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## New Zealand 6 Night/7 Day Private Tour



### **DAY 1** ARRIVE WELLINGTON

**Day Summary:** Arrive Wellington

Upon arrival at Wellington Airport, after clearing immigrations and customs, please proceed to the Arrivals area and look for a sign with our **Kipling & Clark logo**, held by our local guide. From here you will be assisted with your luggage and transfers by private vehicle to Wharekauhau Country Estate. Enjoy the interesting commentary from your driver/guide as you cross the Rimutaka Ranges and enter Wairarapa region and continue to Palliser Bay (**approx. 90 minute drive**).

### **Wharekauhau Lodge and Country Estate – near Wellington, New Zealand**

This is a spectacular 5,000 acre working sheep station/country estate that is a big favorite of clients seeking a private idyllic setting with many optional activities. Bill Gates is a regular visitor here. Similar to Southern Ocean Lodge, the accommodations/dining here are world-class, beyond 5 star luxury. Activities include horse-trekking overlooking Palliser Bay, fishing, archery, picturesque hiking and mountain biking, even clay target-shooting! ([www.wharekauhau.co.nz](http://www.wharekauhau.co.nz))

Evening cocktails and dinner included at the lodge.

**Meals: Dinner**

**Accommodation: Wharekauhau Country Estate/Cottage Suite**

### **DAY 2** WHAREKAUHAU

Breakfast at Wharekauhau

**Day Summary:** Wharekauhau activities and private touring

### **Wharekauhau Farm Tour**

No visit to Wharekauhau is complete without a tour of the surrounding farm. Bordered by the Rimutaka Ranges and Pacific Ocean, this classic New Zealand Romney sheep station features all the activities that have created New Zealand's legendary farming heritage. Today's tour includes a mixture of sheep shearing demonstrations, sheep dogs in action and daily farm events, **plus a Beech Forest bush walk.**

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore. A suggested activity this afternoon is a **walk up Mount Wharekauhau with the lodges 4 legged guide... (moderate fitness required).**

Evening cocktails followed by dinner at the lodge.

**Meals: Dinner**

**Accommodation: Wharekauhau Country Estate/Cottage Suite**

**DAY 3** **WHAREKAUHAU**

Breakfast at Wharekauhau

**Day Summary:** Wine tasting and discretionary activities at Wharekauhau

### **Martinborough Wine & Food Tour**

This morning you will be met at the lodge by a local expert guide.

Located in close proximity to Wharekauhau, 29 boutique wineries are situated around the small rural village of Martinborough.

Discover the pleasures of the local wineries, tasting some of the **world's best Pinot Noir.** - International wine experts rate Martinborough as one of the finest wine growing regions in New Zealand and its Pinot Noir equal to anything that Burgundy has on offer. Your personal guide will chauffeur you around a choice of the best vineyards and serious enthusiasts will be given the opportunity to meet with wine makers and have a behind the scenes tour of a vineyard. Included with this tour will be lunch at one of the vineyard cafes or at one of the excellent cafes in the village, where you will also be given the opportunity to visit the boutique food and craft shops.

Evening cocktails followed by dinner at the lodge.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Wharekauhau Country Estate/Cottage Suite**

**DAY 4** **WELLINGTON TO CHRISTCHURCH**

Breakfast at Wharekauhau

**Day Summary:** Helicopter to Wellington with private touring, afternoon flight Wellington/Christchurch

**This morning you will be transferred from the lodge by helicopter for a 10 minute Scenic Flight transfer to Wellington's downtown.** *Please note that the weight limit for the helicopter flight is luggage of 30kg's (65lbs) per person and no oversized items.*

On arrival at Downtown Wellington, you will be met by our local guide for a private Wellington highlights tour. Travel to Lambton Quay, Wellington Premier shopping mile. Your guide will show you all the very best shops for outstanding shopping. On completion catch the famous Cable Car to Kelburn for a fabulous view of the city. Wellington has the feel of a miniature San Francisco!

From the top of the Cable Car drive to the Otari Reserve Rain Forest. This area receives rain on 125 days of the year. Here walk across the 'Tree Top Walkway', 20 metres above the forest floor, viewing native trees and birds. Remaining in Thorndon your guide takes you by the Parliament Buildings, the Beehive, General Assembly Library, Wellington's Cathedral, Premier House & Katherine Mansfield birthplace. Stops will be made for photos. Tour Old St Paul's Church, built in 1866 and considered one of the finest examples of Gothic Revival architecture left in New Zealand. The next suburb **Seatoun is home to New Zealand's famous film director, Peter Jackson.** Lunch will be at a seaside café (own expense).

Optional visit to Wellington's Museum of New Zealand (Te Papa - Our Place). Opened in 1998, there are six floors of interactive experiences and exhibition galleries.

