



Exploring Spectacular New Zealand

January 23 – February 5, 2011

Optional extension: Milford Track guided walk



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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

New Zealand is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Imagine a place with snow-capped mountains rising to 12,000 feet, the largest fiords in the world, massive glaciers carving their way to the ocean, ancient temperate rainforests, and deserted beaches fringing turquoise waters. No wonder visitors are awestruck by New Zealand's stunning natural environment.

Equally as alluring is New Zealand's dynamic cultural heritage. Indigenous Maori culture has a strong influence on all aspects of New Zealand life, and you will enjoy learning about their rich history, language, and art forms. Through interactions with local people, you will also understand why Kiwis are world renowned for their friendliness and resourcefulness.

You will also have the chance to interact with New Zealand's fascinating plants and animals, many of which are unknown elsewhere in the world. New Zealand's isolation allowed many unusual creatures to evolve including flightless birds, the world's heaviest insect, and a reptile from the age of the dinosaurs.

Join us as we explore these spectacular natural and cultural wonders in our little slice of paradise Down Under. New Zealand is on many people's "Must See List" so why wait? This is your chance to visit this fabulous place with other like-minded travelers.

Kind Regards from Westwood,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheri Fair". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C".

Director, Alumni Travel

For more information, please contact us at 310-206-0613 or UCLALumni.net/Travel.



Highlights

- Join the hunt to see giant sperm whales that reside in a deep oceanic trench just off the Kaikoura coast.
- Gain a deep insight into Maori culture through one of the world's finest indigenous tours.
- Tour a Marlborough vineyard and savor a glass of Sauvignon Blanc with the winemaker.
- Relive the elegance of turn-of-the-century travel with a cruise aboard a vintage steamship from Queenstown to a remote high country sheep farm.
- Travel through the spectacular rainforests and towering mountains of Fiordland National Park and cruise the still waters of Milford Sound.
- View unique and rare wildlife such as the iconic kiwi.
- Explore the picturesque Garden City of Christchurch and the cosmopolitan capital of Wellington.

Tour leader

Dr. Pat Devlin is an Emeritus professor in the Department of Social Sciences, Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Sport at Lincoln University in Christchurch. Dr. Devlin has taught natural history, Polynesian studies, management planning, and the sociology of leisure, as well as resource based recreation and interpretive studies. His research interests include the management of outdoor recreation areas and nature conservation. He has helped develop national programs in outdoor/environmental education and leadership training for New Zealand and various other countries around the world. He officially retired in 1998 but is still actively involved in supervising postgraduate students and leading study abroad trips for numerous American universities.



Days 1 and 2 **San Francisco / Los Angeles / Auckland**

After departure from San Francisco or Los Angeles, cross the international date line and arrive in Auckland in the early morning of day three.



Day 3 **Auckland (D)**

Settle in at the hotel and enjoy free time to explore New Zealand's "City of Sails." Enjoy dinner at the chic Viaduct Harbor, home of the famous America's Cup yacht race.

Day 4 **Auckland to Rotorua (B, D)**

This morning travel by coach to Rotorua, known for its bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers, and indigenous Maori culture. This afternoon visit Te Puia, Rotorua's best-known thermal area and home to the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute. Enjoy the rare chance to see New Zealand's iconic national bird, the kiwi. Tonight experience a traditional Maori cultural show and hangi dinner.

Day 5 **Rotorua (B)**

Did you know New Zealand has more sheep than people? Today, learn more about the agricultural industries that support this largely rural nation. See sheep shearing and a sheepdog demonstration and tour a working organic farm. Afterward, indulge with an elegant high tea at the Blue Baths and a soak in one of the many local hot pools.



Day 6 **Rotorua to Wellington (B)**

This morning fly to Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, and a vibrant cultural and artistic centre. Visit Te Papa, the national Museum of New Zealand, and a world-first in conservation, the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary. Learn why New Zealand's flora and fauna are so unique, and how this natural heritage is being protected and restored.

Day 7 **Wellington (B)**

Enjoy a free day to explore the many galleries, museums, cafes, and boutiques of this cosmopolitan city.



