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North & South Islands
7- nights in Auckland
7-nights touring South Island**

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Fernz Motel and Apartments

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A high-end Boutique Super Luxury
Motorhome

Your Experience
An unforgettable first hand viewing of
New Zealand



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NEW ZEALAND

Owing to their remoteness, the islands of New Zealand were the last large habitable landmass to be settled by humans. Between about 1280 and 1350, Polynesians began to settle in the islands and then developed a distinctive Māori culture. In 1642, the Dutch explorer Abel Tasman became the first European to sight and record New Zealand. In 1840, representatives of the United Kingdom and Māori chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi, which declared British sovereignty over the islands. In 1841, New Zealand became a colony within the British Empire, and in 1907 it became a dominion; it gained full statutory independence in 1947, and the British monarch remained the head of state.

SOUTH ISLAND

The South Island of New Zealand is renowned for its mountains, lakes and glaciers. The Southern Alps, home to 3,724m-high Aoraki Mt. Cook, run along the entire length of the island. In the southwest is Fiordland National Park, with steep-sided Milford Sound.

NORTH ISLAND

The North Island of New Zealand is known for its volcanic activity, national parks and cosmopolitan cities. Home to about three-quarters of New Zealand's population, it has the country's largest city, Auckland. Surrounded by bays and islands, it's known as the "the City of Sails."

The Fernz Motel & Apartments

Located in the leafy suburb of Birkenhead on Auckland's North Shore district, Fernz Motel & Apartments Birkenhead offers accommodation within a 15-minute drive from Auckland CBD. A variety of cafes and restaurants serving local and international cuisine and shopping are situated in the town centre, just 2 minutes' walk from the property.

The motel and apartments are built on an elevated site with extensive views to the city and harbour at the front and a tree lined valley at the rear. The apartments feature modern furniture, quality appliances, flat-screen TV'S and full kitchens and laundry facilities. The property is equipped with secure covered parking and lifts to all floors. Electric car-charging is available on site, with prior booking at the reception required.

There are public transport options located in the town centre offering easy access to the CBD and other Auckland areas. You can take a walk to the harbour ferry, where you will pass historic shops and houses, or enjoy going bush walking nearby. The rooms and common areas at the property are decorated with New Zealand art, photography and wood sculpture by leading artists.





The Fernz Motel & Apartments

With panoramic views of Auckland Harbour, Fernz Motel gives you the best of everything. Just a few minutes from great local cafes, shops and charming walks in Birkenhead, it's also only a short ferry or car ride from the central city – so you can be close to the hustle and bustle, without being right in it.

Only fifteen minutes away are the stunning east coast beaches, so absolutely everything you need is in a close radius. Staying in is wonderful too, our brand-new rooms are spacious, clean, modern, incredibly comfortable and furnished with local art, brand new high quality European appliances, latest 4k TVs and fully equipped kitchens and laundries. What more could you possibly want?

Looking after people is what we do best so we've made sure you'll have all the fun of being somewhere new, with all the comforts of being in your own home.



North Island New Zealand



Auckland Your first vacation begins in the coastal city of Auckland, located on New Zealand's North Island, and is one of the few cities in the world sitting between two harbours on two separate major bodies of water, the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean

Its Waitemata Harbour is very popular with cruises, sailing boats jet-boating and swimmers. With close proximity to beaches, wildlife and countryside, it's not surprising that this sophisticated city is one of the most desirable locations in the world live. As NZ's largest city, it has a diverse and vibrant mix of cultural heritage, multicultural distinctiveness and the world's largest Polynesian centre (around 10% of the population). The city enjoys a mild, sub-tropical climate with a stunning shoreline dotted with restaurants, hotels and entertainment outlets.

Auckland's tallest residential building, located in the city centre next to Albert Park and only a couple of hundred metres from the city's metro system, where you can get a AT Hop for around US\$7 per person. The units are contemporary designed and comfortable. Being in the heart of the City, the taste of the world is at the doorstep. It is just so simple to embark on a gourmet journey, discovering the hidden dining gems in the alley or experiencing the best culinary in Auckland. GVC has identified a few of the popular excursions you may wish to participate in:

Hop On Hop Off

For around US\$20 you can get to see the city's main tourist attractions, such as Parnell Village, Auckland Museum, Auckland Zoo, Mt Eden or the Sky Tower, and all at your own pace. The bus tour takes one hour to complete each loop with 2 circle routes to explore. Enjoy the flexibility where you can hop off at key points, create your own sightseeing itinerary.

Tiritiri Matangi

Is an island wildlife sanctuary and conservation projects is located 30km northeast of central Auckland. Rectifying years of abuse from farming, in 1984 and 1994, volunteers planted between 250,000 and 300,000 trees, resulting a forested area of 60% and the remaining 40% as grassland for animal species that require open habitat. Successfully reintroduced are several species of endangered birds such as the takahe and species of reptiles. Upon arrival a Dept. of Conservation (DOC) Ranger will give all visitors a biosecurity briefing. You can also get to see Kororā (little blue penguins) nesting boxes. The ferry to the island costs around US\$30 and US\$ for children up to the age of 15. A guide provided at the sanctuary costs around US\$7 for an adult and US\$1 for children.

