

Celebrating 50 Years of New Zealand Probus

New Zealand North & South Islands

'50th Anniversary Tour'

With Your Gold Probus Partner Trade Travel

14 Days / 13 Nights - Fully Escorted

Departs: Wednesday 30 October - Tuesday 12 November, 2024.



TRADE TRAVEL
Effortless Journeys, Endless Memories



Day 1. Wed 30 Oct: Australia - Auckland

Dinner

Flight Details: Australia - Auckland (Times to be advised)

Welcome to New Zealand! We are met on arrival at the **Auckland** International airport, before we depart and travel into the city centre for a sightseeing tour of the **'City of Sails'** which includes the panoramic city and harbour views from Bastion Point; trendy Parnell Village; the lovely bays of the waterfront drive and the vibrant Viaduct Harbour area. We then head to our hotel to check in and freshen up before we enjoy a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight Auckland: Rydges Hotel Auckland

Day 2. Thurs 31 Oct: Auckland - Rotorua

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, we travel through picturesque farmland towards Matamata, home to Hobbiton. Experience the real Middle-earth with a visit to the **Hobbiton Movie Set**, the bucolic setting for The Shire that featured in the Peter Jackson directed movie trilogy The Lord of the Rings – and more recently, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey and The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies. Our guided walking tour commences with a drive through the picturesque 1,250-acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Our guide will escort us through the ten-acre site recounting fascinating details of how the Hobbiton set was created. Upon completion of our tour **enjoy a delicious buffet lunch served inside the festive Party Marquee**. After our Hobbiton tour travel southwest and climb into the bush-clad Mamaku Ranges and through the lush Fitzgerald Glade before reaching the unique geothermal area of Rotorua for check-in and dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight Rotorua: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

Day 3. Fri 1 Nov: Rotorua

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we learn about the Kiwi, New Zealand's national icon. The National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa is a world leader in kiwi husbandry, egg incubation systems, hatching techniques and kiwi chick rearing. Our visit will showcase how Kiwi recovery programmes are playing their part to bring this treasured icon back from the brink of extinction. During our guided visit, learn all about the Kiwi bird at the world's most successful kiwi hatchery and discover how more than 2100 kiwi chicks have been hatched here. By sharing in this experience, we will make a valuable contribution to the conservation of our precious kiwi with all funds going to the National Kiwi Recovery Trust. Next, we enjoy a **Redwood Treewalk Day Walk**, consisting of 28 suspension bridges traversing between 22 Californian coastal redwoods that are 120 years old. The elevated walkways gives walkers a unique view of the native undergrowth below from up to 20-metres above the ground. At 700-metres long the walkway allows plenty of time to appreciate the beauty of the forest that is quite different from what we experience on the ground. *Maximum weight restriction of 120 kgs apply!* In the late afternoon visit **Te Puia for a guided tour followed by the Te Po (the night) experience** - an immersive feast of indigenous cultural storytelling, entertainment and food. Our guided tour provides a premier Māori culture experience combined with an introduction to the magnificent geothermal activity in the **Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley**. Whilst in the valley see the **boiling mud pools, steaming silica terraces, hot springs and geysers including the famous Pohutu Geyser** which can erupt up to 30 metres high, depending on its mood. Visit the **New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute** where young Maori are learning the traditional carving and weaving skills of their ancestors. Following on from our guided tour, enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner including food from the hangi (traditional Māori method of cooking) served in the Pātaka Kai Restaurant. After dinner enjoy a cultural performance in the fully carved Te Aronui-a-Rua meeting house where highlights include waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. Following the concert, the evening culminates with hot chocolate and steamed pudding served in the geothermal valley bathed in coloured light.

Overnight Rotorua: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

Day 4. Sat 2 Nov: Rotorua - Napier

Breakfast & Dinner

Departing Rotorua, we travel south stopping en route in **Taupo to view the Huka Falls**. We continue our journey to Napier and upon arrival enjoy a **guided Art Deco Walking Tour**. Take an entertaining look at the unique 1930s architecture as we wander through the streets with our local guide. En-route learn about the 1931 earthquake that destroyed the city, hear about the people that led the rebuild, and discover the unique Art Deco style of this unique city. Dinner tonight is at Mission Estate Winery, established in 1851 by pioneering French Missionaries and is New Zealand's oldest winery and the birthplace of New Zealand wine. The restaurant is located in an historic building overlooking Napier and Hawkes Bay.

