

THE LORD OF THE RINGS TOURS

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"Warm Greetings from the Middle Earth"

We are pleased to submit our "Lord of the Ring Tour" package for your kind perusal.

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

'Haere Mai' ... welcome to New Zealand, you gateway to the middle-earth start from Auckland.

Self drive passenger pick up rental car from Airport depot and self drive to Hotel for check in. The rest of the day is at your own leisure. With an irresistible combination of magnificent natural scenery and a vibrant city lifestyle, **Auckland** is a place of exciting contrasts and endless adventures.

Accommodation: Rendezvous Grand Hotel, Auckland (Deluxe Room) OR SIMILAR for 1 Night

Day 2 Auckland / Matamata / Rotorua

After a short drive south of Auckland (approx 2.30 hrs) you arrive in Matamata, home of Hobbiton and The Shire. Here you will be expecting the **Hobbiton Movie set tours** starting from the Shire's Cafe.

The tour itself lasts 2 hours and guides you around the film site and included Bag-end and the landmark party tree. Your guide will escort you through the 10 acre site - recounting details on how the set was created.

After the release of the Hobbit you have an option to have a rest in The Shire's café, maybe with a delicious Lunch or afternoon tea. Then continue your journey to Rotorua - an amazing geothermal city.

We would recommend **Waitomo caves** on your way to Rotorua. The Glow worm caves have magical stalactites and stalagmites growing inside and their walls are decorated by galaxies of twinkling native glow worms. Just beware of the **Goblins** lurking in dark corners when you visit the cave. If you are after adventurous sightseeing, try **Black Water Rafting!**

Accommodation: Novotel Rotorua Lakeside (Novotel Guest Room) OR SIMILAR for 2 Nights

Day 3 Rotorua

It's your free day to explore this amazing geothermal city. Rotorua free city sightseeing highlights: Red Forests, Rotorua Lake, Government Gardens.

*One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them.*

Rotorua offers **Agrodome sheep show** and farm tour, **Te puia** – the Maori Arts and Crafts, **Mitai Maori village**, **Polynesian Spa** – the world's famous naturally geothermal spring, **White river rafting**, **Hells gate mud pool** etc.

Day 4 Rotorua / Taupo / Tongariro

South of Taupo lays Turangi - a popular destination for anglers and hikers. The 'Grand Chateau' hotel lies at the foot of Mt Ruapehu also known as 'Mount Doom'. The Lord of the Rings crew used this as their base of operations while filming the Mordor scenes. A 15 minute ascent of the mountain takes you to Whakapapa and Turoa Ski area, the very heart of Mordor.

You can see the blasted landscape used in the cinematic 'battle of the second age'. We recommend decent walking shoes as the terrain can be quite rough.

To really immerse yourself in the isolation and atmosphere in Mordor, the Tongariro crossing is a recommended 7-8 hour walk and also the setting for Eryn Muir and Mordor.

Accommodation: Chateau Tongariro (Standard Room) OR SIMILAR for 1 Night

Day 5 Tongariro / Wellington

Say goodbye to the stunning Tongariro and it is another day of heading south to the Capital city of New Zealand – Wellington. Driving pass a 'River Anduin' site, where there's an optional extra Flying Fox activity for the mad and daring! Then, it's on to Wellington City - just in time to see the "Get off the road!" site on Mt Victoria filming location, which was used as the outer reaches of the shire during the Hobbit's flight from the Nazgul.

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor Wellington (Standard Room) OR SIMILAR for 2 Nights

Day 6 Wellington

Enjoy a **LOTR guided tour** through breath taking Middle-earth filming landscapes. Speak with local film and tourism specialists and hear all the latest Middle-earth news. There are several movie tours available, ranging from short to full-day. Make sure your camera batteries are fully charged! You can also check out the site of Helms Deep and Minas Tirith and the Gardens of Isengard. If weather permitted, travel over a hilly range to the beautiful Leaving Lothlorien site - where Galadriel waved goodbye to the fellowship. It's also where Smeagol strangled Deagol! Explore the **Weta Cave** in Miramar, Wellington. Get a behind-the-scenes look and exclusive insights into the creativity and imagination that goes into crafting Hollywood blockbusters like The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogy. Another choice is to visit **Te papa** – New Zealand's national museum (free entry). It delights with innovative and interactive exhibits.

Day 7 Wellington / ferry / Picton / Nelson

North Island Adventure concludes and here comes the South Island Adventures! Self-drive passengers drop off your car at ferry depot and catch the Inter-Island ferry from Wellington, sail (under 4 hrs) to Picton in the South Island. Pick up your rental car at depot before heading across to Nelson City. On arrival, visit the "One Ring" maker, renowned gold & silversmith, Jens Hansen, to see his wonderful work and souvenirs.

