

LEISURE TIME
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New Zealand

BOUTIQUE JOURNEYS SMALL GROUP TOURING



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Known as 'Aotearoa' – Land of the Long White Cloud

We look forward to showing you around our beautiful country, New Zealand!






Leisure Time Tours is a family owned and operated touring company, which has provided inspirational travel experiences to our guests since 1987.

During Leisure Time Tours' years of operation we have built a fantastic rapport with our tourist operators, accommodation and cruise providers. Our supplier relationships enable us to ensure that you have a memorable experience with Leisure Time Tours for all the right reasons!

Kind regards

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Les Mehrtens
Company Founder and Director



Boutique Journeys

Small Group Journeys

Our Small Group tours are very special, not only because our itineraries are different, but because we take a very unique approach to touring. So instead of a standard 'coach tour' you can enjoy a flexible, in-depth, comfortable, good-humoured and unforgettable journey.

We have named each itinerary after a native tree or flower, many of which you may encounter while travelling with us. Our 'master journey' we call Tane Mahuta, the Mighty Kauri, a superb 21 day tour that packs in the maximum number of unforgettable experiences. If you don't have 21 days to spare, or if you wish to combine an escorted journey with tailor-made arrangements, then pick one of our shorter tours which join and leave the main tour during our three week adventure through New Zealand.

Getting Close Up

Because we are few in number, we can go places and see things that are simply not practical for 'coach tour' groups of 40 or more. So while we include all the 'must-see' sights in our itineraries, we also add smaller-scale adventures that only a small group can experience.

You'll never forget your first sight across Auckland Harbour, or of Aoraki/Mount Cook, but your happiest memories may well be of our guided walk through the Waimangu Valley, comparing wine notes in Hawkes Bay or enjoying a leisurely lunch in a Coromandel café.

Small Group Tours

Our escorted tours are just that – OURS – created by us, exclusively for our guests. Not only are our itineraries unique, but we choose to tour with no more than 16 people which means that our Small Group "Boutique Journeys" offer amazing opportunities to get close to the real New Zealand.

Smaller Vehicles

Our small group tour vehicles are agile enough to explore roads less-travelled, approaching New Zealand's most beautiful sights – both iconic and hidden gems – from a different angle. We can get off the beaten track just as easily as we can cruise Highway 1. Our vehicles are also very comfortable, with good legroom, headroom and large windows so you can see where you're going, but we don't want you to experience New Zealand through plate glass, so we take every opportunity we can to get you off the coach!

Great Leaders / Expert Guides

Perhaps because New Zealand is a small proud nation that the first question visitors are often asked is 'what do you think of our country?' Kiwis are passionate about showing visitors the best of New Zealand so not only are our hand-picked leaders safe drivers in all conditions, but they are also happy personalities, full of knowledge, enthusiasm, insights and practical advice. At some points we meet up with a local guide to add his or her expertise to enhance your experience. These include Kiwis who are wildlife, eco, geothermal or Maori specialists with whom you can engage on a personal level. Our driver/guides will also go "the extra mile" literally to showcase some of New Zealand's hidden gems!



Flexible Schedules

With a small group we can be more flexible about each day's timetable, creating opportunities for surprise encounters and time for stops en route. We can stop along the way for a photo opportunity; if there's a new exhibition at a museum we can linger longer and if it's 90° in the shade we can cool down at the beach before we hit the road again. Our itineraries range from 10 to 21 days so there's one to suit you, and we are also flexible enough to top and tail any tour with tailor-made arrangements to suit you.

In Good Company

In a group of no more than 16 it is easy to find common ground with like-minded travellers and at the same time enjoy a variety of dinner table conversations. Our small group size also means we can dispense with 'coach tour' admin like asking you to wear a name badge - good manners and good humour are more important to us than strict time-keeping. Discovering New Zealand in such good company is a very special experience, with the potential for serendipitous surprises, a lot of laughs and perhaps new friends for life.

Hospitality

Our itineraries include a wonderful mix of hotels and home-stays along the way, because we are not confined to using mass market hotels. Sometimes we choose a large city hotel because of its central location, but wherever possible we opt for smaller properties with their own character, including local rural properties so that you can enjoy some real Kiwi hospitality.

Small Group Touring Options

Choose from six wonderful itineraries... our Small Group Journeys are unique to us. We have called each itinerary after a native tree or flower, many of which you may encounter while travelling with us.

As part of our Responsible Travel ethos, when you book a Small Group Journey we make a donation on your behalf to New Zealand's unique TREES FOR TRAVELLERS PROJECT. The project is based in Kaikoura, and is reforesting a local reserve with native trees. Find out more at treesfortravellers.co.nz.

Please note: these prices are in New Zealand Dollars, per person, twinshare, land only. For departure dates and full prices please ask your agent for more details or visit our website: www.leisuretimetours.co.nz



Tane Mahuta

- 21 DAYS from NZ\$9500pp
- North and South Islands

New Zealand's largest and most famous tree is Tane Mahuta, the Mighty Kauri, and this is the name we've given to our most comprehensive escorted tour encompassing the country's must-see sights as well as great off-the-beaten-track experiences during an unforgettable three weeks.



Rimu

- 15 DAYS from NZ\$7550pp
- North & South Islands to Queenstown

Rimu is another native tree, whose timbers were used in building many of New Zealand's oldest houses, including some of our favourite character B&Bs. Join the Tane Mahuta on Day 3, leave on Day 17 from Queenstown, where you can fly to your next destination.



Pohutukawa

- 19 DAYS from NZ\$8850pp
- North & South Islands

New Zealand's 'Christmas Tree' blazes scarlet in midsummer and is the title of this satisfyingly in-depth tour of both islands, by joining the Tane Mahuta tour on Day 3, and leaving it on Day 21.



Mount Cook Lily

- 13 DAYS from NZ\$6090pp
- South Island

New Zealand's famous 'lily' is really a buttercup which grows in profusion on the alpine meadows of the Southern Alps. This tour squeezes more jaw-dropping scenery into 13 days than any other! Join the Tane Mahuta on Day 9 and finish on Day 21.



