

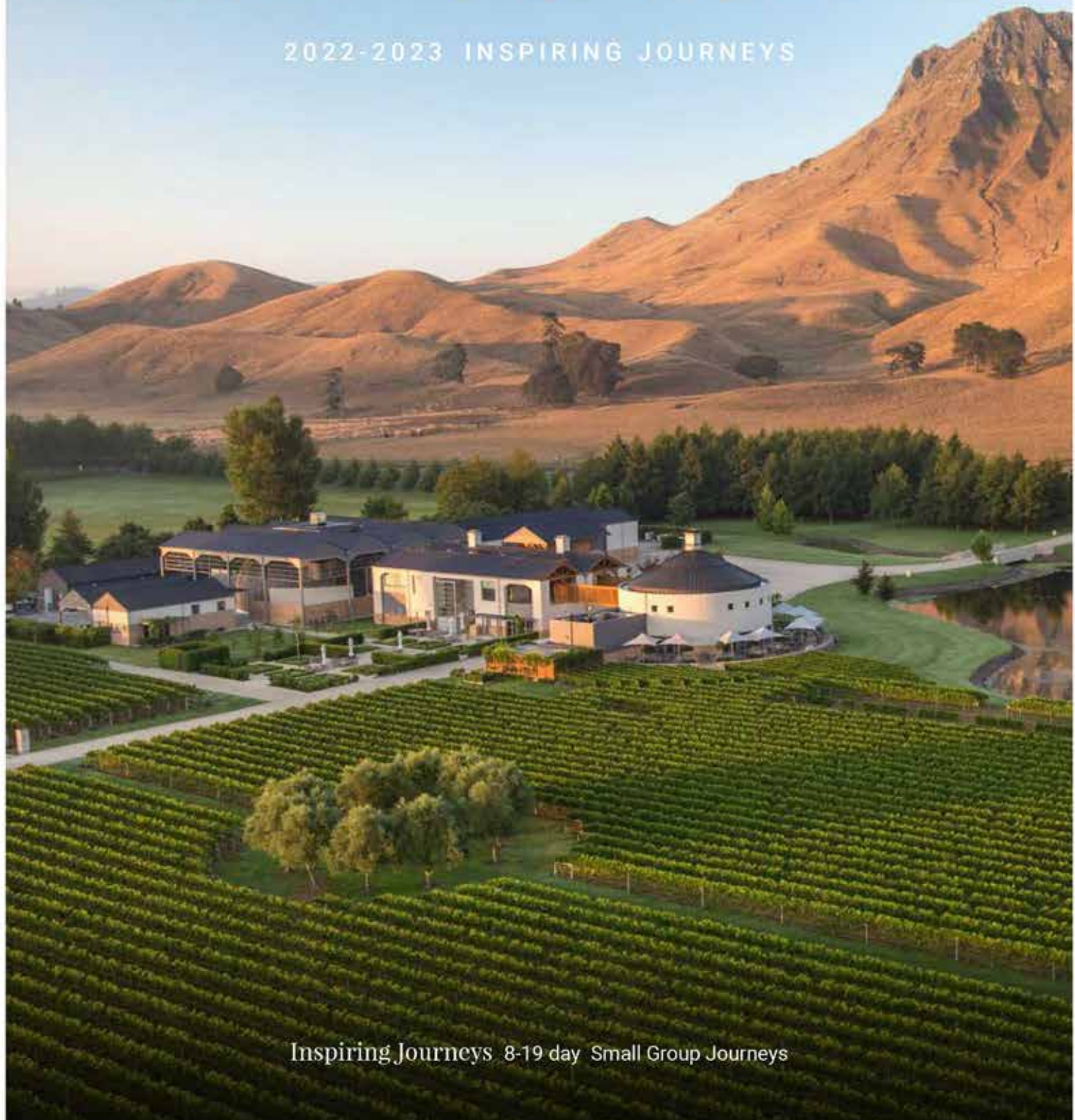
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*Your South Pacific Travel Specialists*

# NEW ZEALAND

2022-2023 INSPIRING JOURNEYS



Inspiring Journeys 8-19 day Small Group Journeys

# Inspiring New Zealand

A tale of two great islands, of epic natural beauty and ancient rituals and traditions – yours to explore on this Inspiring Journey across the length and breadth of New Zealand. Embrace the sophistication of its cities and the soulful expanse of its stunning untamed landscapes.



## Doubtful Sound

Experience the spectacular, remote wilderness of Doubtful Sound on a Wilderness Cruise. Encounter towering fiords, lush native rainforest, cascading waterfalls, and wildlife hidden around every corner.

**10 DAYS** • Auckland • Waiheke Island  
• Rotorua • Wellington • Queenstown  
• Doubtful Sound

### Immerse

Soak up the grandeur of the breathtaking Doubtful Sound, encountering wildlife such as dolphins, fur seals and penguins in the depths of the wilderness.

### Indulge

Embark on a culinary discovery of Waiheke Island, famous for its pristine beaches, world-class wines and farm-to-fork dining.

### Explore



Discover the labyrinth of magnificent undisturbed glowworm displays at Footwhistle Cave, an intimate experience reserved for nature lovers.

### Relax


Take a deep breath and unwind in the healing waters of Polynesian Spa, the world-class geothermal relaxation experience.

