

2008 PROBUS RENDEZVOUS, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Pre Tour Itinerary - 10 Day North & South Island Tour (F2) 5 - 14 September 2008

NZ\$2499.00 pp twin share
NZ\$3199.00 single

AU\$2249.00 pp twin share
AU\$2849.00 single

PRICE INCLUDES:

9 nights superior hotel accommodation
Luxury coach travel throughout the tour
Professional Coach Captain
Meet and greet on arrival in New Zealand
9 cooked breakfasts including 1 specialty breakfast:
Skyrides Restaurant - Rotorua
9 dinners including 1 specialty dinner:
Maori Hangi and Concert - Rotorua
1 specialty lunch:
Longlands Farm - Matamata
Sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary
Interislander Ferry between Wellington and Picton
Return airport transfers in New Zealand
GST - New Zealand Goods and Services Tax
Grand Pacific Tours travel bag, ticket wallet, toiletry wetpack,
personal New Zealand travel diary, personal name badge,
luggage label, personalised itinerary, touring map, postcard and
Optional Tours Directory.

DAY 1 - 5 September:

HOMEPORT - AUCKLAND >> (D)

Fly from your homeport to **Auckland** where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner and the chance to meet your fellow **Probian**s travelling on this tour.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Anzac Avenue

DAY 2 - 6 September:

AUCKLAND - BAY OF ISLANDS >> (B,D)

Depart **Auckland** and travel to the **Parry Kauri Park** to see a magnificent example of a **Kauri Tree**. Enjoy a visit to the **Kauri Museum** in **Matakhoe** then pass through **Dargaville** and **Whangarei** to **Paihia**, situated in the heart of the beautiful **Bay of Islands**. Enjoy a guided tour of the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**, location of the **signing of the treaty** between the Maori tribes and the British.

Accommodation: Scenic Circle Bay of Islands Hotel (2 nights)

DAY 3 - 7 September:

BAY OF ISLANDS (FREE DAY) >> (B,D)

Today is a **free day**. Choose from the many optional activities available, including **Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach**, **Sailing on the tall ship - 'R Tucker Thompson' or Swimming with the Dolphins**. The option is yours and your Coach Captain will be available to assist.

DAY 4 - 8 September:

BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND >> (B,D)

This morning travel aboard a **luxury catamaran** to **Cape Brett** and the famous **Hole in the Rock**. Stopover at **Otehei Bay** before returning to **Paihia**. This afternoon travel south via **Whangarei** to **Auckland**.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Anzac Avenue

DAY 5 - 9 September:

AUCKLAND - KAIAUA - ROTORUA >> (B,L,D)

Travel to **Kaiaua**, where you will enjoy an unforgettable entertainment experience at **Banners Theatre**. Continue via **Cambridge** to **Matamata** and **Longlands Dairy Farm**. Enjoy a **milking demonstration** followed by a delicious **home cooked lunch**. This afternoon travel via **Tauranga** to the geothermal town of **Rotorua**.

Accommodation: Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua (Superior Rooms) (2 nights)

DAY 6 - 10 September:

ROTORUA >> (B,D)

Today begins with a **Gondola ride to Skyrides Restaurant** where a delicious **buffet breakfast** and spectacular views are on offer. Travel to the **Agrodome** where you will see **performing sheep**, a **shearing display and sheep dog trial**. Next visit **Paradise Valley Springs**, a **superb wildlife park**. Some free time is available before an afternoon transfer to see the **boiling mud pools** and the **awesome Geysers** that **Rotorua** is famous for. This evening an entertaining **Maori Hangi and Concert**.

DAY 7 - 11 September:

ROTORUA - TAUPO - NAPIER >> (B,D)

Depart **Rotorua** and travel along the **Thermal Explorer Highway**. Visit the **Volcanic Activity Centre** and **Huka Falls**, before continuing to **Lake Taupo**. Travel to **Napier**, 'The **Art Deco Capital of the World**' for a **guided tour of this city**, which was destroyed by an earthquake in 1931.

Accommodation: Blue Water Hotel



DAY 8 - 12 September:

NAPIER - WELLINGTON >> (B,D)

Depart **Napier** and travel south via **Hastings** to **Southwards Car Museum**, home to the most comprehensive collection of veteran and vintage cars in the southern hemisphere. Continue to **Wellington**, **New Zealand's capital**.

Accommodation: James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel

DAY 9 - 13 September:

WELLINGTON - PICTON - BLENHEIM >> (B,D)

Enjoy a **city tour**, followed by some free time. This afternoon board the **Interislander Ferry**, cross **Cook Strait** and travel through the **Marlborough Sounds** to **Picton** where you board your coach for the short journey to **Blenheim**.

Accommodation: Scenic Circle Blenheim Country Hotel

DAY 10 - 14 September:

BLENHEIM - KAIKOURA - CHRISTCHURCH >> (B)

Tour through **Marlborough Country**, famous for its food and wine. Enjoy a guided tour of **Montana Brancott Winery** then travel via **Kaikoura** to **Christchurch** where you will be **transferred** to your **Probus Rendezvous Hotel**.

(B) Breakfast >> (L) Lunch >> (D) Dinner



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