



## New Zealand Panorama

8 days / 7 nights

June – July – August – September – October 2009



### Day 1

**Queenstown (South Island)** – the adrenaline capital of New Zealand.

Fly over the majestic Southern Alps, mountain lakes, fiords, lush rainforest, hidden valleys and steep snowy peaks. Your helicopter will land on a picturesque mountain range for a short stroll and a photo session of a life time.

After lunch you will continue adventures with a jet boat for a breathtaking journey down the river, bringing you into the Middle Land in the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

### Day 2

Today you are touring boutique wineries of Southern Lakes region enjoying excellent food in a gourmet restaurant for lunch with magnificent views. New Zealand is fully embracing the famous *l'art de vivre* of French adding its own wonderful touches.



### Day 3

#### **Rotorua – unique geothermal area in the heart of North Island**

You will fly over to Rotorua (landing in Christchurch)

As soon as you disembark you will feel this place's signature smell – sulphur - evaporating through crevices in the Earth, accompanied by hot mineral springs, mud pools, and erupting geysers.

Rotorua is situated in the *Pacific Rim of Fire* tectonic area.

The place is famous for its SPA and mud pools that have lots of healing properties known since first Maori tribes settled here. In the evening we recommend a visit to world famous Polynesian SPA for a relaxing soak in hot mineral pools of different temperatures and treatments for body and face.



### Day 4

Today you will have the most unusual experience of your life time - Volcanic helicopter safari. You fly over volcanoes cones and see the crazy palette of colours in the lakes surrounding the area. You will then continue on to the lake Tarawera for a jet boat trip with possibilities of trout fishing and swimming in hot lagoons on the lake.

In the evening you will enjoy an evening with a Maori family with ritual greetings, story telling, traditional hangi food and authentic atmosphere of an ancient Maori village.



### Day 5

Depart Rotorua to **Auckland**, travel time 3-3, 5 hours. A detour to see Waitomo glow worm caves and cave river cruise is a must on the way.

Upon arrival to Auckland a tour of the city that will end at your hotel.

### Day 6

A day at leisure in Auckland – the biggest metropolis in Polynesia and yet a very cozy and green town full of art galleries, fantastic parks and enjoyable restaurants. Melting pot of Pacific Islands' cultures will give you innumerable choices to indulge yourselves in your favorite pastimes.

### Day 7

Today you go to the warmest subtropical Northland region of New Zealand.

**Waitangi** grounds – the Birthplace of the nation where Maori chiefs signed the Treaty in 1840.

On the way – stop at an idyllic village of Puhoi - cheese capital of Northland to see and taste delicious cheeses and chutneys.

Paihia – the summer capital of New Zealand in the trendy Bay of Islands – a charming resort town with fishing, diving and boating facilities.

Overnight in Paihia and dine on some of the magnificent seafood feasts in the country.



### Day 8

Return to **Auckland** stopping at Honey village for organic manuka honey tasting on the way. Walk around bohemian Parnell area, the oldest residential quarter of Auckland for a souvenir hunt and sumptuous lunch before leaving to the airport.

**Program inclusions:**Currency: **EUR**

Prices are valid: June – October 2009

TANA Travel keeps the right to offer different accommodation if program choice is unavailable at the time of booking.

