

Join Middle-earth Network for  
A LONG EXPECTED JOURNEY  
to  
**NEW ZEALAND**



Experience the majestic beauty of New Zealand and visit the locations that featured in *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit* and *The Chronicles of Narnia* films.

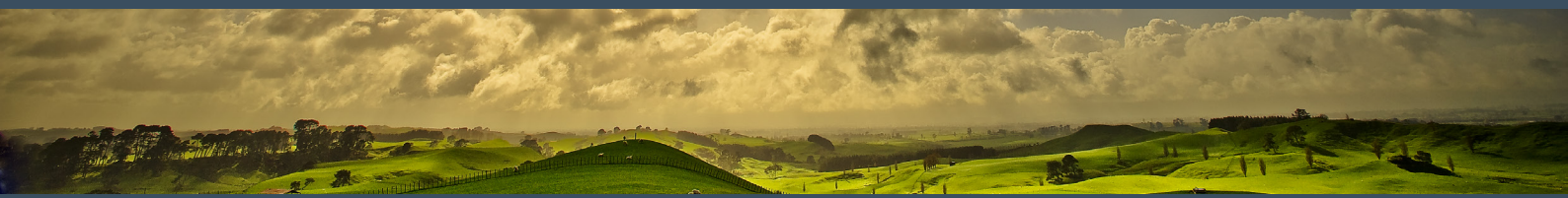
We invite you to join with The Middle-earth Network and Ian Brodie Photo on a fully escorted special journey through New Zealand that will introduce you to the landscape, history, mythology and geography of the country dubbed by many as “The Real Middle-earth”.

Featuring;

- Welcome group dinner in Auckland
- Tour of the Waitomo Caves
- Specially guided tour of Hobbiton Movie Set
- Tongariro National Park
- Wellington & The Weta Cave
- In Wellington during the World Premiere of *The Hobbit*
- Craigieburn
- Mt Sunday
- Twizel
- Dunedin
- Poolburn
- Queenstown
- Glenorchy

See famous locations from the films including;

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| • Hobbiton            | • Amon Hen          |
| • River Anduin        | • Ithilien          |
| • The Eryn Muil       | • Embassy Theatre   |
| • Mordor              | • The Last Battle   |
| • The Pelennor Fields | • Aslans Camp       |
| • Rohan               | • Narnia in Spring  |
| • Isengard            | • Edge of The Shire |
| • Edoras              | • Rivendell         |



# Itinerary from Los Angeles

## Wednesday 21 November

### DEPART LOS ANGELES

Depart Los Angeles tonight at 10-00pm (local time) with Air New Zealand, the airline to Middle-earth! Total flight time is 13 hours and en route you cross the date-line, losing one day. Thursday 22 November is in flight.

## Friday 23 November

### ARRIVE AUCKLAND (D)

Welcome to New Zealand! You will be met on arrival at Auckland International Airport (arrival time 8-00am) before being transferred to your hotel. Tonight, a "Kiwiana" Welcome dinner is served at the hotel.

## Saturday 24 November

### AUCKLAND – ROTORUA (BLD)

Travelling south crossing the Bombay Hills through the dairy rich Waikato countryside we arrive at the famous Waitomo Caves. A lunch stop will be made enroute today. From Waitomo we travel to Matamata & the Hobbiton Movie Set, for a guided tour of the movie set followed by dinner. In 1999 New Zealand film-maker, Peter Jackson, transformed the green pastures of this sheep farm into Shire, Middle-earth, where Hobbits lived in peace in their Hobbit holes. As you walk about the set, your guide will provide insights to how the set was developed and used by the film-makers. The tour concludes with a walk up Bagshot Row to Bag End, to stand outside the most famous Hobbit hole in Middle-Earth. Following your tour a dinner is served on site before driving onto the thermal wonderland of Rotorua, the Sulphur City.

