

# NEW ZEALAND

February 2-15, 2026



**Breathtaking  
beauty awaits**





**MONDAY-TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2-3, 2026**  
Travel to New Zealand.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

After morning arrival at Auckland, enjoy a light breakfast at the hotel and a city tour. Pending flight timing, take a short walk up Mt Eden for 360-degree views of the city, including a glimpse of the Tasman Sea and the South Pacific Ocean at the same time. Lunch on the waterfront will be followed by hotel check-in and time to refresh and recharge. The evening brings a "Welcome to New Zealand" dinner in the 71-story Sky Tower.



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

The day starts with breakfast at the hotel; we'll then head south to the Waikato region to visit an early adopter of Halter Technology (virtual fencing). The farm's 470-acre milking platform includes 530 Kiwi-X cows producing 485,000 pounds of milk solids a year. You'll witness firsthand the stock management advantages of virtual fencing as well as how collected data supports decision making. Spend time during the on-farm picnic lunch to further discuss farming practices with the farm team.

Near Hamilton, we'll visit Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC), an artificial insemination cooperative supplying elite semen to approximately 75% of the national herd. LIC also offers regular herd-milk-yield measuring in addition to farm management advice using MINDA herd-management software and other software products.

We'll close out the day with a visit to nearby Hamilton Gardens, a popular attraction with a wide range of themed and traditional gardens along the Waikato River. Dinner will be in the hotel overlooking the river.



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026**

After breakfasting at the hotel, visit a leading share-milking farm in the Hinuera area with 450 Kiwi-cross cows. In share-milking, land ownership is separated from the farm business and enables young farmers to build capital for a subsequent farm purchase. Return early afternoon to the city. You choose where you'll dine tonight.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026**

We'll start the day with breakfast and then we'll visit a large-scale grower of green and gold organic kiwifruit. Talk with the farmer, and see the vines, the state-of-the-art packing and storage facilities, and discuss their strategies to deal with the current issues facing the industry.

We'll lunch on the way to the Waitomo glowworm caves, in which tiny luminescent insects glow in darkened limestone caves, emitting a blue-green glow that gives the impression of a starry sky.

Next we'll head south to the city of Rotorua for a visit to Te Puia

Whakarewarewa. Our tour guide will be a member of Te Arawa, the local Maori tribe. Stunning sites await in this geothermal area, including steaming geysers and boiling mud-pools. We'll stay for a cultural evening, dinner and a formal welcome onto the Marae—the focal point of a Maori village. Bask in an introduction to their customs, handicrafts and the haka—the warrior challenge made famous by the internationally successful All Blacks rugby team.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

While we're in Rotorua, we'll spend some free time here before visiting a nearby farm that overlooks beautiful Lake Rotorua. The family owners of this sheep and beef farm will treat us to a working sheep-dog display. Check out the Jersey dairy bulls they lease to farmers as "clean-up" bulls prior to finishing them for beef. Up for discussion: local environmental issues facing the farmers in this region, particularly groundwater quality. We'll have lunch in the owner's homestead before flying to Christchurch. Enjoy a city tour en route to the hotel; the evening is free for dining where you choose.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

After breakfast, we'll take a coach to French-influenced Akaroa, a small coastal village popular with the locals as a weekend retreat and with tourists from the 90+ cruise ships that visit each summer. Following a harborside lunch, we'll take a wildlife cruise on the harbor to see the dramatic scenery, including varied bird and animal life—hopefully some New Zealand seals and Hector's dolphins, the world's smallest, will show themselves. Upon returning to Christchurch, choose where you'd like to dine. A limited number of seats will be available to those wanting the option of a farm stay close to Christchurch (extra charges apply).

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

Once we've breakfasted, we'll visit Lincoln University, the oldest agricultural university in the British Commonwealth. We'll also tour the adjoining Lincoln University dairy farm, a highly regarded operation run on a fully commercial basis aiming to be in the top 5% for production and profit, while working within stringent environmental regulations. The farm has been a key extension tool in the expansive, relatively new South Island dairy industry, showcasing best practices in pasture-based dairy systems.



We'll lunch at Methven and then visit a 5,000-cow irrigated dairy that's an example of the large-scale irrigated developments that have become common on the Canterbury Plains over the last 20 years. The herd includes Jerseys, Kiwi-cross and Holsteins.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

We'll start the day with breakfast and then head to Mackenzie Country—a high, dry inland region of austere beauty punctuated by large aqua-blue glacier-fed lakes. The Southern Alps, including Aoraki / Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest peak at 12,316 feet, provide a dramatic backdrop to this area, so long as the weather cooperates.



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

After breakfast we'll travel toward the Otago region through the beautiful dry-tussock grassland of the Lindis Pass region. We'll have lunch en route and then visit a Gibbston winery for a tasting of their wines. This region is known for its pinot noir. Enjoy a free evening tonight.



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

We'll have an early breakfast at the hotel and then travel by coach to Milford Sound. Described by author Rudyard Kipling as "the eighth wonder of the world," this site is in the heart of a large World Heritage area. Once at Milford Sound, we'll take a cruise into the Sound. Surrounded by towering mountains and virgin forest on both sides, breathtaking waterfalls stream over high cliffs into the sea below. With an annual rainfall of 22 feet per year, both salty and fresh waters encompass the area.

We'll return to Queenstown where a head-spinning amount of dining options exist. Might we suggest a Fergburger?

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

We'll visit Arrowtown this morning. This historic, picturesque mining village is perfect for coffee, walks, shopping or soaking up some local history.

Once we return to Queenstown, the remainder of the day is yours to explore the town. Known as the "adventure capital of the world", you won't be at a loss for choices. Take an exhilarating ride through the Shotover Gorge in a jet-boat; hop in a helicopter for a ride that lands in snow; paraglide, bungee jump, golf or walk the many local walking paths. If you like to shop, there are plenty of options for that, too. Or chill out and savor the local food and wine—and relax and soak up the atmosphere.



Later in the afternoon we'll cruise on the historic steamer "Earnslaw." The trek across the lake to Walter Peak Station will land us at our "Farewell to New Zealand" barbecue dinner in the original homestead. Return with the steamer and enjoy a good old-fashioned singalong later that night.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

After one more breakfast we'll have a little time for some last-minute shopping or sightseeing. We'll depart midday from Queenstown—and we'll arrive home the same day, regaining the time as we cross the international date line.





# ADVENTURE AWAITS IN NEW ZEALAND

Explore stunning landscapes, vibrant culture and far-away enchantments with fellow dairy producers for the trip of a lifetime. Your Kiwi excursion package includes:

- International roundtrip airfare
- Domestic airfare Rotorua to Christchurch
- 14 days/12 nights in superior tourist-class accommodations
- Meals: 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 5 dinners
- Transportation in luxury air-conditioned motorcoach
- Services of full-time professional tour manager with agricultural background
- Agricultural tour stops at kiwi and dairy farms with the opportunity to learn from producers about challenges they face, new technology being implemented and the impact of genetics
- Porterage at hotels
- Driver and tour manager tips
- All taxes and fees
- Double occupancy: \$8,995/person. Single occupancy: \$10,490/person

Travel to New Zealand involves crossing the international date line. We'll arrive two calendar days after departing and we'll gain those days back upon our return.

*All prices are based on current airfare, fuel prices and exchange rates, and are subject to change. Not included in price: museum entrances, local tour manager and driver tips, passport fees, visa fees, public transportation, personal items, beverages at meals, travel insurance.*

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