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# UNIQUE HOLIDAY TOURS

From the northern tip of Cape Reinga to the crisp southern shores of Bluff, we've been touring New Zealand for over thirty years, uncovering hidden gems in our country's awe-inspiring landscape.

This tour season Unique Holiday Tour has expanded our tour options to include some iconic Australian experiences.

We want to share these discoveries with you, we have specifically designed fantastic, hassle-free and affordable tours for mature travellers. Join us for the experience of a lifetime.



Tasmania



Lake Te Anau, Fiordland





Ghan

Auckland



#### **About Unique Holiday Tours**

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At Unique Holiday Tours we cater to adventurous souls.

#### TOUR 1

### Discover Tasmania

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Come to Tasmania to indulge in history, vast wilderness areas, Australia's most spectacular mountains, dazzling beaches, and the freshest food and wine imaginable.

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A boutique-style tour. A week rediscovering what makes Auckland great. Lets us show you Auckland at 'Unique's pace'.

#### TOUR 3

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Check out our tour costs, dates and booking forms.

### Register your interest

# Magical Mystery Tour 2021

Everything will be unknown.. but you are guaranteed to have fun.

#### What I can tell you!

- The tour will be in New Zealand
- Will be early 2021
- Duration will be between 5 to 7 days long

#### Register your interest with Penny.

# About us

# Testimonials

With 30 years of experience and comprehensive itineraries, we can assure you a relaxing and completely hassle-free experience.

Explore our beautiful country in comfort, while enjoying personal service, care and extensive commentary. Unique Holiday Tours take you to some of the world's most scenic places.

Tailored for primarily the senior traveller, our tours are filled with days experiencing exciting places, balanced with plenty of rest and relaxation.

Our most prized asset is the wonderful word of mouth advertising we have garnered, from those who have travelled with us over the years. Ninety per cent of our new clients meet us through glowing recommendations from friends and family. We are proud and very grateful to the thousands of Unique Holiday travellers who have continued to share their experiences. Lasting friendships that have been formed during the tours mean that regular reunions are extremely common amongst our travellers.

A close relationship with Uzabus allows us to travel in extreme comfort. Formed in the 1920s, Uzabus combines almost a century of experience in providing stellar transport with comfortable coaches. Their focus, and ours, is on providing a fun, friendly, and efficient service.

## Memorable

"Thanks so much for a wonderful memorable tour. Always felt safe and cared for."

Maria

### Friendly & good value

"This was the most friendly and good value bus tour we have ever done, we thank you for doing everything well."

Barry

#### Learnt so much

"Learnt so much about New Zealand, fellow travelers & myself. Will recommend Unique to others, always felt safe, valued and appreciated."

Ruth

### Highly organised

"I had a wonderful adventure throughout the South Island, with a professional, caring & highly organised team. The whole journey was far more than I anticipated."

Frances

#### **Murray River Tour**

"Please to report all was good & the trip was excellent from start to finish never any concerns on any account, well done."

Shaun & Adrienne

# What makes us so Unique?

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At Unique Holiday Tours we cater to adventurous souls - those who never stop experiencing life and define their own terms.

From the northern tip of Cape Reinga to the crisp southern shores of the beautiful South Island, our tours cover most of New Zealand, taking in some of the world's most stunning scenery. We also provide iconic tours throughout Australia.

In association with the Uzabus fleet, the New Zealand tour options cover thousands of kilometres in comfort, where spacious seats and air conditioning make even climbing the Southern Alps an elegant affair. Our tour staff provide informal yet informative commentary throughout the entire tour, offering discovery-based adventure that cannot be replicated. We have specifically designed our tours to give you peace of mind. Everything is pre-planned for a hassle free experience - from accommodation to meals and activities to excursions, we've sorted it out and have priced to please. Add your own adventure and choose optional excursions, or soak in the scenery and relax on the planned rest days.

With so many like-minded people together experiencing the journey of a lifetime, strong friendships form. Companionship is a core part of our touring and we offer popular reunions of our groups each year to rekindle these bonds.