Accommodation: Trailways Hotel, Nelson (Standard Room) OR SIMILAR for 2 Nights

Day 8 Nelson

Today is a free day to explore Nelson. The Nelson region is known for its wide-open spaces, beaches, lakes, spectacular national parks, unique land forms, vineyards, gourmet cafes, artists, galleries, boutique shopping and more recently for providing locations for Chetwood Forest, Rivendell and Dimrill Dale. Takaka Hill is the location for Chetwood Forest and can be found at the entrance to Abel Tasman National Park, it is the only place besides Italy where rocky marble outcrops exist. Mount Owen at the Southern end of the Kahurangi National Park was the setting for Drimdale. Mount Owen is located near Nelson, a small arty town home to many of the craftspeople who helped make props the Lord of the Rings Trilogy.

Day 9 Nelson / Christchurch

Drive from Nelson to Christchurch. Join the popular **Lord of the Rings Journey to Edoras tour**. Journey to the remote and beautiful Mt Potts high country station, home of Mt Sunday. This peaceful mountain was transformed into **Edoras**, the capital city of the Rohan people in the LOTR trilogy. This tour includes exciting 4WD adventure through several rivers, a champagne **picnic lunch**, informative and entertaining commentary from local Kiwi guides and spectacular scenery you will never forget!

Accommodation: The George, Christchurch (Executive Room) OR SIMILAR for 1 Nights

Day 10 Christchurch / Twizel / Wanaka

Drive down the Inland Scenic Route.

Your journey will take you across the fertile, dry plains of Canterbury passing sheep and dairy farms on the way before starting a lazy climb into the arid interior of the island. It is in this semi desert environment that the Southern Alps of New Zealand rise from the alpine plateau and climb over 3000m (9000ft) - pretty much straight up, making them the steepest mountains in the world. It is amongst these multitude of peaks that several of the snow shots were filmed for The Fellowship of the Ring. Continue your drive south. One hour away is the Pelannor fields. Only a short drive from Twizel is the location for Gondor, the White Mountains and the Entwash, where 8 scenes from the Return of the King were filmed during 30 days of intensive filming in 2000. Here the largest battle scenes in Peter Jackson's trilogy were filmed with up to 1500 people involved in the largest day of filming. This location is on private land and only Discovery Tours has daily access to this site by invitation from the land owners. Your knowledgeable and friendly guides will also give information about other fascinating facts about the area.

After your tour continue your drive south to the beautiful mountain lake resort of Wanaka. Here you will find Barliman's - New Zealand's only Hobbit style accommodation.

Accommodation: Minaret Lodge OR SIMILAR for 1 Nights

Day 11 Wanaka / Queenstown

Followed by one hour drive, you will arrive in Queenstown - one of New Zealand's top visitor destinations, and if you come to the region you'll understand why. The lake and mountain landscape make it suited to all kinds of adventure. There's skiing in the winter and activities such as bungee jumping, sky diving, canyon swinging, jet boating, horse trekking and river rafting all year round. If hardcore adventure isn't your thing, there are plenty of mellow options available. Experience one of the many walking & hiking trails, sightseeing tours or indulge yourself with spa treatments, boutique shopping and excellent food and wine. Have a good rest and be prepared for the next exciting day.

Accommodation: Novotel Queenstown Lakeside (Novotel Lakeside Room) OR SIMILAR for 4 Nights

Day 12 Queenstown / Milford Sound / Queenstown

Take an unforgettable journey into the heart of Milford Sound. You'll experience the world famous fiord - rich in dense rainforest, glacier carved valleys and beautiful waterfalls.

Journey across the Southern Alps and travel deep into the Homer Tunnel, a 1.2km tunnel drilled through solid rock. Uncover Eglinton Valley, a place of ancient alpine forest and gushing waterfalls, take photos of the stunning Mirror Lakes, then walk across The Chasm. At the deep waters of Milford Sound, board your 1 3/4 hour **Milford Sound Scenic Cruise**. See the wonders of Mitre Peak, glacier-scarred rock walls and waterfalls that tumble through valleys and crash into the sea far below.

Day 13 Queenstown

Join the tour with **Nomad Safari!** They offer "**Safari of the Scenes – Wakatipu Basin**". It is an adventure of thrilling 4WD river crossings. Visit the filming locations of Minas Tirith, Misty Mountains, the Pillars of the Kings (Argonath), the Site of Isildur's fall, the Ford of Bruinen and more! Another exciting tour is "**Safari of the Scenes – Glenorchy**". Tour visit the filming locations for Isengard, the Ithilien Camp, Lothlorien Forest and the Seat of seeing / the battle of Amon Hen, Plus yet-to-be-revealed filming locations for the Hobbits! There is also a great chance for a Helicopter flight experience.

