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New Zealand



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New Zealand

12 Days in New Zealand: A Journey Through Middle-Earth & Majestic Landscapes.

Route: Auckland → Rotorua → Hobbiton → Christchurch → Mt Cook → Franz Josef → Queenstown → Milford Sound

Day 1: Kia Ora, Auckland

New Zealand welcomed us with the vibrant energy of Auckland, the City of Sails. After a long flight, we strolled around the Viaduct Harbour, admired the views from the Sky Tower, and grabbed dinner at Depot Eatery — a cozy place with incredible oysters.

Must-do: Sunset from Sky Tower



Day 2: Into the Shire – Hobbiton & Rotorua

An early road trip from Auckland led us straight to the rolling green hills of Hobbiton. It was like stepping into a storybook — tiny doors, lush gardens, and that perfect pint at the Green Dragon Inn. We continued onward to Rotorua, welcomed by its famous sulphur scent and steaming geothermal vents.

Must-do: Hobbiton Movie Set Guided Tour | Stayed in: Rotorua

Day 3: Rotorua's Geothermal Wonders & Maori Culture

Rotorua was pure magic. We explored Wai-O-Tapu, a surreal rainbow-colored thermal wonderland, and witnessed the mighty Pōhutu Geyser at Te Puia. The evening highlight? A traditional Māori cultural performance and hangi feast — soulful, powerful, unforgettable.

Must-do: Māori Cultural Evening | Stayed in: Rotorua

Day 4: South Island Bound – Christchurch Calling

We flew to Christchurch, the Garden City, where history and innovation blend seamlessly. A walk through the Botanic Gardens and a punting ride on the Avon River was the perfect way to wind down. The post-quake rebirth is inspiring — art installations and pop-up cafes everywhere.

Must-do: Punting on the Avon | Stayed in: Christchurch

Day 5: Road to Mt. Cook via Lake Tekapo

Picked up our rental car and headed inland. The drive through Canterbury Plains and past Lake Tekapo was scenic beyond words. The Church of the Good Shepherd, standing solitary beside the lake, made for a postcard-perfect stop. We reached Mt. Cook Village by evening, greeted by towering peaks and star-studded skies.

Must-do: Stargazing in Aoraki Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve | Stayed in: Mt. Cook

Day 6: Hiking Mt. Cook & Drive to Glacier Country

Woke up early for the Hooker Valley Track, a three hour return hike with suspension bridges, glacier rivers, and Mt. Cook towering above. Later, we drove the spectacular route to Franz Josef Glacier, through alpine passes, waterfalls, and untouched forests.

Must-do: Hooker Valley Track | Stayed in: Franz Josef

Day 7: Glacier Helicopter Adventure

One of the most surreal moments of the trip, a heli-hike on Franz Josef Glacier. Flying over the ice fields, landing on the glacier, and walking through ice caves was beyond bucket list-worthy. Finished the day soaking in the Glacier Hot Pools under the trees.

Must-do: Helicopter + Glacier Ice Walk | Stayed in: Franz Josef

Day 8: The Great Southern Drive to Queenstown

An unforgettable drive through the Haast Pass, with stops at Thunder Creek Falls, Lake Wanaka, and Cardrona. We reached Queenstown by evening — New Zealand's adventure capital — with its glimmering lake and dramatic mountains.

Must-do: Stop at That Wanaka Tree | Stayed in: Queenstown

Day 9: Adrenaline in Queenstown

Today was all about adrenaline:

- Bungee jump off the historic Kawarau Bridge
- Jet boating through the Shotover Canyon
- Topped it off with a ride up the Skyline Gondola and some luge racing with panoramic views of Lake Wakatipu

Must-do: Bungee Jump (or just watch if you're not game!) | Stayed in: Queenstown

Day 10: Milford Sound – A Fjordland Fantasy

We took a fly-cruise-fly tour to Milford Sound — and it might just be the most beautiful place we've ever seen. Towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, seals lounging on rocks — it felt untouched and ancient. The scenic flight alone was worth it.

Must-do: Milford Sound Scenic Flight + Cruise | Stayed in: Queenstown

Day 11: Chill Day – Glenorchy & Wine

We slowed down with a drive to Glenorchy (LOTR fans will love this) and later indulged in a wine tasting session at Gibbston Valley. For a final treat, we booked a soak at Onsen Hot Pools, overlooking the Shotover River canyon.

