

NEW ZEALAND TOUR ITINERARY FOR PACIFIC PATHWAYS WALKING GROUP 2011

FEBRUARY

Mon 28

DEPART SAN FRANCISCO in the evening on your 12 hour non-stop flight. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board and there is a wide selection of movies and other entertainment available at your seat. Cross the International Dateline during the night.

MARCH 2011

Wed 02

ARRIVE AUCKLAND -TO CHRISTCHURCH

Arrive Auckland about 5:00am local time and transfer to a domestic flight to Christchurch.

On arrival about 8:30am in Christchurch proceed through customs and meet your South island driver who will transfer you to your accommodation.

This afternoon enjoy a walk through the **Botanical Gardens** which are located a short distance from your accommodation.

(D) This evening gather for an early welcome group **dinner** in the hotel restaurant.

Your hotel is centrally located only a short walk from Christchurch's central city attractions including the Arts Centre, the Canterbury Art Gallery, the Canterbury Museum and Cathedral Square.

Accommodation: **Ibis Christchurch Hotel**



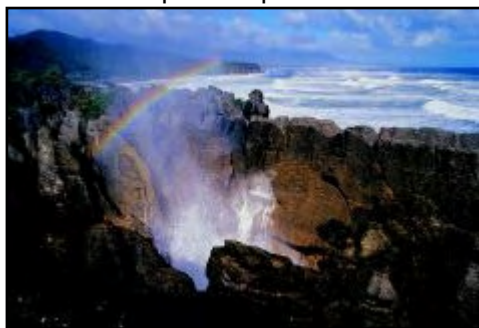
Thu 03

(B)

TO PUNAKAIKI

Breakfast at your hotel.

First visit the **Antarctic Centre** where you will experience conditions as they are on the great southern continent then drive across the alluvial Canterbury Plains towards the magnificent Southern Alps. Stop for a walk at **Castle Hill** before crossing Arthurs Pass and driving into



the beautiful beech forest of Arthurs Pass National Park. Follow the Taramakau River to the coast then travel north through Greymouth, the largest urban area on the West Coast, to the small settlement of Punakaiki on the edge of Paparoa National Park. Punakaiki is known for its rugged coastline and the famous Pancake Rocks and blowholes. These stratified limestone stacks are an extraordinary monument of nature. Time for short walks at Arthurs Pass National Park and to view the Pancake Rocks

and blowholes.

Accommodation: **Punakaiki Resort (standard rooms)**

Fri 04

(B)

TO FOX GLACIER

Breakfast at your hotel.

Drive south along the West Coast to Hokitika for a coffee stop and a browse through local craft stores and one of the greenstone factories where a local jade-like stone highly prized by Maori is crafted into exquisite jewellery.

A little further south stop for a walk on the **Mahinapua Walkway**. This 3 hour level walk starts along an old milling rail line and includes a deer farm, boardwalks across ponds, then exotic and native forest with a detour to view the lake. Following the walk continue the drive south through forests and farmland with views of the Alps to the east and the Tasman Sea to the west to the village of **Franz Josef**.

The huge rivers of snow and ice of the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers flow from snowfields high in the Southern Alps almost to sea level which is unusual in a temperate climate. Take a short walk up to view the glacier and, time permitting, a longer walk to the face before continuing to the township of Fox for overnight.

Your motel accommodation is centrally located.

Accommodation: The Westhaven Motel

Sat 05
(CB)

TO WANAKA

Continental breakfast at your motel.

Weather conditions permitting, visit **Lake**

Matheson early this morning for a short walk to the lake. On a clear day this walk offers unsurpassed reflective views of Aoraki (Mt Cook), Mt Tasman and the forested lakeshore.



From Fox travel south along the coast enjoying spectacular views of the Tasman Sea before turning inland and following the mighty Haast River towards Haast Pass. Once over the pass the scenery changes abruptly as you enter the Central Otago region.

