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9th - 16th October 2026

NZ Rail Tour

The ideal time to travel and soak up New Zealand in all its majestic beauty by Rail.

Experience a picture-perfect journey through the heart of New Zealand.

From sleeping volcanoes to cascading waterfalls, sparkling cities to quaint rural farmsteads, golden beaches to snow-capped mountains. We'll bring the best of New Zealand's famous scenery to your window while you sit back and relax.

We journey on all 3 scenic trains NZ has to offer - Starting with the Northern Explorer from Auckland to Wellington, this leg of the journey also features the incredible 'Scenic plus' service. The Coastal Pacific is always a favourite and the Tranz Alpine is considered one of the great rail experiences in the world! Enjoy the 'Scenic plus' service from Greymouth to Christchurch also. Plus we'll squeeze in a number of other highlights so read on and the get on-board the train for an experience of a lifetime.

DAY 1

Friday 9th October

Home - Auckland

Depart Whanganui Racecourse at **9:30am** and make our way to Wanganui airport to **fly** to Auckland.

Departing from another destination

If you are joining the tour from another destination you will receive a personalized itinerary to have you meeting the group either in Wellington or Queenstown.

Once landed we'll head to our shuttle and transfer into Mt Wellington and check in early to our lovely accommodation. This afternoon you can simply relax at the hotel, stroll around the estuary or head to the nearby Sylvia Park for some retail therapy. Enjoy an amazing **buffet dinner** at the hotel before getting ready for our first train adventure the following morning.

Accommodation: Waipuna Hotel



DAY 2

Saturday 10th October

Auckland - Wellington



Wake up refreshed and after make our way to the Auckland Central Railway Station to catch the **Northern Explorer**.

Explore the rural heart of New Zealand's North Island on this epic 681km journey between Auckland and Wellington by train.

The Northern Explorer train connects multi-cultural Auckland with our bustling capital, Wellington. See the scenic wonders of Middle Earth, soar over towering viaducts, across the high plains of the volcanic plateau, beneath three mighty volcanoes and experience a true feat of engineering travelling on the Raurimu spiral.

To make this day even more special you will experience the Scenic Plus experience.

Scenic Plus transforms your Northern Explorer rail journey into a full sensory experience. As you take in the landscapes, enjoy a menu inspired by the very regions you travel through.

Fresh, seasonal ingredients are prepared in the onboard kitchen and served at your seat, course by course, with matching New Zealand wines and beverages. You will receive **breakfast, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner** along with **all drinks included** throughout the journey.

We are collected by bus and transferred to our central hotel for the night. Enjoy the views over the harbour from your room!

Accommodation: Rydges Wellington



DAY 3

Sunday 11th October

Wellington - Blenheim

This morning enjoy a relaxed start to the day then head down for **breakfast** at your leisure. Check out at 10am where the bus will be there to drop you to take you on a little tiki tour of Wellington or you might like to just wander around town at your leisure.

We will all meet and be transferred to the **ferry terminal** for our 1pm sailing to Picton. Grab yourself some lunch onboard and cruise into the Marlborough Sounds before docking in Picton. The bus will be waiting to transfer us to our stunning accommodation in the heart of Blenheim. Relax with an early evening tipple and a family style shared **dinner** with the rest of your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Chateau Marlborough



DAY 4

Monday 12th October

Blenheim - Christchurch

Another relaxed start to the day and after breakfast we check out to explore this picturesque region. A visit to Blenheim isn't complete without sampling some wine so we'll head to **Forrest wines** for a **tasting**. Alternatively if you'd like to visit the **Omaka Aviation Museum** this can also be arranged.

We'll then head around to the renowned **Allan Scott Winery** where we'll enjoy a swanky **2 course lunch** and a **glass of wine** before being transferred to the local train station.

Time to take the **Coastal Pacific Train!**

With the Pacific Ocean almost lapping at its wheels and the Kaikōura ranges rising majestically above, the Coastal Pacific is undoubtedly one of the world's most picturesque train journeys.

From craggy coastal cliffs and rocky outcrops to modern vineyards and rustic farmsteads, the Coastal Pacific journey cruises through the full spectrum of New Zealand culture and character. Throw in a healthy dose of seals, seagulls, dolphins and the occasional whale, and the Coastal Pacific train easily ranks as one of best days out in New Zealand.

