Cruise Details

Name:	New Zealand Wonders with Auckland & Huka Lodge - Cruise & Land Journey
Reference:	SCENICOQA4171128-2
Operator:	Scenic Ocean Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Eclipse II
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
Departs On:	17 Nov 28
Departs From:	Hobart, Tasmania
Arrives On:	05 Dec 28
Arrives At:	Taupo
Cruise Nights:	18
Total Vacation Days:	19

Itinerary

Day 1: Hobart, Tasmania (Australia)

The Tasmanian capital, Hobart, always makes an impression, from the boats bobbing in its harbour to its thought-provoking art galleries such as MONA and produce-driven restaurants. As you board Scenic Eclipse II for your Signature Yacht Cruise, you'll be warmly welcomed by the Captain and crew with a glass of Champagne.

Settle into your spacious verandah suite, meet your butler, and explore the world-class facilities of your Scenic Discovery Yacht. Please book your flight to arrive into Hobart prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 17 Nov 28

Day 4: Milford Sound (New Zealand)

The rugged West Coast of New Zealand’s South Island offers some of the country’s most stunning scenery. You’ll cruise through Fiordland National Park, which covers more than 1.2 million hectares of granite peaks, shimmering lakes, deep black fjords and spectacular waterfalls.

Rudyard Kipling described Milford Sound as the ‘eighth wonder of the world’. The best way to experience the sound is from the water and today Scenic Eclipse II will cruise slowly through this spectacular place, coming close to land so you can admire the waterfalls tumbling from 1,000-metre cliffs and look out for seals sunning themselves on the rocks. You may like to join fellow guests on the Sky Deck to watch the magic unfold over a cocktail.

Arrives On: 20 Nov 28

Day 5: Port information not found

Step into history as you cruise Doubtful Sound, named by Captain Cook in 1770 when its narrow entrance persuaded him to sail elsewhere. Today, its breathtaking beauty is wonderfully secluded, offering a serene escape. Glide past towering cliffs, keep an eye out for playful bottlenose dolphins, and perhaps spot the elusive Fiordland crested penguin along the shore.

Then, venture further south to Dusky Sound, one of New Zealand’s largest and most dramatic fjords, stretching over 40 kilometres. Accessible only by air or sea, its remote grandeur ensures an intimate experience few ever witness, a true highlight for the discerning traveller.

Later, gather at the Yacht Club for a relaxed lunch with panoramic views, or retreat to the Observation Lounge where Swarovski telescopes bring the fjords into focused view.

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Day 5: Dusky Sound (New Zealand)

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Day 6: Bluff (New Zealand)

At the southern tip of the South Island, Bluff is one of New Zealand’s oldest European settlements, its history shaped by whaling, fishing and the waters of Foveaux Strait. Its cool, nutrient-rich seas nurture one of the world’s most renowned natural oyster beds, with Bluff oysters regarded as a seasonal delicacy. Ashore, the town’s working harbour, modest streets and sea views convey an authentic sense of place, offering a glimpse into the resilient character of this remote southern port.

Return on board for dinner at Elements, where the menu's fresh seafood selections provide a fitting tribute to Bluff's maritime heritage.

Arrives On: 22 Nov 28

Day 7: Oban, Stewart Island (New Zealand)

Stewart Island sits 30 kilometres off the southern tip of the South Island. It is one of the last inhabited outposts before you reach Antarctica. Its only settlement, the tiny village of Oban, clings bravely to the northern shore.

This is New Zealand off the grid, a remote place of spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife. The island is a haven for many birds, including the cute and curious brown kiwi, who outnumber humans and are active day and night. The Maori name for Stewart Island is Rakiura, which means the land of glowing skies.

This evening, perhaps dine at Koko's Asian Fusion, or unwind at the Sky Bar as the remote island fades into the distance.

Arrives On: 23 Nov 28

Day 8: Port Chalmers (New Zealand)

Wake up in Port Chalmers, the gateway to Dunedin, one of New Zealand’s most historic cities. Founded in 1848, it has a proud Scottish lineage – in fact, Dunedin takes its name from the old Gaelic for Edinburgh, Dùn Èideann. Stroll the well-preserved streets to admire grand Victorian and Edwardian architecture, much of it built on wealth from the Otago gold rush.