# Become acquainted with a hidden Aotearoa: **Discover the real New Zealand.**



### CHAPTER 1 | DAYS 1-3 Heading over the ditch

You will be greeted at Aucklands domestic terminal by the Unique Holiday Tour team and together we all will travel to our airport hotel. Settle in for the evening with dinner in the hotel and a chance for all to get to know each other.

Day 2 Auckland-Melbourne-Hobart.

**Day 3** Enjoy your morning aboard Hobart's Best City Tour. Hobart is a city of yachts and spinnakers, gardens and galleries, sandstone cottages and stately Georgian homes. Your driver will present live commentary sharing local knowledge and experiences of life in Hobart and will be on hand to answer any of your queries.

#### CHAPTER 2 | DAY 4-6 Getting to know Hobart

Today is a day at your leisure to enjoy Hobart and the famous Salamanca Markets, a popular and colorful outdoor marketplace and a delightful shopping experience.

**Day 5** A wonderful day tour full of history, amazing scenery and maximum time at the Port Arthur Site. A compelling and dramatic reminder of our convict past and the early settlement of what was the Colony of Van Diemen's Land - now Tasmania. Heading south east from Hobart, enjoy the changing scenery passing Pirates Bay, Eaglehawk Neck and Norfolk Bay. Stop to take in the dramatic sights of stunning natural rock features.

Day 6 Depart Hobart for Launceston via Wicked Cheese, Richmond village, Richmond Gaol and the East Coast of Tasmania. Wicked Cheese is an award winning Tasmanian Cheese maker based in the Coal Valley. Richmond, one of Australia's most original historic villages. Nowhere else in Tasmania is the romance and nostalgic charm of the colonial days more alive than in the beautiful setting of Richmond. While in Richmond, enjoy a visit to Richmond Gaol one of Australia's most significant historical attractions. Step back in time and explore the original gaol buildings and rooms. Travel east through the seaside towns of Orford and Swansea before following the coastline north towards Wineglass Bay. Later enjoy a walk to Wineglass Bay lookout or Cape Tourville and take in the spectacular panoramic view. There will be time for lunch (own cost) at Coles Bay before we head towards Launceston through the contrasting grazing lands of the Fingal Valley and Northern Midlands.

### CHAPTER 3 | DAYS 7-9 Explore the outdoors

This morning, visit the magnificent Cataract Gorge with its rhododendron gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot-bridge and one of the longest single-span chair lifts in the world. We then head on to the historic homes of Woolmer's Estate for a 45 minute tour. Woolmer's Estate is Australia's finest example of a pioneer farm from the early 1800s and is one of Tasmania's World Heritage Convict Sites. After Woolmer's, head to the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce company for complimentary tastings and a BBQ lunch. The afternoon is spent visiting a Tamar valley winery and then onto Grindelwald, the Swiss themed town just north of Launceston

**Day 8** Travel deep into the lush rainforest of Cradle Mountain National Park. Walk through the Enchanted Forest and around the spectacular scenery of Dove Lake and indulge on some of Australia's finest cheeses. Awaken your senses to the magnificent splendour that is Cradle Mountain. Go deep into the Tasmanian forest and experience the solitary wilderness of waterfalls, glacial lakes, rainforest, wildlife and unsurpassed beauty of this World Heritage listed National Park.

**Day 9** Early departure for the port of Strahan this morning to cruise the incomparable Gordon River into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and the edge of World Heritage. After the cruise, we enjoy the performance "The Ship That Never Was" Australia's longest-running play tells the dramatic and hilarious true story about the last great escape from Sarah Island.

**Day 10** Today we'll make our way to Queenstown for the start of the West Coast Wilderness Railway, "Rack and Gorge," Journey. As you travel through the west coast's cool temperate rainforest, you will ascend steep wilderness mountains under the power of the revolutionary Abt rack and pinion system – technology that transformed the fortunes of the west coast during the late nineteenth century, and the only operating Abt rack and pinion railway in the Southern Hemisphere.

Day 11 Homeward bound.



#### TOUR CODE: TOUR 1

**PRICE:** \$5450 twin share. Deposit \$1500pp required upon booking. 1st installment due 8/7/2020, balance due 19/8/2020. Single supplement additional charge \$910pp.

