# Hammond Tours and Travel presents...

# **Exploring New Zealand's Wonders**

Including 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension

January 13 – February 5, 2025





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

24 Days • 32 Meals: 21 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 9 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

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	Days 3 – 6	Rydges Auckland, Auckland			
Days 7, 8 Copthorne		Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands, Bay of Islands			
	Days 9, 10	Millennium Hotel Rotorua, Rotorua			
	Days 11, 12	Novotel Wellington, Wellington			
	Days 13, 14	Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Christchurch			
	Day 15	The Hermitage, Mount Cook Natl. Park			
	Days 16, 17	Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin			
	Days 18 - 20	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown			
	Days 21 – 23	Radisson Blu Resort Fiji Denarau Island, Nadi			
		On some dates alternate hotels may be used.			
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#### Day 1 – 2: January 13 – 14, 2025 Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

#### Day 3: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Arrive Auckland, New Zealand

Your tour begins today 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.

#### Day 4: Thursday, January 16, 2025 Auckland

Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins. (B)

#### Day 5: Friday, January 17, 2025 Auckland

Enjoy a day of leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Saturday, January 18, 2025 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 afternoon is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city on your own. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional America's Cup sailing experience. (B)

#### Day 7: Sunday, January 19, 2025 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. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Monday, January 20, 2025 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 9: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Bay of Islands - Matakohe -Rotorua

Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind and head to Matakohe 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 10: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 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 11: Thursday, January 23, 2025 Rotorua - Wellington

Today we travel to Wellington, a coastal city nestled against the mountains. Embark on a tour of New Zealand's capital city, known as the "Windy City." 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. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Friday, January 24, 2025 Wellington

Explore the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating centre 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)







### **Per Person Rates\*:**

### Double \$14,469; Single \$17,029

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Toronto Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$250 per person (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$649 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

### Day 13: Saturday, January 25, 2025 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 where you will have free time for lunch. Continue along the breathtaking east coast to the largest city on the South Island, Christchurch. (*B*)

#### Day 14: Sunday, January 26, 2025 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 15: Monday, January 27, 2025 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 16: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 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. Enjoy time to explore this cultural city on your own. (*B*)

#### Day 17: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 Dunedin

Start your morning with a panoramic tour, visiting Larnach Castle and Baldwin Street – the world's steepest public road. Later, spend time at 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. (*B*, *D*)

#### Day 18: Thursday, January 30, 2025 Dunedin - Queenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley and the Homer Tunnel as you head to Queenstown, a mountainside town set against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. The rest of your day is yours to explore the city dubbed the "adventure capital of the world." (B)

### Day 19: Friday, January 31, 2025 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Oueenstown

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 20: Saturday, February 1, 2025 Queenstown

Cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a BBQ lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before sailing

#### 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.

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back. Later, **it's your choice!** Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. Gather for a farewell dinner and enjoy a locally sourced meal. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

#### Day 21: Sunday, February 2, 2025 Queenstown - Nadi, Fiji

Your time on tour comes to a close today, but there's more of the world to see. Now it's off to make new memories. Arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world. Now's your time to sit back and recharge from your South Pacific journey. (*B*)

#### Day 22: Monday, February 3, 2025 Fiji

Your day is free to discover everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. The friendly concierge will help you get the most out of your time. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 23: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 Fiji

Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. Today is your final day in Fiji to unwind before returning home. (B)

**Day 24:** Wednesday, February 5, 2025 Fiji - Tour Ends Your time in Fiji comes to an end today. (*B*)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

#### PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <a href="https://travel.gc.ca/">https://travel.gc.ca/</a> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you. We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada.

Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

#### INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

#### **TRAVEL CONDITIONS**

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada

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 12 NZD for ETA) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of 9 NZD for ETA.) The Tourism Levy has a cost of approximately 35 NZD when paid through either method. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

### Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

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

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.

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 partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). 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. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. 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 travellers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

Air inclusive rate is valid for guests who have purchased our air package for the full tour. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

Independently explore Fiji! Fiji is not hosted or guided, it is intended to give you freedom and flexibility to explore a destination – or return to a favorite one. A local representative will accompany you from the airport to the hotel and be available at designated times.

Fiji is subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. We reserve the right to cancel Fiji if a minimum of 6 passengers is not met to operate.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of June 10, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 18, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until June 17, 2024.

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You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1205614 TOUR: Exploring New Zealand's Wonders featuring the North & South Islands

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#### **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

#### Auckland



#### **America's Cup Sailing Experience**

\$189 CAD

Feel the wind in your hair and take the helm – it's time for a once-in-a-lifetime experience on a race yacht. Feel the thrill of riding on an actual America's Cup Yacht, belonging to one of the most esteemed sports competitions in the world. Become a temporary member of the crew and find out what it takes to race these sleek boats through the water. If you'd prefer a more leisurely trip, feel free to sit back and relax, marvelling at the stunning view of the harbour as you pass by. No sailing experience is necessary – just get ready for an adventure and allow the crew to be your guide. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes Jr, Sr>.

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