Day		Service
1	<b>Queenstown</b>	
	Accommodation :	<b>Aspen on Queenstown</b>
		Situated off Fernhill Road, the hotel is justifiably proud of its location as the highest hotel in Queenstown, offering uninterrupted views of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables mountain range, with country-style atmosphere, cozy fireplaces, and on-site facilities. Apartment accommodation is also available - see separate listing. Nearby facilities include a grocery store and local restaurant
	Tour :	<b>Dart River Jet boat</b>
		It's more than a jet boat ride each safari is a total wilderness experience into the Mt Aspiring National Park World Heritage Area. This journey into Middle Earth combines 1 hour's jet boating amidst the spectacular scenery of the Southern Alps; a gentle walk in ancient forests amidst birdsong and cultural heritage, and a back road journey through the high country farmland and forests around Paradise - film location for "Lord of the Rings".
	Tour :	<b>Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters</b>
		Sensational photographic opportunities at 5,000 feet. We land on the Remarkables spur, overlooking Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu with Coronet Peak in the distance. Time away: approx. 20 minutes
2	<b>Queenstown</b>	
	Accommodation:	<b>Aspen on Queenstown</b>
	Tour :	<b>Boutique wine tour</b>
		<p>Boutique Wine Tour, 12noon-5pm</p> <p>An afternoon among the boutique vineyards and spectacular scenery of Central Otago, a perfect introduction to the region. Inclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tasting at 4 wineries in the Gibbston, Cromwell and Bannockburn regions</li> <li>* A delightful platter style lunch at Carrick Winery restaurant</li> <li>* Visit to historic Old Cromwell Town (time and weather permitting)</li> <li>* A stunning drive through the Kawarau Gorge whilst learning about the early pioneering history of this rugged region</li> <li>* View the historic Kawarau Bridge and the original AJ Hackett Bungy jump</li> </ul>

3	<b>Rotorua</b>	
	Accommodation :	<b>Union Victoria motel</b>
		The Lodge is in a quiet location, and is only a 5 minute drive to thermal areas and a 3 minute drive to shops and restaurants. The airport is a 7 minute drive and the Intercity terminal only a 3 minute drive. The city centre is within easy walking distance. The Union Victoria Motor Lodge has 20 units - studio, one and two bedroom.
	Tour :	<b>Te Puia</b>
		For local Maori, the Whakarewarewa Valley is more than a natural wonder. According to tribal history, this was the place where the Goddesses of fire, Te Pupu and Te Hoata, emerged from the earth's core, inhaling and exhaling, creating the geysers, hot springs and mud pools. It is within this valley where the fortress of Te Puia once stood, a stronghold never taken in battle. And it is here where the descendants of the ancients still live today, walking and guiding you through a land more than 40,000 years old. As the birthplace of tourism in New Zealand, the Rotorua region and its peoples are known as the tribe of hospitality. It is their trademark and the performing arts are their specialty. The spirit of Te Puia's daily Maori Cultural Performances, Kapa Haka, is to learn, to enjoy and also to be uplifted. The midday concerts at Te Puia are an easy and exciting introduction to the culture.
	Tour :	<b>Polynesian SPA</b>
		Polynesian Spa is an historical hot mineral springs spa, situated five minutes walk from Rotorua central business district, and overlooks Sulphur Bay on Lake Rotorua. There are thirty-five hot mineral pools including adults' only pools, a family spa, private pools and deluxe bathing in the Lake Spa. The Lake Spa Retreat offers a comprehensive range of spa, body and skin therapies in a luxurious private relaxation haven.
		<b>Driver-guide and transport</b>
		Your driver-guide will meet you upon arrival to Rotorua airport and will be at your disposal for the whole length of stay on the North Island.
4	<b>Rotorua</b>	
	Accommodation :	<b>Union Victoria motel</b>
	Tour :	<b>Helipro: Volcanic Adventure</b>
		Located at Te Puia, Agrodome Park and Skyline Skyrides, Helipro offers some of the most comprehensive and exclusive range of