Kowhai

- 17 DAYS from NZ\$7990pp
- North & South Islands to Queenstown

Kowhai is the name of New Zealand's unofficial national flower: bright yellow, with nectar beloved by the Tui bird. Join the Tane Mahuta on Day 1, leave on Day 17 from Queenstown, where you can fly to your next destination.



Koromiko

- 10 DAYS from NZ\$5590pp
- North Island

The Koromiko shrub is used to line the fire pit for a hangi, adding flavour to baked kumara (sweet potato), and there are plenty of opportunities to eat and drink well on our North Island itinerary, which includes key Māori and geothermal locations. Join the Tane Mahuta on Day 1 and leave in Wellington on Day 10.



Tane Mahuta

21 DAYS • North and South Island • From NZ\$9500pp twinshare, land only

Join us for a three week Small Group Journey that will take you on an adventure like no other. Experience the breath taking scenery of snow-capped Alps, wander through lush tropical rainforests and relax on wide sandy beaches.

You will learn how this beautiful land has been shaped by ancient volcanoes and southern seas, by Māori warriors and colonial settlers. Friendly local guides will share their cultural, historical and ecological expertise whilst extending a warm welcome to you on this magnificent journey.

Tour Inclusions

- All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide
- Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)
- Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary
- The services of local guides where referenced

Culinary Inclusions

- 26 meals included (20 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners)
- Enjoy a wine tasting and evening meal at Mission Estate, New Zealand's oldest winery
- Experience an authentic Māori Hangi dinner and learn about Māori culture
- Appreciate true kiwi hospitality with a family dinner during your rural homestay

DAY 1 • AUCKLAND Haere mai – welcome! Arrive into Auckland and spend the afternoon and evening getting to know the 'City of Sails' and your fellow travellers. Accommodation: Grand Millennium Hotel

DAY 2 • AUCKLAND TO BAY OF ISLANDS (B) Leaving Auckland behind, we travel up Northland's west coast to the Waipoua Forest, where our Māori guide leads us deep into the forest to see Tane Mahuta, the largest kauri tree in the world. In the afternoon we head east to the pretty seaside town of Paihia.

Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast
DAY 3 • BAY OF ISLANDS (B) We start the day in Russell with a guided tour where we learn about this pretty little town's rip-roaring past, when drunken sailors earned it the name, 'the hell hole of the Pacific'. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the area on foot or take a dolphin cruise in the spectacular Bay of Islands.

Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast
DAY 4 • BAY OF ISLANDS TO COROMANDEL PENINSULA (B) A morning visit to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the treaty between Māori tribes and British settlers was signed in 1840. Later we head south, driving through the lush farmland of Waikato to the Firth of Thames, where we stop to visit the Miranda Shorebird Centre. Accommodation: Pacific Harbour Villas

DAY 5 • EXPLORE THE COROMANDEL PENINSULA (BD) White cliffs and golden beaches, inviting turquoise waters and green forests are the colours of the Coromandel, with scarlet highlights courtesy of the flowers of Pohutukawa trees in summer, making this one of our favourite regions. Rightly famous is Hot Water Beach, where warm springs bubble up through the sand, and when the tide is right you can dig out your very own 'spa' pool for a wallow. Our recommendation for lunch

is under the fruit trees at Colenso Café. In the afternoon, it is well worth putting on your boots to walk to Cathedral Cove. This marine reserve is accessible only on foot or by boat: our efforts are rewarded with one of the most photogenic beaches in NZ, with water-worn rock formations sparkling against the blue-green of the Pacific. Tonight we share on the cooking duties enjoying a Kiwi Favourite – a BBQ dinner in the garden. Accommodation: Pacific Harbour Villas

DAY 6 • COROMANDEL PENINSULA TO ROTORUA (B) Travel south on the Pacific Coast Highway to Rotorua. Here we take a guided walk of the Government Gardens, and take a trip to Te Puia, an active geothermal site, and the centre for indigenous arts and crafts and a Kiwi conservation project. Accommodation: Distinction Hotel Rotorua

DAY 7 • ROTORUA (BD) This morning we walk through the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, and





hear about the volcanic eruption of Mount Tarawera in 1886 which destroyed the world-famous 'Pink & White' silica terraces. Later, we'll spend time at a local Marae to listen to ancient legends and learn about Māori lifestyles today. An evening Māori cultural concert and traditional Māori meal end the day in style.

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel Rotorua
DAY 8 • ROTORUA TO NAPIER (BD) Today we head south, past Huka Falls to Lake Taupo where we have time for lunch. We arrive in Napier mid-afternoon and take a guided walking tour of this fabulous Art Deco city. The area is also well loved for its fabulous wines so this evening our treat is a dinner with a glass of wine at the Mission Estate Winery.

Accommodation: Express Hotel
DAY 9 • NAPIER TO WELLINGTON (B) This morning we travel south through the Wairarapa to arrive in the country's capital city Wellington. Spend the afternoon sightseeing, and take the cable car up to the Kelburn lookout before walking back down through the Botanic Gardens and enjoying tea in the Lady Rosewood Garden. Visit Te Papa, the National Museum, to learn more about the culture and history of New Zealand. **Accommodation: James Cook Chancellor Hotel**

DAY 10 • WELLINGTON TO NELSON (B) We board the Interislander Ferry across the Cook Strait and through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound to Picton. On arrival, travel to the delightful town of Nelson, our base for two nights. In the afternoon we stretch our legs along on a section of the Centre of New Zealand Walkway. **Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast**

DAY 11 • ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK (B) Paradise found! Abel Tasman National Park is a mosaic of golden coves and turquoise lagoons sheltered by forested ranges to the south. We board a small cruiser for a day of exploration, with native wildlife a highlight of our scenery. **Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast**

DAY 12 • NELSON TO FRANZ JOSEF (B) Today travel inland following the Buller River gorge, emerging at Westport for a short walk on the coastal path to Cape Foulwind where we may see fur seals, sooty shearwaters and blue penguins. In the afternoon we reach Westland National Park, where ice meets rainforest at the foot of the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. We base ourselves in laid-back Franz Josef township for ease of access to the slowly moving 'river' of ice. **Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef**

DAY 13 • FRANZ JOSEF TO WANAKA (B) Ensure you have your camera for our visit to nearby Lake Matheson for a morning stroll and where, when conditions are right, perfectly

mirrors beautiful Mount Cook in its still waters. This land is the heart of Te Wāhipounamu – the place of the greenstone – explored by generations of Maori but penetrated by Europeans only 150 years ago. We head up over the Haast Pass along the river road, which took more than 40 years to complete, travelling beside the icy river and deep into Mt Aspiring National Park. The atmosphere lightens as we reach lovely Lake Wanaka, reflecting the mountain peaks that in winter offer superb skiing, and the pretty resort town of Wanaka.

Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast
DAY 14 • WANAKA TO TE ANAU (B) This morning there is time to relax, you may wish to take a jet boat ride up the Matukituki River or take the opportunity to enjoy one of New Zealand's best half day walks – The Diamond Lake and Rocky Mountain Trail. As we depart Wanaka we stop to quench our thirst at the much photographed Cardrona Pub before travelling around Lake Wakatipu and into Te Anau, gateway to the magnificent Fiordland National Park. **Accommodation: Distinction Te Anau**

DAY 15 • TE ANAU TO MILFORD SOUND (BL) Depart Te Anau for a full day excursion travelling via Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. The scenery is spectacular with lofty mountains and deep valleys carved out by Ice Age glaciers. On arrival in Milford Sound, take a short boat ride to Sandfly Point. An easy 5.5 km (11 km return) walk alongside the cascading Arthur River and moody Lake Ada, on a well maintained track through ancient temperate rainforest leading to Giant Gate Waterfall.

An expansive swing bridge provides perfect photo opportunities. Return at a leisurely pace taking the time to enjoy this incredible forest. Your nature guide will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the fascinating human heritage of the track. Walkers then re-join the boat for the transfer back to Milford. At Milford Sound board your cruise down the fiord past Mitre Peak to the open sea. Seals and dolphins are often seen in the clear waters of the fiord. Lunch will be served aboard your cruise. The boat returns to Milford Wharf. Return to Te Anau travelling via the Cleddau Gorge, Homer Tunnel and the lovely Eglinton Valley. **Accommodation: Distinction Te Anau**

DAY 16 • TE ANAU TO QUEENSTOWN (B) Leaving Fiordland National Park behind, we take a short journey via Kingston and Lake Wakatipu to Queenstown 'Switzerland of the Southern Hemisphere' and our base for the next two nights. **Accommodation: Scenic Suites**

DAY 17 • QUEENSTOWN (B) A day at leisure to relax or explore. Thrill-seekers may zip-line from Bob's Peak, get drenched on a Shotover

jet-boat ride or go white-water rafting. Those seeking a more relaxed option may choose to discover Lake Wakatipu with a cruise on the classic steamship TSS Earnslaw up to Walter Peak Station. **Accommodation: Scenic Suites**

DAY 18 • QUEENSTOWN TO MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK (B) Today we drive north via Arrowtown, a historical goldmining settlement and on to Twizel. We overnight near Mount Cook home to the country's highest peak.

Accommodation: Mackenzie Country Inn, Twizel
DAY 19 • MOUNT COOK TO ASHBURTON (BD) A beautiful drive along Lake Pukaki to The Hermitage, our starting point for a choice of easy walks along the Hooker Valley trail for a close up of the majestic Mount Cook. Later, we drop you off in smaller groups at three or four rural properties around Ashburton, where your hosts will extend their hospitality to you to with a farm tour followed by a delicious home-cooked dinner and a cosy night's stay.

Accommodation: Rural Homestay

DAY 20 • ASHBURTON TO CHRISTCHURCH (BD) This most English of New Zealand cities suffered a succession of terrible earthquakes in 2011. Christchurch is reinventing itself with typical Kiwi spirit and exciting new projects including the cardboard cathedral and RE:Start Shopping Mall in repurposed shipping containers. A guided tour will help you understand the present and future hopes for the city. This is the final part of our journey together so tonight we relax over a farewell dinner that showcases the best of New Zealand food and wine. **Accommodation: Crowne Plaza**

DAY 21 • DEPART CHRISTCHURCH (B) If you are leaving New Zealand today, after breakfast we transfer you to Christchurch Airport for your flight home. Alternatively we can extend your stay in Christchurch for a few days or arrange onward independent touring by car or TransAlpine train. Either way, we must say farewell, and waving you off with amazing memories of your time in New Zealand.





Pohutukawa

19 DAYS • North and South Island • From NZ\$8850pp twinshare, land only

This Small Group Journey takes you through some of our favourite places and spaces in the North and South Islands, discovering fantastic coastlines and immersing you in Māori Culture and history. Explore the Geothermal wonders of the bubbling mud pools and exploding geysers of Rotorua and enjoy the stunning scenery of the Abel Tasman National Park with opportunities to swim in its dazzling turquoise lagoons.

Tour Inclusions

- All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide
- Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)
- Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary
- The services of local guides where referenced

Culinary Inclusions

- 24 meals included (18 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners)
- Enjoy a wine tasting and evening meal at Mission Estate, New Zealand's oldest winery
- Experience an authentic Māori Hangi dinner and learn about Māori culture
- Tuck into a delicious home-cooked dinner with your hosts at a rural property near Ashburton

DAY 1 • AUCKLAND Welcome to New Zealand! You will receive a warm welcome on arrival into Auckland International Airport. We meet you from your flight and take you to your hotel to freshen up. The rest of the day is yours to explore or rest at your leisure. *Accommodation: Grand Millennium Hotel*

DAY 2 • AUCKLAND TO COROMANDEL PENINSULA (B) Our tour begins as we leave Auckland and drive south to the Firth of Thames to stop at the Miranda Shorebird Centre where you will learn about the amazing annual migrations of wrybills, godwits and shorebirds that in summer travel the 10,000km in their journey south from the Arctic Circle. Later, arrive in Tairua harbour, where pacific-island style chalets are our home for the night. *Accommodation: Pacific Harbour Villas*

