

New Zealand: The South Island

Pre-Trip-Extension - Auckland Pre-Trip Extension

3 Nights from \$495.00 per person, double occupancy

- 3 nights at the Grand Mercure Auckland
- Daily full breakfast
- City Information
- Airport transfers

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Depart home / Fly to Auckland

Depart home for New Zealand. The particulars of your arrival overseas are detailed with your final air itinerary.

DAY 2: In flight to Auckland

Flying to Auckland requires crossing the International Date Line, so this day is "lost."

DAY 3: Arrive in Auckland / Begin your Trip Extension

Upon arrival at the Auckland International Airport, collect your luggage and make your way to Door 8 and the Super Shuttle rank. Give the driver your name and let them know that you are with VBT. Transfer via Super Shuttle to your hotel (approximately 45 minutes). If your flight is delayed, please notify Super Shuttle at 0800 748885. Once you arrive at the hotel, the rest of the day is yours to relax or explore.

Your hotel room may not be available until 2:00 p.m. If you are early, you may store your luggage at the reception desk. VBT provides you with City Information that includes recommendations on what to see and do in Auckland during your stay.

Please note: VBT transfer times and departure points are finalized in advance and cannot be modified for individual guests.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Auckland, Auckland

DAY 4: Independent exploration of Auckland

Auckland provides an abundance of activities to suit innumerable interests, from museum-going to

hiking, and from shopping to boating. The Auckland Museum, standing regally in the Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park, chronicles the nation's long history. The Auckland Art Gallery boasts fine works from national and international artists. You'll find many opportunities to stroll the waterfront among the busy marinas. Or hop a ferry across the Waitemata Harbor to the charming seaside village of Devonport, where you may browse galleries and shops and stop in a restaurant on Queen Street. Your hotel's location on the waterfront provides an ideal base for exploring New Zealand's largest city.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Auckland, Auckland

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5: Independent exploration of Auckland

Auckland enjoys a supreme setting on a narrow isthmus between two harbors, Waitemata and Manukau. In the "City of Sails," so called for its many boating enthusiasts, more than 135,000 yachts and launches are registered. No doubt you'll see many of them, their masts pointing skyward from their marinas, as you continue to explore today. Perhaps you'll meander among the blooms at the Auckland Botanic Gardens or ascend the Sky Tower, the tallest freestanding structure in the Southern Hemisphere, for sweeping city views.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Auckland, Auckland

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6: Fly to Christchurch

After breakfast, your Super Shuttle transports you from your Auckland Hotel to the airport for your flight to Christchurch. Please verify with the front desk the pick-up time for your transfer to the airport.

Upon arrival at the Christchurch airport, gather your luggage at the domestic baggage collection area and proceed through the terminal exit Door #7. The Super Shuttle rank is located outside the International Arrivals Hall, next to the taxi rank. Look for your next Super Shuttle vehicle. Give the driver your name and let them know that you are with VBT. Transfer (approximately 30 minutes) to your hotel in Christchurch. If your flight is delayed, please notify Super Shuttle at 0800 748885. Once you arrive at the hotel, the rest of the day is yours to relax or explore.

Your hotel room may not be available until 2:00 p.m. If you are early, you may store your luggage at the reception desk. VBT provides you with City Information that includes recommendations on what to see and do in Christchurch during your stay. We highly recommend a walk out of the hotel and through the adjacent Hagley Park and the Botanical Gardens. The Canterbury Museum, Memorial Bridge, and the re-

energized Central Business District (CBD) are on the other side of the park and are well worth a visit.

VBT Air Package guests arrive throughout the day.

Accommodation: Chateau on the Park, Christchurch

Included Meals: Breakfast