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New Zealand

More Than a Step off the Beaten Path

Day 1

arr Auckland

Auckland



The main gateway city to New Zealand, Auckland is home to over one million people, more than one third of the country's population. Auckland sprawls for 30 miles over the narrow isthmus that separates its two harbors - the Waitemata to the east and the Manukau to the west. Auckland offers both sheltered and rugged surf beaches, a harbor dotted with islands, large farm-like parks, reserves, bush-clad ranges and a skyline clearly showing the remains of many of the 48 extinct volcanoes on which the city is built.

Highlights include sailing, hiking, The Sky Tower, western beaches and vineyards.

On arrival private transfer to accommodation.

Accom: **First Class, Auckland**

2 nts

Sailing - NZL 40 America's Cup Yacht.

The America's Cup is the world's oldest and most prestigious sporting trophy and ultimate yachting regatta. Usually the domain of billionaires and elite professional yachties, NZL 40 and NZL 41 offer the unique opportunity for everyone to participate in sailing on these grand prix racing machines.

Passengers become the crew and are encouraged to take the helm, exert energy on the grinders or simply sit back and enjoy the action as we sail down the Auckland Harbour. The trip suits people of all experiences and abilities and is the perfect activity in Auckland, 'City of Sails'.



Day 2

Tiritiri Matangi

Get up close and personal with one of the world's most successful conservation projects - Tiritiri Matangi Island. See some of New Zealand's most endangered birds and rare wildlife in this open sanctuary. During the last 21 years almost half a million native trees have been planted allowing the re-introduction of 11 threatened native bird species. Guided walks provide expert commentary and lend context to both animal life and the historical and archaeological features of the island. Those with an interest in eco-tourism, indigenous history and early New Zealand will find this discovery of particular interest. Walking tracks and look-out points offer spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf.



Included: Cruise transfers, expert guided walk, lunch

Day 3

Pick up rental car and drive to the Central Volcanic Plateau



The Tongariro National Park is one of only 20 sites worldwide with dual natural and cultural heritage status. In 1990 the park was given recognition as a natural site of outstanding universal value because of the unique nature of the volcanoes in the area.

The volcanoes of Tongariro National Park are recognized for; the frequency of eruptions, their highly explosive nature and the high density of active vents. Another outstanding feature is the unusual interplay of volcanic and glacial processes on Mt Ruapehu. The Crater Lake is one of

only two of its type in the world, where the interaction of Andestic magma with the glacial melt water gives rise to spectacularly violent eruptions.

In 1993 Tongariro National Park became the first property in the world to be inscribed on the World Heritage List under the revised cultural criteria describing cultural landscapes. Until that time recognition was generally given only to sites that included outstanding buildings or structures. The new criteria encompasses sites where the spiritual and cultural values of the landscape to indigenous inhabitants are of universal value. The mountains at the heart of Tongariro National Park have cultural and religious significance for the Maori people and symbolize the spiritual links between this community and the environment.

Accom: **Tongariro National Park**

1 nt

Day 4

Drive to Rotorua

Huka Jet Combo

(new for 2009-10)

Feel the exhilaration and the power of a Huka Jet boat ride.

Marvel at the water level views of Huka Falls, and enjoy the sensation as you slide past cliffs and trees at 80km per hour. Then get ready for a 360 degree spin, as the boat turns on its own length!

Take in the Huka Falls from above and below! Taupo's most popular combo provides breathtaking scenery with adrenaline pumping excitement. Experience the magic of helicopters with Helistar before taking a spin on the Hukafalls Jet. Jetboat combined with a 10 minute Helistar Helicopter flight over spectacular countryside including the Huka Falls, Wairakei thermal areas and Taupo township.



Rotorua



Rotorua is the cultural center for the native Maori population and offers a chance to visit with and experience some of this culture first hand. It is also the in the heart of a geothermal region, site of several thermal reserves allowing for close up viewing of geysers, boiling water and mud pools. Located in a rich volcanic soil region, Rotorua also provides opportunities to visit a working farm, watch sheep dogs demonstrate their skills and view the many unique native species of birds and animals for which New Zealand is so well known. This region is dotted with

beautiful lakes, rugged volcanoes and lush rainforest. Also an area well known for trout fishing; an excellent time to hire a local trout fishing expert.

Accom: First Class, **Rotorua**

2 nts

Day 5

Dawn Chorus

Pick up from accommodation. Join your nature guide on an early morning walk to experience the New Zealand rainforest dawn chorus. This is a great opportunity for the early riser to hear the hauntingly beautiful song and to possibly see our most magnificent songster the kokako. Unique to NZ, kokako are today listed as an endangered species. If we are lucky a robin may greet us on the track, looking for insects our footsteps may have disturbed. Enjoy the encounter, for these birds are no longer plentiful in North Island forests. Listen to the beautiful chime of the bellbird and the more melodious tui song as you enjoy breakfast in the rainforest. On the walk learn of the successful work being undertaken to protect these endangered birds and their rainforest habitat.