DAY 3 • COROMANDEL PENINSULA (BD) Take a walk to the marine reserve of Cathedral Cove, one of the most picturesque spots in the Coromandel. Enjoy the golden beaches – it's not every day you can dig your own spa pool to relax in as you can on Hot Water Beach! There are plenty of relaxing spots to enjoy a leisurely lunch under the shade of the local fruit trees. Tonight we share on the cooking duties enjoying a Kiwi Favourite – a BBQ dinner in the garden of our accommodation. *Accommodation: Pacific Harbour Villas*

DAY 4 • COROMANDEL PENINSULA TO ROTORUA (B) Travel south on the Pacific Coast Highway to Rotorua. Here we take a guided walk of the Government Gardens, and take a trip to Te Puia, an active geothermal site, and the centre for indigenous arts and crafts and a Kiwi conservation project. *Accommodation: Distinction Hotel Rotorua*

DAY 5 • ROTORUA (BD) We visit the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, and take a guided walking and cruising tour to learn more about the history of this fascinating region. We also travel to a local Marae (Māori meeting house) to listen to some ancient legends and learn

about Māori lifestyle today. An evening Māori cultural concert and traditional hangi meal end the day in style. *Accommodation: Distinction Hotel Rotorua*

DAY 6 • ROTORUA TO NAPIER (BD) Take in the crashing waters of Huka Falls and the vastness of Lake Taupo, the largest freshwater lake in New Zealand, before heading on to the Art Deco town of Napier. We'll take a guided walking tour of the city, before enjoying an evening treat of dinner with a glass of wine at Mission Estate Winery. *Accommodation: Express Hotel*

DAY 7 • NAPIER TO WELLINGTON (B) We continue south through the rolling hills of the

Wairarapa to arrive in Wellington. Spend the afternoon sightseeing with a visit to the Beehive, Wellington's fondly nicknamed parliament building, and a short ride up to the Kelburn lookout in the iconic red cable car. Te Papa, the National Museum is an absolute must see during your time in the city.

Accommodation: James Cook Chancellor Hotel
DAY 8 • WELLINGTON TO NELSON (B) We board the Interislander Ferry to cross the Cook Strait and travel through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound to Picton. On arrival we drive to Nelson, officially the sunniest town in New Zealand. Enjoy an easy walk on the Centre of New Zealand Walkway to enjoy the





stunning views of the area. *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

DAY 9 • ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK (B)

Paradise found! Abel Tasman's shimmering waters and golden beaches make it a real high point to any trip to New Zealand. We board a small cruiser to explore, with opportunities for swimming and walking. Walkers can take an easy 4-hour hike through the sub-tropical bush to Torrent Bay and its beautiful turquoise lagoon to re-join our cruiser for the trip home.

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- All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide
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- Taste true tradition at a Māori Hangi Meal in Rotorua

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DAY 3 • BAY OF ISLANDS (B) We start the day in Russell with a tour led by a resident historian to learn about this town that was the country's first sea port and its first European settlement. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the area or take a cruise with an opportunity to swim with dolphins (weather permitting!). *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

DAY 4 • BAY OF ISLANDS TO COROMANDEL PENINSULA (B) This morning we visit the beautiful site of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where Māori chiefs first signed their agreement

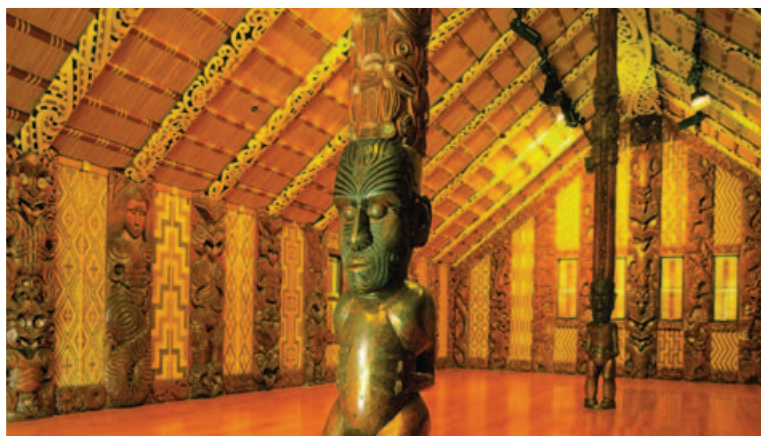
with the British settlers: the Treaty of Waitangi. Heading south we make a stop at the Miranda Shorebird Centre to learn about the amazing annual migrations of birds that travel south from the Arctic Circle for the summer months. *Accommodation: Pacific Harbour Villas*

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DAY 7 • ROTORUA (BD) This morning we visit the Waimangu Volcanic Valley – site of the eruption of Mt Tarawera in 1886, which destroyed the world-famous 'Pink & White' silica terraces and devastated local Maori villages. This catastrophic event changed the landscape forever and created the valley we now walk through, past boiling craters and jewel-coloured steaming lakes. Take a cruise across Lake Rotomahana to the site of the old silica terraces, hear the story of Guide Sophia and see the new terraces of silica slowly forming. This afternoon we have time out to relax at our hotel before travelling to a local Marae (Maori Village). Maori legend has it that Maui-tikitiki-a-Taranga used a magical jawbone as a hook to fish North Island from the depths of the sea and that Hawke's Bay is that jawbone. On their land experience a formal welcome (powhiri) including the hongi – that is sharing breath. Delve into Maori life, both past and contemporary. Listen to their fascinating reality – how things are and what is important to their family, their connection to their land, the importance of whakapapa (lineage) and life amongst their people. The iwi (tribes) are equal partners in caring for New Zealand's natural beauty and Maori language and culture have official status, but this equality has been hard-won in the last 100 years. Finally this evening enjoy a powerful cultural performance, storytelling & Hangi (feasting). *Accommodation: Distinction Hotel Rotorua*





DAY 8 • ROTORUA TO NAPIER (BD) Take in the crashing waters of Huka Falls on our way to Lake Taupo, the largest freshwater lake in New Zealand, surrounded by the mighty peaks of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. Take time to explore the bustling township of Taupo. Later arrive in Napier and take a guided walking tour of this fabulous Art Deco city. The area is also well loved for its fabulous wines so this evening we enjoy a tour and dinner at the Mission Estate Winery. *Accommodation: Express Hotel*

