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**Pre/Post Touring Suggestion** 

# **Great Journey of New Zealand**

**Day 1:** Start your journey in either Auckland or Hamilton and embark on New Zealand's longest running passenger service, the Northern Explorer. The Northern Explorer is a long-distance scenic train service running between Auckland and Wellington, stopping at Palmerston North, Ohakune, National Park and Hamilton.

The journey through Tongariro National Park, with its three spectacular volcanic mountains – Tongariro, Ngāuruhoe and Ruapehu – is a highlight, a place of extremes and surprises, where snow-blanketed fields, ancient lava flows and dense beech forests can be seen side by side.

Disembark the train in Wellington and explore our Capital City.



Northern Explorer with Ruapehu in the distance



Wellington Cable Car

### Day 2: Wellington

Visit our fabulous capital which is filled with drama from its quaint hilly setting to its quirky architecture; from headline sports to musical events to boutique bars and restaurants, from parliament to Wellywood, there is nothing quite like Wellington.

### Day 3: Wellington to Picton

Embark on a journey across the Cook Strait on the Interislander ferry. Interislander sails between Wellington (North Island) and Picton (South Island). Our Interislander ferry is known as one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world and one of New Zealand's most iconic tourism experiences.

Disembark in Picton and experience this pretty seaside town.



Interislander Ferry

#### Day 4: Picton



On the peaceful shores of Marlborough Sounds, the quaint town of Picton is a beautiful place to start or finish

Picton and Marlborough Sounds

your journey. With great walks, fabulous food and stunning scenery on its doorstep, there is plenty to explore.

During your time in Picton, make a quick trip to nearby Blenheim to visit one of the renowned vineyards in one of New Zealand's world-famous wine regions.

**Day 5: Picton to Christchurch** Embark on the scenic journey from Picton to Christchurch on the Coastal Pacific train. The Coastal Pacific journey is one of the most astonishingly beautiful in New Zealand with the sea stretching to the horizon in the east and the Kaikoura mountains stretching to the sky in the west.

Disembark the train in Christchurch, New Zealand's oldest city.



**Coastal Pacific Train** 



## Day 6: Christchurch

Brimming with street art, innovative architecture and progressive thinking, Christchurch is visibly rising back to greatness. Witnessing the modern rebirth of New Zealand's oldest city is reason enough to visit.

Punting on the Avon River

If you have a spare day or two, experience the South Island's striking natural landscape by taking a train between Christchurch and Greymouth. The TranzAlpine is one of the world's great train journeys covering 223 kilometres (139 miles) oneway, taking just under 5 hours. You will traverse the majestic Canterbury Plains, to the backdrop of the mighty Southern Alps - the journey of a lifetime.



Note: Train services do not run every day therefore itinerary may need to be amended to suit train service dependant on your chosen departure date.

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