Dinner will be onsite at our lovely hotel.

Accommodation: Rydges Latimer Christchurch



DAY 5

Tuesday 13th October

Christchurch

Have a relaxed start to the day with a **buffet breakfast** and get refreshed before we spend a cruisey day in and around Christchurch.

We'll hop on a bus at 10am and the driver will take you on a **city tour** around all the hot spots of the garden city showcasing the amazing redevelopment of the city and also other landmarks impacted by the earthquakes.

The bus will stop in at the farmers markets where there are endless options for you to find a bit to eat before carrying on in the afternoon exploring more of what this city has to offer. You'll have time to take a tram ride around the CBD also before having a down time in the afternoon.

Tonight will be another wonderful dining experience as we meet in the bar first then head into our own private dining room at the hotel for a **lovely meal**.

Accommodation: Rydges Latimer Christchurch



DAY 6

Wednesday 14th October

Christchurch - Greymouth

Rise and shine for **breakfast** as today we're off to Greymouth.

Get set for a mind blowing train trip - The world famous **Tranz Alpine!**

Explore the Southern Alps aboard the TranzAlpine train - one of the world's great train journeys, covering 223 kilometres (139 miles) each-way and taking just under 5 hours.

The TranzAlpine train travels coast-to-coast through the 'Great Divide' and the indomitable spine of mountains that partitions New Zealand's South Island.

We'll hop off the train at Moana and head to Hotel Lake Brunner for **Lunch**. A great spot to enjoy a meal and we might even get to meet the owner of the place who is always great value to spend some time with.

As we make our way into Greymouth hear about some local history of the area and be taken around town before checking into our central accommodation. This afternoon you could head into town for a look around, stroll alongside the river or simply just relax and put your feet up at the hotel. **Dinner** is on-site in the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: Copthorne Greymouth



DAY 7

Thursday 15th October

Greymouth - Christchurch

Rest up or head out for a morning walk and enjoy **breakfast** at your leisure.

Then around 10am we'll board the bus and head down the other end of town to check out the Northern Breakwaters before seeing some highlights of the CBD. You'll also have time this morning to look around town or just park up and relax at one of the cafes close to the train station.

We then do the return Tranz Alpine Journey back to Christchurch and once again this leg includes the amazing 'Scenic Plus' experience.

Fresh, seasonal ingredients are prepared in the onboard kitchen and served at your seat, course by course, with matching New Zealand wines and beverages. You will receive **lunch, afternoon tea** and **dinner** along with all drinks included throughout the journey.

Once we get back to Christchurch simply transfer back to our hotel and enjoy some more time in the hotel bar with your travel family enjoying our final night together after another memorable day!

Accommodation: Rydges Latimer Christchurch



DAY 8

Friday 16th October

Christchurch - Home

After **breakfast**, it is time to leave this great southern city and start our journey home.

We board the coach and head out to Christchurch airport to catch our respective flights.

If you are returning to Wanganui you catch a mid morning flight to Palmerston North, where another coach will transport you back home.

****If you are travelling to other parts of the country all arrangements will be made for you.***

So what are you waiting for.....Come experience our incredible country by Rail - With so many other highlights throughout and touring at a nice casual pace this tour suits everyone. Take it Easy tour guides will be with you every step of the way to ensure everything goes smoothly and a magical time is had by all - All you have to do now is book the trip 😊



Total cost:

Departing from Whanganui:

\$5,495 (Twin Share)

\$6,495 (Single Supp)

\$1,000 deposit due 2 weeks after booking.

Final payment due by 10th August 2026.

*Custom departure points available on all tours

Payment methods

✓ Cheque

✓ Cash

✓ Eftpos

✓ Online

Send online bank deposits to:

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Please use your name and trip name as code and reference.

What's included?



Transport

- All Rail & Coach travel
- Bluebridge Ferry
- Flights



Accommodation

- Great twin share accommodation
(single supplement available)



Food and drink

- Includes delicious food daily as listed in **bold** the itinerary



Activities

- All activities stated in **bold** in itinerary



How to book

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- For cancellations after 10th August 2026 – loss of deposit.
- For cancellations after 9th September 2026 – 75% of total fare will apply.
- For cancellations within 2 weeks prior to travel – 100% of total fare will apply.

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