



— • ESCORTED • — NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE



February 22 - March 11, 2027

Join Friendship Tours President, Brett Isaacson,
as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary
on this special trip.

Visits to:
Auckland - Waiheke Island - Rotorua
Napier - Lake Taupo - Wellington
Christchurch - Franz Josef - Queenstown
Milford Sound - South Island - Twizel

Highlights Include:

**Punting on the Avon, Hobbiton Movie Set, Skyline Gondola, Tranz Alpine Train,
Mt. Cook, Te Papa Museum, Hamilton Gardens, Milford Sound Cruise
Small group tour!**

- Roundtrip motorcoach to Boston Logan airport
- Tour starts in Auckland / ends in Christchurch
- 15 Nts hotel - 4+ Star Properties
- 27 Meals: Breakfast Daily, 4 Lunches, 8 Dinners
- Air-conditioned Coach for all transfers
- Local Guides throughout New Zealand
- Escorted by Brett Isaacson, President of Friendship Tours

\$10,995.pp Dbl + Air*

***Valid Passport Required* (must be valid
at least 6 months after return date)**

*Air price is approximated at \$2,600 economy
class. Let us arrange your flights with the group
or you may make your own arrangements.

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AUCKLAND

Experience the trip of a lifetime with Friendship Tours as we explore the breathtaking beauty of New Zealand! From the cosmopolitan charm of Auckland to the dramatic fjords of Milford Sound and the majestic peaks of Mt. Cook, this fully escorted journey showcases the very best of both the North and South Islands. Enjoy spectacular scenery, rich Māori culture, world-class wines, and unforgettable experiences. This exclusive trip is limited to 30 travelers and will be an immersive experience through New Zealand!

Days 0: Fly to New Zealand - (Mon., Feb. 22 & Tue., Feb. 23)

Motorcoach transportation from CT to Boston for flights to Auckland. Board flight on evening of Mon., Feb. 22 and cross the International Date Line. Arrive in Auckland on Wed., Feb. 24.

Day 1 – Welcome to New Zealand! (Wed., Feb. 24)

Welcome to New Zealand! Arrive in Auckland, the “City of Sails.” Upon arrival at Auckland International Airport, clear Immigration and Customs and then be greeted by your guide. Enjoy a guided orientation tour of vibrant Auckland, showcasing this vibrant waterfront city set between two harbors. Take in sweeping views and get a feel for the unique blend of urban energy and natural beauty that defines Auckland. Enjoy a buffet lunch and hotel check-in at the luxurious The Grand by SkyCity, situated on Federal Street. This evening, gather for a special welcome dinner at the iconic Sky Tower, where a revolving restaurant offers breathtaking 360° views of the city skyline and beyond.

Meals: L, D

Day 2 – Waiheke Island Wine Experience (Thu., Feb. 25)

This morning, we board a 40-minute ferry cruise across the sparkling waters of the Hauraki Gulf to beautiful Waiheke Island, a haven of vineyards, olive groves, and stunning coastal scenery. Enjoy a guided tour of the island, visiting renowned wineries for tastings of some of New Zealand’s finest wines, all set against a backdrop of rolling hills and ocean views. Savor a leisurely lunch paired with local vintages before returning to Auckland in the afternoon. The evening is yours to explore the city at your own pace.

Meals: B, L

Day 3 – Auckland to Rotorua (Fri., Feb. 26)

Travel south through lush countryside toward Rotorua, stopping at the stunning Hamilton Gardens - where themed gardens transport you through cultures and time periods spanning 4,000 years. From Ancient Egypt to a 21st-century Concept Garden, journey from the surreal to the serene at New Zealand's most spectacular gardens. Continue to the world-famous Hobbiton Movie Set, the movie set for The Lord of the Rings, where you'll step into the magical world of Middle-earth on a guided tour through the charming Hobbit holes and rolling green hills. Enjoy a themed lunch. Continue to Rotorua, a region renowned for its geothermal wonders and rich Māori heritage.