**INCLUSIONS:** Domestic & international flights, transport, accommodation, tours, cruise and meals as listed:





# A fresh look at Auckland

6th October - 11th October 2020

#### CHAPTER 1 | DAY 1 Sugar Factory

**Day 1** Leaving Tauranga, in Auckland today's highlight is a visit to the Chelsea Sugar Factory. Experience NZ's iconic Sugar Factory - be fully immersed in a working factory, walking through the plant and machinery with one of our expert tour guides. Learn why this historical Birkenhead site was chosen to be the only sugar factory in NZ. Learn how raw sugar is processed to become the final product in our supermarkets. Taste test the delicious products and see the wondrous sugar mountain for yourself. Enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink this evening before our lovely meal in-house.

### CHAPTER 2 | DAYS 2- 3 Auckland Icons

Day 2 Enjoy a short coach ride to Quay Street to meet the Riverhead Ferry for a 1.5 hour cruise of the Waitemata Harbour, under the Auckland Harbour Bridge, past Hobsonville and on to The Riverhead—the perfect venue for lunch in this beautifully restored restaurant. We rejoin our coach after lunch and travel to the Muriwai Gannet Colony. There is a short walk leading to the two viewing platforms for a fantastic opportunity to watch the blueeyed gannets up close. Dinner this evening is your own choice (dinner own cost)

**Day 3** Experience inner Auckland today with a "behind the scenes" tour of Eden Park and a chance to sit in Steve Hansen's hot seat in the coaches box as well as visiting the "hallowed turf" of the No 1 field. On to the Auckland Museum with free time to wander the exhibits or choose a 1 hour highlights tour (at your own expense). On to the stunning Auckland Wintergarden for a walk at your leisure through this stunning heritage site. A little free time this afternoon. Choose to relax at the hotel, swim in the pool or wander the shops. Dinner this evening includes sensational views as we dine this evening at Orbit 360, situated on the top of the Sky Tower.

### CHAPTER 3 | DAYS 4 - 5 Leaving the City

Day 4 We travel a little further today to Matakana and multiple highlight visits—the first of which is the Sculptureum, a tour of the stunning gardens, galleries, sculpture and art, followed by lunch in their restaurant. It's truly a Unique art experience. We visit Morris & James pottery before our travel back to our hotel. Visit the Honey Centre for a short tour that includes pouring and labeling your own complimentary jar of honey. On to Puhoi Valley Cheese for who can resist the huge selection of cheese, yoghurts, custards and milk. Dinner this evening is in-house.

**Day 5** The day begins with free time before we travel to the city for our elegant high tea. Situated 300 metres out to sea, Hilton Auckland is a stunning venue for a very special experience.

A short distance away is the Ferry Terminal where we board the ferry to Devonport to meet up with a local guide for a tour of historical Devonport. Visit Maori pa sites and the interesting network of tunnels and forts on North Head. From the city's best vantage point, see why Auckland is called "The City of Sails".

Your special treat day concludes with a superb Sunday dinner at Mchughs Of Cheltenham. Nestled on the foreshore of Cheltenham Beach, we enjoy spectacular views of Rangitoto and the Waitemata Harbour over dinner before taking the scenic route back to our hotel. **Day 6** Our day begins with a trip back in time to the Howick Historical Village. Walk through the front gate of this Living Museum and step into the pages of a colonial history book. Explore the early settlement of Howick as it was in the mid to late 1800s. Open the doors of real homes and experience living history for yourself. See how the early settlers would have lived as they went about their daily activities.

Heading South, we travel to the Bombay Hills and to the Simunovich Olive Estate which produces premium quality extra virgin olive oil and an extensive range of olive oil based skin care and beauty products. Enjoy a guided tour through the 30,000 olive tree estate where you will discover the varieties, methods and process involved in creating the award winning olive oil. Included in your tour price are tastings of six varieties of the olive oils with the Bracu house made bread and a bottle of the award winning Extra Virgin Olive Oil together with a Simunovich Olive Estate coffee table book.

