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Explore New Zealand's natural beauty and enjoy a unique journey emphasizing the superb cuisine and wines of "the land of the long white cloud", *Aotearoa*. This trip begins in Auckland, the "City of Sails", and introduces the traveler to Maori-Polynesian culture and the wine region on Waiheke Island. This adventure then traverses the North Island to Napier with its Art Deco architecture, wonderful wines, and unique cuisine which you will experience with the first of three private culinary classes. Then fly to the South Island and the port city of Nelson, well known for superb seafood, where you may visit local artist's studios, food artisans, and vineyards. Journey south to Christchurch, "The Garden City", via sunny Blenheim, home of some of the first Sauvignon Blanc wines. Culinary classes feature fresh local ingredients matched with regional wine selections and superb instruction. After an overnight cruise in Fiordland National Park, your journey concludes in Queenstown with a farewell culinary class at one of the premier wineries in the region producing some of the worlds best Pinot Noirs.



Join New Zealand's culinary and wine specialists on this small group tour for a gourmet food and wine expedition through New Zealand. Talk and dine with vintners, participate in culinary classes, watch food artisans create unique foods, shop through farmer's markets, visit the National Museum, explore the small towns, villages and historic cities, and sail on a vintage America's Cup yacht. Pre and post trip extensions planned for specific interests available. Space is limited for your ultimate enjoyment, so make your reservations early.

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**Clean and green, New Zealand's** climate and geography provide the fresh ingredients for the discerning gourmet. New Zealand growers specialize in six red varieties including Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Malbec and eight white varieties including Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Semillon, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Muscat, and Muller Thurgau. Spend time meeting the vintners and touring the vineyards of Waiheke Island, Hawke's Bay, the Nelson/Marlborough wine country and the more recently planted vineyards around Queenstown.

The Culinary Arts of New Zealand are many and varied. The seas of New Zealand produce a great variety of fish, crayfish, green-lipped mussels, fresh Bluff oysters in season and 'white bait', a New Zealand delicacy. Wild deer were introduced to New Zealand in the 19th Century and are now domesticated. Farm raised venison is called "cervena", but fresh New Zealand lamb and grass fed beef are hard to beat. Cheese, great white wines and the newly famous pinots, are all part of New Zealand wine, food, and eco epicurean scene.

Travelers can enjoy at their own cost, match racing on one of the New Zealand America's Cup challenge yachts in the harbour, a round of golf at the newly designed Cape Kidnappers or other professional courses, or fly fishing in the gin clear waters of the South Island. Just let us know ahead of time and we can help you personalize your trip along the way.

### Exclusive Highlights

- Participate in private culinary classes
- Visit unique regional food artisans
- Sail on an America's Cup yacht in the majestic Auckland Harbour
- Taste and discuss wines with local vintners
- Cruise overnight in Fiordland National Park
- Relax in four and five star accomodation, including a night "among the vines"

### Day 1 and 2 San Francisco/Los Angeles/Auckland

After departure from San Francisco and Los Angeles, on day one, you cross the International Date Line and arrive in Auckland in the early morning of day three.



### Day 3 Auckland

The "City of Sails", Auckland, was home of the America's Cup from 1995 to 2004. Check into your hotel and reconvene late morning for sightseeing and lunch in a beautiful garden. Then visit the National Museum for a brief history of the Maori culture, and carry on to a short sail on a vintage America's Cup yacht. Welcome reception with regional wines and dinner following at a local restaurant. **LD**

### Day 4 Auckland

We travel by ferry to Waiheke Island for wine tasting and culinary delights. Along with two prominent wineries, our visit may include the Olive Oil Company, Waiheke Fruit and Veg or other specialty regional food artisans. We return to the city where you have free time to explore or enjoy a stroll along one of Auckland's unique neighborhoods with an array of inviting small shops, boutiques, and restaurants. Dinner on your own. **BL**

### Day 5 Napier

Tour through the lush countryside from Auckland to Napier. Stop for lunch at one of New Zealand's oldest lodges, preferred by the Queen on her visits, and situated on the riverbanks of the Waikato River. Taste local wines in the wine cellar with the vintner and enjoy regional specialties for lunch. Once in Napier, rebuilt in the Art Deco style in the 1930's, if time permits we may tour one of the best Hawke's Bay Estate wineries established in 1851. Then we are off to Napier where we can stroll through the town on an Art Deco tour. Dinner on your own. **BL**