At Makarora join the **Siberia Experience**, four hours of unique New Zealand Wilderness Adventure in Mount Aspiring World Heritage National Park. Take a 25-minute flight into the remote Siberia Valley enjoying one of New Zealand's best wilderness experiences with stunning views including rugged mountains, glaciers, mountain lakes, hanging valleys and vast rainforests. Then a three-hour bush walk follows a well-formed track through river valleys and native beech forest. Hear birdsong and immerse yourself in nature while you pass mountain streams, rock formations, mossy tree trunks, native ferns and native birds, including the inquisitive fantail.

Rendezvous with the jet boat at the pick up point in the Wilkin Valley for a thrilling and scenic 30 minute MOUNTAIN RIVER journey back to Makarora. This will truly be a tour highlight! Following your Siberia Experience continue by coach past Lakes Hawea and Wanaka to the lakeside village of Wanaka. Your hotel is centrally located with a variety of cafés and restaurants nearby.

Accommodation: Wanaka Hotel
(lake facing hotel room - 2 nights)

Sun 06
(B)

AT WANAKA

Breakfast at your hotel.

Today join a local hiking club for the walk of their choice. There are many lovely walking tracks in nearby Mt Aspiring National Park.

Mon 07
(B)

TO TE ANAU

Breakfast at your hotel.

Depart early this morning and drive to the Central Otago town of **Alexandra** to meet with a group of local walkers. They will take you on one of their favourite hikes.

Following your hike continue to the village of Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland National Park and starting point for some of New Zealand's most famous walking tracks.

Your hotel is centrally located only a short stroll from Lake Te Anau and the town centre.

Accommodation: Kingsgate Hotel Te Anau (2 nights)

Tue 08
(B)

AT TE ANAU

Breakfast at your hotel.

This morning enjoy a moderate hike on the **Lower Kepler Track**. This is a section of one of New Zealand's Great Walks and it is stunning. Following the raging Waiau River walk for 3 hours through a forest of southern beech festooned with ferns and moss.

In the evening cross Lake Te Anau by launch to visit the **glowworm caves** where you will ride on an underground river into caves lit from the light of these tiny worms. Walk to and from Te Anau Wharf.

Wed 09
(BD)

TO MILFORD SOUND

Breakfast at your hotel.

This morning drive into **Fiordland National Park**. The scenery is stunning with towering mountains, glacially carved valleys, streams, waterfalls and rainforest. There are many short walks but, a 2-3 hour walk on the famous **Routeburn Track to Key Summit** is recommended.

4.30 pm

On arrival at Milford board the **MV Milford Wanderer** for a cruise down the sound to the Tasman Sea. Sail close to towering rock faces and waterfalls. Return and anchor in a protected bay. There are options to kayak on your own or take a ride on the ship's tender with a nature guide.

A three course **dinner** is served on board.

Accommodation is in comfortable, bunk-style quad-share compartments with shared bathroom facilities. Bed linen, duvet/quilt, pillow and towels are provided.

Accommodation: MV Milford Wanderer



Thu 10
(B)
9.30 am

TO QUEENSTOWN

Breakfast served on board.

Boat returns to Milford Wharf. Board your coach and return through the Hollyford and Eglinton Valleys with time for some of the shorter walks en route.

Continue through Te Anau and on to Queenstown. A brisk climb up **Queenstown Hill** is recommended.

Your hotel is situated only a short walk up a hill from the town centre.

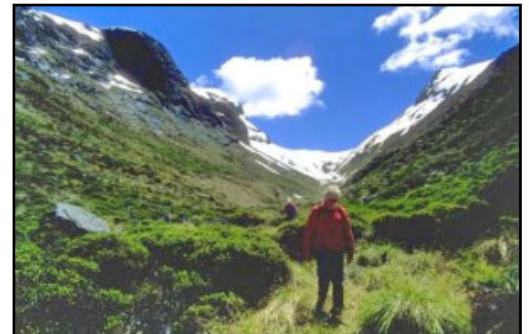
**Accommodation: Heartland Hotel
Queenstown (2 nights)**

Fri 11
(B)

AT QUEENSTOWN

Breakfast at your hotel.

