

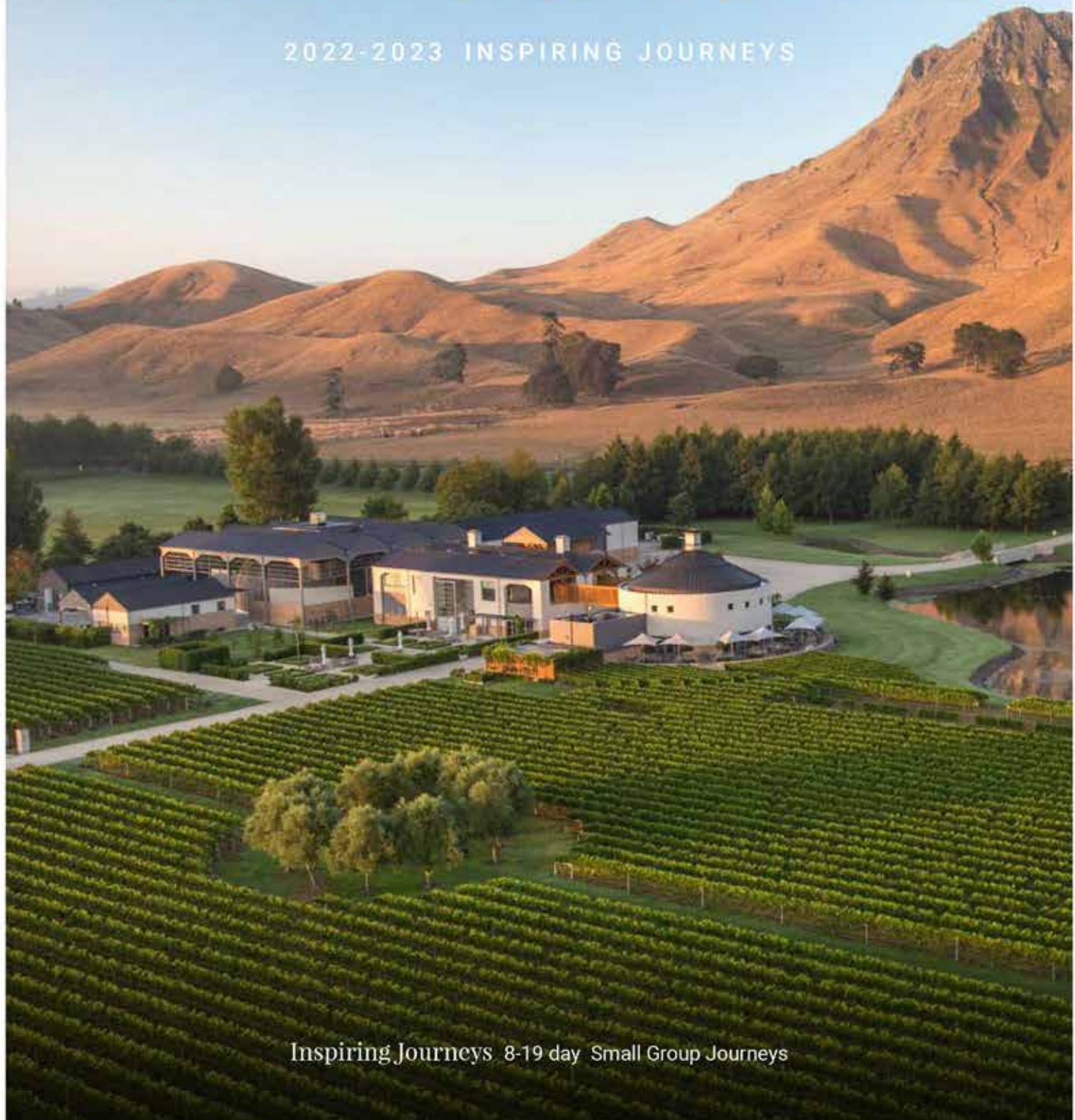
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*Your South Pacific Travel Specialists*

# NEW ZEALAND

2022-2023 INSPIRING JOURNEYS



Inspiring Journeys 8-19 day Small Group Journeys



# The Endless Shores

Embrace the traditional greeting of your Māori hosts, whose relationship with this unspoilt land is revealed on this journey. Experience natural wonders, from the luminous glowworms of the Footwhistle Cave and the native forests' redwood giants, to the fantasy-land of The Lord of the Rings' 'Shire'.