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4 – Rotorua Cultural Discovery (Sat., Feb. 27)

Immerse yourself in the unique culture and natural wonders of Rotorua today. Visit the National Kiwi Hatchery, the national leader in kiwi husbandry, egg incubation systems, hatching techniques, and kiwi chick rearing. See the conservation efforts to protect New Zealand’s iconic kiwi bird. Then we'll experience the entertaining Agrodome Farm show featuring sheep shearing and working farm demonstrations. Hear amazing facts and have a few laughs as you're introduced to 19 sheep breeds and remarkable farm dogs that will amaze you as they demonstrate their ability to respond to commands and keep those sheep in line! This evening, enjoy an unforgettable Māori cultural experience and feast at Te Pā Tū. Share in the Māori history, traditions, and feast showcasing local cuisine.

Meals: B, D

Day 5 – Rotorua to Napier (Sun., Feb. 28)

Journey through the heart of New Zealand’s North Island as we travel from Rotorua to the charming seaside city of Napier. Along the way, marvel at the thundering Huka Falls, where more than 220,000 liters of water per second surge through a narrow gorge, creating one of the country’s most dramatic natural sights. Continue past the stunning shores of Lake Taupō, the largest lake in New Zealand, known for its crystal-clear waters and volcanic backdrop. Upon arrival in Napier, step back in time as you explore this beautifully preserved Art Deco city, rebuilt after the 1931 earthquake. Enjoy a guided walking tour through its colorful streets, discovering the unique architecture and fascinating history that make Napier one of the most distinctive destinations in the world.

Meals: B



QUEENSTOWN

Day 6 – Napier to Wellington (Mon., March 1)

Travel south along scenic coastal and countryside landscapes as we make our way to New Zealand’s vibrant capital, Wellington. En route, enjoy a meaningful stop at the Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre, where conservation efforts are bringing native wildlife back from the brink. Learn about New Zealand’s unique birdlife, including the iconic kiwi, and experience the beauty of a restored native forest. Continue on to Wellington, a lively harbor city known for its arts, culture, and café scene. Upon arrival, enjoy time at leisure to explore this charming and walkable capital. Meals: B

Day 7 – Discover Wellington (Tue., March 2)

Enjoy a comprehensive sightseeing tour of Wellington, a city perfectly nestled between mountains and sea. Highlights include views of Parliament Buildings (including the famous “Beehive”), the scenic waterfront, and lush botanical gardens. Visit the acclaimed Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, for a guided highlights tour of interactive exhibits that bring the country’s history and culture to life. Ride the historic Wellington Cable Car for panoramic city views before enjoying free time to explore, shop, or relax at one of the city’s many cafés. Meals: B

Day 8 – Fly to Christchurch (Wed., March 3)

This morning, we bid good-bye to the North Island and fly to New Zealand’s South Island and arrive in the charming “Garden City” of Christchurch. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided city tour showcasing both the city’s resilience and creativity, including visits to the striking Cardboard Cathedral and the interactive Quake City exhibit. Then, unwind with a relaxing punt ride along the tranquil Avon River, offering a unique perspective of the city’s beautiful parks and gardens. Punting on Avon as a skilled punter in traditional Edwardian attire propels the flat-bottomed boat with punter poles, is an iconic Christchurch attraction not to be missed. The remainder of the day is yours to explore at leisure. Meals: B

Day 9 – TranzAlpine Train to Franz Josef (Thu., March 4)

Today’s journey is one of the true highlights of your New Zealand adventure as you board the world-renowned TranzAlpine Train, celebrated as one of the most scenic rail experiences in the world. Travel across the vast Canterbury Plains and into the dramatic Southern Alps, where towering peaks, deep gorges, and rushing rivers create unforgettable scenery. Upon reaching Greymouth, continue by coach

along the rugged West Coast, passing through historic gold mining towns and lush rainforest landscapes before arriving in the glacier region of Franz Josef for an evening surrounded by nature at the 5-star Te Waonui Forest Retreat.