This morning travel to the end of Lake Wakatipu to the village of Glenorchy for a hike on the Glenorchy end of the Routeburn or Greenstone Tracks. These tracks are listed as among the Great Walks of New Zealand. Or, hike with a local walking club.



Sat 12
(B)

TO AUCKLAND

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer to Queenstown Airport and check in for flight to Auckland.

On arrival you will be met and driven to the **Waitakere Ranges** west of Auckland. This area is crisscrossed with walking tracks which can be combined with wild beach walks. It is where the movie The Piano was filmed.

Your hotel is centrally located only a short stroll from the waterfront and vibrant Queen Street.

Accommodation: Mercure Auckland Hotel (2 nights)

Sun 13
(B)

AT AUCKLAND

Breakfast at your hotel.



Walk the short distance to Pier 4 at the waterfront. Full day tour to **Tiritiri Matangi Island** by ferry across the Hauraki Gulf. Tiri is an island that has been cleared of predators and is now a refuge for New Zealand birds, many of which are on the endangered list. You can take a slow bird watching walk with a guide or, walk on your own on one of the many clearly marked trails on the island.

Upon arrival back in Auckland, walk back to your hotel. Evening free.

Mon 14
(B)

TO ROTORUA

Breakfast at your hotel.

Depart Auckland early and drive first to Thames. Join a local group here for a walk in the lovely **Coromandel Peninsula**. After the hike continue to Rotorua, centre for Maori culture and thermal activity. On arrival visit **Rainbow Springs** and the Maori Church at Ohinemutu.

Accommodation: Ibis Rotorua Hotel (2 nights)

Tue 15
(B,D)

AT ROTORUA

Breakfast at your hotel.

The annual **Rotorua Walking Festival** takes place from March 12 to March 20 in 2011 and we will join one of their scheduled walks this morning.

Late afternoon enjoy a tour of the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and the Maori Cultural Centre at **Te Puia**, and finally enjoy a **Maori hangi feast and concert** for our farewell dinner.



Wed 16
(B)

TO AUCKLAND /

Breakfast at your hotel.

This morning enjoy the entertaining and informative one hour long show at the **Agrodome**. You will learn about the different breeds of sheep, watch sheep shearing and sheep dogs working. Following the program drive to Auckland via Cambridge and Hamilton.

Evening at leisure.

Accommodation: Mercure Auckland Hotel

Thu 17
(B)

DEPART AUCKLAND

Breakfast at your hotel.

Day at leisure until transfer to Auckland International Airport (normal room check out time applies – luggage may be stored at the hotel until departure).

Check in for flight TBA to San Francisco.

Depart Auckland.

**RETURN HOME WITH HAPPY MEMORIES OF YOUR
NEW ZEALAND WALKING TOUR**

PRICE: **\$3910.00 per person, double occupancy minimum 11 travellers**
 \$3378.00 per person, double occupancy minimum 16 travellers
 \$2988.00 per person, double occupancy minimum 21 travellers

\$1015.00 single room supplement. Not available at Milford Sound

AIRFARE: **\$1540.00 round trip San Francisco plus NZ domestic fares. Price is based on a minimum of 10 travellers in the group traveling on the same itinerary**

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transfers and touring in air-conditioned charter coach with experienced driver who will provide English language touring commentary
- 13 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with en-suite bathroom and tea/coffee making facilities – rooms on Run of House basis unless specified
- 1 night motel accommodation in rooms with en-suite bathroom and tea/coffee making facilities – rooms on Run of House basis unless specified
- 1 night on board Milford Wanderer in quad share bunk cabin with share bathroom facilities (depending upon group numbers, other travellers may share cabin)
- Meals only as specified and indicated by (B) Breakfast (CB) Continental Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner:
 - 14 breakfasts
 - 1 continental breakfast
 - 3 dinners (Christchurch, Milford Sound, Hangi at Rotorua)
- Hotel portorage (except The Westhaven at Fox Glacier and Milford Wanderer)
- GST tax, presently 15%
- Sightseeing activities and admission fees as specified:
 - Antarctic Centre
 - Siberia Experience
 - Te Anau Glowworm Caves
 - Milford Sound Overnight Cruise
 - Tiritiri Matangi Island
 - Rainbow Springs
 - Maori Hangi Feast and Cultural Experience
 - Agrodome

