



Wine...Kiwi Style

DAY ONE: Welcome to Christchurch! Gateway into New Zealand's South Island and the prized Marlborough wine region. Upon arrival, your guide will assist you with a transfer to your boutique hotel. After check in, a private city tour will help with your orientation of this wonderful city. Christchurch, like the rest of New Zealand is a place of contrasts. Residents live a healthy and active lifestyle amid a natural environment known for its amazing beauty. You will see all the highlights including Cathedral and Victoria Squares, Avon River, the Floral Clock, Botanical Gardens, Worcester Boulevard and the Bridge of Remembrance. Once you have concluded your tour, you will be whisked away to your hotel for a relaxing evening and a night of rest.

DAY TWO: Today is your first full day tasting the wines of New Zealand's South Island. The South Island wine regions include Canterbury and Waipara Valley. Your wine tasting begins with two appointments in Canterbury. Lunch will also be scheduled at the second wine tasting vineyard. The next two tastings are scheduled in the beautiful valley of Waipara. A delightful winery dinner will be served before returning to your hotel.

DAY THREE: Rise and shine early this morning for a picturesque drive to Mount Cook. Glacier explorers have been in operation at the Tasman Glacier Terminal Lake, in the Aoraki Mount Cook National Park since 1993. Board a vessel and watch your captain navigate his way through the murky glacier waters. This is a perfect photo opt of icebergs and wildlife while listening to audio commentary on the geology of glaciers in the area.

DAY FOUR: After breakfast today, meet your guide for a journey into Queenstown. Queenstown is surrounded by majestic mountains and is nestled on the shores of a crystal clear Lake Wakatipu. Upon returning to Queenstown, plan for free time to explore your new environment including the historic Arrowtown and scenic Glenorchy.

DAY FIVE: Taste the wines of Central Otago today on each of your private wine tasting tours. The wine from this appellation is celebrated around the world. The Central Otago region also produces beautiful sparkling wines. So if bubbles are what you like, this is the perfect time to sip a sparkling wine. Your wine tasting excursion also includes a delightful lunch experience.

DAY SIX: Climb into a luxury glass-roofed motor coach and relax for a scenic drive along the shores of Lake Wakatipu, through the rolling countryside to Te Anau. After a morning tea break in Te Anau, look forward to the spectacular Milford Road in route to the south end of Milford Sound. Board the Milford Mariner for a relaxing cruise in the world famous Milford Sound. Lunch will be served as you view waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. In route to Queensland...you will have time to update your travel journal with notations for favorite moments of the day.

DAY SEVEN: After breakfast, it off to Christchurch with hotel accommodations at a perfect spa property. Your day of leisure may include a soothing spa treatment before a night on the town.

DAY EIGHT: Your trip would not be complete without inclusion of a scenic cruise along the inner Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds. The natural beauty of these two Sounds creates a perfect tranquil environment. At this point in your vacation, you are sure to realize that New Zealand is one of the most beautiful countries the world has to offer. The pioneer families who have settled here have a rich history. The beautiful setting and rich history blend perfectly with a visit to a Greenshell Mussel farm. While touring the mussel farm plan on a savory bowl of freshly steamed mussels and a glass of award-winning Sauvignon Blanc. This evening, enjoy the sights of Blenheim.

DAY NINE: The magnificent Marlborough wine region is a leader in producing world-class Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Enjoy your private tours and winery lunch. This evening you will guests at a New Zealand style BBQ dinner at a famous Marlborough winery.

DAY TEN: Discover vintner winemaking techniques in the Nelson wine region. Explore the wineries that dot the stony Waimea Plains with the rolling backdrop of the Moutere Hills. Overnight in Nelson.

DAY ELEVEN: This morning, you will leave the South Island and board a ferry to Wellington on the North Island of New Zealand. Your private city tour is scheduled once you have arrived. Attractions in Wellington include the “Te Papa,” museum. This is the national museum of New Zealand. A farewell wine and chocolate tasting awaits you before dining this evening.

DAY TWELVE: Take the morning to pick up any last minute gifts and souvenirs before your transfer to the Wellington airport, where you will begin your journey home.

LAND QUOTE

RATE PER PERSON:

Vacation Price Starting at: **\$3,600.00** USD per person double occupancy.

EXACT VACATION QUOTE:

Will be calculated based on dates of travel, hotel category and transportation type.