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landscapes and its distinctive popular culture. *Accommodation: James Cook Chancellor Hotel*

DAY 10 • WELLINGTON TO NELSON (B) Board the Interislander Ferry to travel across the Cook Strait to arrive in Picton. This afternoon we drive to the delightful town of Nelson to walk a stroll along a section of the Centre of New Zealand Walkway that winds alongside the Matai River. *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

DAY 11 • ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK (B) Paradise found! Abel Tasman National Park's golden beaches, glittering waters and world famous coastal track are a highlight of any trip to New Zealand. We board a small cruiser to spend the day exploring the region. Choose to relax on board or take an easy 4-hour hike through the coastal forest to Torrent Bay and its beautiful tidal lagoon to rejoin the cruiser for the trip home. *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

DAY 12 • NELSON TO FRANZ JOSEF (B) Today travel inland following the Buller River gorge, emerging at Westport for a short walk on the coastal path to Cape Foulwind where we may see fur seals, sooty shearwaters and blue penguins. Then on to Westland National Park, where ice meets rainforest at the foot

of the Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers. We base ourselves in laid-back Franz Josef township for ease of access to the slowly moving 'river' of ice. *Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef*

DAY 13 • FRANZ JOSEF TO WANAKA (B) Ensure you have your camera for our visit to nearby Lake Matheson for a morning stroll and where, when conditions are right, perfectly mirrors beautiful Mount Cook in its still waters. This land is the heart of Te Wahipounamu – the place of the greenstone – explored by generations of Maori but penetrated by Europeans only 150 years ago. We head up over the Haast Pass along the river road, which took more than 40 years to complete, travelling beside the icy river and deep into Mt Aspiring National Park. The atmosphere lightens as we reach lovely Lake Wanaka, reflecting the mountain peaks that in winter offer superb skiing, and the pretty resort town of Wanaka. *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

DAY 14 • WANAKA TO TE ANAU (B) This morning there is time to relax, you may wish to take a jet boat ride up the Matukituki River or take the opportunity to enjoy one of New Zealand's best half day walks – The Diamond Lake and Rocky Mountain Trail. As we depart Wanaka we stop to quench our thirst at the

much photographed Cardrona Pub before travelling around Lake Wakatipu and into Te Anau, gateway to the magnificent Fiordland National Park. *Accommodation: Distinction Te Anau*

DAY 15 • TE ANAU TO MILFORD SOUND (BL) We take the coach into Milford Sound. A beautifully scenic route, with plenty of opportunities for photo taking. Enjoy a morning walk in the National Park with an experienced nature guide followed by lunch and a cruise on Milford Sound. *Accommodation: Distinction Te Anau*

DAY 16 • TE ANAU TO QUEENSTOWN (B) Leaving Fiordland National Park behind, we take a short journey via Kingston and Lake Wakatipu to Queenstown 'Switzerland of the Southern Hemisphere' and our base for the next two nights. *Accommodation: Scenic Suites*

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Join us for this Small Group Journey to explore the highlights of the North and South Islands. Unleash your adventurous spirit in the adrenaline capital of Queenstown, cruise Milford Sound and make the most of the abundance of walking opportunities the country has to offer as you travel through New Zealand's fabulous landscapes.

Tour Inclusions

- *All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide*
- *Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)*
- *Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary*
- *The services of local guides where referenced*

Culinary Inclusions

- 18 meals included (14 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners)
- Enjoy dinner and wine at Mission Estate Winery in Napier
- Taste true tradition at a Māori Hāngi Meal in Rotorua

DAY 1 • AUCKLAND Haere mai – welcome! Arrive into Auckland and spend the afternoon and evening getting to know the 'City of Sails' and your fellow travellers. *Accommodation: Grand Millennium Hotel*

DAY 2 • AUCKLAND TO COROMANDEL PENINSULA (B) From Auckland we drive south through the lush farmlands of the Waikato to the Firth of Thames where we meet Keith Woodley and his enthusiastic team at the Miranda Shorebird Centre. Here we learn about the amazing annual migrations of Bar-tailed Godwits and Wrybills, whirling flocks of thousands of shorebirds and the rare geology of shell bank cheniers. *Accommodation: Pacific Harbour Villas*

DAY 3 • EXPLORE THE COROMANDEL PENINSULA (BD) Dig your own spa pool at Hot Water Beach, and take a walk to Cathedral Cove with its water-worn rock formations sparkling against the blue-green of the Pacific. Later, why not relax and enjoy a leisurely lunch at a café. Tonight we share on the cooking duties enjoying a Kiwi Favourite – a BBQ



dinner in the garden of our accommodation.

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DAY 6 • ROTORUA TO NAPIER (BD) Journey south, with a stop at magnificent Huka Falls before continuing to Lake Taupo. Weather permitting we will see the peaks of Ruapehu, Ngaruhoe and Tongariro across the lake. Later we arrive in Napier for a guided walking tour of this colourful Art Deco city and a visit to some of the most iconic sights. The area is also well loved for its fabulous wines so this evening, our treat is a dinner with a glass of wine at the Mission Estate Winery. *Accommodation: Express Hotel*

DAY 7 NAPIER TO WELLINGTON (B) This morning we travel south through the Wairarapa over the Rimutaka Hill to arrive in the country's

capital city Wellington. Enjoy a ride up to the Kelburn lookout in the cable car and take a gentle stroll back down through the native forests and plant collections of the Botanic Gardens. We also recommend a visit to Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. *Accommodation: James Cook Chancellor Hotel*

DAY 8 - WELLINGTON TO NELSON (B)

Today take the Interislander Ferry across the Cook Strait to Picton. From there it's a two hour drive to the delightful town of Nelson, officially the sunniest place in New Zealand and our base for two nights. In the afternoon we stretch our legs on a path that follows the Maitai River on a section of the Centre of New Zealand Walkway. *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

DAY 9 • ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK (B)
A highlight of the tour is a trip to Abel Tasman National Park with its golden coves and turquoise lagoons sheltered by forested ranges to the south. We board a small cruiser for a day of exploration, with opportunities for swimming and walking. *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

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Mount Cook Lily

13 DAYS • South Island • From NZ\$6090pp twinshare, land only

This tour squeezes more jaw-dropping scenery into 13 days than any other! The South Island has an unparalleled variety of landscapes from the majestic Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers, to the stunning views across Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown, to the Remarkable Mountains.