## Day 6 Napier

A tour of local artisan food specialists, may include Te Mata cheese makers where they produce handmade cheese. Casual lunch along the golden beaches of the Pacific Ocean. Later in the day, participate in a private culinary class at one of the premiere wineries. Prepare and dine on courses that will be superbly matched with some of Hawke's Bay's finest wines. **BLD**

## Day 7 Nelson

Fly to Nelson on the South Island and board a luxury coach for a tour of the Nelson area which may include Hoglund Art Glass or other artists' studios along with a vineyard. We finish with regional wine tasting and dinner at a café overlooking the Tasman Sea. **BLD**

## Day 8 Nelson

Tour and taste at several vineyards in the Upper Moutere valley. Visit the Neudorf Dairy to sample handmade sheep milk cheese. Other stops along the way may include a local gourmet market and an artisan who creates scrumptious chocolates. The day ends with dinner at a cafe overlooking the Bay. **BLD**

## Day 9 Blenheim

On the way to Blenheim, travel along the coast overlooking the Queen Charlotte Sounds, visiting a crayfish and organic salmon farm before arriving in Blenheim. Well known as the Sauvignon Blanc region we'll taste wines and have lunch at a vineyard café. Enjoy dinner with a local vintner who will introduce us to regional wines at this unique vineyard restaurant. Then retire to accommodation overlooking the vineyards. **BLD**



## Day 10 Christchurch

The morning may include shopping at the farmers market and stop to taste Methode Traditionnelle, then head south to Christchurch, "The Garden City". On the way, pass through Kaikoura, with lunch at a rustic restaurant with dramatic views of the shoreline and the possibility of seeing migrating whales or a pod of dolphins. Once in Christchurch we will head off to our second hands-on private culinary class in the late afternoon, where we will prepare and dine on regional specialties and other seasonal food matched with New Zealand wines. **BLD**

## Day 11 Christchurch/Queenstown

Time to explore the Antarctic Museum, Art Centre, Canterbury art galleries, shop for famous Merino woolen goods or stroll along the Avon River on your own before reconvening to fly to Queenstown in the late afternoon. Dinner on your own. **B**



## Day 12 Doubtful Sound Overnight Nature Cruise

Travel by luxury coach to Manapouri and by water taxi across the lake and continue over the scenic Wilmont pass through dense rain forest to board the *Navigator* for a cruise through the sounds situated in the World Heritage Fiordland National Park. The vessel anchors overnight in one of Doubtful Sound's hidden arms where you can enjoy (weather permitting) a sea kayak trip along the shore in the late afternoon or travel by tender boat with educational narrative about native plants and bird life along the shoreline. We may also see penguins, dolphins and fur seals. **BLD**

## Day 13 Queenstown

An early afternoon return to Queenstown where you can enjoy the afternoon exploring this "Adventure Capital". Reconvene in the late afternoon for a trip to one of the region's best wineries. Participate in the final culinary class preparing the farewell and awards dinner with a well-known New Zealand chef. Courses will be matched with regional wines. **BLD**

## Day 14 Queenstown/Auckland/USA

After enjoying the morning on your own, fly to Auckland to board your evening flight to the USA. **B**



# Reserve your Culinary & Wine trip to New Zealand Today!

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**I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:**

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- Include air on group flights from San Francisco or Los Angeles.
- Request air from my/our home city of: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ connect with the group flights listed above.
- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$2,640.00 USD (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by December 15, 2007 (104 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Moderately active: faster pace, substantial distances covered, extensive walking and stair climbing.

Travelers, whether alumni or not, must be current California Alumni Association members or UCSF Alumni members to participate in Cal Discoveries travel offerings. California Alumni Association fees are \$50 for seniors, 65 years and older, and \$60 for those who are 64 years and under. This establishes a regular or affiliate membership with all other Association benefits. A married couple and their children under 21 may travel on one membership. Memberships are for individuals only and are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check or, if you prefer, by providing a Visa, MasterCard or American Express number with expiration date. I/we have read the general information section of this brochure and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:

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**MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL**—The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of New Zealand Itineraries, LLC and CAA is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, shall be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION**—The price of this trip is based on an Advance Purchase Excursion Fare. After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket price may be levied. If connecting flights are requested, special promotional fares may be used, in which case penalties of as much as 100% may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or cancelled after ticketing. After departure, if the reservations are changed, you will be charged the higher, all Economy class fare. **VARIATIONS TO GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 104 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.**

**CANCELLATION**—In addition to airline cancellation penalties, all cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$150 per person cancellation fee. Cancellation from 104-61 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 10% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 60-31 days, 30%, 30-16 days, 75%. Cancellation from 15 days up to the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE FROM CAA. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE.** All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Cal Discoveries / Great Escapes.