Outside town, the surrounding Otago Peninsula is regarded as one of the country’s leading wildlife and eco-tourism destinations, where you can look out for abundant birdlife, penguins, seals and sea lions.

Back on board, indulge in a treatment# at the Senses Spa, or gather with fellow guests at the Scenic Lounge Bar, where over 130 varieties of whiskey await.

Arrives On: 24 Nov 28

Day 9: Kaikoura (New Zealand)

You’ll arrive in Kaikoura early this morning. This tiny town sits in a spectacular natural environment, flanked by the Pacific Ocean on one side and the snow-capped Seaward Kaikoura Range on the other.

The town began life as a whaling station in the mid 1800s; visit the oldest surviving building, Fyffe House, or the Kaikoura Museum to learn more about its history. It’s also an ideal place for wildlife encounters. Whales, fur seals and dolphins live permanently in these waters, and an impressive array of seabirds fill the air, including the mighty albatross.

This evening, perhaps enjoy French fine dining at Lumière+, then end the night with a drink in hand, sharing stories with fellow guests as live music plays in the Scenic Lounge Bar.

Arrives On: 25 Nov 28

Day 10: Wellington (New Zealand)

Wellington sits astride the Cook Strait, its harbour ringed by steep, villa-dotted hills and a compact, walkable centre. Rather than dwell on its “Windy City” reputation, locals focus on culture: the distinctive Beehive parliament building, a thriving café scene and a strong design sensibility in its boutiques, small galleries and studios. The acclaimed national museum, Te Papa Tongarewa,

offers a thoughtful exploration of Aotearoa’s natural history and Maori and Pacific identities. Wellington is also the heart of New Zealand’s film industry – often nicknamed “Wellywood” – with creative hubs such as Weta Workshop associated with celebrated productions including The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit.

Return on board for Night Market @ Koko's+, where street food storytelling and teppanyaki flavours echo Wellington's creative energy.

Arrives On: 26 Nov 28

Day 11: Napier (New Zealand)

Arriving in Napier, it can feel as though the clock has paused in the 1930s. After a devastating earthquake in 1931, the city centre was almost entirely rebuilt in the Art Deco style of the era, with clean lines, pastel facades and geometric detailing. Today, its palm-lined streets, sunlit promenades and carefully preserved buildings create one of the world’s finest concentrations of authentic Art Deco architecture, complemented by a relaxed café culture and easy access to Hawke’s Bay’s acclaimed vineyards.

After a day of exploring ashore, you might retreat to Senses Spa and the KLAFS infrared sauna, letting the gentle heat ease your muscles and restore your energy for the evening’s experiences.

Arrives On: 27 Nov 28

Day 12: Gisborne (New Zealand)

Gisborne, known affectionately as “Gizzy”, is celebrated as one of the first cities in the world to greet the new day. Its relaxed coastal atmosphere is complemented by a strong food and wine culture, with vineyards in the surrounding Tairawhiti region particularly noted for expressive whites and rich Chardonnay. Long, surf-washed beaches, a compact town centre and a growing focus on local producers give Gisborne a quietly confident, distinctly East Coast character.

Back on board, unwind at Azure Bar & Café with a glass of New Zealand Chardonnay, or retreat to your suite where your butler can arrange private in-suite dining.

Arrives On: 28 Nov 28

Day 13: Tauranga (New Zealand)

Today your Scenic Discovery Yacht docks at Mount Maunganui, a relaxed beachside town just across the harbour from Tauranga. A graceful volcanic cone rises above a long, curving surf beach and sheltered inner bay, with coastal paths leading to wide views over the Bay of Plenty. Nearby Tauranga, New Zealand’s busiest port, offers a revitalised waterfront lined with cafés, restaurants and bars, adding an urban gloss to the region’s otherwise easygoing, holiday atmosphere.

This evening, after a delicious meal, savour a nightcap at the Sky Bar on the Sky Deck, watching the ocean drift by as you reflect on your incredible journey.

