go for a walk in the hotel area.

Day 4, Sunday, Waitomo Caves - Rotorua

Today we will visit the Waitomo Caves, where glowing worms are seen creating a spectacular sky-like spectacle strewn with stars. The visit will include a cave cruise. In the evening we will go bathing in the hot baths.

Day 5, Monday, Rotorua

After breakfast, we will visit Wai-O-Tapu, thermal wonderland! We will see colorful bubbling pools, all natural and completely fascinating. In the evening we will enjoy a Maori folklore show.

Day 6, Tuesday, Rotorua – Lake Taupo – Tongariro

After breakfast, we will visit Lake Taupo and then visit Tongariro National Park which sits at an elevation of 1967 meters.

Day 7, Wednesday, Tongariro - Wellington

After breakfast, we will travel to Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, and the second largest city in the country after Auckland. Wellington lies on the southern tip of the North Island. We will take the train to see the views of the area and then continue to the Botanical Gardens. After this visit we will visit Te Papa, New Zealand's famous National Museum. We will enjoy interactive exhibits that illustrate the population of New Zealand, both the native Maoris as well as the immigrants. We will continue to see the city and view the houses of the old Parliament.

Day 8, Thursday, Wellington - Picton - Christchurch

Today we'll get on a ferry and cross Cook's Strait to the South Island. We'll get off the ferry in Picton and from there we'll go to Christchurch, the largest city on New Zealand's South Island, the capital of Canterbury County. On the way we will stop for a view of the Marlboro bays and visit a kosher winery, where we will learn about the production of wine and at the end of the tour, taste the wine.

Day 9, Friday, Christchurch, Banks Peninsula including dolphin watching cruise

Today we will explore the Banks Peninsula where we can see rainforests, cliffs, fjords and volcanoes. We'll get to Akaroa and from there we'll go on a dolphin watching cruise. At the end of the cruise we will return to Christchurch and begin preparations for Shabbat.

Day 10, Saturday, Christchurch

After Shabbat prayers and Shabbat meals, we'll take a walk. As Christchurch, the city of gardens is also known for its abundance of public parks and landscaped gardens, we'll take a walk in some of the gardens.

**Day 11, Christchurch**

As Christchurch is the last stop of expeditions before they set off for Antarctica training is done here for those who will be working in Antarctica. We will visit the International Antarctic Center, where we will walk among giant images from Antarctica and see how it was discovered and charted. We will meet some of the animals who can survive its harsh climate. At the end of the visit, we will drive towards Nelson passing vines and vineyards. Nelson is the oldest city on the South Island. On arrival we will take a tour of the city.

Day 12, Monday, Abel Tasman Beach Reserve

After breakfast, we will visit the Abel Tasman Nature Reserve, named after the Dutch captain but Tasman, the Dutch sailor who was the first European to arrive in New Zealand in the 17th century. This is one of the most impressive parks on the South Island. We will arrive at the garden after a short boat ride. We will see the sea lions and enjoy watching the peaceful blue sea water among the trees and mountains.

Day 13, Tuesday, Nelson Lakes Reserve – West Coast – Greymouth

Today we'll visit the beautiful nature reserves, the Nelson Lakes Reserve and the Paparoa Range Reserve, which features karst views of cliffs and caves integrated into rainforests, where endemic scherry and palm trees stand out – nicao palms. We'll also get to the Pancake Rocks in Funkaiaki. We will walk among them and see the sea emerging from under them into cave and create the impression of geysers.

Day 14, Wednesday, Greymouth, Franz Joseph Glacier Reserve

Today we will explore the glacial region of New Zealand extending from the peaks to the west, and we will approach the views of the Franz Joseph Glacier located in a mountainous valley surrounded by waterfalls and high mountains. We'll take a walk in Hokitica Gorge.

Day 15, Thursday, Haast Pass - Queenstown

After breakfast, we will drive south towards the fjord area and glacial valleys. We'll reach Haast's tiny community, which is on the coast where the wide Haast River meets the Tasmanian sea. We will stop at points where the scenery is especially beautiful. We will drive via Haast Pass and descend to the land of lakes. We will pass through Wanaka and In the evening we will arrive in Queenstown, a resort and ski town on the shores of Lake Wakatifo.

Day 16, Friday, Queenstown, golden miner town of Arrowtown

Today we will visit the golden miner town of Arrowtown. At the end of the visit we will return to Queenstown and do a city tour. We will go by cable car to Bob's Peak for a panoramic view of the city and surrounding area. We also will be able to view those who are bungy jumping from the famous bridge and the motor boats on the nearby lake. We will return to the hotel to prepare for shabbat, have tfilot and our shabbat meal.

Day 17, Saturday, Queenstown

After Shabbat prayers and our Shabbat meal, we will go for a walk in the hotel area.

**Day 18, Sunday, Queenstown - Milford Sound - Tae Anu**

Today we will drive through the Valleys of Eglinton and Hollyford, cross the Homer Tunnel on the way to the Royal Milford Fjord. We'll take a cruise to one of the most beautiful fjords in New Zealand. From the ship, the views are even more impressive. The steepness and depth of the fjord allows ships to sail only a few meters from the cliffs surrounding it, allowing you to even get wet from the spray of the huge waterfalls that fall into the sea throughout the fjord, and of course enjoy the dramatic sights of the cliffs that fade in the fog, waterbirds, sea lions and seals. At the end of the visit we will go to Te Anau. We'll take a tour of the abyss, including a cruise.

