



## “Women Welcome Woman New Zealand Experience” February 17 – March 6 2008

*“Kia Ora” and welcome to New Zealand..*

- Feb 17 ARRIVE AUCKLAND – “City of Sails”**  
Welcome to New Zealand! After your long journey, make your way to the accommodation where you will be met by your friendly NZET Tour Manager and Driver. We get together for a sumptuous dinner followed by a discussion about the exciting days ahead. Afterwards we have an early night to catch up on well earned sleep.  
**Accommodation: Auckland International Youth Hostel** **[Dinner]**
- Feb 18 AUCKLAND**  
This morning we start with a **SIGHTSEEING TOUR** including a drive to the top of one of Auckland’s 7 extinct volcanoes. We have time to visit **THE AUCKLAND MUSEUM** before going to **VICTORIA STREET MARKET**, an interesting array of craft shops and cafes. Later this afternoon we take a speedy ride up the **SKYTOWER** for fantastic views over the city and harbour. Tonight there is an Optional Dinner at the famous Kermadec Restaurant situated in the heart of the Auckland Viaduct  
**Accommodation: Auckland International Youth Hostel** **[Breakfast]**
- Feb 19 AUCKLAND – MOUNT MAUNGANUI**  
We leave New Zealand’s largest city behind and head to beautiful Bay of Plenty via Matamata, the sight of Hobbiton in the Lord of the Rings. We drive through Tauranga to our accommodation near the beach at Mt Maunganui. This afternoon we will **SOAK IN RELAXING MINERAL POOLS** set amongst beautiful New Zealand bush. Tonight you will be hosted by the owners of NZET where you will experience a typical **Kiwi BBQ**.  
**Accommodation: Pacific Coast Backpackers** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Feb 20 MOUNT MAUNGANUI – ROTORUA**  
Our first stop this morning is **KIWI 360** where we take a tour through a working Kiwi fruit farm. From here we travel on to Rotorua, our first introduction is the boiling mud, steaming vents and hissing geysers at **TE PUIA THERMAL PARK**. Rotorua has a very distinctive smell; some say it’s like rotten eggs! It’s actually Sulphur, a hint of the geothermal wonders you will experience during your stay. Free time this afternoon before our fun night out. Our cultural experience begins as we board our Maori ‘Waka’ to visit **MITAI** where you experience a **HANGI DINNER** and a Maori **CULTURAL PERFORMANCE GROUP** and learn a little more about the life of the Maori People.  
**Accommodation: Kiwi Paka Rotorua** **[Breakfast/ dinner]**
- Feb 21 ROTORUA (WAITOMO DAY TRIP)**  
Today we journey across the rolling farmland of the Waikato region to Mystical Waitomo. We take a guided tour in the spectacular **GLOW-WORM CAVE** with its majestic and ornate cave decorations, the deep limestone shaft known as Tomo and the equally magnificent Cathedral cavern where New Zealand’s own opera diva Kiri Te Kanawa once performed. Your tour guide will deliver an informative and entertaining commentary, sharing stories, cultural legends and the natural wonders of the living masterpiece. We have time to explore this area before driving back to Rotorua for dinner and a **LONG HOT SOAK IN THE POLYNESIAN POOL**.  
**Accommodation: Kiwi Paka Rotorua** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Feb 22 ROTORUA – TAUPO – NAPIER**  
We leave this volcanic city behind and head toward New Zealand’s largest fresh water lake – Lake Taupo, which is also the source of New Zealand longest river, the Waikato. We visit the thunderous **HUKA FALLS** along the way before continuing on the ‘Thermal Explorer Highway’ to the Art Deco city Napier situated amongst one of the most famous wine growing regions in New Zealand. We take a **TOUR WITH A SPECIALIST ART DECO GUIDE** before **VISITING A LOCAL VINEYARD** to learn about art of making fantastic wine.  
**Accommodation: Kennedy Park Holiday Park** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Feb 23 NAPIER – WELLINGTON**  
Our first stop this morning is the **SILKY OAK CHOCOLATE FACTORY**. We take a tour and have a taste of these fantastic chocolates. We spend some time there before enjoying the **HOSPITALITY OF A LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL** where the children will entertain you with some classic kiwi songs before introducing you to their classroom. We travel on to New Zealand’s capital Wellington where we enjoy **DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT SITUATED ON WELLINGTON’S BEAUTIFUL HARBOUR...**  
**Accommodation: Wellington Youth Hostel** **[Breakfast/dinner]**