Must-do: Onsen Hot Pools at sunset | Stayed in: Queenstown

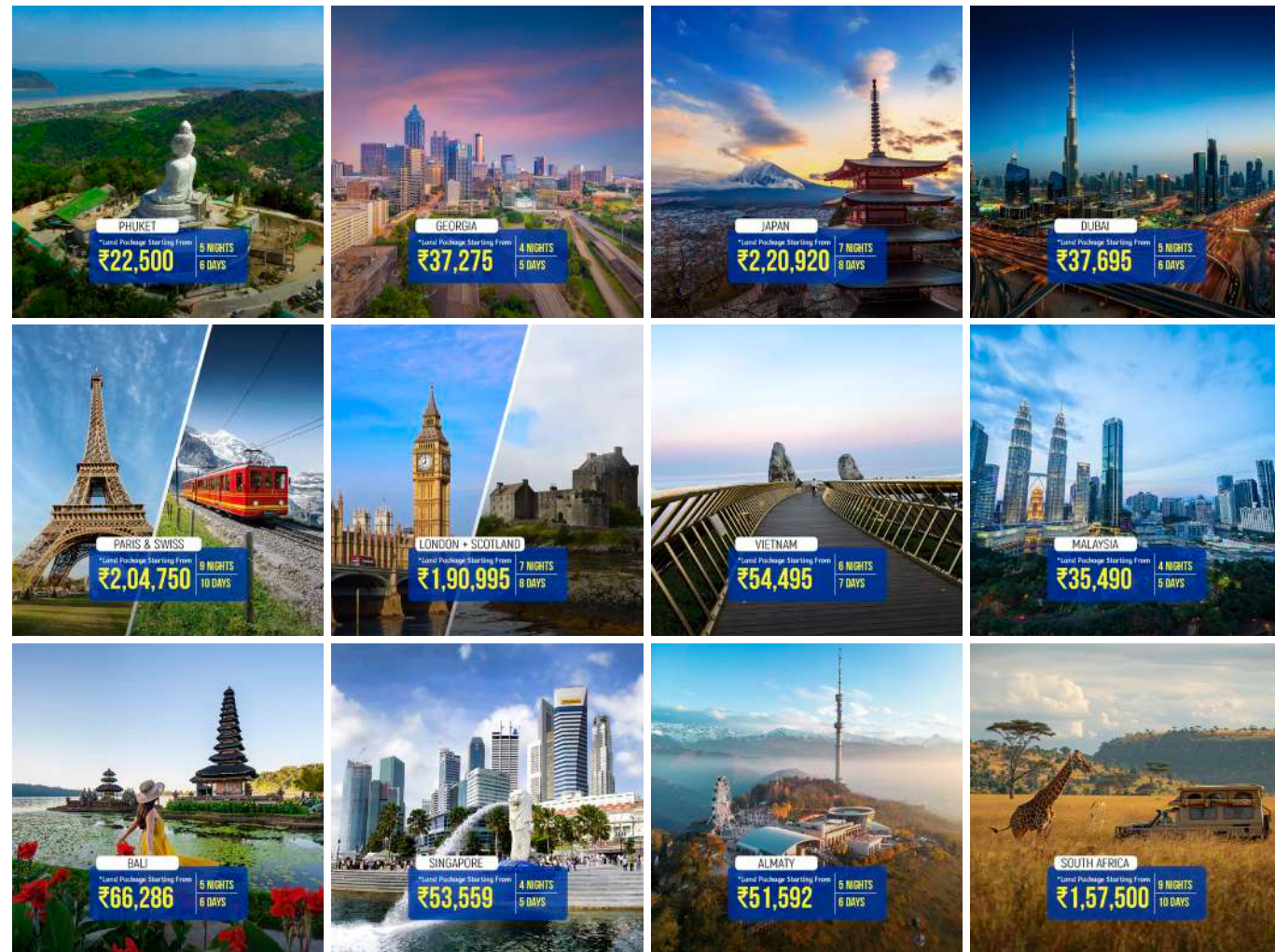
Day 12: Farewell, Aotearoa

With hearts full and phones full of photos, we said goodbye to this incredible land. New Zealand gave us adrenaline, serenity, and a whole lot of stories. Till next time.