Whale & Dolphin Watching

Auckland is quite unique when it comes to whales, as in most cases around the world, they are migratory creatures and may only be around several months of the year. However, the Bryde's whale, a national endangered species, is regarded as the resident whale population and are seen in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park all-year round, making Auckland one of the very few places in the world where you can see a baleen species pretty much 12-months of the year.

Now it's off to your second vacation: South Island for a 7-night, 8-day adventure. This time you're driving as you pick up your superb luxury home on wheels.



With so many incredible sights to see, there is literally only one way to visit this sensational island and that's by a Super Luxurious Motorhome. The 8-metre motorhomes deliver truly comfortable boutique accommodation, ensuring the ultimate vacation experience whilst leaving you overwhelmed by its gadgets. The motorhome comes equipped with state-of-the-art features, 180bhp Tiptronic automatic, fuel economy (10-litres per 100km), ABS, EBD, Bluetooth, twin-reversing camera, airbags, central locking, cruise-control, and 2 x 12v batteries. The kitchen has a large 3-way automatic fridge freezer, gas cooker (3 rings and 1 electric) with oven grills, microwave, electric outlets, sleek LED lighting throughout, crockery, glassware, cooking equipment, swivel multi adjustable chairs, central heating, LPG gas (thrombotically controlled) with 2 x bottles, grade-three-classified insulation (-18° outside 25° inside) or cool inside on hot days, 2 x TV's/DVD with satellite channels, roof-mounted self-seeking push-button controlled satellite, separate shower cubicle, rushing-toiler cassette system with cleaning chemicals, vanity washbasin, 3 x opening roof lights and large sky view window all with flyscreen's and insulated blinds, double-glazing with night latch ventilation, hanging wardrobes and ample storage, full length outdoor awning with lights, super large under-bed storage and outside storage locker. High-quality bed linen, towels, pillows and duvets are provided for your trip.



South Island New Zealand



One must take one's hat off to the New Zealand authorities, the designated motorhome parking stops are exceptionally well-planned throughout the South Island. You may want to select the Dept. of Conservation camps throughout your journey, they are all set in wonderful locations. Overnight camping at these camps, where you can plug in and recharge your batteries, clean out your toilet and replenish your water for your next road trip is anywhere from US\$0 to US\$12 per person per night.

South Island has many magnificent lakes with awe-inspiring views, each having their own identity. There are many hidden gems off the beaten track to be discovered, we listed a few to whet your appetite:

Lake Tekapo (227km from Christchurch)

Located in the Mackenzie Basin, the town faces the turquoise-coloured lake, created from the ground fine rock of the glaciers and the spectacular mountains of the Southern Alps. It sits 700m above sea-level and is a great midway point if you are travelling towards Queenstown. You can relax in Tekapo Natural Springs with temperatures ranging from 27° to 38°, soaking up the stunning views, or for thrill seekers NZ's largest inflatable waterslide (entry fee around US\$8 per person. For thrill-seekers you can fly in a helicopter and immerse yourself in the stunning views of the lakes and mountains, and even a snow-landing. This is an awesome location to cook up a wonderful meal in your motorhome, grab a bottle of that great NZ wine you bought, ready to view some of the clearest skies in the world. Lake Pukaki (290km from Christchurch)



Another spectacular lake located in the McKenzie Basin, NZ's highest peak 'Mt. Cook' sits at the head of the lake, dominating the turquoise ribbon of lake that fills a stretched ancient glacier-carved valley. The craggy peak is a magnet, drawing serious alpinists and mountaineers from around the world. Sir Peter Jackson used this region as the backdrop in the 'Lord of the Rings' as well as 'The Hobbit Trilogies', due to its distinctive light, turquoise hues, and the sharp alpine peaks.

Lake Wanaka (301km from Christchurch)

You will be entranced by its outstanding beauty. The lake is 45km long, covering 193 km² with Mt Aspiring National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Area near, making it the ultimate base for jetboaters, kayakers, sailboats and outdoor hiking and biking enthusiasts. In the winter months it's a location for skiers and snowboarders. There is an array of cool cafes, excellent restaurants, craft breweries, award-winning wineries, and an artisan distillery.



Pukaki Wine Cellar and Observatory

If you would like a stellar experience, you can take a Wine Cellar and Pukaki Observatory tour of the universe using the latest stargazing technology and astrophotography. The organised tour starts in the wine cellar you will be treated to a wine matching experience with top wines from the local region, whilst being introduced the stars, planets, nebula and cluster objects currently present in the night sky. You will get to view the Milky Way Galaxy, stars and planets through the observatory's six-inch refractor telescope (starts from US\$80 per person).

