

NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND ITINERARY CREATIVE INCENTIVES & EVENTS



Day 01 Wednesday 22 August 2018

ARRIVE WELLINGTON

Welcome to New Zealand!

You will be met at Wellington Airport. Board your vehicle and take a brief orientation tour of Wellington City, New Zealand's vibrant capital city. Arrive at hotel and depending upon arrival time, either check-in or leave luggage at hotel until rooms are ready for occupancy.

Time permitting, walk the short distance to the Holland Road Yarn Company situated in the basement of the Grand Arcade – only a short stroll from your hotel.

Enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel this evening to meet your fellow travel companions

Your hotel is centrally located.

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (or equivalent) - 1 night

Day 02 Thursday 23 August 2018

WELLINGTON / FEILDING / NAPIER

Drive north to the Manawatu region and make a stop at Anna Gratton's Mill Shop near Feilding. Anna manufactures a selection of quality craft fibres and knitting and weaving yarns from a flock of both stud white and naturally coloured Corriedales (note – it is no longer possible to access the manufacturing mill – the only access is to the Mill Shop). Continue north to the city of Napier in the Hawkes Bay.

Napier was devastated by an earthquake in 1931 and was rebuilt during the period when Art Deco Architecture was fashionable. Napier is now renowned as the Art Deco City. Orientation tour on arrival to see some of the distinctive Art Deco architecture for which Napier is renowned internationally.

Your hotel is located in the picturesque seaside suburb of Ahuriri – and is one of the host hotels for KAN Knit August Nights. There are a number of dining establishments within walking distance.

Accommodation: The Crown Hotel (or equivalent) – 3 nights

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Day 03 Friday 24 August 2018

NAPIER

Today join fellow knitters at Knit August Nights (KAN) – a yarn and stitch retreat, which attracts top international and NZ workshop, tutors along with many of NZ’s best yarn traders
Your registration fee to KAN is included

Note – no workshop fees are included in the tour price – these are additional

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Day 04 Saturday 25 August 2018

NAPIER

KAN + evening soiree:

Your registration fee to KAN is included

Admission to the Saturday night soiree is included (subject to event being confirmed in the 2018 programme).

Note – no workshop fees are included in the tour price – these are additional

Day 05 Sunday 26 August 2018

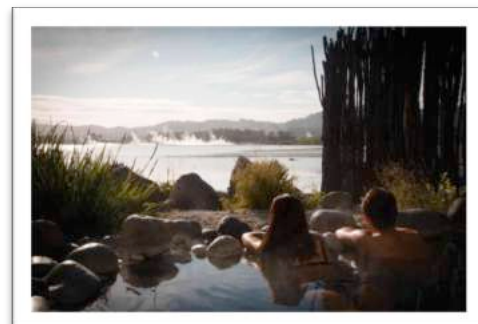
NAPIER / TAUPO / ROTORUA

Time this morning to attend the last events of KAN

Late morning/early afternoon depart Napier and drive to Rotorua stopping en-route at the resort town of Taupo.

Located in the heart of New Zealand’s famous thermal region, Rotorua forms part of the geologically active ‘Pacific Rim of Fire’. Situated on the shores of Lake Rotorua, it is also renowned for Maori cultural activities.

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This evening walk to the Polynesian Spa for a soak in the naturally heated mineral waters of the Lake Spa Retreat. The Lake Spa Retreat offers unique and exclusive bathing in five hot mineral rock pools with lovely views over Lake Rotorua. Towels, soap and shampoo are provided and use of security lockers and hair dryers is included.

Accommodation: Millennium Hotel Rotorua (or equivalent) – 2 nights

Day 06 Monday 27 August 2018

ROTORUA

Cottage Flair + Te Puia with in-depth weaving workshop:

This morning time to visit Cottage Flair – a local store packed with inspiration, whether it is patchwork & quilting, knitting, dress making or craft you are interested in. Opens 9am.

Afterwards transfer to Te Puia with the Leisure Group for a special introduction to the Maori culture and the unique geothermal activity that characterises Rotorua.

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Enjoy an in-depth hands-on weaving experience of the New Zealand native harakeke (flax). Enjoy an exclusive guided tour of Te Puia including the Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley which features boiling mud pools, steaming silica terraces, hot springs and geysers.

Upon arrival meet your guide and commence a guided tour and visit Te Aronui a Rua, the sacred meetinghouse of Rotowhio Marae. Meet two local weavers at the Ngararatuatara cooking pool for a flax cooking demonstration – learn about the stages of preparation that the flax must undergo before it is ready to be woven into a masterpiece. From here continue past bubbling mud pools to the geyser terrace and Bluey's Lookout then to Ngā Whā Puapua, the constantly active steam vent opening which has been used to cook your kai (food) the authentic way – a steamed hangi. Your steambox lunch includes chicken, corn, kumara, pumpkin, potato, cabbage, watercress, and gourmet bread stuffing.

