



PRIDE OF PORTLAND New Zealand 2017





MEET YOUR TOUR TEAM

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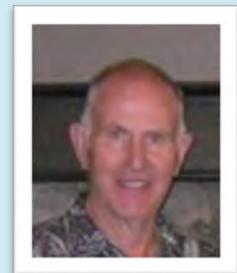
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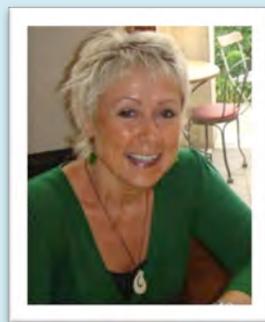
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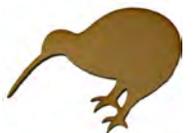
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We are all members of **Region 35** and are volunteering our time to be your hosts/guides during your time in New Zealand





SATURDAY February 18

You are “in the air” on this day en route to Auckland, New Zealand. We have booked your hotel room for this night even though you will not occupy until Sunday morning.

Rationale: If we do not book for this night then you will not be able to access your hotel room until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday and we do not believe anyone wants to be “hanging” in Auckland for about 8 hours before being able to check in to the hotel.

SUNDAY February 19

Your flights will arrive in Auckland probably between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. the volunteer TEAM will meet you at the airport.

The coaches will transport you from Auckland Airport to your hotel in Parnell, Auckland. We will distribute the hotel room keys while we are travelling to the hotel so you will be able to collect your luggage when you get off the coach and head straight to your room. BREAKFAST will be served. LUNCH – on your own.

Dinner provided/hosted by the Greater Auckland Chorus – a BBQ meal and “happy hour” at one of our beaches in Auckland.



MONDAY February 20

Full day touring the City of Sails (Auckland) to include a panoramic view of Auckland from the SKYTOWER. Your tour guides today will be volunteer members from the

GREATER AUCKLAND CHORUS. BREAKFAST will be served. LUNCH – on your own.

This evening will be a joint cabaret dinner/show with the GREATER AUCKLAND CHORUS.



TUESDAY February 21

Staying Wairakei Resort We depart Auckland and travel to Rotorua, our thermal area. Visit Te Puia Rotorua’s geyser. Cultural performance

and viewing of the geysers and boiling mud!

BBQ lunch will be catered at Rainbow Springs/Kiwi House. Travel on to Lake Taupo. Dinner included.





WEDNESDAY February 22 Staying Wairakei Resort

Options on this day:

- For those who wish to BUNGY JUMP this is the perfect location. Cost to Bungy Jump is NZ \$190 per person.
- Another OPTION on this day will be for those who want a game of GOLF at Wairakei Golf Course.
- A further OPTION will be to visit HOBBITON Movie Set in Matamata. You can experience "Middle Earth" Price for Hobbiton (group price) is NZ \$60 per person.
- Fourth option will be for those who just want to spend the day in beautiful Taupo – cafes, art galleries, you could even have a picnic luncheon the shore of Lake Taupo. Dinner included.



THURSDAY February 23 Staying West Plaza & Bay Plaza Hotels

Day drive (approx.4 hours) from Taupo to Wellington.

Dinner this evening hosted/catered by Wellington City Chorus.

FRIDAY February 24

Full day touring Wellington.

Tour guides will be volunteer members from the Wellington City Chorus. Visit, TE PAPA, New Zealand's unique National museum. Ride historic Cable Car. Evening cabaret show/dinner with the Wellington City Chorus.



SATURDAY February 25

Interisland Crossing. 3 hour ferry crossing from Wellington to Picton.

Lunch at one of the restaurants in Renwick, Marlborough (our wine region).

Lunch included. Travel on to Kaikoura. Dinner included.



SUNDAY February 26

FREE DAY. Time for you to catch up on your e-mails; do your laundry; stroll the small village of Kaikoura or take an OPTIONAL Whale Watching Trip. Group ticket price for Whale





Watching is NZ \$145 per person.
Dinner included.

MONDAY February 27 Staying Peppers Resort

Travel from Kaikoura to Lake Tekapo. Home of the Church of the Good Shepherd.
Dinner included.



TUESDAY February 28

Travel from Lake Tekapo to Mt Cook. Visit Sir Edmund Hilary Museum at Mt Cook. Continue on to QUEENSTOWN. Dinner included.