After lunch you will be transferred to [Wellington Airport for your NZ8065 flight departing at 1:45pm, arriving Christchurch at 2:40pm \(mono-class aircraft\).](#)

Upon arrival at Christchurch Airport, after clearing immigrations and customs, please proceed to the Arrivals area and look for a sign with our **Kipling & Clark logo**, held by our local guide. From here you will be transferred to Otahuna by private vehicle.

This evening enjoy pre-dinner drinks and canapes, followed by a 5 course degustation dinner matched with New Zealand wines.

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Otahuna Lodge/Lodge Suite**

In contrast to the sprawling 5,000 acre Wharekauhau estate, Otahuna evokes the charm of an intimate, old English manor, with only 7 suite/rooms. This place was once the largest private residence in all of New Zealand. **Apart from the luxurious accommodations, Otahuna is most noteworthy due to its gardens and food.** In fact, Bev and I feel the Christchurch area in general has among the most colorful, lush gardens we have seen anywhere – so beautiful! Otahuna's annual spring explosion of daffodils has attracted visitors from the outlying areas since 1895. Otahuna's lawns, woodland, ponds and bridges were originally designed by a landscaper who studied at Kew Gardens near London. Otahuna's Chef Jimmy gathers more than 80% of his menu ingredients from the ground's own fruit, vegetables, herbs, and livestock. Based on past clients' feedback, it's safe to say that Otahuna represents unpretentious, high-touch luxury in the context of an intimate personal atmosphere.

**DAY 05** **CHRISTCHURCH**

Breakfast at Otahuna

**Day Summary:** Private touring of Arthur's Pass National Park, TranzAlpine Train, moderate hiking.

### **Arthurs Pass National Park and the TranzAlpine Train**

This morning you will be met at the lodge by an expert local Guide for the days privately guided adventure. The Arthur's Pass National Park is the only place in New Zealand you can enjoy a guided walk in a national park and an iconic rail journey in the same day! Your day starts with your journey on the TranzAlpine as you follow the Waimakariri Gorge across viaducts and through tunnels into the amazing Canterbury high country. On your walk (**tailored to your fitness levels**) get up close and personal with the New Zealand beech forest and the vast array of fauna, pristine mountain streams, alpine flowers, an alpine wetland and mountain & glacier views. After the walk we will drive across the pass to the Otira Viaduct lookout and spend some time in the National Park Visitor Centre before the stunning drive back to Christchurch. Included is morning tea, lunch, one way TranzAlpine journey & use of wet weather gear, walking poles & backpacks.

Evening pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner at the lodge.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Otahuna Lodge/Lodge Suite**

## **DAY 6 CHRISTCHURCH**

Breakfast at Otahuna

**Day Summary:** Private touring of Christchurch

### **Christchurch Sightseeing**

After a leisurely breakfast, you will be met by our local guide for a short drive into Christchurch city. Your guide will show you the highlights of this beautiful city with a Punt on the Avon River included (**we love the Avon River and the "punting" ride!**). You will also have free time for some shopping and/or lunch at a local restaurant or café before returning to the lodge in the early afternoon.

### **Punting on the Avon River**

Sit back, relax in a custom built beautifully upholstered punt as your private boatman guides you past the sights of the central city. Enjoy the tranquillity and calm which is uniquely Christchurch.

Often referred to as the '**Garden City**', Christchurch features many majestic trees and extensive parks and gardens, the most notable of which is expansive Hagley Park in the heart of the city. Bordering the park and botanical gardens (most impressive!) is the city's cultural precinct where Gothic Revival Buildings, including the Christchurch Cathedral, sit alongside the dramatic curving glass and steel façade of the Art Gallery. In contrast to this flat cityscape and the surrounding Canterbury Plains, the skyline to the south is dominated by the tussock and rocky outcrops of the Port Hills. The hills separate the city from the volcanic Banks Peninsula and Lyttelton Harbour, where English settlers arrived by ship in 1850 to establish New Zealand's first city. Today, Christchurch remains an entry point for many visitors to the South Island.

The afternoon is at leisure at the lodge to relax or explore. Walking trails and complimentary mountain bikes are available.

Evening pre-dinner drinks and canapes followed by a special wine paired dinner prepared by Otahuna's award winning chef.

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Otahuna Lodge/Lodge Suite**

**DAY 7 DEPART CHRISTCHURCH**

Breakfast at Otahuna

**Day Summary:** Fly Christchurch/Auckland and Auckland/Los Angeles

**This morning say farewell to your hosts before a private transfer to Christchurch Airport with check-in assistance**

**Meals: Breakfast**

**BON VOYAGE!**



**Costs For Two (twin-sharing basis)**

**USD13,580.00 (based on September 2010 tariff)  
(excluding transpacific airfare)**