## Sunday 25 November

### ROTORUA – NATIONAL PARK / OHAKUNE (B)

Travelling south to Taupo we stop to visit the Aratiatia Rapids where the cast and crew spent one week shooting the flood scene that features in 'The Two Towers'. Then onto view the Huka Falls and then skirt the edges of Lake Taupo enroute to National Park, From here we will travel up Mount Ruapehu to the 'Top of the Bruce' to then walk to Pinnacle Ridge where scenes of Mordor, Gorgoroth Plains, and the Eryn Muil were filmed. We then descend again to see the Mangawhero Falls and the river bed where Smeagol chased and caught a fish, before arriving at our accommodation.

## Monday 26 November

### NATIONAL PARK / OHAKUNE – WELLINGTON (B)

We head south again through the Central Plateau and make our first stop at the Rangitikei River, which was actually the River Anduin in the Lord of the Rings and the site of Gravity Canyon for an optional Bungy Jump. Travelling south and across the Manawatu plains and along the Kapiti Coast line we arrive at the QEII Park in Paraparaumu which doubled as the Pelennor Fields before arriving into New Zealand's capital Wellington for the next three nights. Upon arrival we visit the summit of Mt Victoria (Outer Shire) and The Weta Cave for shopping and a short film presentation.

## Tuesday 27 November

### WELLINGTON (BL)

Today you explore what the 'Windy City' has to offer including a visit to the summit of Mt Victoria, (Outer Shire), Harcourt Park, (Gardens of Isengard), Hutt River (River Anduin), Kaitoke Regional Park (Rivendell) in the Hutt area and the further north to the garden of Fernside, the location of Lothlorien in Featherston before returning late this afternoon to Wellington.

## Wednesday 28 November

### WELLINGTON (B)

Today is at leisure before preparing yourself for the hype surrounding the World Movie Premiere of 'The Hobbit' \*.

## Thursday 29 November

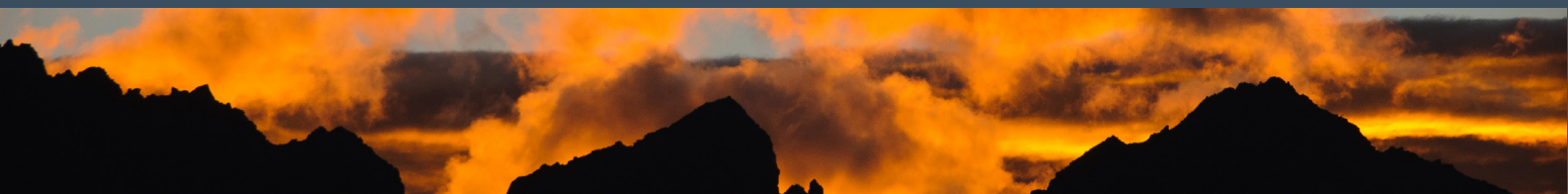
### WELLINGTON – CHRISTCHURCH (B)

Today you cruise the Cook Strait heading through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sounds into the South Island. On arrival in Picton you reboard your coach and travel along the rugged coastline through to Kaikoura, keeping an eye out for the seals sunning themselves on the coastal rocks. Following a short stop in Kaikoura we continue south to Christchurch where we enjoy a short tour of the 'Garden City' en-route to your accommodation.

## Friday 30 November

### CHRISTCHURCH – METHVEN/ASHBURTON (BL)

Today we head for the Southern Alps and to Castle Hill, location for the Final Battle in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. From here we head back down onto the Canterbury Plains to our accommodation at the foot of the Southern Alps Mountain Range.



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## **Saturday 01 December**

### **METHVEN/ASHBURTON – TWIZEL/OMARAMA (BL)**

We head back into the Southern Alps mountain range to Mt Potts station where conditions permitting, we take a walk to Mt Sunday better known as Meduseld in Rohan in the Lord of the Rings. We then head back down to the Canterbury Plains before crossing Burkes Pass and arriving in Tekapo. Here we witness the magnificent blue waters of Lake Tekapo and visit the Church of the Good Shepherd and the statue of the Collie dog. We then continue to our accommodation.