Day 8 **Wellington to Kaikoura (B, L)**

This morning depart for the South Island by ferry, traveling through the turquoise waters of the Marlborough Sounds. This afternoon, tour one of Marlborough's world famous Sauvignon Blanc wineries, taste a variety of local wines, and savor a gourmet lunch. Later, continue by coach to Kaikoura, a quaint, seaside village known for its resident marine mammals and mouth-watering seafood.



Day 9 **Kaikoura to Christchurch (B)**

Today there are two optional half-day activities from which to choose at your own expense, or simply relax and observe the spectacular scenery of Kaikoura. For those who admire wildlife, join Whale Watch Kaikoura on a hunt to see the giant sperm whales that reside just off the Kaikoura coast. A second option is a personal indigenous tour, to gain a deep insight and understanding of the Maori way of life. This afternoon travel by coach to the Garden City of Christchurch.

Day 10 Christchurch (B)

A tour of Christchurch city and the Port Hills this morning introduce the beautiful gardens, historic buildings, and fabulous views over the Canterbury Plains and historic Lyttelton Harbor. Discover a range of attractions that may be explored further on your own this afternoon.



Day 14 Depart Queenstown for Auckland and on to the U.S. (B)

After enjoying a free morning, fly to Auckland and on to Los Angeles or San Francisco. Participants in the optional extension on the Milford Track will depart this morning for their next adventure.

Activity level: **moderately active.**

Day 11 Christchurch to Queenstown (B, D)

Fly to Queenstown, a picturesque town nestled amongst the Southern Alps on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Relive the elegance of turn-of-the-century travel with a cruise aboard the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw. Cruise to Walter Peak High Country Farm to gain a charming insight into New Zealand high country life and feast on a sumptuous dinner featuring local meat and produce.

Program price: \$5,150

Single supplement: \$1,100

Airfare from the U.S. to Auckland, with return from Queenstown, is not included in the program rates. As of March 2010, round-trip economy class airfare is estimated at \$1,670. This fare is subject to change. Please note that internal flights between Rotorua and Wellington and between Christchurch and Queenstown are included in this program price, and baggage allowances may differ from your international flight allowances.

Day 12 Daytrip to Milford Sound (B)

Today's drive on the road to Milford Sound travels through some of the world's most impressive alpine scenery. There will be numerous opportunities for taking short walks and photographing the towering mountains, glacial lakes, and alpine herb fields. At Milford Sound, board a comfortable vessel to cruise the length of the Sound with outstanding views of the luxuriant rainforest clinging to sheer rock walls and waterfalls tumbling hundreds of meters to the sea below. Return to Queenstown by coach with the group, or by helicopter at your own expense.



Optional extension: **Milford Track guided walk: February 5-9, 2011**

Traversing the heart of Fiordland National Park, the Milford Track has long been described as "the finest walk in the world." The Milford Track guided walk is a 5-day /4-night excursion that starts and ends in Queenstown. The extension package includes all transport, accommodation in luxury lodges, gourmet meals, snacks, backpacks, and rain jackets. You will be led by expert guides and your luggage will be transported for you, so you only need to carry a light daypack.

Activity level: **very active.**

Extension price: \$1,999

Single supplement: \$400



Day 13 Queenstown (B, D)

Enjoy a free day to explore the many delights of Queenstown. Tonight we wish you farewell with a special dinner at the Skyline Gondola, overlooking the lights of Queenstown and the beautiful Lake Wakatipu.

**For more information call
310-206-0613.**

Reserve your Exploring Spectacular New Zealand today!

Please mail your completed reservation form and deposit to UCLA Alumni Association, Attn: Alumni Travel, James West Alumni Center, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1397, Phone 310-206-0613, Fax 310-209-4271.

Legal Name (as it appears on passport)

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Name(s) you would like on you name badge(s).

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Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 per person required).

Payment Options

- Accept my check made payable to **American Universities International Programs Limited**.
- I will make payment by international money transfer (wire) to the following account:
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Account # 206036-USD, Swift: ANZBNZ22

Single participants only

- I prefer single accommodations for the main tour at an additional \$1,100.
- I prefer single accommodations for the Milford post-trip extension at an additional \$400.
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single and pay the single supplement if one is not found. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis.

Reservations must be paid in full by **November 1, 2010**. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full.

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- Yes, I am a member of the UCLA Alumni Association.
- No, I am not a member. Please send me an application to join.

