



Presents...

NEW ZEALAND AG & SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Including 3 nights stay in Fiji Island Resort

Departing: Feb 13th - March 4th, 2027



Welcome to New Zealand!

There are just 4.5 million New Zealanders, scattered across 270,534 sq. km: bigger than the UK with one-fourteenth the population. Filling in the gaps are the sublime forests, mountains, lakes, beaches and fiords that have made NZ one of the best destinations on Earth.

WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

DAY 1: DEPART CANADA on Saturday, Feb 13th, 2027 - overnight flight

Lose a day due to international time zone **Feb 14th 2027 (Arrive on Feb 15th)**

DAY 2: Monday, Feb 15th, 2027 ARRIVE QUEENSTOWN (D)

Met on arrival by your Local Guide and transferred to QT Queenstown Hotel.

7pm: This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel

Overnight: QT Queenstown Hotel, Queenstown

DAY 3: Tuesday, Feb 16th, 2027 QUEENSTOWN (B)

Breakfast at your hotel

Queenstown: After a long flight enjoy the morning off is very much needed. Explore the delights of this alpine resort. You can browse in the many shops and galleries.

1 pm: Meet in the hotel lobby—ready to walk to Dart River Wilderness Safari pick up location (12 min walk)

2pm-5pm: Dart River Wilderness Safari: The ultimate, original half-day Wilderness Jet boat adventure takes you on an unforgettable journey along the braided, glacier-fed Dart River. Experience the unique combination of breathtaking scenery and an exhilarating ride as we take you deep into Mount Aspiring National Park – a UNESCO World Heritage Area.

Free evening and dinner on your own in Queenstown—there are so many options for dining in Queenstown waterfront.

DAY 4: Wednesday, Feb 17th, 2027 QUEENSTOWN (B,D)

Breakfast at hotel

9am: Farm visit to Mount Earnslaw Station - to be confirmed

Farm size: 16,465 acres, 4,500 Perendale sheep, 500 Angus breeding cows

5pm: Group dinner Cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard a heritage steamship TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station

This evening combine a cruise and farm tour with a barbecue dinner in the beautiful garden setting at the Colonel's Homestead. Sit back on the lakeside terrace and savour the enticing aromas as the chef cooks a selection of food on the barbecue. Fresh salads and crusty bread perfectly complement the food sizzling on the grill. After dinner there is plenty of time to view the farm animals, join a walking tour of the farmyard and explore the extensive lakeside gardens.

Walter Peak Station was taken over in the late 1880s by the Mackenzie's. This family is credited with developing many of the principles of successful high country farming during their 80 years working the property. At its peak, the station was one of New Zealand's most famous with **170,000 acres, 40,000 sheep and up to 50 fulltime employees.**

Overnight: QT Queenstown Hotel, Queenstown





DAY 4: Thursday, Feb 18th, 2027 QUEENSTOWN TO WANAKA (B,L,D)

Breakfast at your hotel

9am: Travel from Queenstown to Arrowtown, time to explore the historic town and then drive to Wanaka via Cromwell.

1pm: Visit Criffel Station farm for lunch & insight into the Deer industry in New Zealand: In 1993 Jerry and Mandy converted the station into a deer breeding and finishing farm. Over the years as irrigation systems have been established, pastures improved and more and more land deer fenced, the property has been developed to the point where it offers 1850 effective hectares, including: 350 ha of finishing pastures on the flats and terraces with 315 ha irrigated, 1500 ha of breeding/hill blocks on the steeper tussock country. These days the farm runs pre-dominantly Eastern European red deer – to enable increased growth rates and earlier calving. **The farming business is comprised of a Commercial herd – 1900 hinds / Elite herd of red deer – 210 hinds / Velveting herd – 450 including sire stags.**

Group dinner at your hotel this evening - free time in Wanaka village

Overnight: Wanaka Hotel

DAY 5: Friday 19th, 2027 WANAKA to CHRISTCHURCH (B,D)

Breakfast at your hotel

Travel over Lindis Pass to Lake Tekapo. Visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and Collie Dog statue overlooking the lake.

1pm: Afternoon farm visit to mixed farming operation: 990 cattle—900 Black Angus and 90 Charolais—alongside 2500 ewes and a 420-strong dairy herd.

Group dinner

Overnight: Quest Cathedral Junction Hotel

DAY 6: Saturday 20th, 2027 CHRISTCHURCH (B)

Breakfast at Cathedral Junction Café

City Tour of Christchurch: Enjoy the historic Christchurch Tram - 50 min full circuit - Tram ticket will be valid for the whole day, if you wish to explore on your own - there is 18 tram stops in the city centre where you will find shopping, bars, restaurants, cafés by the Avon river.

