



8 DAY FIELDAYS NORTH ISLAND TOUR (Via Taranaki)

Day 1 Tuesday 15th June 2010

ARRIVE AUCKLAND

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Welcome to New Zealand! **Meet and greet on arrival at Auckland International Airport** before being transferred to our hotel.

Day 2 Wednesday 16th June 2010

AUCKLAND – HAMILTON – ROTORUA

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Travelling through to Hamilton this morning, we commence a number of technical visits to the following industry offices or sites, before heading to Rotorua for our first nights stay:

Milfos

Milfos offers farmers the best "End to End" solution on the market today. Milfos build custom solutions to meet farmers needs now and into the future through a comprehensive product program and flexible upgrade path. Today's progressive dairy farmers are choosing Milfos to improve their productivity and profit. Milfos offer a comprehensive range of milking, stalling, dairy automation and cooling solutions along with service and scheduled maintenance options to compliment their product program.

L.I.C (Live Stock Improvement) - morning tea is provided

Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC) is one of the largest integrated herd improvement organisations in the world. A dairy farmer owned co-operative, LIC has been providing services to farmers since 1909. Its services range from herd testing and milk analysis, to artificial breeding, animal health, farm advisory, herd recoding, DNA analysis, farm automation and farm mapping systems. Dairy farmers worldwide look to LIC for genetics which are easy-care, fertile and profitable. Dairy farming is LIC's core business, but the company has leveraged its expertise in artificial breeding to the deer industry through Deer Improvement, and also provides traceability solutions to the beef, deer and sheep industries.

Vilagrad Winery - luncheon

Vilagrad Winery is a family owned and operated business that was established as a winery in 1922 and this year, celebrates the 100th harvest from grapes vines originally planted in 1906. Four generations later their fantastic Mediterranean style venue and setting now caters for tours, tastings, weddings, corporate functions and events. On arrival we are given a **conducted tour of the winery** followed by tastings accompanied by some of the famous **Vilagrad Mediterranean Fare**.

Walton Dairy Farm visit

We visit a model dairy farm. This farm was involved in a project with Innovation Waikato focusing on integrating new technologies available to New Zealand Dairy farmers to add value to an already profitable farm business. The property milks 1200 cows on 289 hectares through a 54 bale rotary. Calving autumn and spring. The property has protrack – electronic ID and auto drafting, heat detection, auto weighting, vat monitoring, water heating from chillers, wireless networking for the computer from the house to the farm dairy and resolution farm mapping

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Day 3 Thursday 17th June 2010

ROTORUA – FIELDDAYS - ROTORUA

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Travel to Hamilton for our first days visit to **Fieldays**, The largest farm show in the Southern Hemisphere, Fieldays is your chance to see New Zealand's most innovative farming products and technology all in one place. Fieldays has over 1,000 exhibitors and attracts more than 130,000 visitors over four days.

Attend a **networking function**, (drinks and nibbles provided by Fieldays Society) with the **Fieldays Chairman** before commencing your return travel to Rotorua.

Day 4 Friday 18th June 2010

ROTORUA – FIELDDAYS – ROTORUA

(BD)

Travel to Hamilton for our second days visit to **Fieldays**, The largest farm show in the Southern Hemisphere. This afternoon we return to Rotorua. **Tonight we will be treated to a traditional Hangi (feast) and Maori concert.**

Day 5 Saturday 19th June 2010

ROTORUA

(BLD)

Today you get to relax with a planned day of leisure activities to enjoy including:

Agrodome Sheep Show

This morning we visit the world famous Sheep Show, an exciting and informative insight into New Zealand agriculture, presented by an enthusiastic stage man. See the 19 different breeds of sheep, see a sheep sheering demo, a lively auction, herding demo by a variety of different farming dogs and you may have the opportunity to hand milk a cow or hand feed cute baby lambs.

Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park

Rainbow Springs offers a rare glimpse of a large range of trout, which are found in numerous pools throughout the park and illustrate the growth and life cycle of the fish. These are attractively located amongst native flora & fauna by following a winding path on a guided tour between the pools and incorporate two bird aviaries, juvenile and adult tuatara and kiwi house.

Skyline Skyride & Gondola

Riding up the gondola to Skyline Skyrides you will have a spectacular view over Rotorua city, Lake Rotorua and Mokoia Island. Once at the top you will **ride the luge**, a 3 wheel cart using a unique steering and braking system as you hurtle down one of three luge tracks. At Skyline Skyrides you will also have a **buffet luncheon at the Cableway Restaurant**, famous for the best buffet in New Zealand – you decide for yourself!!

Te Puia

Stroll through the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley featuring the famous Pohutu Geyser and bubbling mud pools on a guided tour of this extraordinary and infamous site.

City highlights tour

Enroute back to the city your driver will commence a short tour of Rotorua city to showcase the highlights of this unique 'steaming' city



Day 6 Sunday 20th June 2010

ROTORUA – NEW PLYMOUTH

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Today we travel across some of New Zealand's most prestigious dairy, geothermal and hydropower heartland to visit the following technical sites enroute to New Plymouth.

Carter Holt Harvey Farm "Conversion" visit

Visiting a block of over 30 farms that have been converted from forests to farms, the site we visit has a 10 rotary platform (iFLOW) and milking machines (iCONVEYOR) with the iCR (intelligent cup removers) linked with the cow restraint system. These dairy farms also have auto wash systems along with variable speed drives on the vacuum pumps to aid in power savings.

Whakamaru Dam and power station part of the hydropower schemes along the infamous Waikato River before crossing some newly developed Maori dairy blocks of the Northern King Country created from scrub.

Motunui Synthetic Fuel Plant

See New Zealand's largest Synthetic Fuel Plant before arriving in New Plymouth.

Day 7 Monday 21st June 2010

NEW PLYMOUTH – WELLINGTON

(BD)

Heading south today through the heart of the Taranaki farmlands, we stop to view one of New Zealand's **largest Dairy Plants in Hawera**, before heading south to Wellington for our final nights accommodation.

Day 8 Tuesday 22nd June 2010

DEPART WELLINGTON

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Commence your homeward bound flight or continue your travel to Christchurch



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Meet and Greet on arrival in New Zealand
- Services of professional tour driver/tour manager
- 2 Days entry to Fieldays
- 7 Nights quality hotel/motel accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with surcharge) all with private facilities
- Baggage assistance at each hotel
- Included Meals: Cooked Breakfasts (B), Lunches (L) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary
- Special Meal including: Maori Hangi and Concert – Rotorua
- All Tour Admissions as per itinerary
- Touring in modern air conditioned coach

TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON IN NEW ZEALAND DOLLARS

Share Twin Accommodation: \$2,290.00
Single Supplement: \$530.00
Deposit due at time of booking: \$200.00
Balance of tour payment due on or before 7th May 2010

