

REST & RECOVERY TOUR FOLLOWING 2027 TCS SYDNEY MARATHON



TRAVEL ITINERARY OVERVIEW: NEW ZEALAND 2027

This document outlines your extension package to New Zealand in 2027. It provides details about your journey, including key destinations, activities, and logistics, ensuring you experience the best of New Zealand's natural beauty, culture, and adventure opportunities. Kia Ora and welcome to New Zealand!

DAY 1: MONDAY 30 AUGUST 2027 - Welcome to New Zealand

After travelling from Sydney following the previous day's marathon, the Athletes' Journey group will be welcomed at Christchurch Airport by a local guide, who will accompany them throughout their New Zealand tour.

Transfer: Private Coach

From: Christchurch Airport

To: Christchurch Hotel

Christchurch Accommodation: The George Hotel

Address: 50 Park Terrace, Christchurch, 8013

Phone: +64 3 379 4560

Daily Breakfast Included

In - 30 August / Out - 31 August (1 Night)

The George is Christchurch's premier luxury boutique hotel, superbly positioned alongside the picturesque Hagley Park and Avon River, just moments from the city centre. Renowned for its impeccable service and elegant contemporary accommodation, the hotel offers award-winning dining, sophisticated amenities, and a peaceful setting away from the bustle of the city. Its central location provides easy access to Christchurch's vibrant arts, dining, and shopping precincts, making it the perfect base from which to explore the Garden City and the wider Canterbury region.

Afternoon Activity:

If time permits then an easy walk or jog around Hagley Park.

Evening Activity: Group dinner at local restaurant to welcome your guests to New Zealand

DAY 2: TUESDAY 31 AUGUST 2027 - Christchurch to Tekapo

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your tour guide assists you as you board your private coach journey from Christchurch to Tekapo, enjoying stunning scenery of the South Island on this 3 ½ hour trip.

Tekapo Accommodation: Peppers Bluewater

Address: State Highway 8, Lake Tekapo, 7945

Phone: +64 3 680 7000

Daily Breakfast Included

In - 31 August / Out - 01 September (1 Night)

Peppers Bluewater Resort enjoys a stunning lakeside location in the heart of Lake Tekapo, offering spectacular views of the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo and the surrounding Southern Alps. Blending contemporary accommodation with a relaxed alpine atmosphere, the resort features spacious rooms and villas, an on-site restaurant, and easy access to the region's renowned natural attractions.



Afternoon Activity: Shake Out Run

After checking into your hotel, time for a shake-out run around Lake Tekapo.

Evening Activity: Dinner and Summit Experience At Dark Sky Project

Enjoy dinner at your hotel or a reservation at a local restaurant before embarking on the Summit Experience at Dark Sky Project.

The Summit Experience at Dark Sky Project is an unforgettable journey into the wonders of the night sky, set beneath the pristine stargazing conditions of the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. This immersive experience begins with a guided journey to the summit of Mt John, where expert astronomy guides bring the southern skies to life through fascinating storytelling, powerful telescopes, and state-of-the-art equipment. Guests have the opportunity to view distant galaxies, star clusters, planets, and constellations while learning about both scientific and Maori perspectives of the cosmos. Combining breathtaking scenery with world-class stargazing, the Summit Experience is a truly unique and memorable highlight of any visit to Lake Tekapo.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2027 - Tekapo To Queenstown

After breakfast, your tour guide will assist you as you board your private coach journey from Tekapo to Queenstown. This is a 4 hour trip through the breathtaking McKenzie Country, stopping at Arrowtown for lunch.

First Activity: Arrowtown

Once arriving in Arrowtown, the group will be fitted with either mountain bikes or e-bikes by a local cycling operator before setting off on a scenic ride through some of the region's most spectacular countryside. The journey follows a stunning cycle trail through the picturesque Gibbston Valley, renowned for its vineyards and dramatic landscapes, culminating at the acclaimed Gibbston Valley Winery. Here, you'll enjoy a relaxed lunch accompanied by a wine tasting, with the cycling portion being approximately 1.5 hours. Following lunch, your bikes will be collected, and the group will continue via private coach towards Queenstown, where the adventure ramps up with a thrilling ride aboard the world-famous Shotover Jet, one of New Zealand's most iconic and exhilarating experiences.

Second Activity: Shotover Jet Queenstown

Enjoy an exhilarating ride on New Zealand's world-famous Shotover Jet. A high-speed ride through the dramatic Shotover River canyons. Hold on tight as your expert driver navigates narrow canyon walls, skims across shallow waters, and performs thrilling 360-degree spins. Combining breathtaking scenery with adrenaline-pumping action, Shotover Jet is an unforgettable way to experience one of New Zealand's most spectacular natural landscapes. Following this exhilarating experience the guests will be transferred back to their hotel.

Queenstown Accommodation: Voco Queenstown

Address: Corner of Stanley and Sydney Street, Queenstown, 9300

Phone: +64 3 222 7177

Daily Breakfast Included

In - 01 September / Out - 03 September (2 Nights)

Voco Queenstown is a contemporary lakeside hotel perfectly positioned in the heart of Queenstown, just moments from the town's vibrant restaurants, cafes, shops, and lakefront attractions. Offering stylish, modern accommodation with stunning views of Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountains.



Evening Activity: Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ Dinner and TSS Earnslaw Cruise

Enjoy a 10 minute walk from the Voco Queenstown Hotel to the lakefront to board the TSS Earnslaw Steamship. Begin with a cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the century-old TSS Earnslaw before disembarking at Walter Peak High Country Farm, one of the region's earliest farms.

At the Colonel's Homestead Restaurant, enjoy a gourmet barbecue while taking in the lakeside views and the welcoming ambience of the historic homestead. The menu features New Zealand meats and seafood cooked on the outdoor grill and rotisserie, accompanied by seasonal salads, desserts and local cheeses. A selection of local wines and other beverages is available for purchase at the bar.

After dinner, enjoy an entertaining demonstration offering insight into high-country life.

On the evening cruise back to Queenstown, enjoy music from the ship's pianist or relax on deck as the town's lights come into view.

THURSDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2027 - Milford Sound Tour

Following breakfast the group departs the Voco Queenstown Hotel to Milford Sound, one of New Zealand's most spectacular natural attractions .

Activity: Milford Sound

Experience the dramatic beauty of New Zealand's South Island on a full-day journey to the world-renowned Milford Sound. Travel through the spectacular landscapes of Fiordland National Park, passing towering mountains, glacier-carved valleys, native rainforest, and crystal-clear lakes along the way. Upon arrival, board a scenic cruise through the fiord, where you will witness sheer cliff faces, cascading waterfalls, and, if you're lucky, local wildlife including seals, dolphins, and penguins. Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch on board as you take in the breathtaking scenery from one of New Zealand's most iconic natural wonders. After your cruise, relax and enjoy the return coach journey to Queenstown, reflecting on an unforgettable day in the heart of Fiordland.

Evening Activity: Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant to finish a wonderful trip to the South Island of New Zealand. Venue TBA

FRIDAY 03 SEPTEMBER 2027 - Depart Queenstown

Following breakfast, guests will be transferred to Queenstown Airport to begin their journey home. (Flights not included).

Safe travels home!