WEDNESDAY March 1

Full day touring Queenstown/Arrowtown. Cruise on the historic TSS (twin screw steamer) Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station for dinner and activities.



THURSDAY March 2

Full day trip, by coach, to Milford Sound. Cruise for 2 x hours on the RED BOATS on Milford Sound. Lunch will be catered on board the RED BOATS. Dinner this evening will be a buffet meal at the Gondola restaurant. Majestic views to Queenstown. Cost of

the gondola ride is included.

FRIDAY March 3 Last night in NZ.

Travel to Christchurch. Dinner Cabaret show with Christchurch City Chorus at the Temporary Anglican Cathedral in downtown Christchurch.



SATURDAY March 4

Your departure day from Christchurch City Airport to Auckland and on home to the USA. Breakfast will be served before you go to the airport.





TO CLARIFY:

ALL BREAKFASTS ARE INCLUDED

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LUNCHES included are

- Rainbow Springs/Rotorua

- Wine Region/Marlborough

- Red Boats Cruise

You will be responsible for cost of beverages that you order at dinner/lunch.

ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE FOLLOWING ARE INCLUDED:

- SKYTOWER Observation Deck
- Te Puia (geyser) – thermal area/cultural show
- Rainbow Springs/Kiwi House
- Cable Car, Wellington
- Interisland ferry passenger ticket
- Sir Edmund Hilary Museum



OPTIONS

(You need to sign up for these and pay the following):

- Bungy Jump NZ \$190
- Hobbiton NZ \$60
- Golf (cost depends on whether you play 9/18 holes; cost of hiring clubs)
- Whale Watching (Kaikoura) NZ \$145

HAPPY HOURS – supplies included!

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS – if you are planning on EXTENDING your stay in New Zealand you need to advise Patty with the dates you require additional accommodation in Christchurch. You should budget NZ \$250 per room per night for additional nights. For those staying additional days in Christchurch we will organize a trip to AKAROA for those interested (day trip).





DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS: As soon as we sign contracts we are locked in. A US \$300 deposit is due NLT October 31, 2015 and is NON REFUNDABLE but TRANSFERABLE. In other words if you find you need to withdraw from the tour you will forfeit your deposit but deposit can be transferred to a replacement (you will need to find your replacement). It is necessary to have this non-refundable deposit in place – this is totally a cost shared tour by all participants and any withdrawals will have a financial impact on others on the tour. We want to avoid that happening. THANK YOU for your understanding.

FIRM FIXED PRICE: We are working with a fluctuating US/NZ dollar but are able to offer a FIRM FIXED PRICE as follows:

The price per person is US \$2998.

LESS non-refundable deposit due October 31, 2015 – US \$300

FINAL amount due October 31, 2016 - US \$2698

For those who wish to have THREE to a room (understand that hotel rooms in New Zealand can be small) the cost will be:

Price per person (3 to a room)
US \$2658.00

The higher than recently advised estimated price for the tour results simply from inclusion of all the evening meals.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND... that you purchase travel insurance that will cover you in case you have an emergency and need to cancel participation in this tour.

LESS non refundable deposit US \$300
FINAL amount due October 21, 2016 – US \$2358.00

Anyone who wants FOUR TO A ROOM – please e-mail me direct: lanthekate@gmail.com It is possible but I need for those who want to do this to have a clear understanding about the size of our hotel rooms

EXCESS TOUR MONIES...at the end of the tour any excess monies remaining will be returned to the Pride of Portland Chorus.

Travel insurance should also cover cancellation of air ticket. Additionally, you should include adequate medical insurance coverage. We have socialized medicine in New Zealand – i.e. means Hospitalization is free but for non-NZ citizens it is the same as the US – user pays.





DOWN THE ROAD...we have about 20 months lead-time so there will be lots of updates coming your way. Those who have special dietary requirements will have an opportunity to fill out a form indicating what foods need to be avoided.

KEEPING OURSELVES CLEAN... not one person on this volunteer Kiwi Express Tour committee is a travel agent. We have all travelled fairly extensively, know our homeland well and have put together what we believe is an awesome itinerary given the amount of time that you will have in New Zealand. The days will be jam-packed, well organized, and most of all

fun!

