

THE BEST OF NEW ZEALAND BY SEA
Queenstown to Auckland aboard *Heritage Adventurer*
November 11-24, 2025

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXTENSION TO QUEENSTOWN
November 9-13, 2025

Fly into Queenstown two days early for the opportunity to journey through the dramatic Lord of the Rings landscapes of Central Otago. Visit a winery for a behind-the-scenes tour and tasting from the world's southernmost winemaking region, take a jet boat ride through a national park, and enjoy free time to explore in Queenstown.

ITINERARY

Sunday-Tuesday, November 9-11

DEPART U.S. / QUEENSTOWN

Depart home on an overnight flight to Queenstown, New Zealand, gateway to the South Island's breathtaking alpine and glacial scenery. Lose one day crossing the International Date Line. This evening meet your tour manager and fellow pre-extension participants at a welcome reception with drinks and canapes in the hotel's restaurant lounge.

NOVOTEL QUEENSTOWN LAKESIDE HOTEL (R)

Wednesday, November 12

GIBBSTON WINE TASTING / INDEPENDENT EXPLORATION IN QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown is the gateway to over 200 vineyards producing some of the world's best wines. After a leisurely morning, travel by coach to Kinross Winery in Gibbston. Enjoy a private behind-the-scenes vineyard tour to learn about the vines, soil, and climate conditions in this area while enjoying a selection of six carefully crafted wines which showcase the Central Otago sub-regions. You'll finish the experience with the final tasting held in their VIP space, The Brady Room in the Cellar Door. After your wine tasting, enjoy a seasonal sharing-style lunch showcasing a range of dishes that are quintessentially New Zealand. Travel back to the hotel, with the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

NOVOTEL QUEENSTOWN LAKESIDE HOTEL (B, L)

Thursday, November 13

DART RIVER WILDERNESS / QUEENSTOWN

This morning, travel by coach to Glenorchy and join Dart River Adventures for an exciting Wilderness Safari in Mount Aspiring National Park. You'll enjoy an exhilarating jet boat journey up the glacier-fed, turquoise-blue waters of the Dart River, while admiring the picturesque landscape of towering peaks, glaciers and primeval forests. After the jet boat ride, there is an optional guided half hour walk through ancient native beech forest to learn about the flora and fauna, history, and geology of this World Heritage Area. Lunch is at Headwaters Eco Lodge, where the chefs have a passion and dedication for local produce – much of it grown in their bountiful kitchen garden and foraged from surrounding hills and mountains. Return to Queenstown in the mid-afternoon for free time before gathering at the hotel this evening for the main tour welcome reception.

NOVOTEL QUEENSTOWN LAKESIDE HOTEL (B, L, R and overnight included in main tour)

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PROGRAM RATES

Per person, double occupancy	\$1,590
Per person, single occupancy	\$2,230

GROUP SIZE

A minimum of 15 people is required to operate the extension.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 2 nights hotel accommodations
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 reception
- All tours as described in the itinerary
- Baggage handling and gratuities to waitstaff at group meals, porters, guides and drivers for all group activities
- Services of a professional tour manager and local guides

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Personal items and optional activities
- Meals other than group meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Items not specifically mentioned as included

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Complete the enclosed reservation form and return it to Criterion Travel as soon as possible to ensure availability. Payment for the extension will be added to your final invoice and is due July 14, 2025, or upon receipt of invoice if registering after that date.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Payments for optional extensions are non-refundable if cancellations are received after July 14, 2025. All cancellations must be made in writing.