**BAGGAGE**—The most restrictive airline regulations permit two checked pieces per passenger for which the total sum of the linear dimensions (length + width + height) of both should not exceed 106 inches or a maximum weight of 44 pounds. One piece of carry-on luggage is allowed per passenger for which the linear dimensions should not exceed a sum of 41 inches or a maximum weight of 15 pounds and shall fit completely underneath an aircraft seat. Each passenger is limited to one quart size clear plastic bag for lotions, gels, etc. (3.3 oz. per container) in carry-on luggage. Differing baggage allowances may apply, depending on program carrier. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. For additional or oversized/overweight pieces, excess baggage charges are expensive and not included in your trip price, so you should plan your wardrobe accordingly. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract. In no event shall liability exceed the actual loss incurred, subject to proof of the amount lost.

**RESPONSIBILITY**—New Zealand Itineraries, LLC and the CAA act only as agents for the suppliers of travel conveyance, transport, accommodations or other services and have no responsibility for any delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature whatsoever caused in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier equipment, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. Dates, program details and tour costs, although given in good faith and based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, are subject to change at or before the time of departure. No revisions of the printed itinerary or its included features are anticipated; however, the right is reserved to make any changes, with or without notice, that might become necessary, with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual passenger. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. If the entire program is cancelled for any reason, participants shall have no claim other than for a full refund. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers and accepts the terms of this contract. The airlines and other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for an act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The passage contract in use, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the company(ies) and the passenger and/or purchaser of this trip.

New Zealand Itineraries, LLC is located in Oregon, and is therefore not eligible to participate in the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. As required by California law, this seller of travel has a trust account.

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# Program Price

## Land-Only Program

March 29 through April 11, 2008  
\$5,490.00 USD

## Air Inclusive Program

March 29 through April 11, 2008  
\$6,999.00 USD

Air inclusive price includes: All features outlined under the Daily Schedule section plus:

- Scheduled jet service from Los Angeles LAX to Auckland, New Zealand with return from Queenstown, New Zealand. Details on other gateways are available upon request.
- Motorcoach transfers while in New Zealand.

## A Word about your Tour Operator

New Zealand Itineraries, LLC, organizes exclusive small group tours to New Zealand. With over 30 years experience traveling and living in New Zealand, they are experts on the culture, history, design and culinary trends of New Zealand and are authors of two books about New Zealand. Specifically, over 30 years, Rob and Jana Bowler have developed and maintained the personal contacts with "kiwis" who provide exceptional service for their discerning travelers.

## Your travel with New Zealand Itineraries, LLC provides:

- An exceptional travel value. It would be impossible for an independent traveler to arrange all these unique experiences, inclusions, and services at a comparable price.
- Flexible and personalized add-ons are tailored to your trip and extensions, while free time allows you to pursue your own interests.
- Unique access to local sites. Take advantage of their 30 years of travel in New Zealand to gain entrance to popular sites and to uncover New Zealand's hidden treasures.
- Accredited by IATA/IATAN for commitment to the travel industry New Zealand Itineraries, LLC has met the business standards as established by the International Airlines Travel Agent Network.

\*All prices quoted are per person, based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is an additional \$2,640.00 USD (limited availability).

## PRE AND POST TRIP SUGGESTIONS

If you are interested in making independent arrangements before and/or after this program, please contact New Zealand Itineraries, LLC at 800.953.9732 or [BrownTroutHeaven.com](http://BrownTroutHeaven.com). Pre and Post trip suggestions include fly fishing on the North or South Island, Garden Tours, Golf and Spa holiday, guided hikes on the Milford Track, Routeburn, or Tongariro Crossing, sea kayaking near Abel Tasman National Park, Birding adventures or other unique expeditions.

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