Enjoy your steambox lunch in a marquee overlooking Pōhutu Geyser, the southern hemisphere's largest active geyser – the Leisure Group will join you for lunch. Following lunch return from the geothermal valley stopping en-route at the Kiwi bird enclosure and Pikirangi Village. Then visit Te Puia's new weaving facility for a two-hour flax dying and weaving workshop.

Depart Te Puia at 4.30pm and transfer back to your hotel.

This afternoon/evening, we hope to meet some of the local Rotorua Yarnbombers to learn about some of the creative projects that this group of enthusiastic knitters have been involved with. Subject to confirmation closer to the time.

Day 07 Tuesday 28 August 2018

ROTORUA / MATAMATA / AUCKLAND

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This morning travel to the small town of Tirau stopping here for a time to wander some of the unique stores and cafés

Travel on to the Matamata region to join a guided tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set. Your guide will escort you through the ten-acre site recounting fascinating details of how the Hobbiton set was created. The Hobbit holes, Green Dragon Inn, Mill and other structures created for The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit films can be viewed and during your walking tour you will see how this beautiful piece of Waikato farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth. Upon completion of your tour enjoy a complimentary beverage in the Green Dragon Inn then a buffet Festive Feast luncheon in the Party Marquee.

Note – other travellers will be on the tour.

Afterwards drive north to Auckland City

Accommodation: Amora Hotel Auckland (or equivalent) – 3 nights



Day 08 Wednesday 29 August 2018

AUCKLAND

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Day at leisure for your own choice of activities

Day 09 Thursday 30 August 2018

AUCKLAND

This morning visit the Auckland Museum for a private 1-hour guided tour. Over a fascinating hour your guide will share their stories of the Museum's most important and



fascinating objects. Encounter exhibitions that will excite you with the artistic legacy and cultures of the peoples of the Pacific; the monumental carvings, buildings, canoes and taonga (treasures) of the Maori; and the diversity of cultures which now combine to form the rich tapestry of race, nationality and creed which is modern New Zealand.

Take the ferry over to Devonport, a vibrant seaside suburb with a variety of interesting stores and cafés.

You may wish to walk the short distance to Wild & Woolly Yarns - Located in the tastefully renovated Art Deco, Old Post Office Building, alongside a cluster of specialty shops, Wild & Woolly stocks a wide range of NZ yarns along with knitted samples, kits, patterns, and Japanese bamboo knitting needles.



Travel by coach over the Auckland Harbour Bridge from Devonport back to central Auckland.

This evening a special location has been chosen for your final night dinner. Located in the historic Ferry Building on Quay Street, the décor of the Harbourside Bar & Grill is designed to showcase the beauty of the unique harbour surrounds and has a refined, paired back elegance with an emphasis on natural materials that showcase the grand architectural features of the 1912 heritage building. The classically inspired yet creative menu includes the best of New Zealand seafood. Return dinner transfers are included.

Day 10 Friday 31 August 2018

DEPART AUCKLAND

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Time at leisure today until transfer to Auckland International Airport – normal check out time applies. Check in for your departure flight TBA and farewell New Zealand.

COST PER PERSON BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBERS OF 6
AUD \$4355.00
SINGLE Supplement \$905.00

MAIN TOUR PRICING INCLUDES:

- Meet & Greet at Wellington Airport
- Arrival and Departure transfers are based on one group arrival and one group departure transfer. Should members of the group require transfers outside of group arrival/departure times, we can assist with additional transfers at passengers additional expense
- 9 Nights Accommodation as listed all with private facilities – prices are based on twin share – single rooms are available with Single Supplement Surcharge (no forced singles). Accommodation is subject to availability, and we reserve the right to find alternative accommodation if there is no availability at the time of the booking. If alternative accommodation needs to be sourced, the price could change. You will be made aware at the time if this is necessary.
- Baggage assistance at each hotel
- All Tour Admissions as per itinerary
- Cooked Breakfasts (B), Lunches (L), and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary – unless otherwise Breakfasts and Dinners will be provided at your touring accommodation
 - 9 breakfasts
 - 1 lunch (1 x Hobbiton)
 - 2 dinners (1 x Wellington; 1 x Auckland)
- Private Coach Charter in modern air conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver/guide
 - *Note: New Zealand law does not permit coach drivers to drive for more than 11 hours or be on duty for more than 13 hours in any one day. They must also have 10 hours undisturbed from the time they finish duty one day before they recommence duty the next day, and have every 7th day off.*
- Rates are quoted in New Zealand dollars and are current for touring dates as per the itinerary provided. Changes in travel date or confirmation after 30 days of quotation may require a revised quotation.
- New Zealand GST set at 15% is included.
- Rates are based on the specified number of paying passengers. If numbers fall below 6 paying passengers, this quotation will need to be re-costed.
- These rates supersede any previous rates quoted, and are subject to change through price change imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary.