## Redwoods Treewalk

Walk high amongst giant 118-year-old redwood trees and open your eyes to the natural beauty of the forest. Surround yourself with gentle giants, native fauna, and sweeping silver ferns.

**8 DAYS** • Wellington • Hawke's Bay  
• Huka Falls • Rotorua • Waitomo • Auckland

## Immerse

Connect with the beating heart of the world's youngest geothermal valley, and embrace the traditional greeting of your hosts at Tamaki Māori Village.

## Indulge

In the shadow of the spectacular Te Mata Peak, enjoy an unforgettable dining experience at Craggy Range winery in Hawke's Bay, a region blessed with fertile soils.

## Explore

Walk high among giant 120 year old Redwood trees, and discover the luminous shimmer of the breathtaking Waitomo Glowworm Grotto.

## Relax

Cruise the streets of New Zealand's Art Deco capital in style in the comfort of a luxurious vintage car driven by your expert guide.

## Day 1: Welcome to Wellington

Upon arrival at Wellington Airport you'll be transferred to your hotel. Spend some time at leisure to relax or explore on your own. This evening, join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception, followed by dinner.

QT Wellington, 2 nights

Dinner with wine

## Day 2: Wellington at Leisure

Discover Wellington your way. You could experience the Weta Workshop, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Go on a guided city walking tour around Wellington or explore the country's fascinating culture, nature, heritage and art at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.

Breakfast

## Day 3: Wellington – Hawke's Bay

Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier in Hawke's Bay. This evening, enjoy wine tasting and dinner at Craggy Range winery, in the shadow of the spectacular Te Mata Peak. Spend the evening in your accommodation surrounded by the area's majestic hills

Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights

Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

## Day 4: Napier (Relaxed Start)

Relive the glamour and style of the jazz era with a luxurious vintage car tour. Your driver will provide fascinating commentary as you are driven in style through Napier and surrounding areas. You'll learn about the earthquake that destroyed the city in 1931 and hear stories of the people that led the rebuild of Napier in the Art Deco style.

Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 5: Hawke's Bay – Rotorua

📍 Continue your journey to Rotorua. Visit **Waimangu Volcanic Valley, the world's youngest geothermal valley**. On a guided walk you'll experience geothermal activity, hot springs, volcanic craters, nature and wildlife. Cruise around the tranquil waters of Lake Rotomahana to see stunning geothermal activity as well as rare native birdlife. Hear stories of the Mt. Tarawera volcanic eruption and the resulting dramatic landscape changes that created this amazing part of the world.

🍽️ Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

🍳 Breakfast



### Day 6: Rotorua – Redwoods Treewalk

📍 Ascending to the breathtaking **Redwoods Treewalk**, enjoy an elevated bird's eye view of the 120-year-old redwood giants and view the beautiful surrounds of the forest from a unique perspective. Next stop is Rainbow Springs Nature Park. Discover native flora that grows around the crystal clear mineral water springs and learn about their kiwi hatchery programme that is proudly supported by TreadRight.

🎯 An evening of culture, history and scrumptious food awaits you at the **Tamaki Māori Village**. Wander through the ancient forest village and learn about Māori art forms and traditions, followed by a cultural performance. Experience an authentic Māori Hangi meal, steamed underground in the traditional way.

🍳 Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 7: Rotorua – Caveworld Waitomo – Auckland

📍 Make your way 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. Later, travel through the dairy farming district of Waikato, and on to Auckland. This evening, toast your trip together at a Celebration Dinner.

🍽️ QT Auckland

🍳 Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

### Day 8: Farewell from Auckland

Say farewell to your fellow travellers as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and we transfer you by private car to Auckland Airport for your onward flight.

🍳 Breakfast



### Departures

2022		2023	
Oct	21	Jan	13, 20
Nov	18	Feb	10, 17
		Mar	17

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

### Inclusions

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

### NZNI: Wellington to Auckland

Flights are not included in holiday price.

Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Wellington Airport

Day 8 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