Meals: B, D

Day 10 – Franz Josef to Queenstown (Fri., March 5)

Depart the glacier region and journey through some of New Zealand’s most breathtaking alpine scenery en route to Queenstown. Travel via the dramatic Haast Pass, where waterfalls, rivers, and dense rainforest create a spectacular backdrop. Pause at the picturesque Lake Wānaka, known for its crystal-clear waters and mountain views. Continue to Queenstown, a vibrant lakeside resort town surrounded by the remarkable mountain range. Meals: B, D

Day 11 – Milford Sound Excursion (Sat., March 6)

Prepare for an unforgettable day as we journey to Milford Sound, often described as the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Travel through Fiordland National Park with scenic stops along the way before boarding a cruise through the dramatic fjord. Marvel at towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and pristine wilderness as you glide through this breathtaking landscape. Keep an eye out for wildlife, including seals and dolphins, in this truly awe-inspiring setting. Meals: B, L

Day 12 – Queenstown Experiences (Sun., March 7)

Experience the excitement and beauty of Queenstown today, starting with a thrilling ride on the Shotover Jetboat, where you’ll speed through narrow canyons on the Shotover River. Later, enjoy a relaxing cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic coal-fired TSS Earnslaw, the oldest passenger-carrying steamship in the Southern Hemisphere. This evening, ride the Skyline Gondola to the top of Bob’s Peak for a memorable dinner overlooking Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu. Meals: B, D

Day 13 – Queenstown to Twizel (Mon., March 8)

Travel through the stunning Mackenzie Country, known for its golden landscapes and turquoise lakes. Stop at the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd, one of the most photographed landmarks in the country. Continue to experience the immersive Dark Sky Project, where you’ll learn about the southern night sky and Māori astronomy traditions. Arrive in Twizel, your base for exploring the Mt. Cook region. Meals: B, D



TWIZEL

Day 14 – Mt. Cook National Park (Tue., March 9)

Today, explore the breathtaking landscapes of Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park, home to New Zealand's highest peak. Experience the Glacier Explorer tour on Tasman Lake, where floating icebergs and dramatic alpine scenery create a truly unforgettable setting. From Tasman Valley, we enjoy a 30-minute alpine walk* to board a Zodiac boat tour like no-other to experience views of the gigantic Tasman Glacier Ice Wall. This is one of the few accessible glacial lakes containing icebergs worldwide. Visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre to learn about the region's mountaineering history and the legacy of one of the world's greatest explorers. A day of incredible alpine scenery! Meals: B

*Guests must be fit and able to walk approx. 1 mile (30 minutes) to/from the lake edge to board the Zodiac. There is no alternative to this walk through the National Park to participate.

Day 15 – Twizel to Christchurch (Wed., March 10)

Return to Christchurch through scenic countryside. Depart the Mackenzie region and travel across the sweeping Canterbury Plains, passing braided rivers and expansive farmland as we return to Christchurch. Enjoy some free time to relax or explore before gathering this evening for a special farewell dinner—an opportunity to celebrate your incredible journey through New Zealand with your fellow travelers. Meals: B, D

Day 16 – Departure from Christchurch to Home (Thu., March 11)

Your unforgettable New Zealand adventure comes to an end today. Transfer to the Christchurch airport for your return flight home, bringing with you lasting memories of spectacular landscapes, unique wildlife, and rich cultural experiences from this remarkable journey. Meals: B

TOUR DETAILS:

16 Days Feb 24 - March 11, 2027

PRICE PER PERSON:

Double: \$10,995; Single: \$13,495

PLUS airfare*

*Air price is approximated at \$2,600 economy class. Air includes international flight from Boston to Auckland / Return flight from Christchurch to Boston / 1 Domestic flight from Wellington to Christchurch. Schedules and fare will be available Summer 2026

DEPART/RETURN:

