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New Zealand

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October 27 – November 11, 2022



Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Sail through the pristine wilderness of breathtaking **Fiordland National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ▶ Witness the emotional intensity of a traditional **Maori haka war dance**.
- ▶ Marvel at the **enchanted landscapes** that starred in the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy, filmed entirely in New Zealand.
- ▶ Breathe in crisp, cool air as you hike to the blue-tinted **Franz Josef Glacier**.
- ▶ Ascend through alpine forests and traverse golden farm fields on an epic journey aboard the **TranzAlpine train**.
- ▶ Taste exquisite wines grown in the sunny, fertile valleys of New Zealand’s famed **Marlborough wine region**.

A World of Discovery

Your next adventure begins in dazzling New Zealand, renowned for its magnificent natural beauty! From awe-inspiring fiords and towering mountains to lush coastlines and alluring cities, thrill to a journey that will leave you with indelible memories of this beautiful country.

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI’s unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world’s people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI’s Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the curious traveler!

Dear Texas Ex,

Please join our Flying Longhorns group for a trip to **New Zealand!** This incredible, 13-night adventure explores the best of New Zealand- from dynamic cities to the South Island's remote wilderness. Feel the buzz of urban life in Auckland, Queenstown, and Christchurch, and learn about ancient Maori traditions and the inviting Kiwi culture. Appreciate New Zealand's legendary outdoors as you cruise the serene Doubtful Sound, stand before an impressive glacier and spot whales in the waters off Kaikoura. You'll also revel in the sensational backdrops of "The Lord of the Rings" movies on an SUV drive and take in the scenic Southern Alps by rail. As a finale, your journey wraps up in the sunny, vineyard-lined valleys of the world-class Marlborough wine region!

Our travel experts have carefully crafted this well-balanced, small-group program with engaging excursions and enlightening lectures by local experts. Throughout your trip, you'll enjoy the comfort of first-class hotels, the services of a Travel Director, the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus ample free time to make your own discoveries.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly. Please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800/594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512/672-6134.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team:

Shelley, Janice, & Leslie

800-594-3900

www.TexasExes.org/Travel

UNESCO World Heritage

This program features
Te Wahipounamu –
South West New
Zealand (including
Fiordland National
Park).



Doubtful Sound, Fiordland National Park



Days 1 & 2 | In Transit

Depart gateway city for Auckland, New Zealand. 🌐
Cross the international date line.

Day 3 | Auckland, New Zealand

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to the Grand Mercure Auckland. Join your Travel Director later for a short stroll in the neighborhood around the hotel.

Enrichment: The Legend of Tamaki Makaurau. New Zealand's first inhabitants were the Maori, whose ancestors traveled by canoe from Polynesian islands in A.D. 1300 and called the land they discovered, Aotearoa, or "Land of the Long White Cloud." Hear the Maori legend of Auckland's origins as well as other folklore. Tonight, at the hotel, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 4 | Auckland

Discovery: City of Sails. On a scenic tour, see the city's highlights. Ride over the Auckland Harbour Bridge and take in fantastic skyline views from the North Shore. Visit the lively Viaduct Harbour, bustling Queen Street and Auckland Domain park. At the Auckland War Memorial Museum, view one



Hongi, a traditional Maori greeting

of the world's premier collections of Maori *taonga*, or treasures, and witness a traditional *haka*, the fierce and defiant war dance of Maori men. Later, in Parnell, Auckland's oldest suburb, meander along charming streets filled with restaurants, boutiques and specialty shops.

Free Time: Make your own plans in Auckland.

Day 5 | Auckland | Queenstown

This morning, fly from the city's domestic airport to Queenstown on the South Island.

Enrichment: Extreme Sports in New Zealand. Known as the "Adventure Capital of the World," Queenstown attracts thrill-seekers drawn to its exhilarating outdoor activities, including



white-water rafting, bungee jumping, jet boating and sky diving. Learn more about these extreme sports at a bungee site near Queenstown.

Check in to the Crowne Plaza Queenstown.

Day 6 | Queenstown

Discovery: Safari of the Scenes. Director Peter Jackson, a native New Zealander, chose the ethereal natural beauty of his homeland to represent Tolkien's Middle-earth in his "Lord of the Rings" movies. On an exciting guided drive in an SUV, discover the spectacular locations around Queenstown that starred in the films. Admire the marvelous panorama of Wakatipu Basin, then venture down a historic gold mining road and try panning for gold.

Free Time: The afternoon is at leisure. For sweeping vistas, climb aboard the Skyline Gondola for a gentle ride up Bob's Peak.

Day 7 | Queenstown

Discovery: Doubtful Sound Tour. A truly memorable day awaits as you explore the jaw-dropping natural grandeur of Fiordland National Park. Cruise across the shimmering waters of Lake Manapouri framed by the Cathedral Mountain range. Then travel over the Wilmot Pass and see the Fiordland's verdant rain forest. Later, on a three-hour catamaran cruise, sail through the splendid stillness of Doubtful Sound, New Zealand's deepest fiord, as nature guides on board help you spot wildlife.