## Day 1: Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand's vibrant North Island hub. Spend your day at leisure before joining your Journey Director and fellow travel companions for a Welcome Reception and dinner.

-  Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour, 2 nights
-  Dinner with wine

## Day 2: Auckland Sights – Waiheke Island

-  A city sights tour will start your morning in Auckland. Travel around the waterfront from central city out to Mission Bay. Next up we **take a ferry over to Waiheke Island**. With pristine beaches, world-class wines, and fantastic cuisine it's easy to see why Waiheke Island is considered the jewel in the Hauraki Gulf's crown. Only a short distance from Auckland, you'll feel like you're a world away as you embrace the essence of Waiheke with your local guide. **Enjoy wine tasting at some of Waiheke's award-winning wines**, including beautiful Mudbrick Vineyard with spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf, followed by a light lunch, before you cruise back to the city.

-  Breakfast, lunch

## Day 3: Auckland – Rotorua

-  Your leisurely discovery of New Zealand's North Island continues as you **follow the meandering trail of the Waikato River to the famous Caveworld Waitomo for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience**. Your guide sets the scene for a cave experience where you will see glowworms, cave formations and appreciate the beauty of Footwhistle Cave. Journey to the volatile landscapes of Rotorua, where Māori culture takes centre stage.
-  **Visit the Tamaki Māori Village for insights into the local rituals and traditions** of this fascinating culture. Embrace their gracious traditional greeting, experience the heart-pounding wero challenge and enjoy a Local Dining Experience, the delicious flavours of the Hangi cooked in the earth with geothermal steam.

-  Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights
-  Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 4: Rotorua

First up, visit Whakarewarewa Living Village where you'll be accompanied by a Local Guide to view New Zealand's biggest geyser, bubbling mud pools and thermal springs. Later, the day is all yours to **explore the sacred lands, thermal marvels and Māori traditions of Rotorua**. You could indulge in a spa treatment at the Polynesian Thermal Spa, or if you're up for a challenge, take the native forest zipline adventure tour with Canopy Tours.



🍳 Breakfast

### Day 5: Rotorua – Wellington



Visit Rainbow Springs Nature Park for a guided tour of The National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, the national leader in kiwi husbandry. Learn about the work being done to save New Zealand's national bird, see kiwi eggs being incubated, the hatching process and newly hatched kiwi chicks. Later, fly to Wellington. Spend the evening at your leisure, enjoying dinner at one of the quirky cafés at Courtney Place or Cuba Street.

🏠 Sofitel Wellington, 2 nights

🍳 Breakfast

### Day 6: Wellington & Zealandia



This is your chance to get to know Welly like a local, on a guided walking tour. Discover the stunning waterfront and the hidden laneways in the bohemian area – the heritage Cuba Street precinct. Once dimly-lit back alleys, these newly rejuvenated laneways are now home to some of the country's funkier bars, boutiques and breweries. You'll see for yourself why Wellington is the coffee and craft beer capital of New Zealand. This afternoon, we **continue to the urban eco-sanctuary of Zealandia**, admiring the extraordinary efforts of conservationists who have reintroduced 18 species of native wildlife that were absent from mainland New Zealand for over a century.



🍳 Breakfast

### Day 7: Wellington – Queenstown

Explore New Zealand's fascinating culture, nature, heritage and art at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. It's time to prime yourselves for a few days of adventure, flying to Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure-capital. On arrival, **journey to the goldrush village of Arrowtown**. Enjoy a tour of Queenstown, and gaze at the natural splendour in its midst – from the peaks of the Remarkables to beautiful Lake Wakatipu.



🏠 Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights

🍳 Breakfast

### Day 8: Queenstown – Lake Manapouri



Your day begins in Manapouri, where you'll **embark on a cruise across Lake Manapouri**. Then travel to the heart of Fiordland National Park and take in the beauty and vastness of remote Doubtful Sound on a Wilderness Cruise. It will take your breath away as you experience its deep wilderness. Keep a look out for wildlife including dolphins, fur seals and even occasionally penguins.

🍳 Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 9: Queenstown at Leisure



Explore exciting Queenstown, your way. You could embark on a minibus tour through the scenic gorge of Skippers Canyon or **immerse yourself in award-winning wines and spectacular scenery of Central Otago on a Boutique Wine tour**. As your final day ends enjoy a Celebration Dinner at one of the local restaurants with your Journey Director and new-found friends.

🍳 Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

### Day 10: Farewell from Queenstown

For now, all that's left to say is a fond farewell as your inspiring journey comes to an end after breakfast. Throughout today you will be transferred to Queenstown Airport for your onward flight.

🍳 Breakfast

## Departures

2022		2023	
Oct	16	Feb	12
Nov	20	Mar	12

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Oct 2023 at [inspiringjourneys.com/nzfly](https://inspiringjourneys.com/nzfly) or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

## Inclusions

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 9+ Unforgettable experiences
- 15 included meals
- 9 Nights premium accommodation

## NZFLY: Auckland to Queenstown

### Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport  
 Day 10 – flights to depart anytime from Queenstown Airport

\*Internal-holiday flights: Please note that the price above includes land and internal-holiday airfares, which are required to be booked in order to fulfil the holiday itinerary:

Day 5 – Rotorua to Wellington

Day 7 – Wellington to Queenstown

Return airfares from your home port are not included in the price above.