Arrives On: 29 Nov 28

Day 14: Auckland (New Zealand)

After your final breakfast on board, you will disembark and continue your journey in Auckland. Upon arrival in New Zealand’s largest city, settle into the Park Hyatt Auckland, your Scenic Special Stay, where waterfront views meet contemporary sophistication.

This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner, celebrating the remarkable overland journey ahead as you explore the North Island of New Zealand.

Arrives On: 30 Nov 28

Day 15: Auckland (New Zealand)

Continue your exploration of the ‘City of Sails’, so named for its bustling marinas full of boats and picturesque harbourside setting. A melting pot of cultures, Auckland offers world-class dining, stylish waterfront precincts, and a thriving arts scene, all within easy reach of pristine beaches, rainforests, and wine regions, making it a gateway to both adventure and relaxation. Scenic Freechoice:
Enhance your Auckland visit with a selection of Scenic Freechoice activities:

Auckland Harbour Cruise: Enjoy panoramic views of the skyline, waterfront, iconic landmarks and volcanic islands with live commentary of Auckland’s maritime heritage.

Waitakere Wilderness Experience: Explore black sand beaches and native rainforest on a guided half-day tour. Admire traditional Maori carvings and learn about their significance for the area. Wander rainforests among lush native silver ferns, manuka and kauri trees before arriving at your pinnacle vantage point overlooking the Tasman Sea.

Auckland City Revealed Tour: Learn about Auckland’s history, culture and volcanic landmarks. Gain insights into the Maori history of the area and the legends and stories behind region and see some of Auckland’s most picturesque vistas.

Flavours of Our City Walking Tour: Discover Auckland through its vibrant food culture on this guided tour that blends gourmet indulgence with city exploration. Stroll lively streets and hidden laneways as you sample artisan cheeses, handmade chocolates and freshly roasted coffee. Along the way, your guide shares stories of Auckland’s history, diverse cultures and iconic landmarks. Scenic Enrich
New Zealand Rugby: Connect with the heart of New Zealand culture, rugby, as you learn about the spirit of the game that shaped the nation. Your All Blacks experience includes being guided by a former All Black or Black Fern, followed by a wine-matching dinner at one of Auckland’s top restaurants.

Arrives On: 01 Dec 28

Day 16: Auckland (New Zealand)

Leaving Auckland today you’ll journey into Middle Earth with a visit to Hobbiton™ Movie Set, exploring detailed film sets from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit, including the Shire’s iconic hobbit holes and lush gardens. Continue to Taupo, home to New Zealand’s largest lake.

Check into Huka Lodge in one of the world’s most prestigious luxury lodges for a three-night special stay.

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Day 16: Taupo (New Zealand)

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Day 17: Taupo (New Zealand)

Enjoy a full day at leisure at Huka Lodge, set on 30 acres along the picturesque Waikato River that is rich with trout. Optional experiences include fly-fishing, guided hikes, lake cruises or nearby golf. For a relaxed day, play tennis, pétanque or croquet, wander the gardens, or enjoy a drink on the riverbank. Your culinary journey continues with local produce incorporated into an innovative menu for your included breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Arrives On: 03 Dec 28

Day 18: Taupo (New Zealand)

Start the day with a full a la carte breakfast before exploring the facilities of the lodge. Enjoy either a game of tennis, a few hours in the wellness centre or a dip the pool and spa. Retire for a relaxing afternoon and enjoy your in-suite mini bar, which is replenished daily. Tonight, enjoy a multi-course degustation dinner in the restaurant.

Arrives On: 04 Dec 28

Day 19: Taupo (New Zealand)

Today depart Huka Lodge and the Taupo region and head north towards Auckland. En-route, stop for a visit at the National Kiwi Hatchery to observe the breeding program dedicated to protecting New Zealand’s iconic kiwi birds. Continue on to Auckland where you will bid farewell to your fellow travellers. #Spa treatments and services at additional cost. Daily activities may be subject to change; please consult your Daily Wonder for updates.
+All drinks on board, including those stocked in your mini bar, are included, except for a very small number of rare, fine and vintage wines, Champagnes and spirits. Specialty restaurants require a reservation, enquire on board.
^Experiences on board our two helicopters and submersible are at additional cost, subject to regulatory approval, availability, weight restrictions, medical approval and weather and ice conditions.
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