

Tentative Itinerary for EMU Alumni and Friends Tour to New Zealand

June 11 – 28, 2022

- June 11** Participants arrive at Auckland International Airport
Group orientation, visit sites in and around Auckland
- June 12** Travel from Auckland to **Bay of Islands**
- Visit Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the town of Russell and other local historical attractions
- June 13** All day **Bay of Islands sailing adventure**
Travel to Waipoua Forest region (largest remaining kauri forest)
Evening Kiwi listening and cultural activities
- June 14** Explore local environment and historic sites including Tāne Māhuta
Travel south to Auckland, evening in downtown Auckland
- June 15** Travel from Auckland to **Whakatane**
- Optional stop at **Hobbiton** (additional cost) or local hikes/walks
 - Visit local Whakatane marae
- June 16** Travel to **Wairuru Marae**
- Non-commercial stay at small, coastal marae hosted by our friend Andrea Fox
 - Traditional welcoming ceremony, Maori cultural activities and dining
- June 17** Morning spent with Wairuru marae community
Travel to **Rotorua**, local activities
- June 18** Full day in **Rotorua** with cultural and natural sightseeing including **Ohinemutu Village** tour and **Te Puia** geothermal area
Evening show and hangi dinner with **Tamaki Tours**
- June 19** Travel to **Tongariro National Park**
Local hikes/walks
- June 20** Travel to **Wellington**
Visit **Te Papa** museum
Evening visit with **Sarah & Ben Roth Shank** on living in NZ and restorative justice
- June 21** Ferry crossing to South Island, travel to **Kaikoura**
Local walks to visit seal colony or optional **Whale watching** tour (additional cost)

- June 22** **Kaikoura** activities
Afternoon drive to **Craieburn Forest**, visit Castle Hill rocks, local scenery
- June 23** Travel down the West Coast to **Franz Josef Glacier**, local attractions enroute
- June 24** Visit **Franz Josef Glacier** and/or **Fox Glacier** enroute to **Wanaka**
- June 25** **Wanaka** local attractions and walks
Optional activities:
 1. Overnight tramp up **Matukituki Valley in Mt. Aspiring National Park**
 for overnight stay in Mt. Aspiring hut (no additional cost)
 2. Optional skiing at **Treble Cone ski area** (additional cost)
- June 26** Travel to **Queenstown**
Local Queenstown attractions including a visit to **Arrowtown**
- June 27** Full day in **Queenstown**
Optional **Milford Sound** day cruise (additional cost)
- June 28** **Flight home** (from Queenstown airport)
Queenstown is also a great starting place to extend your stay and visit other areas of NZ