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NEW ZEALAND: VINTAGES OF AOTEAROA Auckland, Rotorua, Te Pania, Marlborough & Queenstown

Day	Meals	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Flight	Overnight travel to Auckland, New Zealand; meals in flight		
2	Flight	Continued travel to New Zealand		
3	D	Arrive Auckland, New Zealand & meet local Guide	Hotel Check-In & Refresh; Welcome Plonk!	Welcome Dinner & Taste of New Zealand Wine
4	B, L	Ferry to Waiheke Island	Waiheke Island - The Island of Wine! Full-day Island Tour with Vineyard Visits & Winemaker Introductions; Gourmet Vineyard Lunch included	
5	B, L, D	Travel to Waikato Valley & Bombay Hills	Good George Brewery Guided Factory Tour & Lunch	Continued travel to Rotorua in the "Pacific Rim of Fire"
6	B, D	Visit Waiotapu Thermal Area with Champagne Pool & Bridal Veil Falls; continued travel to Taupo, Huka Falls & Hawkes Bay		Hawkes Bay Local Winery Tasting
7	B, D	Hawkes Bay Region Vineyards - Winemaker Visits & Tastings; Wine History Overview	Domestic Flight to Blenheim, Marlborough, the largest wine-producing region in New Zealand; transfer to Hotel & Check-in	Free Time Local Dinner
8	B, L	Guided Tours of the Region's Best Vineyards with Tastings, Commentary & a Light Lunch	Catamaran Cruise on Queen Charlotte Sound / Tōtaranui with Tastes of the Region's Best Seafood	Free Time & Dinner on Own
9	B, D	Travel to the Waipara Wine District; Winery Visit & Tasting in the North Canterbury Plains	Continue to Christchurch; Hotel Check-In	Culinary Master Class with Master Chef Team of Riverside Kitchen
10	B	Lake Tekapo Local Home Visit with Morning Tea & Pavlova	Continued travel to Queenstown; Hotel Check-In	Free Time & Dinner on Own
11	B, D	Queenstown Guided Sightseeing; the Adventure Capital of New Zealand	Free Time in Queenstown for Adventure Activities, Shopping, Relaxation (pre-booking available)	Local Dinner
12	B, L, D	Full-day Wine Tour visiting Queenstown & Central Otago's Vineyards		
13	B	Transfer to Queenstown International Airport; depart for home		



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THE SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND: VINTAGES OF AOTEAROA is a windswept and winebound journey through the heart of New Zealand's most celebrated regions. From the vibrant harbor city of Auckland to the geothermal wonders of Rotorua, and onward to the coastal charm of Te Pania and the sun-drenched vineyards of Marlborough and Central Otago, this itinerary invites travelers to savor the land of the long white cloud through its finest vintages and cultural treasures. Each day is thoughtfully curated to blend scenic beauty, culinary delight, and immersive storytelling - whether ferrying to Waiheke Island for a vineyard tour or gathering for a traditional Māori feast at Te Pā To.

This tour is more than a tasting—it's a pilgrimage through terroir and tradition. Guests will explore Hawkes Bay's coastal wineries, soak in Rotorua's healing spas, and sip world-renowned Sauvignon Blancs in Marlborough's rolling valleys. Along the way, they'll encounter the quiet majesty of Arrowtown, the adventure-laced energy of Queenstown, and the spiritual resonance of Aotearoa's landscapes. The phrase "Windswept and Winebound" becomes a poetic thread throughout the experience, evoking both the breezy coastlines and the deep-rooted vines that define New Zealand's soul.

Anchored in hospitality and discovery, this itinerary offers moments of reflection and celebration. Whether enjoying a welcome dinner in Auckland, a farewell toast in Queenstown, or a quiet morning among the vines, travelers are invited to steward the land, savor the harvest, and embrace the beauty of creation. It's a journey that pairs flavor, and fellowship—one glass, one story, one breathtaking view at a time.

Wine Regions Visited

From windswept coastlines to alpine valleys, New Zealand's wine regions offer a tapestry of taste, tradition, and terroir. This curated journey invites travelers to explore the boutique charm of Waiheke Island, the geothermal soul of Rotorua, the coastal elegance of Hawke's Bay, the crisp purity of Marlborough, and the bold heart of Central Otago. Each destination uncorks a distinct story - rooted in landscape, culture, and craft - making this tour a true celebration of Aotearoa's vintages. Guests will savor not just the wine, but the spirit of the land that pours it.

