



New Zealand

Delegates may wish to consider visiting New Zealand pre or post-APMF 2010. With a flight time of less than 3 hours from Sydney, New Zealand offers picturesque locations and opportunities for relaxation and adventure!

New Zealand is a young land with perhaps the youngest human culture in the world. In the time since the world began, New Zealand's emergence from the sea accounts for only a couple of yesterdays and it was the last land to be discovered and settled.

The land is the prime source of New Zealand's wealth. It is still mostly a country of forest and open farmland with high hills and higher mountains ever present in the background. Great natural beauty, small towns, modest cities, few people and an egalitarian democracy give it an air of inhumed propriety. New Zealanders like to say that their country offers so much scenic variety that there is nothing to be seen any where in the world which cannot be seen there.

Auckland

Auckland is famous for an urban environment, where everyone lives within half an hour of beautiful beaches, hiking trails and a dozen enchanted holiday islands. Auckland's blend of islands, Polynesian cultures, glistening harbours and modern city environment creates an unbelievable lifestyle ranked amongst the best in the world.



Roturua

For over 150,000 years Roturua has been rumbling with subterranean energy with powerful volcanic explosions creating the region. The powerful smell of hydrogen sulphide and the spectacular geothermal wonders are continual reminders of one of the world's most active volcanic zones.



Bubbling, boiling mud pools, beautiful coloured lakes, sulphur cliffs and magnificent spouting geysers are readily accessibly to visitors at Waiotapu, Waimangu and Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserves.



Around Roturua, the upheavals of old have left craters transformed into shimmering lakes surrounded by native bush, large ferns and farmland. These lakes provide an abundance of trout for keen fisherman, walking tracks in the surrounding bush and the opportunity for many water sports. Farm animals and New Zealand wildlife can be seen at close quarters at Rainbow Springs and Paradise Valley.

Tauranga

Tauranga is the largest city in the Bay of Plenty and one of the fastest growing population centres in the country. Downtown Tauranga has several historically significant areas to view during a scenic walk around the area. Tauranga's harbour is in evident almost everywhere you go, providing the urban area with an attractive waterfront setting. Fishing, sailing, diving and dolphin tours are just one of the famous activities. The local beauty spots, like McLaren Falls and the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park, are highlights that must be seen.



Christchurch



Located on the east coast of the South Island Christchurch is just like the rest of New Zealand a city of contrast. It is a place where their residents continue to enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle amidst a natural environment world-renowned for its beauty. Everywhere there is an understated elegance that speaks of times gone by and promises a future where anything is possible.

Dunedin – Port Chalmers

The city of Dunedin was built with the riches of the gold rush; consequently it has one of the best collections of Edwardian and Victorian architecture in the southern hemisphere. Gothic churches spires, omit mansions, swatches of native forest and magnificent views of the harbour make Dunedin very memorable. Around Dunedin you have the chance to discover Larnach Castle and a choice of wildlife encounters there are penguins, albatross and seal colonies to visit.



Fiordland National Park



The seaward edge of Fiordland National Park is a series of fourteen massive knife cuts, carved by the glaciers during successive ice ages. Towering snow-capped peaks reflect in the midnight blue

fingers of ocean that you can find trees that are more than 800 years old. For sheer drama, few places of earth can compete with this remarkable natural environment. In 1990 Fiordland was listed as a United World Heritage site and given the name Te Wahipounamu – “the place of greenstone”, after the area’s most treasured mineral resource. This area was well-known to the Maori and many legends pertain to its formation and naming. It is impossible to imagine the sheer breadth of geological events that created this seemingly perfect sculpture.

Queenstown

Nestled on the shores of Lake Waikaipu and surrounded by the majestic peaks of the Southern Alps, Queenstown was named because it was fit for Queen Victoria. Today Queenstown is recognised as New Zealand’s premier visitor destination and as one of the friendliest cities in the world. Queenstown’s reputation as the Adventure Capital is well earned. Earth, water and air, there is something to thrill any adventure seeker.



From rugged mountains to a wild and deserted coastline, golden hill country to crystal alpine lakes, the Southern lakes region is one of the most diverse and physically beautiful on earth. It is easy to see why New Zealand film director Peter Jackson



chose this region for so many Lord of the Rings locations. Stunning movie inspiring scenery aside, there is a deep cultural beat to this area. Meandering wine regions, villages rich in history, high country sheep farming and primordial world heritage areas are highlights which makes your holiday an unforgettable experience.