Tour Inclusions

- All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide
- Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)
- Entrance fees to places of interest included on your itinerary
- The services of local guides where referenced

Culinary Inclusions

- 15 meals included (12 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners)
- Experience true kiwi hospitality on a rural property in Ashburton
- Spend your final evening together with a meal at one of Christchurch's excellent restaurants

DAY 1 • WELLINGTON Welcome! Have a lazy day finding your bearings, wander along Oriental Parade and around the bays, or explore Cuba Street, 'New Zealand's Coolest Street' with its eclectic mix of boutiques, cafes and restaurants. A visit to Te Papa, the National Museum is a must! *Accommodation: James Cook Chancellor Hotel*

DAY 2 • WELLINGTON TO NELSON (B) We take the Interislander Ferry through the Marlborough and Queen Charlotte Sounds to Picton. Here we begin our South Island journey with a drive to the delightful town of Nelson. Take a walk on the Centre of New Zealand Walkway to take in the stunning views of the surrounding landscapes. The rest of the afternoon and evening are free for you to relax and explore this sunny town with its easy lifestyle and vibrant arts scene.

Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast

DAY 3 • ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK (B) The lush coastal forests, sparkling azure waters and golden beaches make this world famous coastal track a highlight of your tour. Board a small cruiser for a day of exploration, with opportunities for swimming and walking. We suggest landing at Bark Bay for an easy 4-hour hike to Torrent Bay and its beautiful tidal lagoon where we re-join our cruiser for the trip home. *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

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DAY 9 • QUEENSTOWN (B) A day at leisure to relax or explore. Thrill-seekers may zip-line from Bob's Peak, get drenched on a Shotover jet-boat ride or go white-water rafting. Those seeking a more relaxed option may choose to discover Lake Wakatipu with a cruise on the classic steamship TSS Earnslaw up to Walter Peak Station. *Accommodation: Scenic Suites*

DAY 10 • QUEENSTOWN TO MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK (B) Today we drive north via Arrowtown, a historical goldmining settlement and on to Twizel. We overnight near Mount Cook home to the country's highest peak. *Accommodation: Mackenzie Country Inn, Twizel*

DAY 11 • MOUNT COOK TO ASHBURTON (BD) A beautiful drive along Lake Pukaki to The Hermitage, our starting point for a choice of easy walks along the Hooker Valley trail for a close up of the majestic Mount Cook. Later, we drop you off in smaller groups at three or four rural properties around Ashburton, where your hosts will extend their hospitality to you to with a farm tour followed by a delicious home-cooked dinner and a cosy night's stay. *Accommodation: Rural Homestay*

DAY 12 • ASHBURTON TO CHRISTCHURCH (BD) Christchurch was shaken to its core by the succession of earthquakes at the turn of 2010/11. Many historic buildings were damaged, but the river Avon and its punts, Hagley Park, and the Botanic Gardens are all as beautiful as ever, and during our visit we will embrace the city's past, present and future. This is the final part of our journey together so tonight we relax together over a farewell dinner that showcases the best of New Zealand food and wine. *Accommodation: Crowne Plaza*

DAY 13 • DEPART CHRISTCHURCH (B) If you are leaving New Zealand today, we transfer you to Christchurch Airport for your flight home after you have enjoyed your final kiwi breakfast. Alternatively we can extend your stay in Christchurch for a few days or arrange onward independent touring by car or TransAlpine train.

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Koromiko

10 DAYS • North Island • From NZ\$5590pp twinshare, land only

This tour takes in the stunning sights of North Island on a journey past ancient kauri trees to the sparkling Pacific waters of the Bay of Islands. Further south you'll visit the Art Deco town of Napier and enjoy the wonderful wines of the Hawke's Bay region before arriving in Wellington, 'The coolest little capital in the world'.

Tour Inclusions

- All transport and the services of an excellent tour guide
- Accommodation based on two people sharing a double/twin room (single supplement applies)
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- The services of local guides where referenced

Culinary Inclusions

- 12 meals included (9 breakfasts, 3 dinners)
- Enjoy a wine tasting and evening meal at Mission Estate, New Zealand's oldest winery
- Experience an authentic Māori Hangi dinner and learn about Māori Culture



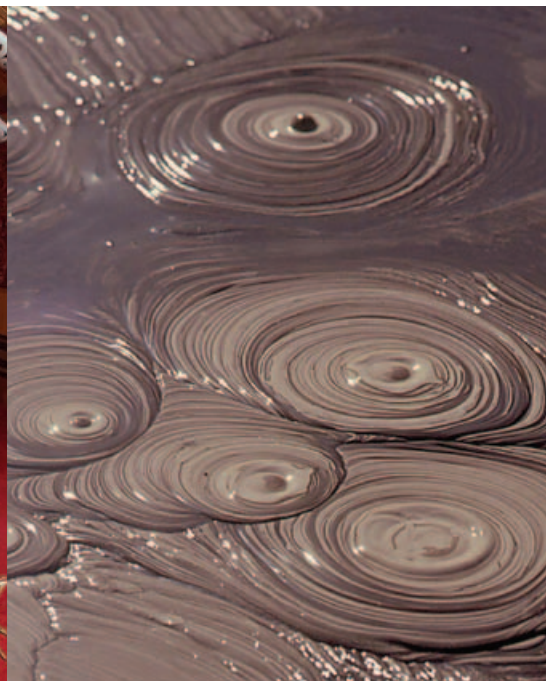
DAY 1 • AUCKLAND Haere mai – welcome! We meet you from your flight and take you straight to your hotel in the heart of Auckland city centre. *Accommodation: Grand Millennium Hotel*