- Feb 24 WELLINGTON**  
 Our day in the capital city starts with a guided tour of **PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**, followed by a ride on the **CABLE CAR** to the Botanical Gardens which began its journey back in 1902. Time to tour through **THE MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND 'TE PAPA'** before having a wander around the great shops that Wellington has to offer. Dinner tonight is your choice.  
**Accommodation: Wellington Youth Hostel** **[Breakfast]**
- Feb 25 WELLINGTON - PICTON - MOTUEKA**  
...Welcome to the South Island....  
 We leave the North Island behind today and catch the **INTERISLANDER FERRY** across to the South Island through the scenic Marlborough Sounds. After some time to get your "land legs" back in Picton, you will get a chance to take in some of the awesome South Island scenery as we travel on to the gateway of Abel Tasman National Park Motueka.  
**Accommodation: Motueka Top Ten Holiday Park** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Feb 26 MOTUEKA**  
 Up bright and early to take advantage of this paradise! Experience the breath taking scenery with **SEA KAYAKING** through the amazing National Park of Abel Tasman later, swim on a secluded beach, and walk part of the track or just soak up the sun. After a scrumptious afternoon tea we have time to soak in the spa before enjoying dinner under the stars.  
**Accommodation: Motueka Top Ten Holiday Park** **[Breakfast/lunch/dinner]**
- Feb 27 MOTUEKA – FOX GLACIER**  
 Morena! Today we drive through the spectacular Buller Gorge, with first stop being the famous **PUNAKAIKI 'PANCAKE ROCKS' AND BLOWHOLES**, limestone formations which put on a spectacular spouting display especially when there are big swells. We travel down the rugged West Coast stopping at Hokitika to **VIEW CARVERS CREATING 'TAONGA' FROM SPECIAL WEST COAST POUNAMU**. Our destination today is Franz Josef in the Southern Alps, a frozen glacial river formed thousands of years ago. Our first introduction to NZ's glaciers is the amazing **FLOWING WEST** cinemax audio show. After the show, you may wish to take an optional Scenic Flight over Franz Josef Glacier.  
**Accommodation: Fox Glacier Holiday park** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Feb 28 FOX GLACIER – QUEENSTOWN**  
 This morning we **WALK TO THE BASE OF FOX GLACIER** where we have fantastic views of this glacier. After lunch we travel through three National Parks, with some great photo stops, so make sure you have plenty of film. We drive over the Haast pass, which is the only southern crossing from the West Coast to the East Coast to the adventure tourism capital of the world, Queenstown! First stop ... Kawarau Bungy Bridge to watch those brave enough to jump off. Later this afternoon we **ASCEND UP THE SKYLINE GONDOLA** to view the spectacular sight that beholds you. The evening is free for you to explore Queenstown.  
**Accommodation: Pinewood Lodge** **[Breakfast]**
- Feb 29 QUEENSTOWN**  
 We have a **GROUP PHOTO** on the banks of Lake Wakatipu before we **EMBARK THE TSS EARNSLAW** and steam across the lake to Walter Peak Station for a farm show and afternoon tea. There is time for you to explore the boutiques and art shops in this beautiful Alpine Town. Dinner tonight is your choice.  
**Accommodation: Pinewood Lodge** **[Breakfast]**
- Mar 1 QUEENSTOWN – MILFORD (OVERNIGHT CRUISE)**  
 A magical day in store today as our drive takes us deep into the mystical wilderness of Fiordland National Park. We pass through the famous 'Homer Tunnel' before emerging into the 'sound'. We trade our coach for the Milford Wanderer where we will have a very special dinner, bed and breakfast experience. We stay in comfortable bunk style compartments on board the vessel; she has spacious viewing decks, a dining saloon, observation decks and hearty meals which all make for a very memorable Milford Sound experience. But that's not all... You'll also cruise to the open sea with our nature guide, anchor for the night in sheltered Harrison Cove and perhaps do a little exploring of your own in the vessel's kayaks and tender craft. Or you can simply relax on deck as the southern twilight deepens.  
**Accommodation - Milford Wanderer [1 Night Cruise]** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Mar 2 MILFORD SOUND – WANAKA**  
 We say goodbye to Fiordland and take the spectacular drive the Devils Staircase to arrive in beautiful lakeside Wanaka. Time this afternoon to perhaps try a scenic lake cruise or perhaps enjoy a coffee while overlooking the magnificent Glacier sculptured wilderness.  
**Accommodation – Lake Hawea Hotel** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Mar 3 WANAKA – MT COOK**  
 We spend time in Wanaka this morning before travelling up to New Zealand's highest mountain Aoraki Mount Cook. There is time for you to take one of the many short walks in the magical area. We leave the base of the Mountain and travel to beautiful Lake Tekapo and our accommodation on the edge of Lake Tekapo.  
**Accommodation: Lake Tekapo Back Packers and Motels.** **[Breakfast/dinner]**

