



invites you to

Discover New Zealand



Join Mississippi College on the **Discover New Zealand** tour in May, 2019. Departure is Tuesday, May 14, with return on Friday, May 24. This trip is open to all MC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community friends. Participants may select courses for college credit or participate as a non-credit enrollee.

Classes are offered in conjunction with the trip at the graduate and undergraduate level. Please contact Dr. Beth Stapleton (stapleto@mc.edu) for specific class information. Enrollees may take no more than 4 hours. Those enrolled for credit must attend the class meeting at 6:00 pm each Tuesday from March 19 - April 23 and Sunday, April 28 for final documents. Scholarship applications are available on the MC Spring Break trip website www.mc.edu/academics/study-abroad/spring-break/ on a first come, first served basis and should be submitted to Dr. Stapleton (stapleto@mc.edu). Students should check with the professors first and then register as usual for the Spring class. You must be enrolled in a Spring Break class to qualify for the scholarship.

Non-credit enrollees are not required to attend any of the classes but are strongly encouraged to do so because of the general travel/tourist information discussed and the meaningful background information about the history, culture and literature of the area provided.

Itinerary Overview: (Meals included are **B**= Breakfast; **L**= Lunch; **D**= Dinner)

Day 1 & 2) Wednesday, May 14 & Thursday, May 15: FLIGHT DOWN UNDER

Overnight flight from Jackson via Houston to Auckland, NZ. Food and beverages are served on the plane. Enjoy your flight! We're off!

Day 3) Friday, May 16: AUCKLAND

After arriving in Auckland, we transfer via coach to our hotel while enjoying a city highlights tour. Auckland is the main Gateway City to New Zealand. Within minutes of the city you can experience uncrowded beaches, rural countryside and forests. The dominating feature of the Auckland cityscape are the graceful lines of the Harbour bridge, the sparkling waters of the Waitemata Harbour and Hauraki Gulf, and the brooding cone of Rangitoto Island – the last of the cities' 48 volcanoes to erupt – just over 600 years ago.



Day 4) Saturday, May 17: AUCKLAND to ROTORUA

Following breakfast, we begin our day of touring traveling from Auckland to Rotorua. Rotorua has the most energetic thermal activity in the country with boiling mud pools, gurgling hot springs, gushing geysers and some rather unpleasant smells. All around the city, steam drifts up from behind the bushes, out of road drains and around rocks. Rotorua also has the largest Maori population and some of the best trout fishing in the world. Along our journey, we will visit the spectacular Waitomo Caves. Waitomo Caves have been attracting visitors for more than 125 years to view the incredible limestone formations and luminescent glowworms. The cave system is located beneath the rolling green countryside of the Waikato region, one of New Zealand's prime farming regions and located close to Hamilton city. Waitomo has a small selection of cafes and accommodations, and is a location for the adventurous with cave abseiling and rappelling, black water rafting and caving. We will end the day with an indigenous evening experience at Te Puia/Te Po where we will observe a cultural performance and the Hangi method of cooking. **B, D**

Day 5) Sunday, May 18: ROTORUA with HOBBITON visit

After breakfast, we board our bus to tour Rotorua. We will travel to see the Wai-O-Tapo Thermal Wonderland including Lady Knox Geyser. An excursion to Hobbiton for a movie set tour is also included. This is the location used for *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *The Hobbit* film series. The tour will conclude with dinner at The Shire's Rest Café in Hobbiton. **B, D**

Days 6) Monday, May 19: ROTORUA to CHRISTCHURCH

Have a hearty breakfast before heading to the airport for our flight to Christchurch. Upon arrival in Christchurch, we will enjoy a tour of the city highlights. Following the 2010-2011 earthquakes, Christchurch has re-emerged as a vibrant, ever-changing city. Christchurch is both vibrant and ever- evolving; it is surrounded by a region of natural

wonders and remarkable contrasts. Located on the South Island's east coast, "The Garden City" and has an Alps to Ocean horizon, a heritage heart and a sense of adventure. Discover 19th century stone buildings, a network of hillside walking and biking tracks, contemporary galleries and open-air markets. **B**

Day 7) Tuesday, May 20: CHRISTCHURCH to FRANZ JOSEF

After breakfast, we will depart the hotel and travel to the train station. We will board the Tranz Alpine train to take in the stunning views as we head to Arthur's Pass, township in the Southern Alps of the South Island of New Zealand popular for exploring Arthur's Pass National Park. From there, we will travel via coach to Franz Josef, a small town in the West Coast region of the South Island named after the Franz Josef Glacier. Here we will stay the night at a scenic hotel. **B**