DAY 2 • AUCKLAND TO BAY OF ISLANDS (B) Travel up Northland's west coast skirting Kaipara Harbour and following the Kaihu River to the Kai Iwi Lakes and the primeval forest of Waipoua, where we take a guided walk through the forest and meet the mighty Tane Mahuta – the largest kauri tree in the world. In the afternoon we head east to tranquil Paihia, the 'jewel of the Bay of Islands'. *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

DAY 3 • BAY OF ISLANDS (B) We start the day in Russell with a tour led by a resident historian to learn about this town that was the country's first sea port and its first European settlement. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the area or take a cruise with an opportunity to swim with dolphins (weather permitting!). *Accommodation: Local Bed & Breakfast*

DAY 4 • BAY OF ISLANDS TO COROMANDEL PENINSULA (B) This morning we visit the beautiful site of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where Māori chiefs first signed their agreement with the British settlers: the Treaty of Waitangi. Heading south we make a stop at the Miranda Shorebird Centre to learn about the amazing annual migrations of birds that travel south from the Arctic Circle for the summer months. *Accommodation: Pacific Harbour Villas*

DAY 5 • EXPLORE THE COROMANDEL PENINSULA (BD) The white sandy beaches and laid back vacation vibe make the Coromandel



a relaxing pace to spend the day. Take time to relax and dig out your very own 'spa' pool at Hot Water Beach. In the afternoon, we take a walk to Cathedral Cove with its naturally formed archway, sparkling bluegreen waters and sandy beaches that make it one of the most photographed beaches in New Zealand. Tonight we share on the cooking duties enjoying a Kiwi Favourite – a BBQ dinner in the garden of our accommodation. *Accommodation: Pacific Harbour Villas*
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DAY 7 • ROTORUA (BD) This morning we walk through the fascinating Waimangu Volcanic Valley, the world's youngest geothermal system, home to steaming volcanic craters and dramatic thermal activity. In the evening we experience an authentic cultural experience, and try our hands at Mau Rakau (stick fighting) or Raranga (weaving) before indulging in a traditional hangi meal to end the night in style! *Accommodation: Distinction Hotel Rotorua*
DAY 8 • ROTORUA TO NAPIER (BD) Take in the crashing waters of Huka Falls on our way to Lake Taupo, the largest freshwater lake in New Zealand, surrounded by the mighty peaks of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. Take time to explore the bustling township of Taupo. Later arrive in Napier and take a guided walking tour of this fabulous Art Deco city. The area is also well loved for its fabulous wines

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North Island



AUCKLAND

Regularly named as one of the best life-style cities in the world, Auckland is New Zealand's largest city with a vibrant cosmopolitan population. Auckland offers a busy nightlife, world-class restaurants, a stunning waterfront and diverse neighbourhoods to explore. Facing the sparkling waters of the Manukau and Waitemata Harbours, New Zealand's largest city is fondly known as the City of Sails.



WAIKATO

Just south of Auckland lies the fertile Waikato Valley - a land of green hills and lush pastures, small rural towns; wild West Coast beaches, limestone caves and Hobbits!



ROTORUA REGION

Birthplace of New Zealand tourism in the 1800's, Rotorua continues to fascinate as an adventure, Māori culture and spa destination. Historically known as the Nature's Spa of the South Pacific, the healing waters of hot springs, therapeutic massages and mud wraps are offered to rejuvenate the spirit. This can be experienced at Polynesian Spa and Pools.



LAKE TAUPU

Lake Taupo is centrally located in the middle of the North Island. Popular with both international and New Zealand visitors alike, Taupo offers something for all interests. Lake Taupo is New Zealand's largest lake and extends over an area of 250 square miles - similar in size to Singapore. It was formed by an enormous volcanic eruption nearly 2000 years ago. You can still see evidence of Taupo's fiery birth with a visit to Craters of the Moon with its steaming craters, boiling hot mud pools and volcanic landscapes. Certain spots in Lake Taupo and along the Waikato River also feature warm, geothermal water currents - perfect for a spot of swimming.



WELLINGTON REGION

Wellington, New Zealand's capital city is set between bush-clad hills and the splendid natural harbour. On a clear day, the harbour sparkles but the arrival of southern storms can bring amazingly dramatic seas and the city is proud of its 'Windy Wellington' nickname. Perched on the hills above the harbour are Victorian wooden houses intermingled with modern high rise buildings reminiscent of San Francisco. Recently named "the coolest little capital in the world" by Lonely Planet, Wellington offers something for all interests.



BAY OF ISLANDS/NORTHLAND

A coastline of golden beaches and rocky outcrops circles the stunningly beautiful Bay of Islands. Scattered with 150 islands, this bay with its blue-green ocean and abundant wildlife, is renowned as a maritime adventure playground. Steeped in a rich and colourful history, the Bay of Islands is known as the birthplace of our nation.



COROMANDEL PENINSULA

This beautiful peninsula, on the eastern side of the North Island, is a favourite vacation destination for New Zealanders. For nature lovers, the white sandy beaches and lush green native forests of the Coromandel bring travellers back time and again. Not surprisingly, with 400km of coastline, the ocean is a destination in itself.



HAWKE'S BAY

Situated on the east coast of the North Island, the sunny Hawke's Bay region is a favourite destination for food and wine lovers. Known for its artisan food producers and local farmers' markets in Napier, Hastings and Havelock North, the area has a rural charm, with a mix of steep hills and plains. The twin cities of Napier and Hastings are the main population centres.





South Island



MARLBOROUGH

Marlborough is New Zealand's largest wine growing region and the home of world-renowned sauvignon blanc. Marlborough enjoys high sunshine hours and a temperate climate so that visitors can experience all of Marlborough's diversity through the seasons. Marlborough offers over 40 cellar doors for wine-tasting – or join a local operator to visit a selection of the area's premier wine producers. With a predominantly flat terrain, cycle tours that include wine tasting are another popular option.



NELSON/ABEL TASMAN

At the top of the north-west corner of the South Island lies the sunniest region of New Zealand. Nelson is a truly beautiful region that should not be missed by the visitor who loves nature, adventure, art, crafts, wineries and good food. Situated close to several national parks, including the Abel Tasman, Nelson Lakes and Kahurangi, the region offers great hiking trails, beaches and rivers for kayaking and swimming.

