

# Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

## **NEW ZEALAND**

**May 9 to 19, 2022**

Journey from the North Island's Auckland down to Queenstown and Milford Sound on this comprehensive tour exploring New Zealand's many natural wonders and its dynamic Maori culture. Flying aboard our private ATR 72 Turboprop for four legs of our trip lets us eliminate some long drives and maximize our time exploring South and North Islands' natural treasures. A highlight of our journey is a cruise through the indigo waters of Milford Sound to take in the fjord's towering peaks. Sample New Zealand wines throughout our trip, and attend a wine-paired dinner in the town of Blenheim, home to more than 70 wineries and boutique breweries.

## **ITINERARY**

### **Monday, May 9**

#### **Auckland, New Zealand**

Upon arrival in Auckland, transfer to our hotel for an early check-in. Gather for lunch, then take a privately guided tour of the Auckland War Memorial Museum, the guardian of the largest and most significant collection of Maori treasures in the world. At this quiet place of reflection, we see key symbols that link the spiritual past of the indigenous Maori to the present-day culture. Gather for a welcome reception and dinner this evening. SOFITEL AUCKLAND VIADUCT HARBOUR (L,D)

### **Tuesday, May 10**

#### **Auckland / Rotorua / Wellington**

This morning we board our first private charter flight, from Auckland to Rotorua. Upon arrival in Rotorua, tour Te Puia, a place of rushing waters, steaming vents, boiling mud and spectacular geysers. Our local Maori hosts lead us on a privately guided tour of Ohinemutu, an ancient Maori village where descendants of the original inhabitants still live today. In the late afternoon, we board our aircraft and fly to Wellington. INTERCONTINENTAL WELLINGTON (B,L,D)

### **Wednesday, May 11**

#### **Wellington**

Head to the "Beehive," New Zealand's Parliament Building, to hear about the New Zealand government and the innovative technology used to quake-proof the city's historic buildings. Continue to the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa for an introduction by a staff member, followed by time to explore on your own. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, exploring more of the museum or other sites in Wellington, or join one of the optional included group activities: Ride the cable car and walk through the Wellington Botanic Garden; experience City Gallery Wellington; tour the maritime museum; or go to Weta Workshop, which produced sets and special effects for *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*, among other films. INTERCONTINENTAL WELLINGTON (B,L)

### **Thursday, May 12**

#### **Wellington / Blenheim**

This morning take a short flight to Blenheim. On arrival visit The Marlborough, a country estate nestled within 16 acres of secluded parkland and vineyards. Enjoy a garden and vineyard tour prior to lunch

onsite at the Harvest restaurant, showcasing local gourmet produce. Afterward tour the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, which contains an impressive collection of aircraft and rare memorabilia in a mix of static displays and flyable planes. This evening gather at one of Marlborough's well-known wineries for a private dinner. SCENIC HOTEL MARLBOROUGH (B,L,D)

**Friday, May 13**

**Blenheim**

Depart for a private tour of a local farm to observe a wool-shearing demonstration, watch farm dogs working sheep and delve into New Zealand's agriculture and its role in the local and global economy. Travel to Picton and take a private cruise of the Marlborough Sounds. Learn about aquaculture in the sounds as we cruise near a salmon farm and appreciate the verdant scenery while sampling some fabulous seafood and a superb Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Back in Blenheim spend a relaxing evening at leisure. SCENIC HOTEL MARLBOROUGH (B,L)

**Saturday, May 14**

**Blenheim / Christchurch**

Board our coach for a scenic drive to Christchurch, learning along the way about the major engineering that has been done to reopen the harbor, rails and roads after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake on the coast of Kaikoura in November 2016. Stop in Kaikoura to enjoy lunch and take a walk in the coastal town, viewing the aftermath of the earthquake, before returning to the coach to continue on to Christchurch. SUDIMA CHRISTCHURCH CITY (B,L,D)

