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THE STUDENT TOURS

# Information **Pack**



15-Day Adventure Tour



**We are so excited to have you join us on our upcoming NZ North and South Island Tour! From the stunning beaches and bays of the Coromandel to the majestic mountains and glaciers of the Southern Alps, our unforgettable 15-day tour will showcase the very best of Aotearoa New Zealand.**

**The following information provides an overview of the tour and everything you need to know. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out through your host school or via our website.**



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### TOUR ITINERARY

#### TOUR OVERVIEW

**Dates:** See specific tour dates on our website!

**Duration:** 15 days

**Age Range:** High school students aged 13–18 years



The Student Tours' **15-day Adventure Tour** offers an unforgettable journey through New Zealand, showcasing the best of both the North and South Islands. With experienced guides leading the way, students will explore pristine beaches, lush forests, and towering mountains while immersing themselves in New Zealand's rich culture.

This tour is designed to provide a blend of adventure, education, and cultural connection. Through engaging activities and shared experiences, students will not only discover the beauty of Aotearoa/New Zealand but also create lasting friendships with peers from across the globe.

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#### TOUR DEPARTURE DETAILS

The tour begins in **Auckland** (North Island). Students must arrange their own travel to Auckland, ensuring they arrive by **midday on Tour Day 1 (Saturday)**.

Local Students in Auckland: Pickup will be available from Auckland CBD, by prior arrangement.

Out-of-Town Students: Airport pickups will be arranged. Flights must land before midday on Tour Day 1.

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#### TOUR ENDING DETAILS

The tour concludes in **Christchurch** (South Island) on **Tour Day 15 (Saturday)**. Students need to organise their departure as follows:

Local Students in Christchurch: Pickup from a central Christchurch CBD location, by prior arrangement.

Out-of-Town Students: Flights departing Christchurch must be scheduled no later than **midday**.

***If assistance is required with booking flights to and from the tour, please contact us!***

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### ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

While our tour includes visits to iconic sites and memorable experiences, we also offer optional adventure activities at an additional cost. These activities are considered higher-risk and require explicit parental consent prior to participation.

For more information, see our website or our Optional Activities Form (sent to you upon signup).

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### COMMUNICATION DURING THE TOUR

Stay connected and informed about your child's journey. Photos and updates will be shared in real time via a WhatsApp group for your child's tour.

**Emergency Contact:** For any urgent enquiries before, during or after your tour, please contact:

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### NORTH ISLAND

#### Day 1

Kick off your New Zealand adventure with an epic road trip from Auckland to Hot Water Beach! Enjoy the stunning coastal views along the way before arriving at this one-of-a-kind beach, where you can dig your own natural hot tub in the sand. After a relaxing soak, we'll wrap up the day with a classic Kiwi BBQ—great food, good vibes, and an awesome start to your tour!

#### DAY 2

Get ready for a day of adventure in the Coromandel! We'll explore the natural wonders of Hot Water Beach and Hahei, before taking a scenic walk to the world-famous Cathedral Cove. This Insta-worthy spot features towering rock formations, golden sand, and crystal-clear waters—perfect for beach games or some great photos!

#### DAY 3

Today, we head to Rotorua, the heart of Māori culture. The highlight? An unforgettable overnight stay in a traditional Marae! Here, you'll hear fascinating stories about the land, and enjoy a traditional Hangi feast cooked underground. After dinner we'll relax in natural hot springs said to have magical healing abilities! For those keen on extra thrills, optional activities include white water rafting or rolling down a hill in a giant inflatable Zorb!

#### DAY 4

From Rotorua to Tūrangi, we take a detour to the incredible Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Park, where you'll see bubbling mud pools and steaming hot springs that look straight out of another world. Next, we visit the breathtaking Huka Falls, the source of New Zealand's longest river; the mighty Waikato! Finally, take in the stunning views around the shores of Lake Taupō.