## **Sunday 02 December**

### **TWIZEL – DUNEDIN (B)**

This morning we visit Ben Ohau Station which featured in the Battle of the Pelennor Fields. We then travel toward the coast and pass through Benmore, Sailors Cutting and Otematata, before arriving at Elephant Rocks used as Aslan's Camp in *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. We then continue into Oamaru where we have time to look at the 'White Stone City'. It is then a short drive to the city of Dunedin, often named the Edinburgh of the South.

## **Monday 03 December**

### **DUNEDIN – WANAKA (B)**

We travel back inland to Wanaka visiting site locations at the Poolburn Reservoir where the surrounding area was used to portray Rohan & then onto Tarras where scenes were filmed for the Great East Road, Flight to the Ford and the Misty Mountains. Our accommodation tonight is in Wanaka, located on the shores of Lake Wanaka.

## **Tuesday 04 December**

### **WANAKA – QUEENSTOWN (B)**

We travel to Glendhu Bay to see the backdrop for Gandalf's flight to Rohan before returning through Wanaka and via Cromwell following the Kawerau Gorge Road and into the historic gold mining township of Arrowtown, where the location for the Ford of Bruinen was filmed. From here we skirt the shores of Lake Wakatipu and head to Glenorchy with its backdrop of the Misty Mountains, located at the head of Lake Wakatipu. The area was also used in *The Hobbit* and *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*. Our return to Queenstown is via Twelve Mile Delta where filming of Ithilien took place.

## **Wednesday 05 December**

### **QUEENSTOWN (BD)**

Today is a day at leisure where we have the option to visit the numerous movie set locations in the area or visit the Remarkable's or Coronet Peak. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover or Kawerau Rivers. Perhaps a scenic 4 wheel drive excursion through Skippers Canyon or Helicopter flight to view some of the more difficult to view movie set locations - it's up to you. Tonight is a special farewell dinner at a local venue.

## **Thursday 06 December**

### **DEPART QUEENSTOWN (B)**

Our last morning together. There will be time to relax before being transferred to Queenstown Airport where you connect with your flight to Auckland at 2-30pm. Upon arrival transfer to your international Air New Zealand flight departing at 7-15pm for Los Angeles. Flight time 12hrs 15mins. Cross the international date line and gain one day.

## **Thursday 06 December**

### **ARRIVE LOS ANGELES**

Arrive at Los Angeles International Airport at 10-30am.

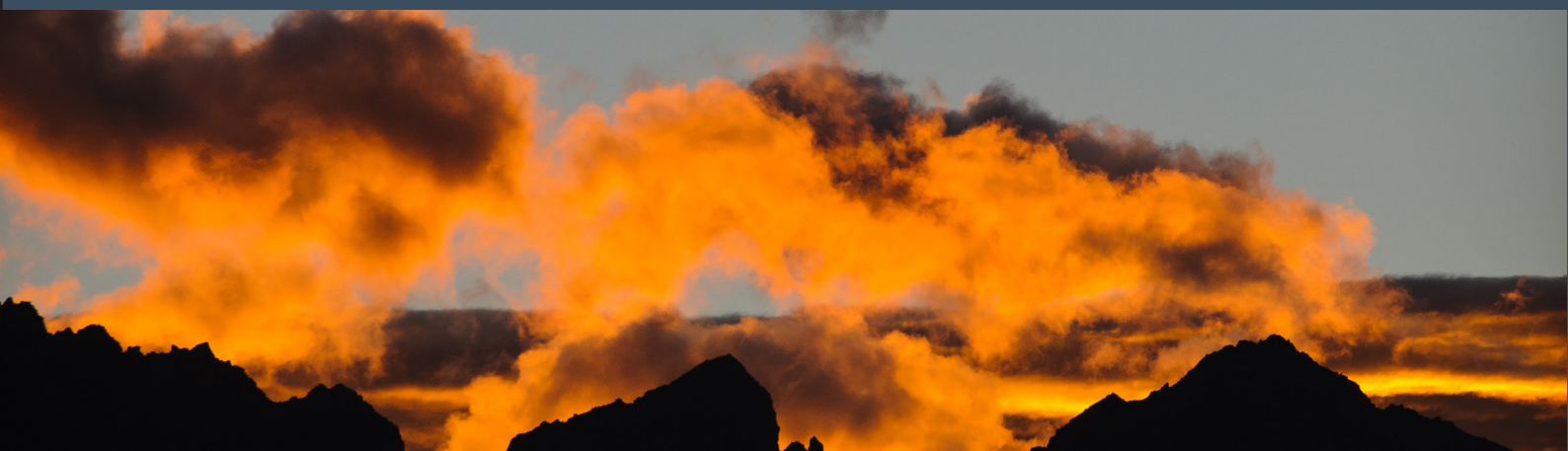
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# Itinerary from Los Angeles

