



# New Zealand Adventure

October 10-25, 2024

**16 days for \$8,124 total price from Fort Myers**  
(\$7,645 air & land inclusive plus \$479 airline taxes and fees)



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Dear Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 16-day journey to experience stunning and peaceful New Zealand. With its immense mountains, steep fjords, scenic beaches and vibrant cities, this diverse country is the ultimate escape.

Begin in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, where your tour includes the Auckland Museum and a cruise around Auckland Harbour. Experience Rotorua's geysers, hot thermal springs and Maori culture, then Hawke's Bay – one of New Zealand's celebrated wine regions – and seaside Napier. Next, you head to Wellington and ride the historic Wellington Cable Car for panoramic views of the city and harbor. In Christchurch, tour the Botanic Gardens and Cathedral Square, then set out to see spectacular Franz Josef Glacier. Your journey concludes with a three-night stay in the outdoor mecca of Queenstown, and a full-day excursion to experience the remarkable beauty of Fiordland National Park and Doubtful Sound.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

John Guerra  
Director, FGCU Academy

### FGCU RESERVATION FORM: NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE

To reserve your place on tour, **please call FGCU Academy at 239-434-4838**, or **e-mail [jguerra@fgcu.edu](mailto:jguerra@fgcu.edu)**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an FGCU Academy representative.

**If you prefer**, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to FGCU Academy's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure..

Send to: **FGCU Academy**  
**Attn: John Guerra**  
**704 Goodlette-Frank Rd North**  
**Suite 330**  
**Naples, FL 34102**

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I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Tour membership limited to friends

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*It's a tale of two islands as our small group journeys from New Zealand's North to its South, through lively cities and pristine fjords, past lush farmland and enchanted forests in a land where the outdoors is the national shrine. Add engaging "Kiwis" and intriguing indigenous cultures – it's a pure New Zealand experience.*



## Small Group Tour Highlights

New Zealand's unspoiled natural scenery • Auckland sightseeing and harbour cruise • Geothermal Rotorua • Art Deco walking tour in Napier • Wellington's acclaimed Te Papa national museum • TransAlpine train excursion • Two-night Franz Josef stay, with guided walk through the glacial valley • Kiwi birds at West Coast Wildlife Centre • Scenic Doubtful Sound excursion • Outdoor mecca of Queenstown

| Day Itinerary                 | Hotel                       | Rating           |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1-2 Depart U.S. for Auckland  |                             |                  |
| 3-4 Auckland                  | Grand Millennium Auckland   | Sup. First Class |
| 5-6 Rotorua                   | Millennium Hotel Rotorua    | Sup. First Class |
| 7 Napier                      | Scenic Hotel Te Pania       | First Class      |
| 8-9 Wellington                | Movenpick Hotel Wellington  | First Class      |
| 10 Christchurch               | Rydges Latimer Square       | Sup. First Class |
| 11-12 Franz Josef Glacier     | Scenic Hotel FJ Glacier     | First Class      |
| 13-15 Queenstown              | Millennium Hotel Queenstown | Sup. First Class |
| 16 Depart Queenstown for U.S. |                             |                  |

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

### Days 1 & 2: Depart U.S. for Auckland, New Zealand

**Day 3: Arrive Auckland** We arrive in New Zealand's largest city early this morning and transfer to our hotel, where our rooms are ready for our early check-in. After time to relax and freshen up, we take a casual walking tour of the area around our hotel. This evening we attend a briefing on the journey ahead, followed by a welcome dinner. *D*

**Day 4: Auckland** This morning we tour cosmopolitan Auckland, an eminently livable city. One of only a few world cities straddling two harbors on separate bodies of water, Auckland offers an abundance of natural beauty. A highlight of our tour is the visit to the Auckland Museum, with its prized collections of Maori and Pacific Islander art and artifacts (Auckland has the largest Polynesian population of any city in the world). After lunch at a local restaurant, we embark on a cruise around glittering Auckland Harbour. We return to our hotel early this afternoon; the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

**Day 5: Auckland/Rotorua** En route to Rotorua today, we stop at Ruakuri Caves to see the unique glowworms that illuminate the underground grottoes and caves. Late this afternoon we visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve and Maori Cultural Centre for a traditional *hangi* dinner and performance. *B,D*

**Day 6: Rotorua** With its geysers, bubbling mud pools, and hot thermal springs, Rotorua ranks as a geothermal wonder, as well as a center of indigenous Maori culture (Maoris comprise 40% of Rotorua's population). We encounter this intriguing town on a morning tour that includes a visit to Rainbow Springs Nature Park, a popular showcase of native New Zealand flora, fauna, and birds set amidst an expanse of forest studded with aviaries, pathways, an underwater viewing pool, and other educational exhibits. Our guided tour here includes a visit to the National Kiwi Trust, dedicated to rehabilitating injured kiwis, housed on the park's grounds. *B*

**Day 7: Rotorua/Napier** Today we set out for one of New Zealand's celebrated wine regions, Hawke's Bay, and the seaside city of Napier. We sample the local *terroir* at a wine tasting and lunch at Church Road Winery, one of the country's oldest and most acclaimed.