An exceptional way to say farewell to Auckland and begin our journey home to Tauranga.

#### TOUR CODE: TOUR 2

**PRICE:** \$2725 twin share. Deposit \$350pp required upon booking. 1st installment due 4/8/2020, balance due 15/9/2020. Single supplement additional charge \$465pp.

**INCLUSIONS:** Transport, accommodation, all activities, meals as listed:



Service is offered for bookings of pre & post tour accommodations, flights.

# tour three: **The Ghan**

14th November -22nd November 2020

#### CHAPTER 1 | DAYS 1-3 And we are off

**Day 1** Depart on your domestic flight to Auckland. You will be greeted at the domestic terminal by the Unique Holiday Tour team and together we all will travel to our airport hotel. Settle in for the evening with dinner in the hotel and a chance for all to get to know each other.

**Day 2** Early morning departure, we transfer to the international airport for our flight to Darwin. Sit back and relax and enjoy in flight movies and meals on our journey to the Northern Territory. On our arrival in Darwin we will be transferred to our Hotel, time to get relax before dinner.

**Day 3** Litchfield National Park is an Aboriginal Dreamtime region that retains its mysterious spirituality in the silence of still forest valleys and rock face escarpments. With rugged sandstone, monsoon forests, spectacular waterfalls into cool abyss plunge pools, fascinating termite mounds, there is time for swimming in warm tropical waters, walking and exploring. This area... so remote... so totally Australian; will leave you with a lasting impression.

### CHAPTER 2 | DAY 4 - 5 Exploring Darwin

Day 4 Free Day to explore Darwin at your own leisure.

**Day 5** From Darwin, take in the remarkable Top End views before stopping in Katherine for an afternoon of unique touring. Prepare to experience one of the region's most impressive natural wonders near Katherine. The stunning Nitmiluk Gorge lies within the massive 292,000 hectares of the Nitmiluk National Park, and you'll have the chance to explore it from the water with guided cruise options – an experience you'll never forget.

#### CHAPTER 3 | DAY 6 Alice Springs

**Day 6** Next stop is Alice Springs, where more Off Train Excursions await. Explore Simpsons Gap, tour the town attractions, or get up close to some of the Red Centre's native wildlife. Dinner on the train is followed by an extraordinary evening experience in the outback where you will see the Milky Way like you have never seen it before. Simply breathtaking.

#### CHAPTER 4 | DAY 7 - 8 Adelaide

**Day 7** Arrive in Adelaide. From your cabin window this morning you'll see a dramatic change in landscape, as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the green fields of South Australia. Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you pass through the majestic Flinders Ranges and prepare for your mid-morning arrival into Adelaide, completing one of the world's great travel experiences. Afternoon is free

**Day 8** Enjoy a free day in Adelaide or add an optional excursion to Kangaroo Island. Kangaroo Island is a treasure island of renowned natural beauty. After your sea voyage across the Backstairs Passage from spectacular Cape Jervis, you'll discover its awesome beauty, rugged unspoilt wilderness and abundance of marine wildlife and seabirds as well as wallaby, goanna, echidna, koala and kangaroo. (Full day excursion 6.30am to 10.30pm)

**Day 9** Adelaide to Auckland. Breakfast in the hotel before transferring to the airport for our departure at 12.05pm. We arrive into Auckland at 6.30pm, transfer to the domestic terminal for our flights back home.





#### TOUR CODE: TOUR 3

**PRICE: \$**7950 twin share. Deposit \$1500pp required upon booking. 1st installment due 22/9/2020, balance due 3/11/2020. Single supplement additional charge 645pp.

**INCLUSIONS:** Domestic flights, international flights, accommodation, all meals and activities as listed:



# TOUR FOUR: Exploring the South

7th March - 27th March 2021

Enjoy touring the South Island the 'Unique' way, relax and enjoy our stunning country.

Our spacious and comfortable coach crosses the Cook Strait, creeps into ancient gullies, and even conquers the indomitable Southern Alps... twice. Enjoy the luxury of adventuring the South Island in a unique way, with likeminded people, in a completely hassle free fashion where everything is pre-planned and stress free.