Waiheke Island: Auckland's Vineyard Escape

Waiheke Island's rolling hills and coastal vineyards offer a breezy introduction to New Zealand's boutique wine scene. Just a short ferry ride from Auckland, this island blends artistic flair with award-winning varietals, where Syrah and Chardonnay flourish in sea-kissed soils. From cellar doors to cliffside tastings, Waiheke invites travelers to sip slowly and savor the view.

Highlight: Discover the island's intimate vineyards and panoramic tasting decks overlooking the Hauraki Gulf.

Pairing: Sample a peppery Syrah with grilled lamb skewers and roasted kumara, finished with a drizzle of native honey.

Rotorua: The Island of Wind & Earth

Rotorua's geothermal landscapes and Māori heritage infuse its wine culture with elemental depth. Vineyards here are shaped by volcanic soil and ancient tradition, offering a tasting experience rooted in both science and spirit. From bubbling springs to sacred groves, Rotorua is a place where the land speaks - and the wine listens.

Highlight: Explore geothermal wonders by day, then unwind with a vineyard visit framed by mist and myth.

Pairing: Pair a mineral-rich Pinot Gris with smoked trout, horopito butter, and native herbs.



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Hawke's Bay: Te Pania's Coastal Cellars

Hawke's Bay is New Zealand's oldest wine region, where maritime breezes and fertile plains produce elegant reds and luminous whites. From Napier's art deco charm to Te Pania's coastal vineyards, this region pours history and innovation into every glass. Bold Merlots and refined Chardonnays reflect the bay's balance of strength and grace.

Highlight: Stroll between seaside vines and historic architecture in one of New Zealand's most scenic wine corridors.

Pairing: Enjoy a velvety Merlot with aged cheddar, beetroot relish, and rosemary-infused lamb shank.

Marlborough: Sauvignon's Sacred Ground

Marlborough's sun-drenched valleys and crisp mountain air make it the global capital of Sauvignon Blanc. With endless rows of vines stretching beneath the long white cloud, this region offers purity, precision, and a touch of magic in every pour. It's a place where the wine mirrors the landscape—bright, clean, and unforgettable.

Highlight: Taste world-renowned Sauvignon Blancs while gazing across the Wairau Valley's golden horizon.

Pairing: Pair a zesty Sauvignon Blanc with green-lipped mussels, citrus vinaigrette, and fresh garden peas.

Central Otago: Queenstown's Bold Heart

Central Otago's alpine terrain and dramatic climate produce some of the world's most expressive Pinot Noirs. Nestled among peaks and lakes, Queenstown and Arrowtown offer tastings that are both rugged and refined. This is wine country for the adventurous soul—where every glass is a toast to altitude and attitude.

Highlight: Sip bold reds in mountain-view cellars, then explore the gold rush charm of Arrowtown.

Pairing: Savor a silky Pinot Noir with wild venison, blackberry jus, and thyme-roasted root vegetables.

What's Included

Round-trip international flights arriving in Auckland, New Zealand and departing from Queenstown with 1 bag, 1 carry-on and 1 personal item included in luggage costs, per person

10-nights lodging + overnight air during outbound travel: 2-nights Auckland, 1-night Rotorua, 1-night Te Pania, 2-nights Marlborough, 1-night Christchurch, 3-nights Queenstown
(select hotel category per group: conservative, moderate or luxury for the perfect experience)