		Scenic Helicopter excursions available in the Rotorua and Bay of Plenty area. These exciting and innovative options feature the world renowned local volcanoes, thermal activity and lakes district.
	Tour :	<b>Clear Water Cruise</b>
		The Lost Terraces Discovery Combo - Full Day Tour: Your local Maori Guide will greet you at your Hotel and lead you in the footsteps of the historic track from central Rotorua through Forest lined Roads, passing the Blue and Green Lakes, enroute to the Maori village of Te Wairoa. Here you will experience a personalized tour of the Buried Village, pre-eruption home of the Rotomahana Hotel, and overnight stay for early European visitors, set amongst traditional Maori Whare (houses). Be escorted down the valley to the Tarawera Landing and board a vessel retracing the course of 19th century whale boats across the lake towards the foot of majestic Mt Tarawera. As you journey south you will pass Moura Point, the site of one of the villages totally destroyed in the eruption, before berthing at the location of the settlement of Te Ariki, a village where no one survived. Your guide will lead you across the Te Ariki Isthmus for an easy walk to Lake Rotomahana. Hear the stories of local Maori land wars and view rare examples of regenerating virgin native forest. At the Northern tip of Lake Rotomahana you will board another vessel. As you cruise the black waters you can imagine the location of the Pink and White Terraces as they would have been. After exploring Fumarole Bay and the Donne Cliffs you will be transported back up the Waimangu Volcanic Valley. Your Guide will accompany you by coach to Whakarewarewa Thermal Village where descendants of survivors of the eruption still live today. Experience the traditions and hospitality of these proud Te Arawa descendents as you discover the lifestyle which has evolved incorporating the use of geothermal energy in their daily lives. Bid farewell to your Guide as you return to your accommodation, with your newly discovered knowledge of this unique region. Departing Hotel 9:00am
	Tour :	<b>Tamaki</b>
		Tamaki Maori Village, South Pacific's gateway to the world of ancient Maori and proud warriors. Journey back in time to a Pre-European lifestyle experience of customs and traditions. Enjoy the night's festivities with us as you are treated to a banquet of succulent foods cooked the traditional Maori way, rediscover the Maori village as it comes alive to the sound and activities of tribal songs, dances, myths and legends and browse throughout the largest after hours tribal market place in Rotorua.
5	<b>Auckland</b>	
	Accommodation :	<b>Best Western President</b>

		Absolute city centre, 100m to Queen Street and Sky City Casino. This hotel is a 15-storey high rise modern building consisting of 100 fully air-conditioned studio rooms, 1-bedroom suites and 2-bedroom family units & apartments. Each 2 bedroom apartment has a full kitchen and each room has a kitchenette.
	<b>Tour :</b>	<b>Waitomo</b>
		The magnificent caves at Waitomo (three hours drive south of Auckland) have been attracting visitors for over a century. Water seeping through and enlarging cracks and crevices in the limestone rock formed caves, with their magnificent stalactites and stalagmites. The glowworm cave trip runs regularly throughout the day and takes about one hour, including the underground river boat ride to see the famous Glowworm Grotto.
6	<b>Auckland</b>	
	<b>Accommodation :</b>	<b>Best Western President</b>
		<b>Day at leisure in Auckland</b>
7	<b>Paihia</b>	
	<b>Accommodation :</b>	<b>Averill Court Motel</b>
		The Motel is only 50m from a swimming beach, 5 minute walk to restaurants, 10 minute walk to the town centre, and a 10 minute walk to the cruise departure terminal. The Averill Court Motel has 18 units - studio, one bedroom and two bedrooms.
	<b>Tour :</b>	<b>Waitangi</b>
		Gifted to the Nation by Lord and Lady Bledisloe in 1932, The Waitangi National Trust Treaty Grounds is a unique and fascinating insight into New Zealand's historic past. New Zealand's most significant document, The Treaty of Waitangi, signed here in 1840 between the Maori Chiefs and British Crown, became the basis for life in New Zealand as we know it today. The Waitangi National Trust Treaty Grounds houses the historic Treaty House, a fully carved Maori Meeting House, Maori War Canoe and Exhibitions, with extensive park-like grounds with abundant native bird life, heritage trees and wonderful Bay views
8	<b>Auckland</b>	
		Coming back from the Bay of Islands, stroll in the fashionable Parnell district of Auckland, souvenir shopping. Visit art galleries,

		cozy cafes and funky shops. Departure for International airport. Check in for your flight back home.
		<b>Costs :</b>
	2 people (share twin/dbl)	3732 EUR
	4 people (2 twin/dbl rooms)	5675 EUR
	6 people (3 twin/dbl rooms)	7292 EUR