New Zealand Adventure
March 7-22, 2024

16 days from $8,274 total price from Los Angeles, San Francisco
($7,795 air & land inclusive plus $479 airline taxes and fees)

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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for the Commonwealth Club
Dear Club Travelers,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 16-day journey to experience stunning and peaceful New Zealand. With its immense mountains, steep fjords, scenic beaches and vibrant cities, this diverse country is the ultimate escape.

Begin in Auckland, New Zealand’s largest city, where your tour includes the Auckland Museum and a cruise around Auckland Harbour. Experience Rotorua’s geysers, hot thermal springs and Maori culture, then Hawke’s Bay – one of New Zealand’s celebrated wine regions – and seaside Napier. Next, you head to Wellington and ride the historic Wellington Cable Car for panoramic views of the city and harbor. In Christchurch, tour the Botanic Gardens and Cathedral Square, then set out to see spectacular Franz Josef Glacier. Your journey concludes with a three-night stay in the outdoor mecca of Queenstown, and a full-day excursion to experience the remarkable beauty of Fiordland National Park and Doubtful Sound.

Space is limited to 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE

To reserve your place on tour, please call The Commonwealth Club at (415) 597-6720 or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Commonwealth Club representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to The Commonwealth Club’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: The Commonwealth Club
110 The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94105

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I/We would like to request __________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

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Address ________________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________________________ State ________________________ ZIP _______________

Home Phone (______)____________________________ Cell Phone (______)_______________________________

E-mail(s) _______________________________________ Badge Name(s) __________________________________

Please book my/our air from _____________________ I/We request an air upgrade to ______________

I will share a room with __________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

❑ I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.

❑ I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.
Thursday, March 7 & Friday, March 8:  Depart U.S. for Auckland, New Zealand
Saturday, March 9:  Arrive Auckland
We arrive in New Zealand's largest city early this morning and transfer to our hotel, where our rooms are ready for our early check-in. After time to relax and freshen up, we take a casual walking tour of the area around our hotel. This evening we attend a briefing on the journey ahead, followed by a welcome dinner.  

Sunday, March 10:  Auckland
This morning we tour cosmopolitan Auckland, an eminently livable city. One of only a few world cities straddling two harbors on separate bodies of water, Auckland offers an abundance of natural beauty. A highlight of our tour is the visit to the Auckland Museum, with its prized collections of Maori and Pacific Islander art and artifacts (Auckland has the largest Polynesian population of any city in the world). After lunch at a local restaurant, we embark on a cruise around glittering Auckland Harbour. We return to our hotel early this afternoon; the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. Dinner tonight is on our own.  

Monday, March 11:  Auckland/Rotorua
En route to Rotorua today, we stop at Ruakuri Caves to see the unique glowworms that illuminate the underground grottoes and caves. Late this afternoon we visit T e Puia Thermal Reserve and Maori Cultural Centre for a traditional hangi dinner and performance.  

Tuesday, March 12:  Rotorua
With its geysers, bubbling mud pools, and hot thermal springs, Rotorua ranks as a geothermal wonder, as well as a center of indigenous Maori culture (Maoris comprise 40% of Rotorua's population). We encounter this intriguing town on a morning tour that includes a visit to Paradise Valley Springs, which offers an up-close look at New Zealand's biodiversity, with native flora, a freshwater stream that's home to wild trout, and wildlife, including alpaca, llama, and wallabies. The park also features a variety of birdlife. Then we drive to the National Kiwi Trust, dedicated to rehabilitating injured kiwis, New Zealand's national bird.  

Wednesday, March 13:  Rotorua/Napier
Today we set out for one of New Zealand's celebrated wine

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**Small Group Tour Highlights**

New Zealand's unspoiled natural scenery • Auckland sightseeing and harbour cruise • Geothermal Rotorua • Art Deco walking tour in Napier • Wellington's acclaimed Te Papa national museum • TranzAlpine train excursion • Two-night Franz Josef stay, with guided walk through the glacial valley • Kiwi birds at West Coast Wildlife Centre • Scenic Doubtful Sound excursion • Outdoor mecca of Queenstown

**Day Itinerary**

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**Ratings** are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

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**Cover photo:** New Zealand boasts more sheep than people – and stunning vistas at every turn.
regions, Hawke’s Bay, and the seaside city of Napier. We sample the local terroir at a wine tasting and lunch at Church Road Winery, one of the country’s oldest and most acclaimed. Reaching Napier after lunch, we embark on a guided walking tour of the city’s 1930s Art Deco architecture. After an earthquake leveled the city in 1931, it was rebuilt in “Deco” style; today, Napier ranks as one of the most authentically Art Deco cities in the world. Dinner tonight is on our own. B,L

