Maunga to Moana North Island + South Island wonders
Pre TRENZ famil 3-10 May 2027

Discover the best of New Zealand's North and South Islands in one unforgettable journey through Ruapehu and Nelson Tasman. Travel by train from Auckland to Ruapehu on the Northern Explorer Scenic Plus journey, spending a few days exploring Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu and the UNESCO Dual World Heritage site of Tongariro National Park. Hike the iconic Tongariro Alpine Crossing, take a jetboat ride on the sacred Whanganui River to the Bridge to Nowhere and bike one of the many trails of Mountains to Sea – Ngā Ara Tūhono. Continue down to Wellington by train before flying to Nelson Tasman, where wildlife encounters at Brook Waimārama Sanctuary await. Cruise into the golden coves of Abel Tasman National Park, cycle the coastal landscapes of the Great Taste Trail and uncover local flavours and highlights on a Nelson city tour. Nau mai, haere mai! Two remarkable regions, one adventure, and memories to last a lifetime.

Famil Starts: Monday 03 May 2027 in Auckland, North Island
Famil Ends: Monday 10 May 2027 in Nelson, South Island

Key Contacts:
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Included:
- Most meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- Some beverages will be included, not all
- All activities and accommodation within the famil itinerary
- In-region transport to and from activities beginning on 03 May, finishing at the Nelson Airport on the morning of 10 May.

Excluded (at own cost and arrangements)**:**
- 2 & 10 May Pre & post famil accommodation and meals

- 6-7 May Accommodation and meals in Wellington
- 7 May Domestic flight from Wellington to Nelson
- 10 May Domestic flight from Nelson to Christchurch
- Additional international/domestic flights



Donna (Nelson Tasman) & Mahalee (Visit Ruapehu)

Spaces are limited so please submit your expression of interest **here** as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing our slice of paradise with you in May!

Monday 3 May

7 am Check-in at Auckland Strand Train Station
66 The Strand, Parnell
Accessed via Ngaoho Place

- Check-in desk opens at 6:45am inside the station office
- All wheeled cabin bags, large bags, backpacks and suitcases must be checked-in (Scenic Plus passengers are allowed 2 x 23 kg checked bags)

- Pack a small bag with valuables and medicines to bring aboard for the journey
- Check-in closes 20 minutes before departure

7.40 am Depart Auckland Strand Train Station
1.40 pm Arrive in Waimarino National Park Train Station

- Northern Explorer Scenic Plus train journey with a delicious breakfast, lunch and treats served on board
- Sky Waka gondola ride at Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu
- NZ's highest dining experience at Knoll Ridge Chalet, Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu

Overnight accommodation: The Park Hotel Ruapehu

Tuesday 4 May

- Scenic jetboat tour and hike to the Bridge to Nowhere
- Site inspections and a visit to Ohakune's Carrotland – the carrot capital of New Zealand!

Accommodation: The Park Hotel Ruapehu

Wednesday 5 May

- Experience NZ's best one day hike – the Tongariro Alpine Crossing

Overnight accommodation: The Park Hotel Ruapehu

Thursday 6 May

- Walk/run/bike one of the many Mountains to Sea - Ngā Ara Tūhono trails
- Site inspections and Northern Explorer train to Wellington with an afternoon platter, treats and dinner served on board

1.15 pm	Check-in at Ohakune Train Station
1.40 pm	Depart Ohakune Train Station
6.20 pm	Arrive in Wellington

Overnight accommodation in Wellington recommendations:

- Sojourn Apartments - Conveniently located close to Cuba St and Courtney Place, Sojourn provide quality studio apartment accommodation in the heart of Wellington. Contact sale@sojournhotels.co.nz for rates.

- James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor - Located in the Central Business District just off Lambton Quay, James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor offers hotel accommodation a short walk from the Wellington Cable Car and the shopping precinct of Lambton Quay and Willis St. James Cook Hotel is also close to the Airport Express (AX) bus stop on Lambton Quay at Cable Car Lane. Contact bdm@jamescookhotel.co.nz for rates.

Dinner recommendations in Wellington:

If you want something casual and easy, check out Willis Lane Food Court. Harbourfront dining comes in the form of Asian Fusion at Master Kong, elevated waterfront dining at Dockside, or casual mexican style pub food at Rosies Cantina.

Cuba St dining steps up a notch with fabulous dining options at places such as NZ/European designed for sharing at Loretta, NZ/European at Floriditas, pizza at Scopa, pasta at 1154, Turkish at Kisa or you could go super fancy Michelin style at Logan Brown.

Friday 7 May

Wonderful ways to enjoy a free morning in Welly!

- Wander along the waterfront with a nice strong coffee and take your picture at the iconic Wellington sign
- Visit our National Museum, Te Papa Tongarewa. Contact Di to arrange free entry

- Head up the iconic Cable Car and walk back down to the city through the beautiful Botanical Gardens. (Free ticket included)
- Visit the Shelly Bay Bakery for their famous Salted Caramel Cookies!
- Go on a half day tour with Discover Wellington. Contact Di Reid for bookings.
- Shop up a storm along Lambton Quay and Willis St and visit he funky eclectic stores of Cuba St

For any Wellington specific queries or activity requests, please feel free to contact Di directly:
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Flight recommendation from Wellington to Nelson:

2.50 pm – 3.35 pm	Fly from Wellington to Nelson Air New Zealand Flight #NZ5311

- Meet and greet at Nelson airport and transfer to accommodation with Nelson City Tour
- Night tour at the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary

Overnight accommodation: Tides Hotel

Saturday 8 May

- Full day exploring the Abel Tasman National Park with Abel Tasman Sea Shuttles
- Dinner at Sprig + Fern Tahuna

Overnight accommodation: The Beachcomber Hotel

Sunday 9 May

- Full day cycling with Wheelie Fantastic

- Dinner at the Styx Restaurant

Overnight accommodation: Greens Motel

Monday 10 May

Transport to Nelson airport provided by Wine, Art and Wilderness

Flight recommendation from Nelson to Christchurch:

9.30 am – 10.25 am	Fly from Nelson to Christchurch Air New Zealand Flight #NZ5851

Let the TRENZ 2027 festivities begin!