Day 8 | Queenstown

Free Time: Plan a fun day for yourself! Feeling adventurous? Your Travel Director can arrange optional activities on-site like a jet boat ride or a river safari. Looking for something more mellow? Cruise across Lake Wakatipu on a Queenstown

icon, the *TSS Earnslaw*, a coal-fired steamship. Enjoy dinner by the lakeshore this evening.

Day 9 | Queenstown | Franz Josef Glacier

Discovery: Scenic Drive to Franz Josef Glacier. As you wend your way north, relax and watch the ever-changing scenery of impressive mountains, quiet valleys and the aquamarine waters of Lakes Dunstan, Hawea and Wanaka. Travel across the Haast Pass and see Thunder Creek Falls. Arrive in Franz Josef Glacier and check in to the hotel, where you'll dine tonight.

Day 10 | Franz Josef Glacier

Discovery: Franz Josef Glacier. View one of the world's fastest-moving glaciers on an invigorating, three-hour guided walk through the glacier valley. As you trek to this remarkable river of blue-tinted ice, your expert guide will share informative insights on its geological features and patterns.

After lunch, visit the West Coast Wildlife Center to see kiwi birds, found only in New Zealand, and learn about conservation efforts to protect the five endangered species of this beloved bird.





Day 11 | Greymouth | Christchurch

After breakfast, depart for Greymouth.

Discovery: TranzAlpine Train Ride.

Settle in for this celebrated rail journey from Greymouth to Christchurch as the train climbs through dense alpine forests and across the snowcapped Southern Alps. Glide next to the Waimakariri River and cross the golden Canterbury Plains.

Check in to the Crowne Plaza Christchurch.

Day 12 | Christchurch

Discovery: Christchurch. Get acquainted with this vibrant city, the largest on the South Island, on a panoramic tour. Make your way through the city center set on the banks of the Avon River and see Cathedral Square and other highlights. After some free time in the Botanic Gardens, head further afield to admire the seaside suburbs of Sumner and Redcliffs.

Enrichment: Canterbury Past, Present & Future. Christchurch is the capital of Canterbury, an important agricultural and business region tucked between the Southern Alps and the eastern

coast. An expert at the Canterbury Museum shares historical insights.

Free Time: Explore on your own this afternoon.

Day 13 | Kaikoura | Blenheim

Check out of the hotel and journey north along the picturesque coast toward Blenheim.

Discovery: Kaikoura. On your route, visit this town famous for the abundance of marine mammals that live in the waters off its peninsula. Giant sperm whales are year-round residents as well as fur seals and dusky dolphins. Orcas, the largest of the dolphin family, are seen here, along with migrating species of whales including the Humpback, Pilot and Blue. It's also home to New Zealand's largest concentration of seabirds. Marvel at these amazing creatures at close range on a whale-watching cruise.

After your cruise, travel into the heart of the idyllic Marlborough wine region and arrive at the Marlborough Riverside Hotel in Blenheim.





Top: Marlborough wine region | Above: Wine tasting



Day 14 | Blenheim

Discovery: Marlborough Wines. New Zealand's largest winegrowing region first grabbed the world's attention in the 1980s with its aromatic Sauvignon Blanc. Blessed with a remarkably sunny, dry and cool climate, Marlborough's wine producers have since expanded into a wide range of delicious styles. Sample the fine creations of Cloudy Bay Winery, one of the first five wineries in the region, during a private tour and tasting.

AHI Connects: Rock Ferry Winery.

Enjoy a relaxing, casual lunch and tasting at this family-owned organic winery.

Free Time: Strike off on your own to explore more of Blenheim this afternoon.

Day 15 | Blenheim

Free Time: Create your own agenda on your final day! Book a tour to other wineries, take a cruise through the majestic Marlborough Sounds



Sheep grazing, Blenheim

or check out the top-notch eateries and independent boutiques in town. History buffs will love the vintage war planes and artifacts at the fascinating Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. Your Travel Director can offer recommendations and help with reservations.

Tonight, raise a toast to your wonderful Kiwi journey at a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers.

Day 16 | In Transit

Transfer to the Blenheim airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, inclines/declines, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and trains
- ▶ riding in vehicles off-road

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally situated for exploring each region's must-see landmarks while providing you with opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



Grand Mercure Auckland |  Auckland



Crowne Plaza Queenstown | Queenstown 



Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier | Franz Josef Glacier 



Crowne Plaza Christchurch | Christchurch 



Marlborough Riverside Hotel | Blenheim 

New Zealand ~ Land of the Long White Cloud

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Ready to reserve? Contact the Flying Longhorns team via phone, email or fax!

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Please have the information outlined below available to share via phone or include it in your email.