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Signature _____ Date _____

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A Word about your Tour Operator

Continuum Educational Travel is a brand of the New Zealand-based company, American Universities International Programs Limited (AUIP), which provides educational travel opportunities for a wide range of groups from students to adults.

Our point of difference is in providing tours that are deeply rooted in learning through experience. We believe that travel is the best way to open hearts and minds to the fabulous cultural and natural diversity of our world. Our goal is to challenge participants to use their travel experiences to actively promote intercultural understanding and cooperation, to overcome cultural and national barriers, and to forge international connections once they return home.

Our specific focus is on the Pacific region because these are the cultures and environments we know best. We have traveled the world and believe that our region offers one of the safest, most beautiful, and most diverse regions anywhere.

Accommodation



The Langham Hotel Auckland

The five-star Langham Hotel Auckland is distinguished by its enchanting hospitality and timeless elegance. One of the 'Leading Hotels of the World', it is a haven of tranquility in the heart of this vibrant city. Seasoned travelers will appreciate both its classic charm and innovative amenities.

Regent of Rotorua

Located next to the town's vibrant restaurant zone and lakefront area, the 4.5-star Regent of Rotorua is a newly renovated boutique hotel offering stylish luxury accommodation. Each of the rooms and suites is exquisitely designed, featuring contemporary decor with a touch of glamour.



Museum Hotel Wellington

The four-star Museum Hotel Wellington is a luxury boutique hotel located in the centre of Wellington city opposite the beautiful harbor and New Zealand's national museum. The lobby features opulent décor, walls adorned with original New Zealand art, and a renowned restaurant and bar. The spacious rooms are elegantly appointed.



Fairways Kaikoura

Fairways Kaikoura overlooks the Kaikoura golf course and offers 360 degree panoramic views of the coastline and nearby mountains. Enjoy this outstanding environment from the comfort of a brand new, premium apartment complete with gas fire, spa bath, and full kitchen and laundry facilities.

Novotel Christchurch

The 4.5-star Novotel Christchurch is situated on the site of the historic, heritage-listed Warners Hotel, first built in 1863. It is ideally located in Cathedral Square in the very heart of the central city. The rooms are spacious and contemporary, while the building décor and artwork reflects its historic past.

The Heritage Queenstown

Surrounded by majestic mountains and nestled on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, the 4.5-star Heritage Queenstown is a resort that will simply leave you breathless. Its world-class services include a heated indoor/outdoor pool, day spa, sauna, gym, and elegant restaurant and bar.



Please note that alternative, similar accommodations may be substituted if the above properties are not available.

Terms and Conditions

NOT INCLUDED—U.S. domestic and international airfare to Auckland and returning from Queenstown, New Zealand; excess baggage charges; airport security fees charged by the government or airports; passport of visa fees; immunizations; transfers to and from airports for those not on the group flights; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; meals and beverages not specified; optional excursions; travel insurance; medical expenses; room service, phone calls, and internet charges; other items of a strictly personal nature.

MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL—The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of American Universities International Programs Limited, trading as Continuum Educational Travel (CET) and/or the UCLA Alumni Association (UCLA) is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, shall be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

CANCELLATION—All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Cancellations prior to November 1, 2010 are completely refundable minus the \$300 fee. All payments are completely nonrefundable at or within 83 days prior to departure (after November 1, 2010), regardless of date of deposit.

NOTE: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip-cancellation insurance. An application will be sent upon confirmation of your reservation. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to UCLA Alumni Travel.

BAGGAGE—Luggage restrictions for internal flights included in the program price may differ from the allowances on other international and U.S. domestic flights. Please check with the tour operator for the specific baggage allowances on all internal flights. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice.

RESPONSIBILITY—UCLA and CET act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation, hotels, and activity arrangements, and exercise every care possible. However, we can assume no liability to any program participant or any third party for any reason whatsoever including without limitation liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, ship, or other conveyance used in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. Nor can we accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay, weather, strikes, wars, acts of God, or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the participant. UCLA and CET reserve the right to make such alterations in this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. UCLA and CET are not responsible, in the event of cancellation or alteration of the tour, for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by purchasing a non-refundable airline ticket.

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