Cover photo: Grazing in the grass: New Zealand boasts more sheep than people - and stunning vistas at every turn.





*We spend two nights near splendid Westland Tai Poutini National Park.*

Reaching Napier after lunch, we embark on a guided walking tour of the city's 1930s Art Deco architecture. After an earthquake leveled the city in 1931, it was rebuilt in "Deco" style; today, Napier ranks as one of the most authentically Art Deco cities in the world. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

**Day 8: Napier/Wellington** We travel today to New Zealand's capital of Wellington, stopping along the way at a private farm where we learn about the country's vital sheep farming industry. We see the sheep dogs at work and watch a sheep-shearing demonstration then enjoy a barbecue lunch. We continue on, reaching Wellington late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own in this city known for its vibrant restaurant scene. *B,L*

**Day 9: Wellington** We encounter this genial waterfront city on the southern end of the North Island on this morning's tour featuring a ride on the historic Wellington Cable Car for panoramic views of the city and harbor. We also visit acclaimed Te Papa, New Zealand's national museum with interactive exhibits spanning art, history, native cultures, and the natural environment. Then the remainder of the day is free to explore as we wish, perhaps to stroll along bohemian Cuba Street, visit the Wellington Zoo, or wander the lively waterfront area. We dine together tonight at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 10: Wellington/Christchurch** Today we fly south to Christchurch, New Zealand's "Garden City." Highlights of our city tour include the Botanic Gardens, the "green heart" of Christchurch dating to 1863; and Cathedral Square, for 150 years, the beating heart of Christchurch and site of Christchurch Cathedral. This afternoon is at leisure to explore independently; we dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

**Day 11: Christchurch/Franz Josef** Early today we embark on one of the world's great rail journeys aboard the TranzAlpine train: along the open farmland of the Canterbury Plain, through the foothills of the Southern Alps then into the snowcapped peaks themselves. We travel across steel girder bridges above deep gorges and through tunnels on our journey to Arthur's Pass, where we board a motorcoach for the scenic drive to the village of Franz Josef, reaching our hotel this afternoon and dining there tonight. *B,D*

**Day 12: Franz Josef** In Westland National Park this morning, we encounter one of New Zealand's most spectacular sights: Franz Josef Glacier, the mass of ice that descends from the frigid upper reaches of the Southern Alps to a rainforest near sea level. With a local guide we take a walk through the glacial valley, where we have spectacular views of this natural wonder. Then we visit the West Coast Wildlife Centre with its rare kiwi birds, an animal linked so closely to New Zealand that its residents are known colloquially as "Kiwis." This afternoon is free to enjoy the splendid surroundings as we wish. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

**Day 13: Franz Josef/Queenstown** Traveling to Queenstown today, we stop first in the lakeside resort of Wanaka for lunch on our own then in the Central Otago region at a local winery for a private tasting and tour of the wine cave. Late this afternoon we reach Queenstown and our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,D*

**Day 14: Queenstown/Doubtful Sound** More scenic overload is in store on our full-day excursion to Fiordland National Park and Doubtful Sound, one of New Zealand's top attractions. We travel by boat across Lake Manapouri then by coach over Wilmot Pass to reach the "Sound of Silence," as Doubtful is called



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— MAORI PROVERB

for the remarkable serenity that prevails here and in the surrounding mountain peaks, rainforest, and waterfalls. This enchanting woodland may seem familiar to moviegoers: director Peter Jackson filmed *The Lord of the Rings*’ Fangorn Forest here. Among the wildlife we may see on our three-hour catamaran cruise: dolphins, fur seals, Fiordland crested penguins, and even whales. Surrounding us: rugged mountain peaks, rainforest, waterfalls. After this exhilarating excursion we return to Queenstown early this evening; dinner is on our own. *B,L*

**Day 15: Queenstown** Today is at leisure to enjoy this outdoor mecca with a spectacular setting on Lake Wakatipu as we wish. Options abound, from jet boating and fly fishing to art gallery hopping or riding the Skyline gondola for outstanding views of this unusually scenic city. Tonight we celebrate our New Zealand adventure over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 16: Depart for U.S.** We depart this morning for the airport and our return flights home. *B*



*We tour Christchurch’s Botanic Gardens on Day 10.*



*We cruise Doubtful Sound on Day 14.*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

## Tour Departs: October 10, 2024

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Los Angeles, San Francisco                                                                     | \$7,574 |
| Dallas, Houston, Phoenix,<br>Portland (OR), Seattle                                            | \$7,874 |
| Atlanta, Boston, Chicago,<br>Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Miami,<br>Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa | \$7,974 |
| Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati,<br>New York, Oklahoma City,<br>Philadelphia, Washington, DC  | \$8,074 |
| Fort Myers                                                                                     | \$8,124 |
| Land Only (transfers not included)                                                             | \$6,095 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$479, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,495. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: Business Class – \$6,395 per person; Premium Economy – \$2,695 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades subject to availability and pricing subject to change).