Thursday, March 14: Napier/Wellington We travel today to New Zealand’s capital of Wellington, stopping along the way at a private farm where we learn about the country’s vital sheep farming industry. We see the sheep dogs at work and watch a sheep-shearing demonstration then enjoy a barbecue lunch. We continue on, reaching Wellington late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own in this city known for its vibrant restaurant scene. B,L

Friday, March 15: Wellington We encounter this genial water-front city on the southern end of the North Island on this morning’s tour featuring a ride on the historic Wellington Cable Car for panoramic views of the city and harbor. We also visit acclaimed Te Papa, New Zealand’s national museum with interactive exhibits spanning art, history, native cultures, and the natural environment. Then the remainder of the day is free to explore as we wish, perhaps to stroll along bohemian Cuba Street, visit the Wellington Zoo, or wander the lively waterfront area. We dine together tonight at a local restaurant. B,D

Saturday, March 16: Wellington/Christchurch Today we fly south to Christchurch, New Zealand’s “Garden City.” Highlights of our city tour include the Botanic Gardens, the “green heart” of Christchurch dating to 1863; and Cathedral Square, for 150 years, the beating heart of Christchurch and site of Christchurch Cathedral. This afternoon is at leisure to explore independently; we dine tonight at our hotel. B,D

Sunday, March 17: Christchurch/Franz Josef Early today we embark on one of the world’s great rail journeys aboard the TranzAlpine train: along the open farmland of the Canterbury Plain, through the foothills of the Southern Alps then into the snow-capped peaks themselves. We travel across steel girder bridges above deep gorges and through tunnels on our journey to Arthur’s Pass, where we board a motorcoach for the scenic drive to the village of Franz Josef, reaching our hotel this afternoon and dining there tonight. B,D

Monday, March 18: Franz Josef/Franz Josef In Westland National Park this morning, we encounter one of New Zealand’s most spectacular sights: Franz Josef Glacier, the mass of ice that descends from the frigid upper reaches of the Southern Alps to a rainforest near sea level. With a local guide we take a walk through the glacial valley, where we have spectacular views of this natural wonder. Then we visit the West Coast Wildlife Centre with its rare kiwi birds, an animal linked so closely to New Zealand that its residents are known colloquially as “Kiwis.” This afternoon is free to enjoy the splendid surroundings as we wish. We dine tonight at our hotel. B,D

Tuesday, March 19: Franz Josef/Queenstown Traveling to Queenstown today, we stop first in the lakeside resort of Wanaka for lunch on our own then in the Central Otago region at a local winery for a private tasting and tour of the wine cave. Late this afternoon we reach Queenstown and our hotel, where we dine tonight. B,D
Wednesday, March 20: Queenstown/Doubtful Sound

More scenic overload is in store on our full-day excursion to Fiordland National Park and Doubtful Sound, one of New Zealand’s top attractions. We travel by boat across Lake Manapouri then by coach over Wilmot Pass to reach the “Sound of Silence,” as Doubtful is called for the remarkable serenity that prevails here and in the surrounding mountain peaks, rainforest, and waterfalls. This enchanting woodland may seem familiar to moviegoers: director Peter Jackson filmed The Lord of the Rings’ Fangorn Forest here. Among the wildlife we may see on our three-hour catamaran cruise: dolphins, fur seals, Fiordland crested penguins, and even whales. Surrounding us: rugged mountain peaks, rainforest, waterfalls. After this exhilarating excursion we return to Queenstown early this evening; dinner is on our own. B,L.

We cruise Doubtful Sound on Day 14.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Commonwealth Club representative at 15 guests
- Educational lectures including US Embassy and/or Consulate visit
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departure: March 7, 2024

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

- Los Angeles, San Francisco: $8,274
- Portland (OR), Seattle: $8,574
- Boston, Chicago: $8,674
- New York: $8,774
- Land Only (transfers not included): $6,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $479, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,495. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: Business Class – $6,395 per person; Premium Economy – $2,695 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades subject to availability and pricing subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking on stairs and uneven surfaces. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

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We tour Christchurch’s Botanic Gardens on Saturday, March 16.

Thursday, March 21: Queenstown

Today is at leisure to enjoy this outdoor mecca with a spectacular setting on Lake Wakatipu as we wish. Options abound, from jet boating and fly fishing to art gallery hopping or riding the Skyline gondola for outstanding views of this unusually scenic city. Tonight we celebrate our New Zealand adventure over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. B,D.

Friday, March 22: Depart for U.S.

We depart this morning for the airport and our return flights home. B.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Charges are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Eligibility: We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility: The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your trip. While an airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at an extra cost. While an airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at an extra cost. It may be at an extra cost. We recommend that you check your own air schedules is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.

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