#### CHAPTER 1 | DAYS 1-3 Starting South

The early birds depart from Palmerston North to catch the morning ferry. Travelling through the picturesque Marlborough Sounds we arrive in time for a break in Havelock before we carry on towards Nelson for the evening. The next morning we continue south, travelling through Kahurangi National Park and the stunning Buller Gorges before stopping in Westport for lunch. Imagine pioneering life and marvel at the stacked Pancake Rocks in Punakaiki, before heading for Greymouth.

**Day 3** We take in Arthur's Pass Village via the aweinspiring viaduct. We then lunch in Hokitika before returning to the dramatic beauty of the West Coast, we close our day at the feet of the Alps, in Hari Hari.

#### CHAPTER 2 | DAYS 4-5 Water, Snow and Ice

Pristine lakes, loved by salmon, brown trout and travellers alike lead us to the Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. Optional excursions allow you to explore the accessible and dynamic ice-formations from the air, before we cross suspension bridges and the longest single lane bridge in New Zealand, to arrive in Haast. Heading inland the next morning we follow the Haast River and traverse the scenic Haast Pass. From morning tea in Makarora, we travel through "The Neck" to Lake Hawea and Wanaka, stopping in Cromwell for lunch. We continue through the rugged Kawarau Gorge to New Zealand's adventure capital, Queenstown.

### CHAPTER 3 | DAYS 6-9 Lights on the Lake

We wake in one of the planet's most beautiful towns before exploring New Zealand's historical gold mining town, Arrowtown. On our return to Queenstown, explore at your leisure or cruise Lake Wakatipu on the majestic TSS Earnslaw. **Day 7** Travellers enjoy a free day with endless options for memory making: gold panning, Lord of the Rings tours, and riding the gondolas to take advantage of postcard views. The next morning we pass the Remarkables and call into Kingston before heading towards Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland, where we retire for the night.

**Day 9** we take a scenic drive through the world heritage surrounds to the mesmerising Milford Sound. Deemed the 'eighth wonder of the world', we highly recommend experiencing the area by boat, where you will get up close and personal with the 'locals'.

### CHAPTER 4 | DAYS 10-13 Southward Still

After a relaxing free day in Te Anau, including an optional excursion to Doubtful Sounds, we travel off the beaten track through Riverton before stopping in Invercargill.

Day 12 is a free day, giving you plenty of time to explore the very south of the south. Bluff, home of the Bluff oyster which is sure to treat your tastebuds. Travellers can opt to discover Stewart Island. 'The island of tranquility' offers a glimpse of how New Zealand once was, with an abundance of endemic species, from kiwi on the beach to saddlebacks in the bush, waiting to greet you. From Invercargill, we head north via Gore and the Presidential Highway to Balclutha before arriving in Dunedin, the 'Edinburgh of the South'.

#### CHAPTER 5 | DAYS 14-16 History Set in Stone

Dunedin is perfect for the heritage orientated. Use your two free days to visit Lanarch Castle, Speights Brewery or travel up the Taieri Gorge by rail and behold the stunning architecture of Olveston House or the Dunedin Railway Station. On **Day 16** we wind our way from Dunedin past the famous Moeraki boulders to Oamaru and Omarama.



We take in Mount Cook's vertigo-inducing peak where Sir Edmund Hillary honed his climbing skills, before turning towards Twizel for rest and relaxation.

### CHAPTER 6 | DAY 17-19 Christchurch Beckons

Travelling through Mackenzie Country, named after famous sheep rustler James Mckenzie, we take a tour of Timaru before stopping for lunch. We then carry on to Ashburton before arriving in Christchurch on the eve of **Day 17**.

The next day we take a round trip to the picturesque town of Akaroa, a historic French settlement nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano. The early afternoon offers a scenic tour through Lyttleton, Sumner Beach and the garden city itself.

**Day 19** is free, providing an opportunity to visit the Antarctic Museum or travel the Tranz Alpine Express to Greymouth and back for breathtaking views of rugged river valleys, the Southern Alps and lush beech forests.