Included: Early morning nature walk with guide to experience the New Zealand rainforest dawn chorus, continental breakfast & refreshments

We recommend for safety and comfort reasons that clients wear suitable clothing for the activity, walking boots / shoes, hat and bring a weatherproof Jacket / Parka. Optional: camera, binoculars and back pack.

Min 2 – max 10

Evening: **Maori Cultural Performance**



This cultural performance is real, raw and earthy. It is a fascinating performance full of emotion and power. In the tranquil natural bush setting, performers take you back in time when the ancient Maori customs and traditions were part of everyday life. Through songs and dances plus tales and legends told, you will learn a great deal about the fascinating past of the Maori people. You will hear tales about the way the Maori interacted with the European settlers many generations ago, their music, carving, the usefulness of plants and ta moko (tattooing). The ancient village has gone but its people remain. We take you from the present to the past so please remember this 'there's more than meets the eye.

An unforgettable experience for everyone.

Included: Hangi

Day 6 *Drop off rental car at airport*

Dep Rotorua Flight (additional cost)
arr Dunedin

*On arrival pick up your rental car and drive to **The Catlins**.*

Accom: self catering, **The Catlins** 2 nts



Situated off the beaten track on the southern-most coast of the South Island, The Catlins is a major highlight of the Southern Scenic Route. Winding between Fortrose and Kaka Point, you will travel through beautiful farmland, forest and seascape. There are so many choices of walking tracks and byways – take some, and discover the sometimes peaceful, sometimes savage treasures of The Catlins..

There are only two units, one unit sleeps one couple and the other unit sleeps up to three persons.

Units include:

- Full stove, television & microwave
- Electric blankets and quality NZ wool bedding
- Binoculars and maps provided
- Ensuite bathrooms
- Fresh, filtered rain water
- Central heating

The unique position above the sea ensures you will:

- Sleep to the roar of the waves
- Enjoy spectacular sunrises from the comfort of your unit
- Walk our deserted beach
- Have wonderful memories to keep forever



Day 7 Free Day

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Day 8 *Drive to Te Anau*

Te Anau



Te Anau is the gateway to Milford Sound and Fiordland National Park. Known as the "Walking Capital of the World," Te Anau is close to the Milford, Hollyford, Greenstone, Kepler and Routeburn Tracks. The immense Fiordland National Park takes in the whole southwest corner of New Zealand and contains freshwater glacier lakes, Te Anau and Manapouri, and the glacier cut sea fiords which include Milford Sound.

Accom: First Class, **Te Anau** 2 nts

Included: Breakfast

Day 9

Milford Sound

Travel the spectacular Milford Road. There is time for photo stops and short walks along the way. At Milford Sound board a vessel for a cruise of the full length of Milford Sound to the Tasman Sea. The vessel provides excellent viewing opportunities and time to enjoy waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. A comprehensive commentary is also provided.



Included: Lunch

What to bring: Comfortable walking shoes, waterproof jacket, woollen sweater or fleece jacket, sunscreen/sunglasses, insect repellent, camera and lots of film

Day 10

Drive to Queenstown

Queenstown



Situated beside Lake Wakatipu at the foot of the Remarkables mountain range, Queenstown is the South Island's most popular resort and the base for excursions into the surrounding mountains and nearby fiords, including Milford Sound. It is a place with great natural beauty that changes with the seasons. Whether the attraction is the lake and sunshine in summer or snow clad mountains in winter, you'll quickly see why Queenstown is the place to visit! Queenstown is also the adventure capital of New Zealand. It offers everything from skiing, jet boating,

white water rafting, bungee jumping to scenic walks, wine tasting tours, golf courses, a scenic lake cruise to a farm, and a Gondola to ride to the top of Queenstown Hill.

Accom: First Class, **Queenstown**

1 nt

Day 11

Drive into the Southern Alps

This area has long been an ancient traditional medicine village for the Waitaha Nation - the first peoples of this land. While New Zealand's nomadic ancestors were traveling over the high mountain passes following the areas of seasonal abundance. This was a place of healing and learning, a place of resting whilst healing both body & mind from past journeys, in preparation for the trails ahead.



Accom: **Lodge**

2 nts

An intimate luxury lodge set amongst unforgettable vistas of the Southern Alps. At the gateway of Wanaka from the Haast Pass and Franz Josef/Fox Glaciers, and sitting on a remarkable bluff bridging two of the South Island's most beautiful lakes. Indulge in the simple pleasures of an invigorating alpine hike in the hills, or walk through forests in nearby Jumboland and Siberia Valley. Fish in the world renowned Hunter and Dingle Rivers, enjoy game hunting among chamois and red deer, or discover the thrill of heli-skiing. Or, just settle down with a good book here it is everything you hope New Zealand will be.



