

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME in July 2012

Day one

- **Airport transfer:** Meet and Greet at the airport. Pick up by one of our guides meeting the group at the airport and travel to the accommodation by coach.
- Late afternoon/evening **presentation on New Zealand**, nature, geography, geology, adventure highlights, useful information on banking, shopping, getting around and Kiwi English especially colloquialisms derived from the Maori language, rugby and farming.

Day two

- Travel to the summit of **Mount Eden volcano** for views and an introduction to Auckland city.
- Next, visit **Auckland museum** with the recommendation not to miss their Volcanoes (simulated eruptions) and Wildlife exhibitions, enjoy a **Maori show** as an introduction to the fascinating introduction to the culture of the people who first discovered New Zealand, still the second most numerous racial group in our multi-cultural society.
- Take a short tour of the older, more picturesque parts of the city and finally explore **Queen's Street**. This part of the tour will include familiarization with the location of banks, information centre, police station, train station, bus services, cinemas and places to eat.

Day three

- Drive west to the **Waitakeres**, Auckland's closest mountain range, the remnants of a 30 million year old volcano.
- Take a **miniature train ride** along tracks originally built during the construction of the dams which now contain much of Auckland's water supply.
- Explore **Piha Beach**, with its spectacular rock formations and surf.
- Walk the **Cascades loop track** for an introduction to New Zealand's sub-tropical rainforest and unique wildlife in the Ark in the Park mainland island!

Day four

- Travel by coach to the Downtown ferry terminal.
- Board a ferry to **Rangitoto Island volcano**, Auckland's youngest and largest.
- Guided **walk to the summit**, for lunch.
- Explore the **lava caves**.
- Return to the mainland via **Devonport**, historic suburb on the North Shore.



Day 5

- Take a ferry to **Tiritiri Matangi Island Sanctuary** for endangered wildlife.
- Begin your visit to the island with a **guided walk** to meet birds, including the flightless takahe, you'll see nowhere else.
- Enjoy lunch at the visitor centre then explore the rest of the island including its **remote beaches and archaeological sites**.

Quote from a happy customer

"I want to thank you once again for organizing such a professional, educational and extremely enjoyable tour - I do not have one negative thing to say." Kristen Juriansz, Muirfield High School, Sydney, April 2011

