



The Beauty of New Zealand, both Islands

February 23 – March 9, 2027

Cost \$3,295 per person for double occupancy
Single Room (Limited) \$4,195

Includes:

- All hotels and transportation, guides, entrance fees and 17 meals
- Tour of Auckland, The All Black Experience, Waitomo Glow Worm Caves, Hobbiton (Lord of the Rings), Te Papa Museum of New Zealand history, Christchurch
- Maori Culture and Dinner Show
- Airline ticket from Wellington to Queenstown
- Walter Peak High Country Farm and dinner, The Church of the Good Shepard, and Lake Tekapo
- The Antarctic Experience

Level of Walking: Moderate

Deposit of \$100 is due by October 1st. You can send it by Zelle to 602-695-5336 (Gonzalo Tours) in the reason portion, please notate your name and which trip the deposit is for. You can also mail a check payable to: Gonzalo Tours, 8132 North 56th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85302. The deposit is larger because of the early date and they are asking me to send in more deposits.

Tentative Schedule:

February 23rd – Fly out of the United States to Auckland New Zealand.

February 24th – Day lost to travel

February 25th - Arrive in Auckland and transfer to our hotel. Recover from your flight, meeting tonight to go over trip details.

February 26th – After breakfast, we will enjoy the All Blacks Experience. The All Blacks is the national rugby team of New Zealand. The Experience is well done and will give you insight into the Kiwi culture and their pride. Following the All Blacks Experience, you will have a tour with a local guide of Auckland.

February 27th – Today we will start early and head to the Waitomo Glow Worm Caves for a guided tour. It is a spectacular sight to see the caves lit by the glow worms. This evening we will have a buffet dinner overlooking the City of Rotorua and the lake. The food and view are fabulous.

February 28th – Hobbiton is on the agenda for today. You will visit the Hobbiton Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit film trilogies and enjoy a fascinating guided tour. During the tour, you will see Hobbit Holes, The Green Dragon Inn, The Mill, double arched bridge and other structures and gardens built for the films. In the evening you will experience the Maori culture and have a hangi dinner and enjoy a show highlighting the culture.

March 1 – Today is a travel day as we head to the capital of New Zealand, Wellington. Wellington is the most southernmost capital of the world and is known as the windy city.

March 2 - Today we'll start with the Te Papa Tongarewa Museum which is the national museum and art gallery of New Zealand. "Te Papa Tongarewa" is broadly translatable as "the place of treasures of this land". We will have an hour and a half tour with a guide. The rest of the day is yours to explore Wellington.

March 3 - Transfer to the airport for our flight to Queenstown. The flight will land in Queenstown and you will then be transferred to our hotel. One of the prettiest places in the world. Once we arrive, unpack and explore Queenstown on your own.

March 4 – Today we will visit Arrowtown. Nestled in a river valley surrounded by mountains, sits Arrowtown, a charming gold mining town established in 1862 that is rich with natural beauty, history and culture. Explore at your own pace, there are also shops and we will have lunch here. In the afternoon, we will stop at the Gibbston Valley Winery for a wine tasting. The day will end with another fabulous buffet which overlooks the City of Queenstown.

March 5th – Board the TSS Earnslaw, an integral part of Queenstown's pioneering history and to this day a Queenstown icon. After your cruise on Lake Wakatipu you will arrive at Walter Peak High Country Farm, where you will be treated to a sumptuous barbecue dinner at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner, there will be a farm demonstration.

March 6th - Today we travel to Christchurch via Lake Tekapo with a stop at The Church of the Good Shepard. The church was built in 1935 and is beautifully situated along the lake. Our final stop today, Christchurch.

March 7th – Today we meet our local guide for a tour of Christchurch. Christchurch is the largest city on New Zealand's South Island, known as the "Garden City" for its parks, gardens, and English inspired architecture. This evening we will have a special treat for our farewell dinner.

March 8th - Today we will experience the Antarctic Experience – in Christchurch. Journey through modern-day Antarctica and experience a taste of this unique and breathtaking continent. Learn about the human impact on the continent, the wildlife and plant systems, and Antarctica's effect on the globe. This afternoon will be open for you to do some last - minute exploring and shopping.

March 9th – Transfer to the Christchurch airport for our flights back to the United States.

Itinerary subject to change.