Day 8) Wednesday, May 21: FRANZ JOSEF to QUEENSTOWN

Enjoy breakfast and then board the coach touring towards Queenstown. An optional helicopter tour is available for an additional cost to fly over two of New Zealand's most famous glaciers. The Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers are unusual, since nowhere else in the world do glaciers descend this far down into rain forest. Crunching their way down the valleys from the peaks of the Southern Alps until they are a mere 7 ½ miles from the sea. They are a spectacular sight, particularly since both glaciers are now advancing at a rapid pace (for glaciers), with huge blocks of ice breaking off at the terminal face and floating off downstream during floods. **B**

Day 9) Thursday, May 22: QUEENSTOWN to MILFORD SOUND to QUEENSTOWN



We will begin our day after a great night's rest and breakfast by traveling to Milford Sound, the 22 km long fiord beside which rises the 1695 metre high Mitre Peak. The fiord has been described as breathtaking, with the usually calm water mirroring the sheer peaks that arise all around. We will tour Milford Sound on a breathtaking nature cruise to experience waterfalls and cliff faces up close and personal. A picnic lunch will be provided on the cruise before heading back to Queenstown for the night. **B, L**

Day 10) Friday, May 23: QUEENSTOWN

Today is your day to explore the city. You may choose to enjoy the sites on your own or on optional guided tours. Queenstown, right on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, is nestled in what is surely one of the most scenic spots in the world. Queenstown is a year-round resort, with skiing in the nearby Coronet Peak and Remarkables Ranges in winter, and a whole host of summer activities focusing on the mountains, lakes, and rivers of Central Otago. There are over a 100 attractions available from bungy jumping to art trails, and many of these activities are perfectly well suited to anyone of whatever age, however unfit they may be. Queenstown has a compact town centre which is buzzing every night with a lively café and bar scene and late night shopping. We will end the day on a scenic gondola journey observing the amazing views of Queenstown and enjoying a farewell buffet dinner at the Skyline Restaurant. **B, D**

Day 11) Saturday, May 24: FLIGHT TO U.S.A.

The departing flight leaves Queenstown with stops in Auckland and Houston before finally arriving in Jackson. **B**

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Round trip flights from Jackson to Auckland with Air New Zealand coach class
- Internal New Zealand flights from Rotorua to Christchurch & Queenstown to Auckland
- 8-nights accommodations in 4-star hotels
- Breakfast daily, one lunch & 2 specialty dinners as listed
- Transportation by private coach charter
- Touring as listed
- Tranz Alpine rail journey from Christchurch to Arthur's Pass
- Tips and gratuities for guide and driver
- Entrance fees to included sites and excursions with group

PRICE:

\$ 4300 per person in double room (Single rooms are available with single supplement fee+ \$700) Deposit of **\$600** (non-refundable) is due **October 1, 2018**, to hold your spot. Next payment of **\$1850** is due **Nov 30, 2019**.

Final payment of **\$1850** is due, **Feb 1 2019**.

SPECIAL NOTE:

If credit card is used for payments, an additional 5% is added to cost of each payment. It is processed as a cash payment to our agency and is because we have negotiated airfare for group to travel together.

CANCELLATION:

Cancellation from the tour any time after enrollment will result in a loss of your \$600 deposit. After the first payment has been made, cancellation from 90 days to 55 days prior to departure, will result in a charge of 50% of price. If trip is canceled after February 1, 2019, the entire fee of \$4300 will be lost. Optional trip insurance for cancellation/medical protection is available if desired. See Dr. Stapleton for information on this trip insurance.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Airfare is based on a special group fare roundtrip Jackson to Auckland, New Zealand. Deviations from itinerary will result in additional expenses.

NOT INCLUDED:

Passports (required), baggage handling, expenses resulting from accident or illness; loss of or damage to luggage; optional sightseeing; after hours transportation while not with group; meals not listed as included; items of a personal nature.

We are accepting deposits now, so enroll TODAY!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks payable to **Mississippi College** and submit with deposit to Continuing Education (213 Nelson Hall) or mail to: Continuing Education, Box 4031, Clinton MS 39058. **Future payments will be made directly to booking agency and address will be sent upon receiving deposit.**

Enclosed is **\$600** non-refundable deposit for **MC Discover New Zealand Tour**, May 14-24, 2019.

DATE _____

NAME (as it appears on passport) _____
First Middle Last

ADDRESS _____

COURSE(S) FOR COLLEGE CREDIT: YES _____ NO _____

PHONES:
(Home) _____

(Office or Cell) _____

E-MAIL _____

GENDER _____

BIRTH DATE _____

Please confirm:

- () Single Room – extra single supplement required +\$700
() Double Room

ROOMMATE _____

If no roommate is available, single supplement is required. When application is received, you will be notified of acceptance or deposit will be returned if tour is filled. Enrollment is limited to 39 for this tour. First 39 with \$600 nonrefundable deposit will be selected.