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Suggested Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Helsinki

Check in to hotel in Kamppi or Kluuvi, then explore Senate Square, Helsinki Cathedral, and Aleksanterinkatu for local vibes. After dinner, enjoy a peaceful night stroll through Esplanadi Park and the harbor.

Day 02: Explore Helsinki

Start with breakfast at hotel, then visit the Rock Church and Sibelius Monument. Explore Oodi Library and Kiasma Museum, enjoy lunch, a sauna at Löyly, and dinner by the waterfront.

Day 03: Suomenlinna Island + Evening Ferry to Tallinn

Morning-Afternoon: Take a ferry to Suomenlinna Sea Fortress. Enjoy a picnic, museum visits, and scenic walks. Return to Helsinki, collect luggage, and then board a pre-booked ferry to Tallinn and check into a hotel in the Old Town.

Day 04: Discover Tallinn Old Town

After breakfast, take a free walking tour of Tallinn Old Town including Toompea Hill, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, and Town Hall Square, followed by lunch, a visit to the Kumu or KGB Museum, and a memorable dinner at Rataskaevu 16 or Olde Hansa, and a day ending with local craft beer or cocktails in a cozy Old Town bar.

Day 05: Local Life & Relaxation

Start with breakfast at the hotel and explore Telliskivi Creative City's shops, cafés, and street art, a visit either Kadriorg Palace & Park or the Seaplane Harbour Museum in the afternoon. Catch the sunset from Kohtuotsa platform and enjoy a farewell dinner in the Old Town.

Day 06: Departure

Depending on your flight or ferry/train, have a relaxed breakfast and buy souvenirs before heading out.

Note: The tours can be customized. For MICE groups please contact us on +91 98197 14082



Featured Hotel – ITC Ratnadipa, Colombo



Location :

21 Galle Face Center Rd, Colombo 00100, Sri Lanka

Number of rooms :
352+

ITC Ratnadipa, a Luxury Collection Hotel in Colombo, is a 33-story architectural marvel overlooking the Indian Ocean and Beira Lake. Opened in April 2024, it offers 352 rooms and suites, each with private balconies and panoramic views. Accommodation options include Towers Rooms, ITC One Rooms, Tower Suites, Studio Apartments, and Serviced Residences, all featuring luxurious amenities.

The hotel boasts 9 signature dining venues, including Avartana and Peshawri. Event spaces encompass the 1,394 sq m pillarless Sangam Ballroom, accommodating over 800 guests, and the Panorama Deck, an outdoor venue for up to 450 guests, ideal for weddings and social gatherings.



Spectacular Parks



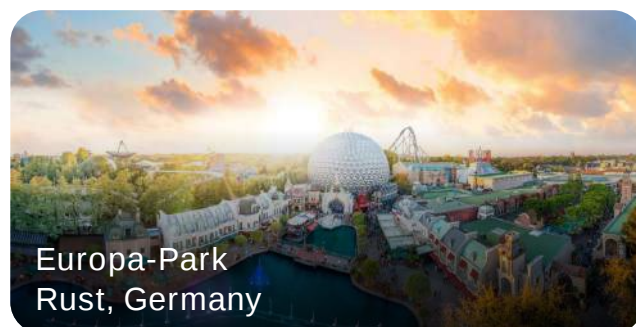
Magic Kingdom
Walt Disney World, Florida, USA

Maintaining its status as the world's most visited theme park, Magic Kingdom attracted 18.2 million guests in 2024. Iconic attractions like Space Mountain and the new TRON Lightcycle Run continue to captivate visitors.



Universal Studios Japan
Osaka, Japan

Known for its immersive experiences, including Super Nintendo World and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, this park remains a top destination in Asia.



Europa-Park
Rust, Germany

Awarded the "Best Amusement Park in the World" for the ninth time by Amusement Today, Europa-Park impresses with its diverse attractions and the new "Voltron Nevera" coaster.



Dollywood
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, USA

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Dollywood continues to charm visitors with its unique blend of Appalachian culture and family-friendly attractions.