There are four suites in the guest wing. Every room enjoys majestic panoramas of lake and mountains. The bedrooms have high ceilings, deep window seats, doors to the verandah, and well appointed private ensuites. All rooms have superking sized beds or king single beds. Every ensuite has its own separate shower and deep bathtub. The lodge provides

luxurious New Zealand aromatherapy soaps and soaks to relax and bathe in. Sophisticated neutrals and natural textures elegantly furnish the rooms with simplicity. Wool, linen, and cotton bedding with luxurious pillows guarantee a good night's rest.

Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 12 Free Day

Day 13 *Drive back to Wanaka/ Queenstown to drop off your rental car*

Please ensure payment is made by due date to avoid cancellation and additional fees
Price subject to change until paid in full

Included:

Air: **additional**

New Zealand: Auckland airport transfer on arrival, Sailing, Auckland 2nts, Island bird sanctuary, Car Rental Auckland/Rotorua, National Park 1nt, Huka Jet, Rotorua 2nts, Dawn Nature Chorus, Maori Culture evening, Car Rental Dunedin/Wanaka, Catlins 2nts, Te Anau 2nts, Milford Sound day tour, Queenstown 1nt, Southern Alps 2nts

Additional:

Any items not specifically mentioned in "Included".

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Notes:

(OA) = own arrangements

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Traveler name (First and Last) on passport **must match** the name on tickets. Name variations will require re-ticketing and penalties can be significant, please confirm correct name with your agent **BEFORE** ticketing

[We strongly advise Travel Insurance.](#)

Please note: Reservations are on a reconfirmation basis and have NOT been requested. Good faith price quote is subject to change pending confirmation of reservations and until full payment is received in this office. Requests can begin once the deposit has been received.

Valid passport required for International Travel.
New Zealand departure tax nz\$25 required when leaving.

Significant penalties will be incurred for changes made once ticketed.



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RESERVATIONS AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY - WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TRAVEL INSURANCE

Deposit/Acceptance

A **non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person** is required within 7 days of reservation to begin requesting and holding bookings. Payment of the deposit constitutes acceptance of all terms listed in this agreement.

Please read carefully.

Final Payment

Full payment is due **no later than 45** days prior to departure. Some products may require earlier payment; you will be advised of this. **Prices are subject to change until full payment has been received by this office.** If payment has not been received 45 days prior to departure, booking will auto cancel and full cancellation charges will apply. When full payment has been received prior to 45 days, documents are scheduled to be sent out or ready for collection 30 days prior to departure. Documents will be expressed to clients (an additional **\$15** fee) unless prior arrangements have been made. Personal checks will not be accepted for payment within **16** days of departure. A **\$30** fee will be charged for returned checks. In the event of a late booking and hence late payment (within 45 days) – delivery of documents will also be delayed.

Rush Bookings

We are pleased to make client bookings at any time. However, a **\$30** levy will apply to bookings received **15** days or less prior to departure, additional fees may apply. Please note however, due to time constraints, a higher level of flexibility will be required as initial choices may be unavailable.

Amendments

An amendment is any change, addition or cancellation. After confirmation has been received, a **\$15** per item amendment fee applies each time an itinerary is amended. After documents have been prepared, and for amendments made within 30 days prior to departure, a minimum \$30 per item amendment fee applies.

Insurance

All passengers are **strongly urged** to take out adequate insurance coverage to protect themselves against cancellation/changes for whatever reason prior to or during travel. Please refer to the section: Cancellation.

Cancellation

A minimum \$200 charge per person **plus** any charges levied by airlines and suppliers, will be incurred if there is a cancellation after bookings have begun. Certain airfares and properties and operators have higher cancellation penalties; these will be assessed at the time of cancellation. Cancellations within **14 days of travel** through departure will incur a 100% cancellation fee. Cancellations after departure date, will incur a 100% cancellation fee. *Please refer to the section: Insurance, to avoid further disappointment.*

Pricing

Prices are contracted for in advance and are subject to currency fluctuations, changes in local taxes and increases by suppliers. While every effort is made to keep prices highly competitive; we have no control over local specials and in-country discounts that may be available for limited periods of time. We are **unable to reimburse for any price differences as a result. Itemization of costs cannot be given.**

Refund Policy

Notification of refunds, if relevant, must be received in this office within 1 month of returning to the USA. Request for refunds received after 1 month of returning to the USA will be considered invalid. Requests must be made in writing and be submitted with unused vouchers. A **US\$30 per person** handling fee will apply **in addition** to any cancellation fees plus penalties charged by the individual operators. There are no refunds for package tours. Please allow 4-6 weeks for refunds after **correct** documentation has been received by this office.

Please check documents carefully upon receiving them. It is much easier to make corrections, if necessary, before you have departed on your travels.