- Mar 4 MT COOK – KAIKOURA**  
 Another spectacular day today, we stop first at **THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPARD** which overlooks the lake with the east window framing the surrounding mountains. We travel beside the Southern Alps and through the **Canterbury plains to the coastal town of** Kaikoura, home to the playful dusky dolphins and the giant sperm whale. We will take a closer look at the seal colony before checking in to our accommodation. Tonight we have fantastic dinner supplied by the hosts of Dusky Lodge.  
**Accommodation: Dusky Lodge** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Mar 5 KAIKOURA - CHRISTCHURCH**  
 This morning you will have the chance take one of two optional excursions. The unforgettable Whalewatch journey takes you right into the world of the Giant Sperm Whale. These whales live here all year round while other species pass through on their migratory route. Or perhaps you may like to take the opportunity to swim with the high spirited Dusky Dolphins. This afternoon we travel to the 'Garden City' of the South. A special meal tonight to complete this fantastic tour of New Zealand  
**Accommodation: Meadow Park Top 10 Holiday Park** **[Breakfast/dinner]**
- Mar 6 CHRISTCHURCH – AUCKLAND - HOME**  
 This morning we catch a domestic flight back to Auckland to connect with our International flight and sadly we say goodbye to New Zealand today...with a new sense of adventure...and some great stories to tell our family and friends when we get home.  
**[Breakfast]**

*...HAERE RA from New Zealand Educational Tours (NZET)...*

**INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:**

- ◆ All **Coach Travel** - Air-conditioned Coach - Auckland / Christchurch
- ◆ All **Accommodation** based on Multi-share at Holiday Parks or Lodges.
- ◆ All meals as listed on itinerary.
- ◆ Above listed **Sightseeing:** Auckland City Sightseeing Tour, Victoria Street Markets, Hot Thermal Swim, Visit Kiwifruit Farm, Whakarewarewa Thermal Park, Mitai Maori Village Hangi & Concert, Waitomo Glow worm caves, Polynesian Pools, Huka Falls, Art Deco tour, Vineyard visit and wine tasting, Te Papa Museum of NZ, Parliament Buildings, Cable Car Ride, Special dinner Wellington, Interislander Ferry Crossing, Sea Kayaking and Hiking, Pancake Rocks and Blowholes, Greenstone Factory, Walk to Glacier Base, TSS Earnslaw Cruise on Lake Wakatipu, Overnight Milford Cruise, Seal Colony, Final Night Celebrations.
- ◆ Fun Educational Quiz Packs for on-board learning Experience
- ◆ An introduction to Maori Culture, Customs and Language
- ◆ Souvenir NZET Group Photograph
- ◆ Experienced, fun, **NZET Tour Manager** throughout your journey
- ◆ The most fun with ...*New Zealand's Award Winning Travel Company*....

### Additional Notes

- There is price flexibility in the itinerary by exchanging or deleting some included sightseeing activities.
- Budget accommodation with self-catered meals provided as per the itinerary. Our NZET tour managers are trained in group catering and a nutritious balanced meal plan will be included daily. Fresh fruit, biscuits and muesli bars are available to eat during the day.
- The domestic flight from Christchurch to Auckland is NOT included as it may be able to be pre-purchased with your international at an 'add-on' rate. We are however happy to book this for you if required.
- International flights are not included in this itinerary.
- Accommodation is based on Multi-share with mainly shared bathroom facilities. Linen can be included or you may use NZET company 3-seasons sleeping bags (set of 30 only).
- Early bookings are recommended so that you are not disappointed.

*You rarely succeed in Life.....unless you have fun doing it....*