Tivoli Gardens
Copenhagen, Denmark

Mýrdalsjökull, Iceland's fourth-largest glacier, offers breathtaking ice sculptures and stunning scenery, attracting visitors with its vast array of colors and sensations.

One of the world's oldest amusement parks, Tivoli Gardens continues to charm visitors with its historic rides, beautiful gardens, and cultural performances.

Amazing Places on Earth



Socotra

The island of Socotra in Yemen is unlike any other places you have ever visited. And quite literally too. That's because, majority of the island's flora is endemic, meaning, they are not found anywhere else on the planet. It is because of this that Socotra Island is often referred to as the Alien Island.

Socotra Island in Yemen

Travel News



New Travel Restrictions Take Effect

A significant change in U.S. travel policy occurred on June 9, 2025, with new restrictions affecting citizens from 12 countries including Afghanistan, Iran, Haiti, and Libya. The policy includes exemptions for athletes and diplomatic personnel, but travelers from affected regions should verify their eligibility before planning trips to the United States.

Tunisia's tourism boom

Tunisia is stepping into the global spotlight—and not quietly. Tunisia is making waves in 2025. The country welcomed over 3.4 million visitors between January and May, marking a 10.2% rise compared to the same period last year. The pace is promising. If current trends hold, Tunisia could smash through the 11 million mark by year's end, outpacing its 2024 total and signaling one of its strongest comebacks in over a decade.

Indigo flies to New Destinations in Europe

Amsterdam (AMS) and Manchester (MAN) – marking a significant leap into long-haul operations using leased Boeing 787-9 aircraft.

Copenhagen (CPH) and Athens (ATH) – tapping into rising Indian tourism interest in Northern and Southern Europe. These new services are expected to launch starting in July 2025.

Air India Launches Self-Service Kiosks

Air India expanded self check-in and baggage-drop kiosks to flights from India to Europe, the UK, and Canada, in addition to the US and Australia. These kiosks operate at 19 international airports, enabling passengers to print boarding passes, baggage tags, and drop luggage independently. The initiative aims to reduce queue times and streamline airport processes.

Philippines Announces Visa-Free Entry for Indians

Starting June 8, Indian tourists can enter the Philippines visa-free for up to 14 days. Additionally, those with valid US/UK/Canada/Schengen/Australia/Singapore residence or visas enjoy up to 30 days. This liberalization has sparked a 28% jump in travel searches, with overall travel interest projected to climb 20–30% in the coming months.

Air India to operate non-stop flights between Delhi and Manila

Air India to be the only operator between India and the Philippines with 5x weekly Delhi-Manila flights on Air India's A321neo from 01st October, 2025.

Royal Jordanian Airlines launches nonstop Mumbai-Amman service:

Operating four times a week with an Airbus A320neo, it boosts connectivity to over 50 destinations across the Middle East, Gulf, and North Africa.

Kashi Ropeway

Varanasi's first public transit ropeway (3.75 km, 5 stations) is set for operational launch in August 2025, connecting the railway station to Godowlia Chowk—ideal for religious tourism.

Bihar to get six new Airports under UDAAN

The Bihar cabinet has approved the development of six new airports under the UDAN scheme. These airports will be established in Madhubani, Birpur (Supaul), Munger, Valmiki Nagar (Bettiah), Muzaffarpur, and Ragharsa. The cabinet also cleared the signing of an MoU between the state's Directorate of Aviation and AAI for developing the airports.

Meghalaya announces the Cherry Blossom Festival 2025 featuring Jason Derulo

To celebrate World Music Day, Meghalaya announces the Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival 2025. Global stars Jason Derulo and The Script will headline on Nov 14–15. The city will come alive with concerts, pop-ups, and immersive events across iconic venues.

Thailand welcomes over 1 million Indian visitors:

Reported over one million Indian travelers visited Thailand as of mid-June 2025, driven by emerging cities like Surat, Rajkot, Nagpur, Nashik, with growing interest in luxury and wellness.

Marriott launches a new global brand hotel collection in India.

Marriott International is launching a new global brand called "Series by Marriott" with India as its first market. This new brand will focus on midscale and upscale lodging segments. Marriott has partnered with Concept Hospitality (CHPL), which owns The Fern Hotels & Resorts, to integrate The Fern brands into the Series by Marriott portfolio.