

Pasadena City College Extension presents...

Exploring New Zealand's Wonders

with Optional 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension

March 11 – 29, 2026



Upgrade to Elite Airfare! See inside for details.

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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

19 Days • 25 Meals: 16 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 8 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Maori Cultural Experience, Wellington, Christchurch, Mt. Cook Region, Dunedin, Milford Sound, Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration, Choice on Tour: Kiwi Birdlife Park or Skyline Gondola

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3, 4	Rydges Auckland, Auckland
Days 5, 6	Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, Bay of Islands
Days 7, 8	Sudima Lake Rotorua Hotel, Rotorua
Days 9, 10	Novotel Wellington, Wellington
Days 11, 12	Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Christchurch
Day 13	The Hermitage, Mount Cook Natl. Park
Days 14, 15	Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin
Days 16 – 18	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1 – 2: March 11 – 12, 2026 Depart from Home Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

Day 3: Friday, March 13, 2026 Auckland, New Zealand Your tour opens in Auckland, the “City of Sails,” consistently rated one of the world’s best places to live. Auckland’s Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 4: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Auckland Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America’s Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The full afternoon is yours to explore New Zealand’s largest city on your own. (B)

Day 5: Sunday, March 15, 2026 Auckland - Bay of Islands Depart Auckland and travel north to the Bay of Islands, your home for the next 2 nights. This sun-soaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life. Visit the Waitangi Treaty House, the site where Maori and British leaders signed the 1840 treaty establishing New Zealand as a nation, to enjoy a traditional Welcome Ceremony and tour. (B, D)

Day 6: Monday, March 16, 2026 Bay of Islands Begin the day with a cruise that features the bay’s famous Hole in the Rock. Look out at the Cape Brett Lighthouse, standing nearly 500 feet above sea level at the edge of the Cape Brett Peninsula. The rest of the day is yours to independently explore Paihia - the quaint town known as “the jewel of the Bay of Islands.” (B)

Day 7: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 Bay of Islands - Matakoho - Rotorua Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind and head to Matakoho in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum and come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that can live for 2,000 years. Discover how the early settlers used this abundant tree to build a life for themselves. Later, continue on to the town of Rotorua, known for geothermal activity and Maori culture. (B, D)

Day 8: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Rotorua Find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua, known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Whakarewarewa, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Explore an authentic Maori village where people live using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have done for centuries. In the evening, experience ceremonial Maori rituals at an authentic Hangi dinner and performance. (B, D)

Day 9: Thursday, March 19, 2026 Rotorua - Wellington Today we travel to Wellington – New Zealand’s capital city, known as the “Windy City”, a coastal city nestled against the mountains. (B, D)

Day 10: Friday, March 20, 2026 Wellington Embark on a city tour of Wellington. See the Beehive – New Zealand’s Parliament; historic St. Paul’s Church; and the Old Government Building, the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Explore the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating center dedicated to art, history, and the Maori culture before enjoying an afternoon and evening at leisure. With your free time, perhaps you’ll consider a ride on the Wellington Cable Car to the suburb of Kelburn for stunning panoramic views of the city. (B)

Day 11: Saturday, March 21, 2026 Wellington - Picton - Christchurch Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. Experience what is considered to be one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world. Arrive in Picton on the South Island and continue along the breathtaking east coast to the largest city on the South Island, Christchurch. (B)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$8,599; Single \$10,299

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Los Angeles Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$699 per person

Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$3,990; Business Class \$9,990

- * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 12: Sunday, March 22, 2026 Christchurch Christchurch, the "Garden City," is recreating itself after a devastating earthquake in 2011. See firsthand how this city is evolving on a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, a leader in the conservation of New Zealand species. Here, you'll have the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" – kiwi, kaka, tuatara, kea, and takahe – up close and personal. Learn about the local indigenous culture of the Maori, with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional canoe or 'waka'. (B)

Day 13: Monday, March 23, 2026 Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Mt. Cook region, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. The Maori word for Mt. Cook is *Aoraki*, which means "cloud piercer." This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You can take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

Day 14: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Mt. Cook Region - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, situated on the southeast coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Visit Baldwin Street – the world's steepest public road as awarded by the Guinness Book of Records. (B)

Day 15: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Dunedin Start your morning with a panoramic tour, visiting Larnach Castle the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these otherworldly birds. Albatrosses are the focus in many seafaring myths, and their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet. Enjoy a free afternoon before dinner at a local Ale House. (B, D)

Day 16: Thursday, March 26, 2026 Dunedin - Queenstown Drive past vineyards, amazing landscapes and the charming towns of Central Otago as you head to Queenstown. Dubbed the "adventure capital of the world," it's a mountainside town set against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. In the afternoon, **it's your**

Experience It! Bay of Islands

Just 150 miles north of Auckland is the beautiful Bay of Islands, located in New Zealand's balmy subtropical north. Over 144 islands dot these warm waters. The bay is abundant with thrilling marine life like marlin, whales, dolphins, seals and penguins. Once the refuge of ship deserters, sailors, whalers, ex-convicts and other rogues, the Bay of Islands is now a tranquil holiday destination. Enjoy a cruise on its pristine turquoise waters – the only way to truly appreciate the spectacular seascapes. A highlight of the cruise will be the journey through the famous "Hole in the Rock." Resembling the eye of a needle, the "hole" has been etched over time by wind and waves, allowing boats to travel through it when the tide is just right. Following your cruise, enjoy free time to explore this idyllic region on your own.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,599.00 USD double, \$2,199.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
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choice! Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. (B)

Day 17: Friday, March 27, 2026 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown During a cruise of the beautiful Milford Sound, you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sites on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. On your return to Queenstown, perhaps you will consider an optional scenic flight, allowing you to see the landscape from an entirely new perspective. (B, L)

Day 18: Saturday, March 28, 2026 Queenstown Enjoy a relaxed start to your day or head out to explore. Try an optional tour taking you through the stunning Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed and learn about the gold rush that first brought travelers to the region. This evening, cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a BBQ dinner lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before cruising back. (B, D)

Day 19: Sunday, March 29, 2026 Queenstown - Tour Ends Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with an average of 16 people (maximum of 24).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change.

Your experience to Milford Sound will require a departure from your hotel at 7:00 am and return at 8:00 pm.

Personal audio devices (headsets) are not included on this tour.

Due to early arrival times in some cities, rooms may not always be ready for immediate check-in.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:



IDENTIFICATION

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

For US and Canadian citizens travelling to New Zealand: an ETA and Tourism Levy are required for entry. These must be processed in advance of travel through the New Zealand Immigration website <https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/> (approximate cost of \$23 NZD for ETA) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of \$17 NZD for ETA.) The Tourism Levy has a cost of approximately \$100 NZD when paid through either method. Please allow for up to 72 hours for processing your NZeTA application. Many requests are processed in a timely manner. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-import-medicines-for-personal-use> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of August 06, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by December 11, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until August 13, 2025.

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