#### CHAPTER 7 | DAY 20-21 Home Awaits

On **Day 20** we begin our pilgrimage home, winding our way up the coast towards Kaikoura, home to seal colonies, sperm whales and tasty crayfish. A short stop in Blenheim, one of New Zealand's sunniest towns, leads us to picturesque Picton for our final night together.

With a host of new and precious memories we wave goodbye to the allure of the south on **Day 21**, sailing the Cook Strait and continuing to Palmerston North, arriving home at about 4.30 pm.

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### TOUR CODE: TOUR 4

**PRICE:** \$4265pp twin share. Deposit \$350pp required upon booking, 1st installment due 8/01/2021, balance due 12/2/2021. Single supplement additional charge\$1500pp..

**INCLUSIONS:** Transport, accommodation, and meals as listed:

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Service is offered for bookings of pre & post tour accommodations, flights & optional excursions.

# TOUR FIVE: Murray River & Adelaide Sights

13th April - 21st April 2021

#### CHAPTER 1 | DAYS 1-3 Heading over the ditch

Flying from our home cities we gather in Auckland and transfer to our airport hotel and meet and greet over dinner.

**Day 2** Rise and shine for our morning departure with a direct flight to Adelaide. On our arrival in Australia we transfer to our hotel and enjoy a light lunch. The afternoon is free before we join together for dinner.

**Day 3** The Ultimate Day Tour - a local tour that takes you to more hidden gems within the city surrounds and onto the delightful Adelaide Hills. From the towering Mt. Lofty Summit Lookout to Haigh's chocolate tastings, included is Hahndoft, Australia's oldest German Settlement.

#### CHAPTER 2 | DAY 4-6 Meeting the Princess

Morning is free. We depart our hotel at 2.30pm to travel to Mannum where the P.S Murray Princess waits in all her glory. Take time to relax as the paddle boat cruises up the mighty Murray River while allowing you to enjoy predinner drinks and a welcome aboard dinner. During the evening the Murray River boat will cruise under floodlight to an overnight mooring on the river at Caurnamont. Keep your eyes peeled on the river bank as you may see nocturnal wildlife including grey kangaroos, hair-nosed wombats, Murray River long necked tortoises and spoonbeaked echidnas.

**Day 5** In 1879 the first bridge to span the Murray River was built at Edwards Crossing which quickly became the bustling township of Murray Bridge. After a hearty breakfast, choose to join a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks and local attractions or go on a wildlife tour at Monarto Zoo (additional cost \$60 per person). Those who choose to experience Monarto Zoo will arrive back on board the Murray Princess in time for lunch. This afternoon, as we continuing cruising upriver to our overnight mooring at Salt Bush Flat, you will have the opportunity to inspect the wheelhouse with the Captain. After dinner, enjoy being entertained by our talented crew.

**Day 6** All ashore for the nature walk where our guide will share the secrets of the local flora and fauna. Midmorning, join us in the Sturt Dining Room for a special presentation on the bounty of food and wine produced in the riverlands. Just after Fromms Landing, we turn and head downriver to River View Lodge (near Piggy Flat / Coolcha) where our discovery vessel awaits for a wildlife tour. Travelling in small, personalised groups, we explore the maze of the river. The bird life is amazing. The afternoon offers a choice of bocce or fishing challenges before joining the Captain and Officers for pre-dinner drinks and the Captain's Dinner and Dance.

#### chapter 3 | days 7-9 Wine & Heritage

Head back to Mannum. After breakfast, we reluctantly say farewell as we arrive at the Mannum Wharf. After leaving the cruise we are onto our next adventure for the day - Barossa Wine & Heritage Tour. Discover Australia's richest and best known wine making region. We depart Mannum by coach to the famous region. You will visit Jacob's Creek Visitor Centre, Maggie Beer's Farm Shop, enjoy a two course lunch at Lambert Estate and visit the beautiful Barossa Chateau. You will then return to Mannum where you will transfer to a luxury coach for your journey back to our hotel in Adelaide.

**Day 8** Free Day. Catch the tram (free of charge) to the Glenelg beach, head to the city markets or enjoy the hotel facilities and relax - the choice is all yours. On our last night together we are treated to a specialty dinner tonight.