Dinner on your own & free evening in Christchurch

Overnight: Quest Cathedral Junction Hotel



DAY 7: Sunday, Feb 21st, 2027 CHRISTCHURCH TO AKAROA VILLAGE (B,D)

Breakfast at Cathedral Junction Café

Akaroa is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most loved towns, famous for its French cuisine, spectacular harbour, sightseeing, and rare dolphins

Free time to have lunch and explore the boutique shops and cafes on the waterfront.

Transfer back to Christchurch

Group dinner & Free evening in Christchurch

Overnight: Quest Cathedral Junction Hotel

DAY 8: Monday, Feb 22nd, 2027 CHRISTCHURCH (B,D)

Lincoln University visit

Lincoln is New Zealand's third oldest university.

Founded in 1878 as a School of Agriculture, the institution was linked to Canterbury College, welcoming its first intake of students in 1880.

In 1896, with agriculture now well established as the mainstay of New Zealand's exports, the School of Agriculture separated from Canterbury College and became Canterbury Agricultural College, with its own governing body and the ability to award degrees through the University of New Zealand.

Cropping Research Farm: The 125ha arable farm is located near the Lincoln campus and is currently leased to Plant and Food Research.

Ashley Dene Farm: Ashley Dene has been owned by the University for over 100 years and is used for research and teaching. It covers 355ha and is located about 15kms west of the Lincoln campus. Currently it is used for both sheep and dairy support, with two major research themes being dryland pastoral systems and dairy wintering systems. Around 200ha is irrigated.

PGG Wrightson Seeds, Kimihia Research Centre, Lincoln - to be confirmed

- Seed production and Seed certification processes, Stephen Bennett, John Foley
- Visit seed production crops, Lincoln, Canterbury

Group dinner

Overnight: Quest Cathedral Junction Hotel



DAY 9: Tuesday Feb 23rd, 2027 CHRISTCHURCH (B,D)

Morning visit to **Benlea Farm** a 3,000 acre (1200Ha) farm combined of fertile flats and rolling hill country along with steep tussock land. The family operation focuses on regenerative agricultural practices & runs 6000 Romney sheep, around 200 Angus cows and 200 trading cattle.

Afternoon visit to **Middle Rock farm**: Join us on an extensive working sheep farm in the scenic Lake Coleridge High Country just one hour's drive from Christchurch. Bordered by the braided Rakaia River, Middle Rock farms over 7,000 sheep producing fine wool for the apparel trade and export lamb for international meat markets.

Group Dinner in Christchurch

Overnight: Quest Cathedral Junction Hotel

DAY 10: Wednesday Feb 24th, 2027 CHRISTCHURCH to PALMERSTON NORTH (B,D)

8am: Fly from Christchurch to Palmerston North

Mixed Farm Visit: The farm consists of four blocks of land within a 40-minute radius around the Manawatu. The deer finishing block is situated in Halcombe and the day-to-day running is done by the stock Manager. The farm also has a free draining river block, which is used for wintering cattle and cropping, and two blocks on the outskirts of Palmerston North, used for sheep, beef and cropping.

Group Dinner

Overnight: Distinction Palmerston North Hotel

Day 11: Thursday Feb 25th, 2027 Palmerston North (B)

Visit to Atahua Angus: The Dalziells' headquarters operation sits 600 meters above sea level. The Southern Alps are readily seen on the horizon on a clear day. Average annual rainfall here is about 60 inches, the majority of which comes June through August. The hill country operation is 700 acres of deeded land plus another 600 acres of leased land. They run about 70 cows here, along with 2500 ewes

Grassmere Dairy: Grassmere has a long and rich history spanning 130 years. The farm was originally established on the 14th of February 1890 by Mat's great uncles. We are passionate about innovation in agriculture. Mat Hocken is involved in the Rural Innovation Lab and we are a pilot SmartFarm. This means we are privilege to test cutting edge Ag technologies on our farm for various Innovative start-ups and companies. We want to be at the forefront of technology and involved in the development process by testing new ideas and concepts directly on the farm to solve farmers problems.

Dinner on your own tonight

Overnight: Distinction Palmerston North Hotel



Day 12: Friday Feb 26th, 2027 Palmerston North (B,D)

Experience the Feilding livestock auction

The first sale was conducted by Mr Jack Stevens and Colonel Gorton on 24th May 1880 in the Denbigh Hotel Sale yards. In earlier times the Sale yards were considered to be one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere with 489 pens covering 3.7 hectares, selling 100,000 cattle and 600,000 sheep annually. Now the Feilding Sale yards remain of important significance to the Region. They still occupy 3.7 hectares and have 350 sheep pens, 140 cattle pens and 45 deer pens. These days around 50,000 cattle and 450,000 sheep are sold annually.