Day 14 Queenstown

It is your own leisure to experience the exciting adventurous sightseeing such as world's famous **Shotover jet**, **NZONE Skydive** (from 9000ft to 15000ft), **Kawarau bridge bungee**, **Nomad safari** the Lord of the rings 4WD tours and **Sunrise Ballon**. Also you will be amazed by the sunning view of Queenstown by **Helicopter scenic flight**, **Real Journey cruise** (TSS Earnslaw cruise and Walter Peak farm). Queenstown free city sightseeing highlights: Arrowtown, view bungee jumping, Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown Hill Views, the Remarkables shopping area.

Day 15 Queenstown

Your journey through Middle-earth is at an end. We thank you for traveling with us. "Haere ra" – Good-bye! Self drive Passengers please drive to Airport and drop off your rental car at depot for your departure flight.

End of Services

Please note that the cost ONLY includes Accommodation and Ferry Tickets. Other costs such as Car Rental, parking fee, meals, sightseeing and tours will be additional cost to our Quotation

SELF DRIVE – SPECIAL INFORMATION

Through our experience, clients will get very cheap and most competitive prices for rental car if they book directly with rental Car Company via the Internet or book on site when they arrive in New Zealand.

Should they require us to make rental car reservations for them, and later cancel when they arrive in New Zealand, **an administration fee will incur.**

Hope you understand the situation and we strongly suggest you to advise clients of the above.

Additional Cost

Please find attached the **Thrifty Car Rental Rates Schedule**

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS, ENTRANCE FEES as specified in the Itinerary herein.

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION; Airfares, Porterage, Foreign or English Speaking Guide, Rotorua Airport Development levy \$5.00 for Domestic flight & \$25.00 for Trans Tasman flight, Lunch or Dinner Transfers for FIT

~TERMS & CONDITIONS~

PAYMENT: Full payment must be received **3 days prior** to clients' arrival in New Zealand. Payment in New Zealand Dollars may be made by **Telegraphic Transfer** to the nominated bank account as follows:

Account Name: **Prestige Pacific Tours Ltd**
Bank: **ASB Bank**
Branch: **Wyndham Branch - 138 Queen Street,
Auckland, New Zealand**
Account Number: **12 3086 0137756 00**
Swift Code: **ASBBNZ2A**

Payment on arrival: Bank Drafts or Travelers Cheques or New Zealand Dollars

TOTAL COST: Our best total **nett non-commissionable** land cost per adult in **New Zealand Dollars**
(Inclusive of GST currently 15% & could be subject to change without notice)
as shown below: (Share Twin Basis)

- BOOKINGS:** At time of booking all relevant details including passengers' names, rooming requirements, children's ages and all flight details must be provided.
- AMENDMENT:** After confirmation of all services stated in itinerary, one amendment by the client is permitted at no service charge. Second and subsequent amendments may incur a **NZD50 Service Fee** per file.
- DEPOSIT:** Upon confirmation of reservations, we will advise the clients of any deposits required for services included in the itinerary, e.g. Luxury lodge reservations or similar
- CANCELLATION:** Any cancellations received within 7 days to 48 hours of clients arrival in New Zealand, Prestige Pacific Tours Ltd will charge an administration fee of NZD50.00 per person plus any relevant supplier cancellation fees within 48 hours of clients arrival in New Zealand, Prestige Pacific Tours Ltd will charge an administration fee of 100% tour fare plus any relevant supplier cancellation fees.
- within 15 – 30 days for any **Group** arrival in New Zealand. OR within 7 – 30 days for **FIT** pax arrival in New Zealand, Hotels have the right to charge your company 1 night late cancellation fee.
- within 30 days of arrival in New Zealand – 100% charge of all room nights booked OR following terms and conditions stipulated by the specific Lodge concerned, which is for **Lodges** Reservations are made, confirmed and then cancelled.
- REFUND:** After commencement of tour, no refund in part or thereof, will be honored.
- PAXS PER ROOM:** Maximum of three people or 2 Adults + 2 Children
- ASIAN RATES:** The above rates are for **Asian nationality** (excludes Japanese) **ONLY**. Should your pax are non-Asian, please indicate so that we can use the European or the Rest of the World rates accordingly.

Thank you for the opportunity to quote and please advise us if you accept the above costing so that we may proceed with reservations.

Kind regards