**Day 9** Transfer to the airport for our flights back to New Zealand, taking with you reflections and memories created from your unique South Australian Tour.

#### TOUR CODE: TOUR 5

**PRICE:** \$4975 twin share. Deposit \$1500pp required upon booking. 1st installment \$1500 due 9/2/2021, balance due 23/3/2021. Single supplement additional charge \$689.

**INCLUSIONS:** Domestic & international flights, transport, accommodation, tours, cruise and meals as listed:



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# Tour six: The Hidden North

9th May - 29th May 2021

The North Island may well be the most populated of New Zealand's two major islands, but in no way does that detract from its beauty.

Travel to the northernmost tip of Maui's legendary catch, or delve deep into the heart of our land at Waitomo. Discover the history of the country's most beloved cities and places, all the while travelling in comfort at a fantastic price.

#### CHAPTER 1 | DAYS 1-3 Out and Down

Excited to kick off our adventure, we hit the northern road out of Palmerston North at 8am. After Hawera's Tawhiti Museum heritage shop, we then coast the Surf Highway to our overnight destination, New Plymouth. Following breakfast we travel the ancient Forgotten Highway, once used by Maori traders, calling into the Whangamomona Hotel for lunch before continuing to Hamilton for the night.

**Day 3** can be spent exploring Waikato's largest city or visiting the world-famous Waitomo caves, as an optional excursion. A must-see visual experience, the caves offer up a view of thousands of underground stars stretching as far as the eye can see - a hidden Milky Way in the very heart of the North Island.

### CHAPTER 2 | DAYS 4-9 The Northward Sentinel

From Hamilton we continue on towards Whangarei, visiting Matakohe Kauri Museum en route. Spend **Day 5's** morning exploring New Zealand's northernmost city before setting off towards Paihia and the chalice of our northern jewels, the legendary Bay of Islands.

The morning of **Day 6** is spent with a short trip to the Treaty House, a powerful experience as we come faceto-face with the document that forged our nation. We recommend a great way to enjoy your free afternoon is by visiting Russell, NZ's first capital.

Spend a day relaxing in the captivating landscape with golden sands and sheltered harbours or elect to go on one of the optional excursions. **Day 8** we take in the awe inspiring Haruru Falls before continuing to KeriKeri and then further north to arrive in Kaitaia. Our last day at the very tip of the island includes the option of relaxing in the small town or of travelling via 90 mile beach to the stoic Cape Reinga lighthouse where the Tasman meets the Pacific Ocean.

#### CHAPTER 3 | DAYS 10-14 Golden Lights and Beaches

Heading south for the first time, we visit Tane Mahuta, an ancient kauri tree before a late lunch in Dargaville. We then approach Auckland's glittering lights and spend a night on the North Shore.

Day 11 is for urban adventure, ending with panoramic views from Mt Eden before travelling across to Whangamata for the night. The next day offers the Coromandel, where we come face to face with some of New Zealand's most beautiful townships, nestled in secluded harbours with a slumbering forest as their backdrop. A trip to the world famous Hot Water Beach includes a free DIY hot pool. Wander the idyllic Coromandel township or take the optional excursion at Driving Creek Railway.

Day 13 soak in the sights of Whangamata's golden beaches before hitting the real gold rush on Day 14. With the Pacific Ocean on our flank, we move down the bay to Waihi and visit the jaw-dropping depths of Martha Mine's open gold pit. We continue on SH2, calling into Mount Maunganui for lunch before making our way through Te Puke's kiwifruit country and onto our next destination, Rotorua.

#### CHAPTER 4 | DAYS 15-16 Geothermal Activities

A free day in Rotorua allows for travellers to come faceto-face with the volcanic wonders of the North Island. From bubbling geysers to steaming lakes, Rotorua is figuratively and literally bursting with beauty.

We turn towards the east coast, lazily winding past a string of breathtaking lakes like sapphire beads anchored to the meandering road.

During **Day 16**, as we enter the *East Cape*, cast your mind back into the distant past and enjoy the stunning scenery.