**Sunday, May 15**

**Christchurch**

After breakfast embark on a guided walking tour of the city. See firsthand some of the areas affected by the devastating earthquakes and learn how Christchurch is rebuilding and preserving some of its iconic heritage buildings. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure or join one of the optional included group activities: Tour the Antarctic Gallery at the Canterbury Museum; further explore Christchurch on an extended walking tour with your guide; visit scenic Sumner Beach; walk the Harry Ell Walkway track, which offers stunning views; or visit Quake City to view exhibitions that chart the aftermath of the Christchurch earthquakes. SUDIMA CHRISTCHURCH CITY (B)

**Monday, May 16**

**Christchurch / Queenstown**

Start off with a guided walking tour of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, followed by a morning punt on the tranquil Avon River. Enjoy lunch before transferring to the Christchurch airport for our charter flight to Queenstown. HOTEL ST. MORITZ (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, May 17**

**Queenstown / Milford Sound / Queenstown**

No trip to New Zealand is complete without visiting Milford Sound, often described as the eighth wonder of the world. Depart on a caravan of helicopters, experiencing the stunning fjord from the air (weather depending). Upon arrival board a private-charter boat for a cruise the sheer cliffs, massive waterfalls, glaciers and rainforest while you keep a look out for wildlife like seals and dolphins. HOTEL ST. MORITZ (B,L,D)

### **Wednesday, May 18**

#### **Queenstown**

This morning visit the Kiwi Birdlife Park, devoted to helping conserve New Zealand's native fauna through advocacy, captive breeding and rehabilitation. Observe the park's unique endangered wildlife on a guided tour led by an experienced park zoologist, during which we'll enjoy a private kiwi feeding and a live conservation show. This afternoon is at leisure or enjoy one of the following included group activities: Ride the Skyline Queenstown Gondola, offering spectacular views of the city; discover the Central Otago wine region, famous for its pinot noirs; ride the world-famous Shotover Jet; explore the Queenstown botanical gardens; or visit the Waka Gallery, where you'll find an extension collection of hand-crafted jade, opal, wood and pearls. Convene this evening for a farewell reception and dinner.  
HOTEL ST. MORITZ (B,D)

### **Thursday, May 19**

#### **Queenstown / Home**

Transfer to the airport for flights home, crossing the international date line en route and arriving back in the U.S. on the same day. (B)

## **INFORMATION**

### **Covid-19 and Travel**

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit our [Covid-19 Travel page](#).

### **Size**

This trip is limited to 24. Single accommodations are limited.

### **Cost\***

\$11,995 per person, double occupancy

\$14,295 per person, single occupancy

\*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person

### **Our Private SAAB 340 Turboprop**

Flying by private aircraft is safe, comfortable and convenient. Because our aircraft can land at almost every airport in New Zealand and good ground support keeps waiting times at an absolute minimum, we can enjoy a maximum amount of time at our destinations. Our SAAB 340 turboprop is a well-appointed, comfortable and spacious aircraft, renowned for its performance and reliability. Pressurized and fully air-conditioned, the SAAB 340 is equipped with a galley facility, and is crewed by two pilots and a professionally trained flight attendant will provide personalized in-flight service throughout your flight.

PLEASE NOTE: For our flights within New Zealand aboard the SAAB 340, there is a strict luggage limit per person of 45 pounds for one checked bag and 10 pounds for one carry-on bag.

### **Included**

- 10 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Four internal flights in New Zealand aboard a privately chartered ATR 72 turboprop

- Services of the SAAB340 turboprop flight crew
- Gratuities to guides, plane crew and drivers for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

#### **Not Included**

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

#### **Air Arrangements**

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

#### **What to Expect**

We consider this program to be moderately active, physically demanding at times and busy, with several early-morning departures. Daily programs involve one to three miles of walking, sometimes on uneven, hilly terrain. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Temperatures in May average in the 50s F, with moderate precipitation. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

#### **Extensions**

Please contact our office if you're interested in extending your time in New Zealand. We're happy to assist you with planning pre-trip or post-trip itineraries to any of New Zealand's captivating destinations on either the North or South Islands.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **Eligibility**

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association, as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership).

### **Deposits, Payments and Cancellations**

Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place is resold, in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

### **Insurance**

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

### **Responsibility**

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association nor Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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