Once your request is received in our Flying Longhorns office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within three business days to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office.

Send to: Texas Exes, P. O. Box 7278, Austin, TX 78713

Membership in The Texas Exes is a requirement for all participants in the Flying Longhorns travel program. Alumni, friends of the University, UT faculty and staff, and parents of current UT students are welcome to join. Our dues are 80% tax-deductible and memberships start at just \$50.

I/we would like to request _____ place(s). Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

1) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

2) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Sharing with _____
Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$1,500 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Flights

- Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Auckland, New Zealand, with a return from Blenheim, to depart from:

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

- First Class Business Class Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **August 13, 2022** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website, texas.ahitravel.com, on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: October 27 – November 11, 2022

Land Program dates: October 29 – November 11, 2022

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$6,345	\$250	\$6,095

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$495 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,500 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.

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TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

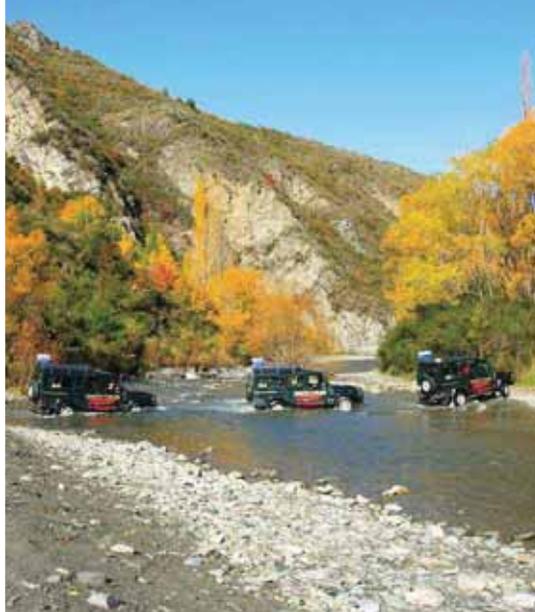
For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace of mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.



"Lord of the Rings" scenes SUV tour



Fur seals, Kaikoura



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INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **2 nights** in Auckland, New Zealand, at the first-class Grand Mercure Auckland.
- **4 nights** in Queenstown at the first-class Crowne Plaza Queenstown.
- **2 nights** in Franz Josef Glacier at the first-class Scenic Hotel FJ Glacier.
- **2 nights** in Christchurch at the first-class Crowne Plaza Christchurch.
- **3 nights** in Blenheim at the first-class Marlborough Riverside Hotel.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- All transfers in the Land Program: flight, deluxe motor coaches and train.

Extensive Meal Program

- 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 6 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - See Auckland's landmarks on a scenic tour.
 - Watch a traditional Maori haka war dance and study rare Maori treasures.
 - Explore the spectacular landscapes from the "Lord of the Rings" movies.
 - Take in Fiordland's soul-stirring scenery.
 - Sail through Doubtful Sound on a catamaran.
 - View a glacier with an expert guide.
 - Learn about kiwi birds at a wildlife center.
 - Delight in picture-perfect vistas aboard the TranzAlpine train.
 - Discover the unique charms of Christchurch.
 - Embark on a whale-watching cruise in the waters off Kaikoura.
 - Savor exceptional Marlborough wines.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
 - Free time to pursue your own interests.
 - Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
 - Tipping of guides and drivers.
 - Complimentary travel mementos.



Kiwi bird, West Coast Wildlife Center

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

- Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.
- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
 - ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
 - ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

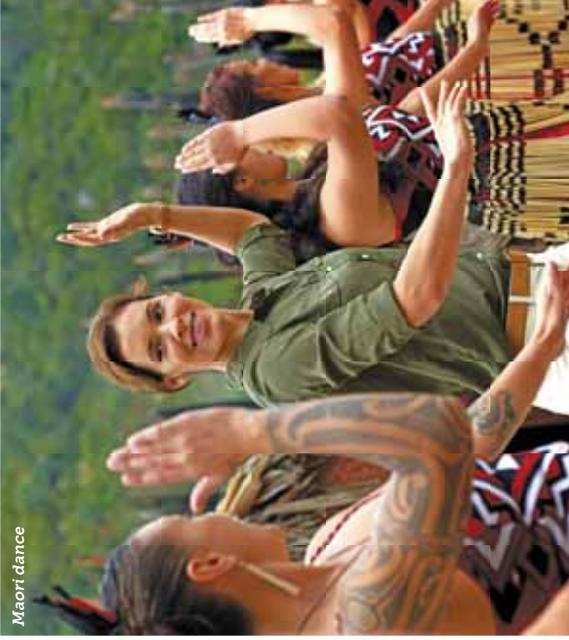
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Enhanced Health
& Safety Protocols

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for details

Little blue penguin



Maori dance



Explore New Zealand's enchanting natural splendor on this thrilling adventure!

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
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- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



Please call or refer to our website for the most current program information, discounts and pricing.

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