Motorcoach CT to Boston Logan & return to CT
Flights Depart/Return: (BOS) Boston Logan

INCLUSIONS

- * Escorted tour with Brett Isaacson, President of Friendship Tours
- * Professional, English speaking Local Guides/ Drivers throughout the itinerary
- * 27 Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner) Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- * Fees and tips for included attractions & meals
- * Luggage Handling at all hotels
- * Deluxe motorcoach transportation throughout
- * Gratuities to drivers and guides

ACCOMMODATIONS: 15 NIGHTS

- * 2 Nights: The Grand by SkyCity - Auckland
- * 2 Nights: Rydges Rotorua
- * 1 Night: Scenic Hotel Te Pania
- * 2 Nights: Sofitel Wellington
- * 1 Night: Crowne Plaza Christchurch
- * 1 Night: Te Waonui Forest Retreat
- * 3 Nights: Rees Hotel Queenstown
- * 2 Nights: Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel Twizel
- * 1 Night: Crowne Plaza Christchurch

NOT INCLUDED:

- * Any meals not mentioned and beverages during meals other than tap water
- * Porterage at the Airports
- * Travel Insurance - required
- * New Zealand ETA VISA cost - required

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COST - LAND TOUR* (with 20-30 paying guests): \$10,995. per person based on double occupancy + \$2,500. per person single supplement
Includes motorcoach transfer from CT to Boston Logan Airport on February 22, 2027 and return motorcoach transportation from Boston to CT on March 11, 2027.

***AIR TRAVEL:** Air price is approximated at \$2,600 economy class. Schedules and fares will be available Summer 2026. Friendship Tours can make your flight arrangements to travel from Boston to Auckland (AKL), Return flight from Christchurch (CHC) to Boston with your tour escort, Brett Isaacson. Or, you may make your own flight arrangements to meet the group in AKL on February 24, 2027. Do not purchase your own air until you have been advised that the minimum number of travelers for this tour has been reached. This trip is based on a minimum of 20 travelers. International Flight arrangements are in addition to the LAND cost of this tour package.

The 1 domestic flight within New Zealand from Wellington to Christchurch (March 3) is not included in the cost of this trip (economy class). This will be included in the airline price if purchased with Friendship Tours. A copy of your passport will be required at time of final payment.

RESERVATIONS VIA FRIENDSHIP TOURS:
CALL: 800-243-1630

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

DEPOSIT: \$2,000. per person with reservation to secure your spot.

2ND PAYMENT: \$5,000. per person due Aug 14, 2026.

FINAL PAYMENT: balance due Oct 23, 2026.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS:

International flight arrangements will be available to reserve in Summer 2026. Friendship Tours will reserve a block of group ticketing based on Economy Class tickets out of Boston for those that would like to travel together with Brett Isaacson, escort. Pricing and payment schedule will be announced. An upgrade can also be quoted.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If a passenger cancels after deposit to Aug 14, 2026, the fee is \$1,000; Aug 15 to Oct 23, 2026, the fee is \$5,000 pp; no refunds if cancelled after Oct 23, 2026.

PASSPORT: U.S. Citizens: Valid Passport required and must be valid 6 months past the return date. Non U.S. Citizens are responsible for obtaining proper documentation for travel.

NEW ZEALAND ELECTRONIC TRAVEL

AUTHORITY VISA (NZETA): For U.S. citizens, a valid visa is required to enter New Zealand. Visas are available through: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/new-zealand-electronic-travel-authority-nzeta/>
U.S. & Non-U.S. Citizens are responsible for obtaining proper documentation for travel.

PRICES & ITINERARY: Prices are valid at time of publication. Prices quoted are based on exchange rates and are subject to change. Friendship Tours shall not be liable for any fluctuation in price or change in schedule or equipment or accommodations for any travel booking or travel service to be provided by a Travel Supplier. Changes to itineraries may become necessary. These changes will not be considered a material change and will not be cause for cancellation or refund. This itinerary is planned & operated by 39 Degrees South.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL:

MODERATE/ACTIVE

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven terrain in natural settings, including climbing stairs. Standing up to one hour or more may be required. Several long days of travel using multiple modes of transportation. Must be able to navigate various airports including the night flight.