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Meals except as specified and indicated by (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner
- Wine with meals
- Use of rooms before/after normal check in/out times
- Items of a personal nature eg; laundry, phone calls, emails, excess baggage etc
- Additional sightseeing arrangements

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:

Deposit at time of application: **\$500.00** per person. **\$100.00 of this deposit is non-refundable.**

90 days before departure: **Non-refundable penalty increases to \$400.00.**

60 days before departure: **Final payment due. Non-refundable penalty increases to \$500.00**

No refunds on or after January 1, 2011 **Travel insurance is advised.**

Deposits are fully refundable should the tour not operate due to lack of numbers.

Prices are based on a minimum number of travelers, airfares, tariffs and exchange rate as of May 2010. All prices and schedules are subject to change. Though it is our goal to promote this tour as presented, we have no control over air schedules and prices and cannot be responsible for changes. In the event that services outlined in this package cannot be provided due to delay or other causes beyond the control of the operator, the operator will endeavor to provide comparable services.

INSURANCE: Travel insurance is **not included** in this pricing. **Accidents, illnesses and/or trip irregularities do occur, and so travel insurance is strongly advised (cancellation and/or medical) for each traveler.** Call CSA at 800 348 9505 or go to www.csatravelpro.com. Producer code:81331622

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: If you are a US citizen with a US passport, no visa is required for up to a 3 month stay in New Zealand. Your passport should be valid for 6 months after completion of travel. Note, if you are including an extension to your tour a visa may be required. A VISA IS NECESSARY FOR ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA. Pacific Pathways and participating airlines are not responsible if tour participants fail to obtain all necessary international travel documents

AIRFARE: If you use frequent flier mileage awards you must make the arrangements for their use with the airline directly. We accept no responsibility for your air travel if you are using free tickets or making your own arrangements.

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Reservations prepared by Pacific Pathways are done so on the basis that the quoted price constitutes an independent package price, Such a price includes charges for research, itinerary planning and preparations, currency transfer and booking procedures and the service of the tour operators representing Pacific Pathways. We regret that a breakdown of individual charges cannot be given.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Please complete one registration form per person. Mail to
JAN COYLE, PACIFIC PATHWAYS, 1919 CHULA VISTA DRIVE, BELMONT CA 94002

Please make check payable to: "PACIFIC PATHWAYS TRUST".

NAME _____
FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____ NICKNAME _____
AS ON YOUR PASSPORT (For nametag if needed)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE HOME: _____ WORK _____ FAX _____

E MAIL _____ PASSPORT # _____

US EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PHONE

HEALTH RECORD:

Are you in good health and able to travel without medical supervision?

A reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour

YES _____ NO _____

Are you presently taking any medication? (In case of any emergencies on tour)

YES _____ NO _____

If the answer is "Yes", please furnish details _____

Do you have any special dietary needs? YES _____ NO _____

If "Yes," please explain _____

If you have any disability **please** let us know so we can make whatever adjustments we can for your comfort.

PLEASE CHECK:

I am travelling with a companion. My companion's name is: _____

I am travelling alone. I am willing to share a room with another single person YES _____ NO _____

I am travelling alone. I prefer a single room at the supplemental cost YES _____ NO _____

I am a smoker (smoking is not permitted on the coach or aircraft) YES _____ NO _____

All rooms are booked non-smoking unless smoking requested.

I/We would prefer double/queen bed _____ twin beds _____

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I have read the terms and conditions set forth and agree to be bound thereby.

SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT: _____ **DATE:** _____