#### DAY 5

Time to explore Wellington, New Zealand's lively capital! We'll visit the famous Te Papa Museum, where interactive exhibits bring the country's rich history and culture to life. After a fun city walking tour, we'll hop on the iconic Wellington Cable Car for unbeatable views of the city and harbour.



### SOUTH ISLAND

#### DAY 6

Our South Island adventure starts with a scenic ferry ride across the Cook Strait, passing through the breathtaking Marlborough Sounds. Arriving in Picton, we'll hit the road along the stunning East Coast coastline to Kaikōura, a laid-back seaside town famous for its incredible marine life. Finish the day with an epic coastal walk and say hi to the local seals!

#### DAY 7

Wake up to the fresh sea breeze and keep your eyes peeled for seals, dolphins, and even whales in the wild. Then, we head to Mārahau via Nelson, where we'll pass rolling vineyards and stop for some rock jumping fun at the icy Pelorus River.

In Kaikōura students also have the option to get even closer to the action with a thrilling dolphin and whale watch experience from the water.

#### DAY 8

Explore the stunning Abel Tasman National Park—home to golden beaches and turquoise waters, one of New Zealand's most picturesque national parks. Whether you choose to hike through secluded beaches and bays or kayak alongside playful seals, this is a slice of paradise you won't want to miss!

#### DAY 9

Road trip time! As we journey down the rugged West Coast, we'll pass lush rainforests, roaring rivers, and epic mountain views. A highlight of the day? The famous Punakaiki Pancake Rocks—towering limestone formations that look like stacks of pancakes! By evening, we reach Greymouth, home to arguably New Zealand's best sunset!

#### DAY 10

Get ready for jaw-dropping views as we travel to Franz Josef Glacier. Here, you'll be wowed by massive ice formations and have the chance to explore the glacier up close. Whether you opt for a guided hike, a thrilling helicopter ride, or just take it all in from the valley floor, this place is pure magic!

#### DAY 11

As we leave the glacier region on route to Queenstown, we traverse the Haast Pass, offering panoramic views of alpine peaks, before opening up to the stunning vistas of Central Otago. Queenstown, nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, is New Zealand's adventure tourism capital and will be our location for the next three nights.

#### DAY 12

Get ready for an epic day in Queenstown! From bungee jumping and jet boating to indoor skydiving and thrilling luge rides, this place has it all. Prefer a more relaxed vibe? Visit a wildlife park to see native kiwi up close or just soak up the jaw-dropping lake and mountain views.

#### DAY 13

A day trip to Milford Sound is an unforgettable adventure into New Zealand's natural splendour. Sometimes referred to as the 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World, embark on a cruise to marvel at the fjord's towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls and mirror-like waters. Keep an eye out for wildlife, including dolphins, seals, and penguins.

DAY 14

The final stretch, the journey from Queenstown to Christchurch passes through the enchanting landscapes of Tekapo. We stop to visit the famous Church of the Good Shepherd – a tiny chapel with an incredible view. Once in Christchurch, we'll explore the city's mix of old and new, shaped by the resilience of its people following the devastating earthquakes in 2011. We finish our tour with a final shared dinner to cement the lifelong friendships made!

DAY 15

Time to say goodbye! After a morning of hugs and last-minute selfies, we'll head to the airport for flights home. You'll leave with unforgettable memories, a camera full of amazing shots, and stories to share for years to come. Safe travels, and we hope to see you back on one of our other amazing tours!



### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR

- 14 breakfasts & dinners (every morning & night)
- Accommodation – staying in a range of youth hostels (private rooms) and motels
- Milford Sound Day Trip & Cruise
- A Marae overnight stay and authentic Māori cultural experience!
- Entrance to Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Village
- Swim in natural hot pools in New Zealand's geothermal heartland
- Entrance to Te Papa – the national museum of New Zealand
- Cruise across Cook Strait and through the Marlborough Sounds
- Abel Tasman National Park
- Seal colony and breeding site
- Queenstown lakes and the Southern Alps
- Cathedral Cove and dig natural hot pools at Hot Water Beach
- Experience a Kiwi BBQ
- Travel to locations you'll remember forever with super experienced and fun guides!

### WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

- Lunch – each day students will be taken to an on-the-go food provider so lunch can be purchased (café, supermarket). We recommend NZ\$15-NZ\$20 per day for a healthy nutritious lunch in New Zealand.
- Flights – Our tour starts in Auckland and finishes in Christchurch. Students must organise their own travel to and from their home location. The Student Tours are happy to arrange flights for tour guests on request.

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to our packed schedule of included activities, there is also the chance to experience some of New Zealand's best adventure tourism attractions. These Optional Activities are available at an additional cost and require specific parental permission.

For more details, please refer to the Optional Activities Form or see our website.

Highlights include:

- Zorbing – roll downhill inside a giant water-filled ball!
- White water rafting – tackle the rapids of the Kaituna River
- Whale Watching and dolphin swimming off the South Island's rugged east coast
- Ocean kayaking – paddle through scenic coastal waters of the Abel Tasman
- Sky Diving – both indoor and outdoor
- Glacier walks and helicopter tours – breathtaking ice formations
- Bungee jumping – take the plunge at the world's first commercial bungee jump!
- Canyon swing – this isn't your normal playground swing...
- Jetboating – speed through New Zealand's stunning alpine lakes and canyons
- Gondola Ride and Luge – Ride up for spectacular views, then race your friends down on a thrilling luge track.

## PACKING LIST

The following is a recommended packing list to help you prepare for your tour!

While laundry facilities are available at some stops along our tour, it's recommended to bring enough clothing for the full two weeks.

### EVERYDAY WEAR

- 5-6 T-shirts or tops
- 2-3 pairs of shorts
- 2-3 pairs of long pants/leggings
- 1-2 sweaters or hoodies
- 1 lightweight waterproof jacket
- 1-2 thermal layers

### ACTIVE WEAR

- 2-3 quick-dry shirts
- 2 pairs of comfortable active pants/shorts
- 1-2 swimsuits

### SLEEPWEAR & UNDERWEAR

- 1-2 sets sleepwear
- 15 pairs of Underwear & Socks (extras in case of outdoor activities)

### DOCUMENTS

- Passport

### SHOES

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes/sneakers
- 1 pair of sandals
- 1 pair of flip-flops (for the beach or showers)

### ACCESSORIES

- Sunhat and Sunglasses
- Daypack (for daily excursions)
- Towel
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap etc.)
- Personal medications
- Small Laundry Bag
- Power Adapter/ Charger
- Bug Repellent/ Sunscreen

### OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Camera or Smartphone
- Power bank or portable charger
- Travel Journal (to record experiences)

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Homework!
- Expensive jewellery or valuables
- Excessive cash (all vendors in New Zealand accept Visa or Mastercard)
- Vapes or cigarettes – we are a non-smoking tour
- Alcohol – all our tours are alcohol free
- Sharp objects (scissors, knives etc.)

### SAFETY

The Student Tours are committed to ensuring a safe environment on our tours. We prioritise safety and operate in full compliance with New Zealand's Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and Education Outside the Classroom Guidelines.

- Supervisor-to-Student Ratio: 1:10
- Staff Qualifications: All supervisors are first aid certified and undergo vetting under the Children's Act 2014, including police background checks.
- Emergency Protocols: Lead guides are trained in emergency response situations and maintain 24/7 communication with our head office.
- All attendees must have appropriate Travel Insurance before going on the tour.

Some activities on our tours involve inherent risks. While we take precautions to identify and mitigate risks, some risks cannot be completely removed.

For a comprehensive risk analysis our Risk Assessment Method Statement is available on request.

### READY TO REGISTER

If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact us! We're here to ensure our students have a safe, fun and enriching experience in New Zealand.