Overnight Napier: Quality Inn Napier

Day 5. Sun 3 Nov: Napier - Wellington

Breakfast & Dinner

Today we depart Napier and travel south towards Wellington, where on arrival we visit **Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum** which offers visitors a unique and authentic experience of New Zealand's treasures and stories. After checking into our hotel it's time to explore Te Papa independently to learn about the shaping of its land, the spirit of its diverse peoples, its unique wildlife, landscapes, and its distinctive popular culture. Dinner tonight is back in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight Wellington: James Cook Grand Chancellor

Day 6. Mon 4 Nov: Wellington - Kāpiti Coast NZ Probus 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we travel over to the **Kāpiti Coast** to discover the **largest private car collection in Australasia** at the **world-class Southward Car Museum**. Inside the cavernous, purpose-built exhibition hall of Southward Car Museum, chrome and steel glints in every direction and the smell of polish and leather permeates the air. Southward Car Museum is the result of Sir Len Southward's vision and engineering expertise and a labour of love and legacy rolled into one. Today we join in the **New Zealand Probus 50th Anniversary celebrations**, delight in a delicious buffet luncheon, formalities and entertainment with fellow members from both sides of the 'ditch'. After a wonderful day we head back to Wellington to our hotel to relax and freshen up before dinner and our special **Melbourne Cup Sweep Draw**.

Overnight Wellington: James Cook Grand Chancellor

Day 7. Tues 5 Nov: Wellington - Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club

Breakfast

After breakfast, today is at leisure to explore with activities, lunch and dinner at own cost.

Optional Golf Day Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club. Regarded by many as one of the greatest links courses in the southern hemisphere, Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club is a world renowned layout on the undulating dune land of the Kapiti Coast. Located just a 45 minute drive from New Zealand's Capital City, Wellington, the course has hosted the New Zealand Open 12 times, a record unsurpassed by any other course. In 2002 it hosted the world's number 1 golfer, Tiger Woods.

Transfers will be provided on the day for our special **18 Hole Probus Golf Day Competition**, which will include a light refreshment pack on arrival, 18 holes golf, trophy presentation, and casual BBQ dinner at the clubhouse.

*Drinks, carts, buggy and club hire at own cost - **Please see registration details within the Booking & Payment Form.***

Overnight Wellington: James Cook Grand Chancellor

Day 8. Wed 6 Nov: Wellington - Picton - Christchurch

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we farewell our driver from the Nth Island and board our ferry for the **cruise across the Cook Strait** heading through the beautiful **Queen Charlotte Sounds** into the South Island. On arrival in Picton we meeting up with our South Island driver and board the coach for the drive along a thin ledge of land pinned between the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean and the rugged ranges to **Kaikoura**, where the mountains meet the sea. Continued across the farmlands of the North Canterbury Plains and the Waipara wine district, where the micro climate of the area makes it ideal for growing grapes. Christchurch has emerged revitalized following the earthquake that devastated much of the city in February 2011. The destruction of several landmark historic buildings has led to the development of new city plans, a bold public art programme and innovative use of space. Christchurch's historical charm and atmosphere has seen it often compared with England and it is often referred to as **'the most English city outside of England'**.

Overnight Christchurch: Crowne Plaza Christchurch

Day 9. Thurs 7 Nov: Christchurch - Franz Josef

Breakfast & Dinner

We depart Christchurch and traverse the Southern Alps aboard the famous **Tranz-Alpine rail journey to Arthurs Pass**. From our carriage we see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. The train then climbs into the Southern Alps then arrives in the small village of Arthurs Pass. Here we disembark the train and reboard our coach to continue our journey to the West Coast - or the Coast as locals call it, stopping in **Hokitika** where a visit is made to the **Greenstone and Glass Blowing factories**. Continue south to the Westland National Park, the home of Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. On arrival, time is available for optional scenic flights (own cost), before continuing to our accommodation for the night. Dinner is in the hotel restaurant tonight.

Overnight Franz Josef: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef

Day 10. Fri 8 Nov: Franz Josef - Queenstown

Breakfast & Dinner

Today driving towards the southern end of the South Island's West Coast Road, there is a strong sense of entering a primeval land, and a feeling of total isolation. Arriving at Haast, we are surrounded by a landscape of rainforest, wetlands, sand dunes and surf-pounded shingle beaches. This wilderness forms part of the **South West New Zealand World Heritage Area**, so designated because South Westland and Fiordland have some of the most dramatic forest and mountain scenery and natural resources in the world. From the Westland National Park we **travel through the Haast River Valleys and over the Haast Pass** to Makaroa and onto the upper reaches of Lake Wanaka. Travelling past Lake Hawea we reach the popular Lake Wanaka, the starting point of the mighty Clutha River before continuing through the small town of Cromwell following the Kawarau Gorge Road into **Queenstown**. Upon arrival we check-in, freshen up and enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight Queenstown: Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 11. Sat 9 Nov: Queenstown

Breakfast & Dinner

Today is at leisure, relax, explore, or book an **optional tour (own cost)**. Queenstown has a plethora of optional sightseeing activities available from jet-boating on the thrilling Shotover Jet; a jet-boat excursion along the scenic and remote Dart River; winery tours to the premier Central Otago wineries; 4WD tours into unforgettable Skippers Canyon; scenic flights; or if you dare - bungee jumping or tandem sky-diving!