**Please note:** This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking on stairs and uneven surfaces. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

**For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at FGCU Academy at (239)-434-4838**

**Or e-mail [jguerra@fgcu.edu](mailto:jguerra@fgcu.edu)**



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing, and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.****

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**Medical Conditions:** If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make this known to us before you book. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. **Smoking:** Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transport used by the group.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 25+ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

the bohemian Cuba Quarter. Hotel amenities include a restaurant with an open kitchen, bar, swimming pool, sauna, gym, laundry facilities (for a fee), weekday dry-cleaning services (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Each of the 114 air-conditioned guest rooms has private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, ironing facilities, TV, phone, tea- and coffee-making facilities, and minibar.

Rydges Latimer Christchurch

[www.rydges.com/accommodation/new-zealand/latimer-christchurch](http://www.rydges.com/accommodation/new-zealand/latimer-christchurch)

The Rydges Latimer Christchurch sits directly adjacent to Christchurch's central Latimer Square. Amenities of the 138-room hotel include a restaurant and bar/lounge, laundry and dry-cleaning service (for a fee), fitness center, and sauna. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, in-room safe, tea- and coffee-making facilities, minibar, ironing facilities, TV, and phone.

Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier

[www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz/franz-josef-glacier-hotel-franz-josef-glacier](http://www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz/franz-josef-glacier-hotel-franz-josef-glacier)

Situated on the edge of Westland Tai Poutini National Park, Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier is located just a short drive from the glacier from which it takes its name. Hotel amenities include a restaurant, bar, self-serve laundry (for a fee), full spa with massage services (for a fee), located a two-minute walk from the hotel), hot tub, and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, tea- and coffee-making facilities, TV, and phone.

Millennium Hotel Queenstown

[www.millenniumhotels.com/en/queenstown/millennium](http://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/queenstown/millennium)

The Millennium Hotel Queenstown sits on a hill in Queenstown, just minutes away from the town's central shopping district. Amenities include a restaurant, bar, fitness center, sauna, spa, and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Each of the 220 air-conditioned guest rooms has private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, tea- and coffee-making facilities, TV, and phone.

Grand Millennium Auckland

[www.millenniumhotels.com/en/auckland/grand-millennium-auckland](http://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/auckland/grand-millennium-auckland)

The Grand Millennium Auckland sits in the heart of Auckland's central business district, just a few minutes' walk away from the Queen Street shopping district and Sky City casino. The bright, contemporary hotel features a soaring, light-filled lobby area, two restaurants and a bar, fitness center with indoor pool, sauna, and gym, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee). Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, coffee- and tea-making facilities, minibar, TV, and phone.

Millennium Hotel Rotorua

[www.millenniumhotels.com/en/rotorua/millennium-hotel-rotorua](http://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/rotorua/millennium-hotel-rotorua)

Located just steps from Lake Rotorua and a short walk from the city center, the Millennium Hotel Rotorua offers an ideal home base from which to explore this vibrant small city. Amenities of this 227-room hotel include a restaurant, bar, pool, fitness center, spa, laundry and dry-cleaning service (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms feature private bath with hair dryer, coffee- and tea-making facilities, minibar, TV, and phone.

Scenic Hotel Te Pania

[www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz/hotels/pania-hotel-te-pania](http://www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz/hotels/pania-hotel-te-pania)

Scenic Hotel Te Pania enjoys an ideal location on the edge of stunning Hawke's Bay, and a short walk from Napier's Art Deco city center. The hotel's amenities include a restaurant and bar, fitness center, self-serve laundry (for a fee), valet laundry service (available five days/week for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Each of the 109 air-conditioned guest rooms faces our towards Hawke's Bay, and includes private bath with hair dryer, minibar, tea- and coffee-making facilities, TV, and phone.

Mövenpick Hotel Wellington

(formerly known as Grand Mercure Wellington)

[moenvpick.hotel.com/en/australia-pacific/new-zealand/wellington/movenpick-hotel](http://moenvpick.hotel.com/en/australia-pacific/new-zealand/wellington/movenpick-hotel)

Conveniently located in New Zealand's capital city, the Mövenpick Hotel Wellington stands just a few blocks from the shops and restaurants of



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AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR  
TO NEW ZEALAND!

Guaranteed Small Group:  
Limited to 24 Guests