## Tour Costs

Tour cost per person (share twin) NZ\$ 6879.00

Single Supplement NZ\$ 1720.00

Includes;

- Return economy class airfares Los Angeles - Auckland - Los Angeles.
- Economy class airfare Queenstown to Auckland.
- Transfers Airport-Hotel-Airport at the beginning and end of your tour.
- Quality, twin share or double accommodation.
- A full cooked breakfast each morning.
- Welcome Aboard Dinner, Farewell Dinner.
- Three lunches, most morning teas (subject to weather).
- Escorted by a professional Coach Captain.
- Informative commentary.
- Expert guides at film locations.
- Cook Strait ferry crossing.
- Baggage handling / portage.
- Goods and Services tax
- Travel in luxurious, well appointed and fully air-conditioned tour coaches with kneeling front, toilet equipped, panoramic windows, seat belt equipped and dual door access.
- Optional pre and post tours or accommodation available (at additional cost).

## Terms & Conditions

### Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

It is understood that the terms and conditions of travel are accepted by the passenger when the required deposit has been paid.

### New Zealand Tour Operator

This tour is being operated in conjunction with your agent by Leisure Time Tours of New Zealand – a full member of ITOC, Qualmark and the Tourism Industry Association of New Zealand.

### Coaches

Passengers can be assured that you will be travelling in a modern luxury tour coach. They are of high quality and extremely well maintained.

### Seat Changes

Passengers rotate seats in the coach daily so that all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy forward and window seating. All passengers are expected to participate as a booking condition.

### Itineraries

Itineraries were correct at the time of printing, but are subject to change without notice. This could come about due to road or weather conditions, or any changes imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary. If a passenger amends their itinerary by starting or concluding the itinerary earlier or later or during an itinerary then it becomes their responsibility to arrange tour or flight connections as necessary.

### Smoking

Due to government regulations, smoking is not permitted inside tourist coaches. Smokers will find that the frequent stops made for sight-seeing provide the ideal opportunity to smoke. If passengers require a smoking room for their accommodation we will pass this request onto the accommodation – we can not guarantee that this will be available.

### Single Passengers

Passengers may opt for a guaranteed single room by paying the single supplement, but if passengers wish to travel in a twin room with another passenger of the same gender then smoking is not permitted in their room. If someone is not compatible with the person they have been matched up with, all additional costs incurred to assist with changing the room type to a guaranteed single room will be at the passenger's expense and will be subject to availability. Acceptance of a twin share basis is subject to the individual's medical condition being suitable for this type of arrangement.

### Health and Fitness

Passengers should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances to fully appreciate all of the sightseeing opportunities in the itinerary. By paying the deposit passengers acknowledge that you are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel, and are not travelling contrary to medical advice. Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to cancel a booking or to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day to day running of the tour. Passenger's bringing a quantity of medication with them are advised to carry a doctor's certificate to avoid possible problems with customs officials. Doctor's prescriptions are needed to obtain certain drugs in both Australia and New Zealand.

### Travel Insurance

Leisure Time Tours strongly advises all passengers to purchase a travel insurance policy. An important part of planning the holiday is to purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy as it may prevent passengers from spending extra money in case of an emergency and will help passengers feel protected during the holiday. For a travel insurance quote contact your local insurance agent.

### Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing, however Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or major fluctuation in the exchange rates, or increases in government or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

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## Payments

A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required on booking to confirm the seat at the time of booking. All balance payments must be received by Middle-earth Network no later than 60 days prior to tour commencement. New Zealand Airport Transfers New Zealand airport transfers are included on all of our Tours. If however passengers have made pre/post tour arrangements outside of the itinerary then transfers are not included. Luggage Allowances & Restrictions Although every effort is made to handle guests luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline and group carrier handling. Therefore, it is important for protection that passengers make certain they have adequate travel insurance to cover these eventualities.

## Checked Baggage

Due to space limitations aboard the motor coaches, each passenger is permitted only one average-sized piece of checked baggage weighing a maximum of 20kg (44lbs), plus their carry on luggage of no more than 6kg (13lbs).

## Clothing and Packing

Passengers will find casual clothing of all types comfortable and relaxing. Lightweight drip-dry clothing is ideal. Warmer clothing for evenings will be handy. As New Zealand can experience 'four seasons in one day' layering is key. Regular laundry facilities are available throughout the tour. For special dinners many guests like to dress up, but by all means be comfortable; on the remaining nights "smart casual" is suggested. We recommend that passengers pack their prescription medicines (an adequate supply to last through the journey) along with the travel documents and a change of clothing in the carry-on bag to avoid any inconvenience in the event that a flight or luggage is delayed.

## Passports & Visas

All visitors require a passport to travel to and to enter New Zealand or Australia which must have a minimum validity of 6 months remaining. It is a good idea to carry a photocopy of the 'Photo Page' of their passport, as well as to leave photocopies of the travel documents and identification papers with someone at home.

## Entry to New Zealand

Australian passport holders do not require visas; neither do Australian permanent residents with current resident return visas. All other visitors to New Zealand must possess a return or onward ticket to a country to which you have right of entry.

## Customs and Immigration

Compliance with any Australian and / or New Zealand immigration, customs and / or quarantine regulations is the client's responsibility. Your agent and Leisure Time Tours cannot, under any circumstances, be held liable nor responsible if applicable rules and regulations are not observed.

## Amendments, Cancellations and Refunds

Leisure Time Tours reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Leisure Time Tours also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a full refund will be made available.

## Refund Schedule

60+ days prior to tour commencement a loss of deposit plus any applicable airline cancellation fees 31-59 days prior to tour commencement receives a 50% refund. 30 days or less prior to tour commencement receives no refund. No Refunds on any unused portions of itinerary. If you wish to cancel and transfer to a new departure date, the above cancellation fees will apply.

## Airfares

- Cancellation/Amendment Conditions Once Ticketed. Changes are permitted at a minimum cost of \$125.00 per person per change, provided the same class of travel is available. Cancellations prior to departure incur a \$300.00 per person cancellation fee. No refund is available after travel has commenced.
- This booking becomes invalid if numbers fall below 10 adults.
- Air New Zealand Limited reserves the right to withdraw/amend this fare at any time.
- Airlines reserve the right to re-schedule flights.
- Taxes are subject to change due to currency fluctuations and fuel surcharge increases.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend you all purchase travel insurance. Please ask us for more information on the policies we can offer your group.

## PASSPORTS

All members of this group will require a current passport to travel overseas. Please check if anyone holds a passport in a nationality other than New Zealand, as they may also require other documentation. Please ensure that all passports are current and will be valid for the travel booked. Some countries require six months validity after the passenger's intended stay. We require a photocopy of each passport before we can issue any tickets, so we suggest that anyone requiring a passport apply for one now. We are happy to forward you some passport application forms if required.

## BAGGAGE

For details on the baggage allowance for your trip please click on the link below [www.airnewzealand.co.nz/baggage](http://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/baggage)

## AIRPOINTS

With Air New Zealand Air Points, every kilometre you travel can now bring you closer to exciting rewards such as Award Tickets, Companion Tickets and Upgrades. Please advise Airpoints numbers prior to ticketing, so passengers can accrue Airpoints when they fly.