Breakfasts daily at hotel, 4 lunches, 7 dinners, plus meals in flight

Domestic flight to Marlborough

Transportation: Motorcoach/Private Shuttle

Personal Tour Director

- ❖ Group walking tour in Auckland
- ❖ Ferry to Waiheke Island
- ❖ Waiheke Island Day Tour with Vineyards visits & Winemaker Stories
- ❖ Good George Brewery & Factory Tour
- ❖ Te Pā Tū Experience at Tamaki Māori Village
- ❖ Artist's Palette, Champagne Pool & Bridal Veil Falls visits in Waiotapu
- ❖ Huka Falls visit
- ❖ Wine Tasting experience in Hawkes Bay
- ❖ Mission Estate experience, New Zealand's oldest winery & birthplace of wine in New Zealand
- ❖ Vineyard tours in the greater Hawkes Bay area with samplings and regional wine history
- ❖ Marlborough Vineyards visits with tastings & winery overviews
- ❖ Catamaran Cruise on Queen Charlotte Sound / Tōtaranui with tastes of the region's best Seafood
- ❖ Winery Visit & Tasting in the North Canterbury Plains
- ❖ Culinary Master Class at Riverside Kitchen
- ❖ Local home visit with Morning Tea & Pavlova



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- ❖ Queenstown Sightseeing Tour
- ❖ Free time for Adventure activities in Queenstown
- ❖ Queenstown & Central Otago's full-day guided Wine Tour of most beloved vineyards

Note: All included activities are based on operational availability at the time of travel

What's Not Included

- × Fully comprehensive insurance (**mandatory**)
- × Transfers to/from home airport
- × Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary
- × City tax for hotel occupancy; payable at hotel check-in if required
- × Meals other than what is shown above; meals other than ones provided for the entire group (we are generally able to cater for allergy conditions and vegetarians only)
- × Beverages with meals unless participating in a specific tasting (all dinners have one alcoholic beverage included along with table water; additional beverages/selections are paid for at the time of purchase)
- × Baggage handling - each person should be able to carry/load their own suitcase
- × Cost of personal passports, visas or visa waiver fees
- × Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- × Sightseeing / Entertainment not shown in Itinerary
- × Hotel incidental deposits & bills – mini-bar, movies, etc.
- × Gratuities – drivers, hotel services, area/activity guides, tour director
- × Credit card fees if individuals wish to pay via credit card instead of ACH
- × Additional taxes, fuel surcharges or fees levied by governments / suppliers

THE SMALL PRINT:

- As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.
- Please note that once paid, the trip is nonrefundable, so we strongly suggest that everyone has trip protection in place immediately after paying your initial deposit. For those needing to purchase trip insurance, this is offered at the time of registration or you may elect to use your own plan. Please understand that trip protection is mandatory and everyone will be required to submit proof of insurance prior to travel.
- Your trip is not confirmed until you have paid your deposit in full.
- Please read all details concerning booking conditions. This is reviewed during registration (acceptance required for booking), or you may review it directly from our website.
- Each person should be ready to issue a personal credit card to hotels at check-in for incidental deposits & bills. In most cases, a small amount will be pre-authorized and then released upon your departure.
- Please ensure that you are aware of passport requirements. Currently U.S., Canadian & British citizens traveling to New Zealand need a valid passport valid for at least three months beyond their departure date, a New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) obtained online, and payment of the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). Travelers must also complete a [digital New Zealand Traveler Declaration](#) before their flight.
 - The USA government suggests allowing several months for passport processing time so if you need to obtain a passport, please apply early or request expedited processing.
 - Validity: Your passport must be valid for at least three months beyond your planned departure date from New Zealand.
 - Blank Pages: You need at least one blank page in your passport for the entry stamp.
- Unfortunately, there are no refunds available if you do not have a passport when required. Passport details are required 3-months prior to travel.
- Please understand that a waiver (Release of Liability) is required for each person traveling. Waivers are part of your online registration process. No one may complete their registration without agreeing to the required Release of Liability.
- Payments may be made via ACH (online bank check) at no at no charge from select countries (USD, EUR, GBP, CAD, AUD, NZD, CHF, DKK, NOK, SEK, PLN, HKD and MXN). Guests may also make payment via credit card however a 4% processing fee is charged by the processing agency. If you have any questions concerning payments, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



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- Gratuities for your Driver, Activity Guides and Tour Director have not been included in your pricing so please remember to budget for these. They can then be distributed as you see fit. A general guideline per person is \$3 per day for your driver(s), \$5 a day for your Tour Director, \$5 a day for your in-country guide, plus \$2 per Specialist/Local Activity Guide (consult your itinerary for specific daily activities).

Please do not hesitate to contact us at our offices at 984.223.9866 for help and information. We pride ourselves on providing great service and unbeatable education in your continued learning journey. We look forward to serving you!

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