Transfer to Transfer to Rotorua

Mitai Maori Cultural Experience & Dinner

Enter the world of Mitai, and learn about the history of this area which was once flourished in villages.

Cultural Performance & Experience!

Our stories unfold through the dynamic scenes of warriors paddling the war canoe down Wai-o-Whiro stream. The melodious sounds of instruments and entertainment are highlighted through the haka and performing arts. Enjoy the traditional Hangi dinner followed by an evening walk through the forest visiting the old village site and discovering the sacred natural spring Te Puna Tapu a Tuhoe. End the evening in awe of the glow worms lighting the banks of the forest.

Buffet, the delicious tempting traditional hangi food of the Great Ocean of Kiwa!

Overnight: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

Day 13: Saturday Feb 27th, 2027 (B,L)

Morning visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve, experience geysers, mud pools, and thermal activity.

Explore our unique **geothermal reserve** with thermal activity ranging from boiling mud pools to the world famous 30 metre (100 foot) Pohutu geyser, which erupts up to 20 times a day. Te Puia is home to the **New Zealand National Carving and Weaving Schools. Gallery and Gift Shop** - Take home something unique and special from Te Puia. See a wide range of wood carvings, greenstone (New Zealand jade) carvings, woven items and other authentic Māori treasures

Transfer to Hamilton Garden – Lunch & guided tour of gardens.

Explore Hamilton's beautiful unique nine themed gardens with our guides who will share the "inside story" of how the Gardens was transformed into an internationally significant garden. Around every corner there is something different.

Duration of the tour is 75 minutes.

Overnight: Auckland– MSocial Hotel



Day 15 – Sunday February 28, 2027 AUCKLAND (B,L,D)

Waiheke Wine, Beer & Whiskey Tour

0900 Ferry from Auckland

0945 Arrive Matiatia

1030 Wine Tasting at Mudbrick Vineyard

1130 Beer & Whisky tasting at The Heke

1230 2 course lunch with a glass of wine at Stonyridge or Batch Vineyard

1430 Time in Oneroa Village or the beach

1620 Ferry back to Auckland

Farewell Dinner & free evening in Auckland

Overnight: Auckland– MSocial Hotel

Day 16 – Monday, March 1, 2027 AUCKLAND TO FIJI (D)

Transfer to airport – for 11am

Fly from Auckland to Fiji—arrive in Nadi & transfer to resort

Accommodation: First Landing Fiji Resort

Day 17 – Tuesday, March 2, 2027 FIJI (B)

8:15am be in the hotel lobby ready to go on a tour of Nadi

DISCOVER NADI: The tour starts with the opportunity to explore the Garden of the Sleeping Giant, famous for its collection of orchids and tropical plants. This tranquil garden was founded by Raymond Burr in 1977. From here the tour visits the chiefly village of Viseisei, the legendary landing site of the first Fijians. After time to wander around this seaside village the tour continues into Nadi, to the site of the largest Hindu Temple in the South Pacific. Lastly, the tour takes in the colourful sights and friendly faces at the Nadi Market.

Rest of the day at leisure in Fiji.

Accommodation: First Landing Fiji Resort

Day 18 – Wednesday, March 3, 2027 FIJI (B)

Day at leisure in Fiji - we will provide a list of activities you can book at your leisure or just relax at the pool or beach

Accommodation: First Landing Fiji Resort

Day 19 – Thursday, March 4, 2027 FIJI (B)

Depart Fiji and return to Canada

NEW ZEALAND TOUR PRICING

Pricing:

Group of 30 - 34 Travellers: Land Only: Twin Rate = \$10,199.00 per person

Group of 25 - 29 Travellers: Land Only: Twin Rate = \$10,688.00 per person

Group of 20 - 24 Travellers: Land Only: Twin Rate = \$10,989.00 per person

Single rate: Please call for single rate

***Please note:** Feb is high season in NZ for travel, demand for hotel space & flights to New Zealand has increased significantly as has pricing due to demand.

First Deposit: A deposit of \$1000 per person is due at the time of booking your seat. Please fill in the booking form & send your form to Leader Tours to secure your seats.

Second Deposit: A second deposit of \$2000 per person is due on **Sept 30th, 2026**

Final payment: Due on or before **Nov 2nd, 2026** (Leader Tours will invoice final payment amount)

International flights: Fiji Airways

***Please note:** we are waiting on final flight schedule to confirm our international flights

Approximate pricing for international flights are \$1954 per person

Domestic Flight within New Zealand: Christchurch to Queenstown & Christchurch to Palmerston North

Approximate \$382 per person

***Extending your stay in New Zealand—please advise Leader Tours if you would like to stay longer in NZ, we will help accommodate this for you.**

***ETA NZ: NZ Entry Visa cost NZD\$100 - we will send more info on this application once we have final numbers**



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