TRIP PROTECTION COVERAGE:

Proof of travel insurance coverage is required for this tour. Friendship Tours can assist with the purchase of trip protection coverage through Travel Insured International's Worldwide Trip Protector Plan.

Additionally, Travel Insured International offers a policy with the option for **CANCEL FOR ANY REASON** coverage when purchased within 14 days of your initial deposit. Insurance Premiums are non-refundable. Ask Friendship Tours for more information.

To review the Travel Insured International plan, go to:

<https://www.travelinsured.com/docs/comp-charts/wtp.pdf>

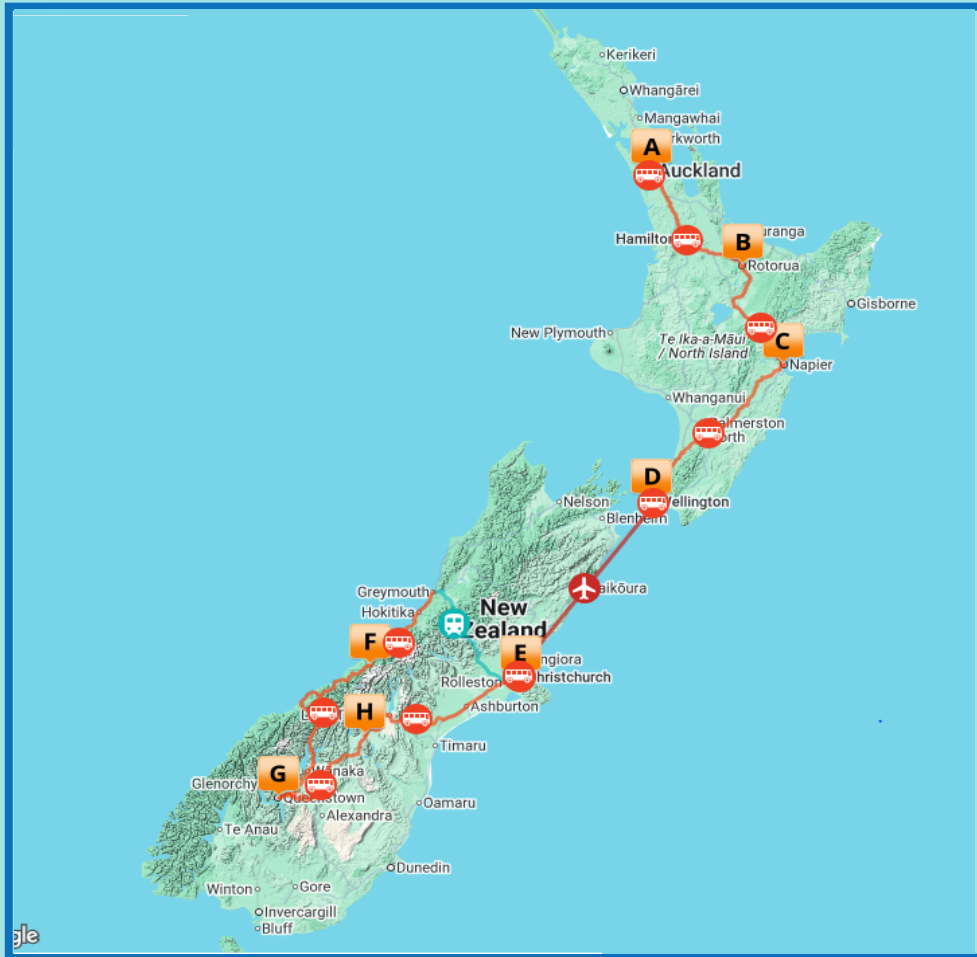
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