Day 19, Monday, Te Anau - Catlins Reserve - Dunedin

After breakfast we will take a walking route to one of the famous "Kepler" treks. At the end of the trek, We will travel towards the southern shores of the South Island and drive through the Catlins Reserve.

Day 20, Tuesday, Dunedin, Otago Peninsula – Christchurch

Today we will visit Dunedin and one of the lifestyle houses of the beginning of this century, The House of Avalaston. At the end of the visit we will go to the airport and fly to Christchurch.

Day 21, Wednesday, Christchurch - Back Home

Our rich and fascinating trip to New Zealand is over and done. We will go to the airport and fly experience-laden back home.

Looking to move on to Australia

Day 21, Wednesday Christchurch - Melbourne, Phillip Island

This morning we will fly to Melbourne, the capital of Victoria state and the second largest city in Australia. After landing, we will take a tour of the green city on the banks of the Yarra River. We will visit the city center, the railway station, the National Museum, and the Memorial to the Soldiers of Australia and New Zealand. In the evening, after an early dinner, we will take a tour of Phillip Island, famous for the "Penguin Parade" where the penguins go ashore every evening after sunset. Before that, we'll try to get a good time visiting Nobis Rock, which has Australia's largest seal colony.

Day 22, Thursday Melbourne, Ocean Road - Sydney

After breakfast we will take the bus for a spectacular day trip along the Great Ocean Road. This road, which runs along Victoria's southeastern coast, is one of the most spectacular in the world. Winding along wooded mountains, with winds-swept beaches and high cliffs, it passes through thick rainforests and high eucalyptus trees. At the end of the tour we will go to the airport and fly to Sydney.



Day 23, Friday Sydney

Today we will take a tour of this vibrant city. We will come to an observation point from which we can see both the Bay Bridge and the Opera House in all their glory. We'll take a walk at Bondi Beach, the rock beach. We will tour the Royal Botanic Gardens - 30 hectares of exotic lawns, gardens and plants, which were actually Australia's first farm.

Day 24, Saturday, Sydney

After prayers and our Shabbat meal, we will take a walking tour of the hotel area. On Saturday night we'll be strolling through the bustling Darling Bay.

Day 25, Sunday, Sydney, Blue Mountains

Today we will visit Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park, a home to the largest collection of Australian animals in the world. We will see the "tasmanian devil" and emus, and feed the wallabies and have photos taken with the koalas.

Day 26, Sydney – Back Home

Our rich and fascinating trips are over and done. We will go to the airport and fly experience-laden back home.

Dates, prices, and information that's important to know

Trip ID	Departure date	Landing date	Duration	Pax in a DBL room	Single in-room supplement
ENZD1711	17/11/2022	10/12/2022	21 days	TBA	TBA
ENZA1711	17/11/2022	15/12/2022	26 days	TBA	TBA

Total trip price

- Comfortable and air-conditioned tour bus
- First class hotels
- Half board throughout the trip and food provided for making sandwiches for lunch.
- An English speaking guide from the Shai Bar Ilan team
- Entrance to sites mentioned in the program.
- Tips for service providers abroad

Price does not include

- International flight
- Travel, Health and Baggage Insurance
- Personal expenses such as drinks at meals, phones, etc.
- Personal expenses (drinks not included in meals, laundry, shopping)
- Tip for the Israeli guide (it is customary to give \$5 per person per day of travel)
- Shows not included in the itinerary and the price of the trip (details will be given to each trip separately)



Terms of cancellation

From the time of registration, US \$ 47 per passenger for cancellation fees which will be charged in any case

- * From 21-60 working days before embarking on the trip: 30% of the price of the trip to the traveler (on trips to South America cancellation fees apply from 60 working days before the departure of the trip from Israel)
- * From 7-20 working days before embarking on a trip: 50% of the price of the trip to the passenger
- * Less than 7 working days before departure: 100% cancellation fee including all associated costs such as visa,
- * Cancellation fees for domestic flights: Any flight booked will be subject to full cancellation fees on the passenger.

Important Information

- ❖ Fridays and Saturdays, holidays and holidays in Israel, Sundays and holidays abroad are not counted as a working day.
- ❖ If any flight tickets were issued or additional services such as visas were purchased, etc., their prices will be added to the above cancellation fees
- ❖ The price of the trip is based on a minimum of 15 paying travelers
- ❖ The passenger is responsible for the final updates, all the many changes that are made in the final route after updating domestic flights and changes of travel agents abroad. Tour itineraries undergo changes according to the above, as well as due to serious climatic changes or hazards which require necessary changes. As travel agents, we do not have control over many changes that are required, which are made many months after the tour was originally planned. In the event that the passenger finds it necessary to cancel registration for the tour due to these changes in the itinerary, the passenger will be refunded all his/her money.
- ❖ The trip is subject to the conditions and responsibilities as they appear on the website
- ❖ Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date from the tour
- ❖ There may be changes in the itinerary due to changes in internal flight times and other objective reasons