Overnight Queenstown: Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 12. Sun 10 Nov: Queenstown - Dunedin

Breakfast & Dinner

Leaving Queenstown through the rugged Kawarau Gorge and travel through Cromwell then alongside Lake Dunstan which was formed when New Zealand's latest hydro dam was built at Clyde. This area was one the scene of a major gold rush. Alexandra experiences temperature extremes and is known as the hottest, driest and coldest town in New Zealand. The area around Roxburgh is famous for its stone fruit orchards especially peaches and apricots grown successfully on the stony river-flats between the mountains and the fast flowing Clutha River. Travel south to the small country town of Milton then head north across the fertile Taieri Plains to Dunedin. Sitting at the head of the magnificent Otago Harbour, Dunedin was founded in 1848 by Scottish settlers and envisaged as the **'Edinburgh of the South'**. The influence of its Scottish heritage is still strongly evident. Visit historic **Olveston House** which was completed in 1907 and was a masterpiece of modernity in the Edwardian era, featuring central heating, an in house telephone system and even heated towel rails. Olveston had been carefully preserved and now offers a glimpse into the lifestyle of a privileged family in the early 1900's and the rich historical heritage of Dunedin.

Overnight Dunedin: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City

Day 13. Mon 11 Nov: Dunedin - Christchurch

Breakfast & Dinner

Leaving Dunedin we travel north across the Otago Hills. At **Moeraki** see the fascinating giant marble like boulders on the beach. Pass through Oamaru and Timaru and cross the sheep and cropping areas of the fertile Canterbury Plains. The snow-capped Southern Alps can be seen to the West for much of the journey. Arrive in Christchurch and after checking in to the hotel, freshen up before enjoying our farewell dinner.

Overnight Christchurch: Crowne Plaza Christchurch

Day 14. Tues 12 Nov: Christchurch - Australia

Breakfast

Flight Details: Christchurch - Australia (Times to be advised)

After breakfast and checkout we transfer to the **Christchurch Airport** for check in and flight back home after our wonderful **14 Day tour of New Zealand, celebrating the New Zealand Probus 50th Anniversary with Trade Travel.**

Tour Highlights & Inclusions



Tour Highlights: Auckland City - City of Sails; Hobbiton Movie Set Tour; National Kiwi Hatchery; Redwood Treewalk Day Walk; Te Puia - Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley's Boiling Mud Pools, Steaming Silica Terraces, Hot Springs & Geysers - Famous Pohutu Geyser; Maori Arts & Crafts Institute; Te Po (the night) Experience; Huka Falls; Napier Art Deco Walking Tour; Te Papa Museum; **Probus 50th Anniversary Celebrations, Luncheon & Entertainment; Golf Day Paraparumu Beach Golf Club;** Melbourne Cup Sweep; Ferry Through Queen Charlotte Sounds - Wellington to Picton; City of Christchurch; Tranz-Alpine Rail Journey; Hokitika - Greenstone & Glass Blowing Factories; Optional Fox Glacier Scenic Helicopter Flight (own cost); The Adventure Township of Queenstown; Dunedin "Edinburgh of the South"; Olveston Historic Home; Moeraki Boulders & more.





Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return economy International flights Australia - Auckland & Christchurch - Australia
- Luxury coach travel
- 13 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (27 Meals)
- All touring, entry fees, cruise & attractions as per itinerary
- Melbourne Cup Sweep

Tour Price Excludes:

- Travel Insurance
- Optional Touring & Golf Day Registration & Fees

Tour Cost From: \$8748.00 per person Twin Share - Ex Sydney/Melbourne
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Other cities available on request - please call our reservations team.

(Single Supplement \$2296.00)

+ Airport Taxes, Levies & Fuel Surcharges from approx \$250.00

A minimum number of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

We wish to advise that all pricing for International Travel is subject to tax, surcharges, fuel increases and currency fluctuations. It may be necessary to make adjustments to the pricing during the course of the tour booking, at ticketing and at the final payment deadline to ensure these currency changes are allowed for in the pricing.

Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Golf Registration - Please refer to Booking Form & Golf Registration Form

Deposit: A deposit of **\$500.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form! ***Don't miss out, spaces are limited!***

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 5 July, 2024.**

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