PRICING EXCLUDES:

- **Any necessary flights to/from New Zealand or within New Zealand**
- Any workshop arrangements in Auckland on Wed 29 August
- Any applicable airline surcharges or airport departure taxes.
- Agents commission or credit card charges
- Your tour escorts costs/expenses e.g. wages or other meals not included in the itinerary.
- Use of hotel rooms before/after normal check in/out times or pre-registration
- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any optional, suggested or recommended excursions.
- Any other meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Morning and afternoon teas are not included
- Travel insurance is not included, but is highly recommended for all travelling passengers including your staff.
- Gratuities and items of a personal nature, such as medical or hospital expenses, mini bar, beverages, hotel portorage, laundry service, room service, Internet usage and telephone calls.
- Any further Government taxes or duties that may be introduced.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Additional surcharges may be applicable during Special Events and/or New Zealand public holidays, e.g. Christmas, Easter etc. Any additional surcharges will be advised at the time of the booking.
- Full payment is required prior to passengers' arrival. If payment is not received we have the right to cancel all the arrangements and pass on any cancellation charges we receive from our suppliers.

- *We strongly suggest that your passengers and any staff travelling, purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover all aspects of your holiday including loss of deposit through cancellations, loss of baggage and personal items, personal injury and death, inclement weather clause, pre-existing medical condition waiver (includes travelling parties and immediate family).*
- Check in time at most hotels is 2pm or 3pm. If you are arriving early into a city, the hotel will store your luggage until your room is ready. Alternatively, you may wish to pre register your hotel room for immediate check in – an extra nights' charge will apply.
- Upon check in, most hotels will request an imprint of your credit card to cover any personal extras. If you do not have a credit card they may ask for a cash deposit.
- The company reserves the right to amend the itinerary due to the result of circumstances outside of the company's control e.g. weather or road conditions, strikes or airline disruptions etc. If additional costs are incurred these will be the responsibility of the client.

VISA REGULATIONS, CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE

- Compliance with immigration, customs and / or quarantine regulations is the client's responsibility. We cannot, under any circumstances, be held liable and responsible if applicable rules and regulations are not observed.

PAYMENTS CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:

- 120, 90 Days prior to tour commencement – status reports required
- 65 Days final rooming list - an invoice will be sent upon receipt of rooming list.
- Invoice is payable within 7 days of invoice.

Passenger Refund Schedule

- 58-31 days prior to tour commencement – 50% cancellation fee
- 30 days or less prior to tour commencement receives no refund of the full tour payment.
- No Refunds on any unused portions of itinerary.

OPTIONAL SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES FOR AUCKLAND CITY
Wednesday 29 August 2018

2017 Retail Pricing – all subject to change without notice.

THE ESSENCE OF WAIHEKE WINE TOUR with Ananda Tours

Discover why Waiheke is world renowned for its wines on this small group full day tour. Take the ferry to Waiheke Island where you will be met by your local guide. Since the 1970's the island's Mediterranean climate has seen the growth of a flourishing wine industry with low quantities of high quality fruit. You will be able to visit three of these vineyards learning more about the wine-making industry and sampling their produce

Your experienced guide will share about the history, geography, culture, people and produce of Waiheke. *Lunch not included – pay direct.*



2017 Retail Pricing – ferry + tour: AUD\$158.00 per person.

TASTE OF WAIHEKE with Fullers Auckland

Combine your visit to Waiheke Island with this popular tour of some of the best food and wine experiences Waiheke Island offers. You'll enjoy a day of tastings at 3 vineyards and an olive grove, plus have the chance to indulge in locally produced foods such as mouth-watering preserves and world class olive oils. The tour includes a light lunch at Stonyridge Vineyard.



2018 Retail Pricing – ferry + tour: AUD\$150.00 per person.

BUSH & BEACH WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE TOUR

Afternoon tour – you will be collected from your accommodation to join a half day guided nature tour to Auckland's wild, black sand beaches and lush rainforest. Enjoy a guided walk along bush tracks and through towering trees before feeling the black sand beach of Piha beneath your feet as you stroll along some of the most rugged and awe-inspiring beaches.

Includes: Afternoon tea

2018 Retail Pricing: AUD\$155.00 per person



AUCKLAND HARBOUR CRUISE with Fullers Auckland

Cruise the sparkling waters of Auckland's beautiful Waitemata Harbour and learn about the city's best-loved landmarks with full commentary. The cruise includes a free return ticket to Devonport and a brief stopover at volcanic Rangitoto Island, so you can get a small taste of its volcanic terrain.

Highlights include views of the Harbour Bridge, the city skyline, Devonport's historic naval base, Bean Rock Lighthouse and panoramic views of Rangitoto Island. Enjoy light refreshments with morning tea (a hot drink and a muffin) on-board. *10.30am–12.00pm + 1.30pm–3.00pm.*



2018 Retail Pricing: AUD\$45.00 per person