WEST COAST

With the backdrop of the mighty Southern Alps, clear rivers and lakes, vast podocarp forests, temperate coastal forests, diverse wetlands, accessible glaciers and wild beaches, the West Coast of New Zealand is a wonderland of natural features just waiting to be explored. Located on the West Coast of the South Island in the Te Wahipounamu World Heritage Area, Glacier Country encompasses the mighty Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers, the rainforest of Westland National Park, the world famous mirrored Lake Matheson and unique wildlife areas.



QUEENSTOWN REGION

Surrounded by majestic mountains and set on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, the natural beauty and the unique energy of the Queenstown region create the perfect backdrop for a vacation full of adventure, exploration or relaxation.



CHRISTCHURCH/CANTERBURY

Stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Southern Alps, Canterbury is a land of plains and peaks, small coastal, alpine and rural towns and a city rebuilding itself. Within two hours drive of Christchurch, you can ski, play golf, bungee jump, go whitewater rafting, mountain biking, whale watching, swim with dolphins, and visit world-class vineyards, gardens and galleries.

DUNEDIN REGION

This intriguing city was founded by the Free Church of Scotland in the 1840's and is located under severe hills at the head of a long twisting harbour. The city has a distinctive Scottish flavour with prominent street names from Edinburgh and a statue of the famous Scottish poet Robbie Burns located in the Octagon.



Terms and Conditions

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

It is understood that the terms and conditions of travel are accepted by the passenger or agent on behalf of the passenger when the required deposit has been paid.

Seat Changes

Passengers rotate seats in the vehicle daily so that all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy forward and window seating. All passengers are expected to participate as a booking condition.

Itineraries

Itineraries were correct at the time of printing, but are subject to change without notice. This could come about due to road or weather conditions, or any changes imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary. If a passenger amends their itinerary by starting or concluding the itinerary earlier or later or during an itinerary then it becomes their responsibility to arrange tour or flight connections as necessary.

Responsibilities

We advise that the services that we provide is for the booking and packaging of goods and services provided by other operators such as hotels, attractions and transportation companies. Travellers are advised to familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions on which these services are supplied. Accordingly we will not be responsible and will be excluded from liability for any loss, damage, omission or acts being negligent or otherwise, committed by the operators of airlines, coach lines, cruise vessels, hotels or attractions used in connection with the tours.

Smoking Laws

Smoking is not permitted in any licensed premises (bars, restaurants, cafes, casinos, etc) throughout New Zealand. Smoking rooms at hotels will be subject to availability and may not be available in some destinations. There is no smoking in the vehicles.

Single Passengers

All tours are based on twin/double share, however single passengers are welcome to join by paying the single supplement cost.

Health and Fitness

Passengers should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances to fully appreciate all of the sightseeing opportunities in the itinerary. By paying the deposit passengers acknowledge that they are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel, and are not travelling contrary to medical advice. Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to cancel a booking or to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day to day running of the tour. Passengers bringing a quantity of medication

with them are advised to carry a doctor's certificate to avoid possible problems with customs officials. Doctor's prescriptions are needed to obtain certain drugs in both Australia and New Zealand.

Travel Insurance

You are strongly advised to purchase a travel insurance policy. An important part of planning the holiday is to purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy as it may prevent passengers from spending extra money in case of an emergency and will help passengers feel protected during the holiday.

Price & Tour Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing, however we reserve the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or major fluctuation in the exchange rates, or increases in government taxes or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received by the tour operator. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature. We reserve the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control.

Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we regret that we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance of our contractual obligations is prevented or affected by reason of circumstances amounting to "force majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include war or threat of war, riots, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire and all similar events outside our control.

Exchange rate fluctuations (if applicable)

Until we have received your full payment, your tour price is subject to exchange rate fluctuations. We consider anything over 4% a major fluctuation, and in this instance we will absorb up to the first 4% before surcharging.

Payments

A deposit of NZ\$500.00 per person is required on booking to confirm the seat at the time of booking. All balance payments must be received no later than 60 days prior to tour commencement.

New Zealand Airport Transfers

New Zealand airport transfers are included on all of our tours. If however passengers have made independent pre/post tour arrangements outside of the itinerary then transfers are not included.

Checked Baggage

Due to space limitations aboard the vehicles, each passenger is permitted only one average-sized piece of checked baggage weighing a maximum of 20kg (44lbs), plus their carry on luggage in the Leisure Time Tours Travel Bag provided.

Clothing and Packing

Passengers will find casual clothing of all types comfortable and relaxing. Lightweight drip-dry clothing is ideal. Warmer clothing for evenings will be handy. As New Zealand can experience 'four seasons in one day' layering is key. Regular laundry facilities are available throughout the tour. For special dinners many guests like to dress up, but by all means be comfortable; on the remaining nights "smart casual" is suggested. We recommend that passengers pack their prescription medicines (an adequate supply to last through the journey) along with the travel documents and a change of clothing in the carry-on bag to avoid any inconvenience in the event that a flight or luggage is delayed.

Passports & Visas

All visitors require a passport to travel to and to enter New Zealand which must have a minimum validity of 6 months remaining. It is a good idea to carry a photocopy of the 'Photo Page' of their passport, as well as to leave photocopies of the travel documents and identification papers with someone at home.

Entry to New Zealand

Australian passport holders do not require visas; neither do Australian permanent residents with current resident return visas. All other visitors to New Zealand must possess a return or onward ticket to a country to which you have right of entry.

Customs and Immigration

Compliance with any New Zealand immigration, customs and/or quarantine regulations is the client's responsibility. We will not, under any circumstances, be held liable nor responsible if applicable rules and regulations are not observed.

Amendments, Cancellations and Refunds Schedule

- 60+ days prior to tour commencement a loss of deposit
- 31-59 days prior to tour commencement receives a 50% refund.
- 30 days or less prior to tour commencement receives no refund.
- No refunds on any unused portions of itinerary.
- If you wish to cancel and transfer to a new departure date, the above cancellation fees will apply.



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