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## SAMPLE ITINERARY NEW ZEALAND PERFORMANCE TOUR

*(itinerary subject to change)*

### **DAY ONE: AUCKLAND ARRIVAL (D)**

Morning

Arrive into Auckland!

*Auckland is as big and cosmopolitan as any New Zealand city gets. History and future combine in this sprawling place, where you can walk above the harbor along the Auckland Harbour Bridge and the Sky Tower looms above a sea of skyscrapers. But while the sights are intriguing, it's the easy-going spirit of the Aucklanders and their impressive backyard that will really captivate you. Sugar-white beaches and island retreats are all just a hop away from the inner city bustle.*

Collect your luggage and move through customs and immigration. Meet your local New Zealand Tour Manager and load the coach.

Depart on an Auckland Orientation Tour including the CBD (Central Business District – Queen St.), Mt. Eden, Auckland War Memorial Museum and Auckland Tower.

Afternoon

Lunch on own in the downtown area, around lower Queen Street.

Mid-afternoon, transfer and check-in to a local hotel.

Evening

Dinner as a group in Auckland then return to the hotel.



### **DAY TWO: AUCKLAND (B) – Performance #1**

Morning

Breakfast as a group at the hotel.

Enjoy a boat ride to Rangitoto Island.

*Sitting majestically in the Hauraki Gulf, Rangitoto Island's distinctive shape is visible from all over Auckland. Commanding superb views of the city and surrounding islands from its summit, its terrain is a testament to the last volcanic eruption 600 years ago.*

Depart the Island by boat and return to Auckland.

Afternoon

Lunch on own in Auckland followed by some shopping time.

Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (TBC – possibly a hall or church in the Auckland area).

Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue.

Evening

Dinner on your own in the area (or possible Pot Luck with the local ensemble).

**Performance** at a local venue in Auckland in conjunction with a local ensemble.

Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.





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### **DAY THREE: AUCKLAND → ROTORUA (B,D)**

**Morning** Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
After breakfast, check out of the hotel and depart for Matamata.  
Stop in Matamata, a small town south of the Kaimai Ranges. Here, enjoy a 'Hobbiton' Tour of the set featured in the *Lord of the Rings* films.  
**Afternoon** Lunch on your own in Matamata.  
After lunch, continue onto Rotorua.

*You'll smell Rotorua long before you see it. The sulfuric aroma in the air is an unmistakable prelude to geothermal things to come. This natural wonderland and the 16 major lakes in the area are the draw for visitors. If you're interested in Maori culture, this is the most accessible place to find it. A third of the population of 68,000 is Maori; that's the highest percentage of any city in the country.*

Upon arrival into Rotorua, take a Gondola ride to the top of Mt. Ngongotaha.  
Enjoy some time at the Luge Park. Afterwards, continue back down the mountain and onto a local hotel to check-in.  
**Evening** Enjoy a Hangi Feast and Cultural Concert at Te Puia Maori Village.  
After the Hangi, return to the hotel.



### **DAY FOUR: ROTORUA (B) – Performance #2**

**Morning** Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
Depart for the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve. This area has some of New Zealand's greatest natural wonders, including geysers, mud pools, volcanic lakes and the smell to go with it!  
**Afternoon** Transfer to the downtown area where you will have time to enjoy lunch on your own.  
Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (TBC – possibly a hall or church in the Rotorua area).  
Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue.  
**Evening** Dinner on your own in the area (or possible Pot Luck with the local ensemble).

**Performance** at a local venue in Rotorua in conjunction with a local ensemble.  
Following the concert, pack up and return to the hotel.







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**DAY FIVE: ROTORUA → WELLINGTON (B,D)**

Morning

Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
Check out of hotel and depart for the Taupo Region (approx. a 2 hour drive).

*En route, you will experience some of the North Islands most beautiful scenery. Check out New Zealand's most visited natural attraction-Huka Falls, famous for the speed and volume of water rather than the height of the falls, as the Waikato river pumps nearly 300,000 liters of water per second through this narrow gorge.*



Afternoon

Arrive into Taupo where you will have time for lunch on your own and to stretch your legs. The 'Mordor' and 'Mt Doom' locations from the *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy were set in this region.  
Afterwards, board the coach and continue on to the nation's capital – Wellington.

*Wellington is a vibrant, sophisticated capital city bursting with suited bureaucrats and culture-buffs. A central fist of high-rises forms an intimate heart beside a harbor surrounded by hillsides dotted with quaint wooden houses, Botanic Gardens, and ZEALANDIA wildlife sanctuary. It's home to New Zealand's movie industry, the New Zealand Ballet Company, and the National Museum of New Zealand-Te Papa Tongarewa, where you can experience simulated earthquakes or gaze in awe at giant squid.*



Arrive into Wellington and check-in to a local hotel.