To complete your registration, follow the deposit payment instructions in your email, then fill out the Parental Consent and Acknowledgement form. From there we'll be in touch!

### CONTACT US

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🌐 Website: [www.thestudenttours.com](http://www.thestudenttours.com)

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These terms and conditions govern the participation of students in The Student Tours' 15-Day New Zealand Adventure Tour. By registering your student, parents and students agree to the following terms.

### Definitions

"We/Us/Our": Refers to The Student Tours, its staff, and representatives.

"You/Your": Refers to the parent or guardian of the participant.

"Student": Refers to the student enrolled in the tour.

### Registration and Payment

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required upon registration to secure a place.

Full payment must be made at least 30 days prior to the tour start date.

Failure to pay by the due date may result in the cancellation of your child's place on the tour.

Payment methods include Bank Transfer (all major currencies accepted).

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made 30 days or more before the tour start date will receive a refund minus the deposit.

Cancellations made 14-30 days before the tour start date will receive a 50% refund minus the deposit.

Cancellations made within 14 days of the tour start date will not be eligible for a refund.

If the tour is cancelled by us (e.g. due to unforeseen circumstances), you will receive a full refund or an option to transfer to a future tour.

### Itinerary and Changes

The itinerary is subject to change due to weather, safety considerations, or other factors beyond our control.

We reserve the right to substitute activities or accommodation providers with comparable alternatives if necessary.

### Parent responsibility

You are responsible for informing The Student Tours of any medical conditions, allergies, or dietary requirements for your student.

You must remain reachable during the tour in case of emergencies or significant issues.

You must ensure your student is adequately insured for travel and adventure activities in New Zealand.

### Student Responsibilities

Students must comply with all rules, instructions, and safety guidelines provided by our staff.

Any behaviour deemed inappropriate, disruptive, or unsafe may result in the student being removed from the tour at the parent's expense. Removal due to inappropriate behaviour will not qualify for a refund.

Students must carry their own personal belongings and valuables. We are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage.

### **Health and Medical Requirements**

Parents must disclose all relevant medical conditions, medications, or allergies before the tour.

Students must carry any necessary medication and inform staff of its use.

In the event of a medical emergency, we will seek appropriate medical treatment and notify the parents/guardian, school and host family as soon as possible. You are responsible for any associated medical costs not covered by travel insurance or ACC.

### **Alcohol, Smoking and Vaping Policy**

We maintain a strict alcohol-free, smoke-free, and vape-free policy throughout the tour to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all participants.

Students are prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol, regardless of their age or the legal drinking age in New Zealand.

The use of cigarettes, tobacco products, or vaping devices is strictly forbidden.

### **Insurance**

Comprehensive travel insurance covering medical emergencies is mandatory for all participants. It is also recommended that this policy covers adventure activities such as bungee jumping, sky diving, jet boating, and ocean-based activities.

It is also recommended to have cover for personal belongings and cancellations but is not mandatory.

Proof of insurance must be provided prior to the tour start date.

### **Risk and Liability**

While we adhere to New Zealand's Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and take all reasonable precautions, participation in the tour involves some inherent risks.

We are not liable for injuries covered under New Zealand's Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) scheme.

We are not responsible for any personal injury, loss, or damage arising from circumstances beyond our control (e.g., natural disasters, third-party negligence).

### **Use of Images**

Photos and videos taken during the tour may be used for promotional purposes unless you opt out by indicating so on the consent form.

### **Force Majeure**

We are not liable for cancellations, delays, or changes caused by events beyond our reasonable control, such as natural disasters, strikes, or pandemics.

### **Privacy Policy**

Personal information collected during registration is used solely for the purpose of organising and managing the tour.

We will not share your information with third parties unless required by law or necessary for the tour (e.g., accommodation/activity providers).

### **Governing Law**

These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of New Zealand. Any disputes will be resolved under New Zealand jurisdiction.