#### CHAPTER 5 | DAYS 17-20 The Bright East

Continuing along SH35, we make our way along the coast towards Gisborne. View the reputedly largest and oldest pohutukawa tree known to man before stopping for a bite in the gorgeous Tolaga Bay, home to the longest wharf in the Southern Hemisphere.

As we slip into Hawke's Bay the buildings slowly adopt a delightful art deco style, dotted about a landscape dominated by vineyards, orchards, and rolling hills.

Napier approaches and travellers can take the opportunity to explore the delightful city and uncover the history of the settlement.

#### CHAPTER 6 | DAY 21 Heading Home

With the tour coming to a close, we wind our way back to Palmerston North, stopping in the hills to absorb the vastness of the Manawatu.

Above us stands mighty wind turbines, wind behemoths that brush the underbelly of the sky. With our adventure entering the epilogue, we slip into the city in the late afternoon with more than a tale or two to share.

#### TOUR CODE: TOUR 6

**PRICE:** \$4265pp twin share. Deposit \$350pp required upon booking, 1st installment due 7/3/2021, balance due 18/4//2021. Single supplement additional charge \$1500pp.

**INCLUSIONS:** Transport, accommodation, meals as listed :



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# The finer details

### **Tour Dates**

Tour 1	09/09/2020	19/09/2020
Tour 2	6/10/2020	11/10/2020
Tour 3	14/11/2020	22/11/2020
Tour 4	7/03/2021	27/03/2021
Tour 5	13/04/2021	21/04/2021
Tour 6	09/05/2021	29/05/2021

## Accommodation

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All accommodation is selected for comfort, convenience and value for money. If you require accommodation before and after a tour, please contact the Unique Holiday Tours office. All rooms are twin share with private facilities.

TASMANIAN	THE HIDDEN NORTH
THE GAHN	A FRESH LOOK AT AUCKLAND
EXPLORING THE SOUTH	MURRAY RIVER & ADELAIDE SIGHTS

Dining Key Dining Key

For South Island tours, passengers may depart from Palmerston North or join the tour at Wellington.

BANK ACCOUNT # 030726 0871745-00

# Booking form



Please tell us how you found out about our tours with a
🔲 From other people
From advertising, if so what form of advertising?

Please print names clearly and as you want them to appear on your name labels

1	Name
	Address
	***************************************
	***************************************
	Phone
	Email
2	Name
	Address
	Phone
	Email

Tour Code No. of persons \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \_\_\_\_\_\$ Date I am happy to twin share Single supplement (incurs additional cost)

• Bank Account # 030726 0871745-00 Ref: (surname) + (tour#)

#### Terms and conditions

Please read carefully, as the following are the terms and conditions of taking a Unique Holiday Tour.

#### Deposits and payments

To reserve your place on one of our tours, please contact us to check availability of your preferred tour. To secure a booking we require a completed booking form together with a non refundable deposit as indicated on each tour.

The remaining balance is required by the date indicated on each tour option. All prices are quoted in New Zealand dollars and prices quoted are per person based on twin share accommodation.

#### Single Supplement

Additional charges apply and is subject to availablility.

#### Cancellations

If cancellation occurs more than 9 weeks prior to tour departure, your deposit can be transferred onto a later tour of your choice or within the next tour season only (dependent upon availability).

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a refund if cancellation occurs less than 9 weeks prior to your tour departure. This also applies if you leave the tour early for whatever reason or for any unused services, travel, accommodation or meals.

#### Travel Insurance

Whilst clients are responsible for arranging their own insurance, we strongly advise you have travel insurance prior to your 2nd payment to cover yourself against cancellation. PLEASE NOTE we can advise you on some low cost travel insurances that will give you cover against cancellation of your booking.

#### Car Storage

We can arrange for secure car storage if required. Current rates are \$120 for the 3 weeks of the tour (subject to change).

#### More Information

If you require any further details please don't hesitate to contact the Unique Holiday Tours office on 0800 33 99 33. We're only too happy to accommodate and hope to hear from you soon.

All prices are inclusive of GST.