Evening

Dinner as a group at a local restaurant then return to the hotel.

**DAY SIX: WELLINGTON (B) – Workshop**

**Morning** Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
 After breakfast, enjoy a Cable Car ride which will take you from the city center right up to the Lookout on Upland Road, which gives you an amazing view of the city, Hutt Valley and Mt. Victoria. Take a return Cable Ride into the city.

**Afternoon** Lunch on your own in Wellington.  
 Following lunch, transfer to the New Zealand School of Music.  
 Enjoy a **workshop** with a member of the music faculty (TBC).  
 Following the workshop, pack up and depart for a visit to the Te Papa Museum, New Zealand's national museum.



*An exciting range of exhibitions display New Zealand's diverse art and visual culture and top-rating international exhibitions tour regularly. Te Papa's event program features free events and entertainment, performances, floortalks, lectures, and more.*

**Evening** Dinner on your own in downtown Wellington.  
 This evening, possibly attend a performance by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra at the Michael Fowler Centre (TBC – subject to ticket availability and performance schedule).

**DAY SEVEN: WELLINGTON (B,D) – Performance #3**

**Morning** Breakfast as a group at the hotel.  
 This morning enjoy a visit to the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary (Zealandia).

*A predator-proof fence encloses an old water catchment area, forming a mainland island that provides a natural haven for endangered native birds, tuatara, wētā, and other indigenous flora and fauna, safe from introduced predators. By far the most convenient place in the country to see rare New Zealand wildlife.*



**Afternoon** Lunch on your own.  
 Load the coach and transfer to a local venue (TBC – possibly a hall or church in the Wellington area).  
 Arrive, setup and rehearse in this evening's venue.

**Early Evening** **Performance** at a local venue in Wellington in conjunction with a local ensemble (TBC).  
 Following the concert, pack up and transfer to a local restaurant to enjoy a Farewell Dinner as a group celebrating your New Zealand Performance Tour.  
 Following dinner, return to the hotel.



**DAY EIGHT: WELLINGTON DEPARTURE (B)**

Morning	Breakfast as a group at the hotel. Check out of the hotel and transfer to Wellington Airport. Arrive at Wellington Airport and check-in for your flights.
Afternoon	Depart Wellington.

**WELCOME HOME!!**





## **SAMPLE ITINERARY**

### **NEW ZEALAND PERFORMANCE TOUR**

*(itinerary subject to change)*

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- ♪ Round-trip, economy class airfare including taxes/fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ♪ Accommodation:
  - AUCKLAND – Two (2) nights at a local hotel
  - ROTORUA – Two (2) nights at a local hotel
  - WELLINGTON – Three (3) nights at a local hotel
- ♪ Breakfasts: Daily (seven (7) total) at the hotels
- ♪ Dinners: Four (4) as a group at local restaurants (including Hangi Feast)
- ♪ Full-sized deluxe touring coach as required by the itinerary
- ♪ One (1) local tour manager per coach with the group in New Zealand
- ♪ Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary including:
  - AUCKLAND:
    - \* Auckland Orientation Tour
    - \* National War Memorial
    - \* Rangitoto Island
  - MATAMATA:
    - \* Hobbiton Tour
  - ROTORUA:
    - \* Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
    - \* Te Puia Maori Village including Hangi dinner
    - \* Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve
  - WELLINGTON:
    - \* Cable Car Ride
    - \* Te Papa Museum
    - \* Tickets to a New Zealand Symphony Orchestra concert (TBC – subject to availability / performance schedule)
    - \* Zealandia (Karori Wildlife Sanctuary)
- ♪ Performance and workshop setup in New Zealand as follows:
  - AUCKLAND:
    - \* Performance at a local venue in Auckland in conjunction with a local ensemble
  - ROTORUA:
    - \* Performance at a local venue in Rotorua in conjunction with a local ensemble
  - WELLINGTON:
    - \* Workshop with a faculty member at the New Zealand School of Music
    - \* Performance at a local venue in Wellington in conjunction with a local ensemble
- ♪ Large Percussion / piano as provided by performance and workshop hosts
- ♪ Certificate of Liability Insurance (upon request)
- ♪ Taxes and tolls where applicable

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- ♪ Ground Transportation from Home Airport
- ♪ Checked Baggage charges / Excess or overweight baggage charges
- ♪ Meals not listed in “Inclusions” / Drinks at included dinners
- ♪ Sightseeing entrances not indicated in the itinerary/inclusions list
- ♪ Passport processing fees
- ♪ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, telephone fee, internet connection, mail, etc.)
- ♪ Tips to Tour Managers or Drivers (not a requirement or expectation in New Zealand)
- ♪ Trip Cancellation Insurance