

New Zealand Wine Extravaganza

With your hosts Paul Vernon, wine merchant, and Cory Bomgaars, winemaker
January 20 – February 3, 2010

Join Paul Vernon (wine merchant, Top Ten Wines) and Cory Bomgaars (winemaker, Les Bourgeois) as we venture down under for some of the most magnificent scenery and wineries in the world. New Zealand is a remarkable country with fantastic scenery and an exceptionally diverse terrain, from beautiful ocean vistas to steep mountains to volcanic mud pots. With many wonderful wines being introduced into the New World from New Zealand, how can this wine tour be anything but marvelous!! We will have the memorable once in a lifetime opportunity to spend one night on a boat on Doubtful Sound, one of the most pristine fjords in New Zealand. Join us, you will talk about this trip for years to come!

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Wednesday 20th January 2010
LOS ANGELES DEPARTING U.S.A

Day 2 Thursday 21st January 2010
EN ROUTE TO AUCKLAND

As we cross the International Date Line we lose a day travelling "Down-Under".

Day 3 Friday 22nd January 2010
ARRIVE AUCKLAND

(D)

Welcome to New Zealand! *Early morning meet and greet on arrival at Auckland International Airport* by your Tour Manager/Driver. This morning we enjoy a *tour of the highlights of Auckland*, the City of Sails. Some free time in the city before checking in to your hotel.

Day 4 Saturday 23rd January 2010
AUCKLAND

(B)

Today an Auckland Regional wine tour. Henderson, Kumeu and Huapai to the northwest of Auckland's city centre, are the traditional winemaking districts of the Auckland region. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Chardonnay are the most popular varieties here although Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and other white varieties are also planted. **Wineries - Nobilos, Kumeu River, Selaks**

Day 5 Sunday 24th January 2010
AUCKLAND - NAPIER

(B)

Today we travel south through the Waikato Countryside. First we make a stop at *Rangopai Wines* at Te Kauwhata before continuing south to *visit to the Wairakei Terraces geothermal area*. This afternoon we continue to the 'Fruit Bowl' of New Zealand, Hawkes Bay – Napier.

Day 6 Monday 25th January 2010
NAPIER

(B)

Hawkes Bay is the country's second largest wine region. This area has a respected 100 year heritage in wine. Chardonnay is the most widely planted grape variety but the long sunshine hours attract a high percentage of later-ripening red grape varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Syrah, as well as the early ripening Pinot Noir.

Wineries - Church Road, Craggy Range, Te Mata

Day 7 Tuesday 26th January 2010

NAPIER – BLENHEIM**(B)**

A free morning to explore the Art Deco city of Napier. The city was rebuilt in the early 1930s following a massive Richter 7.8 Earthquake. By the end of the decade, Napier was the newest city on the globe. Nowhere else can you see such a variety of buildings in the styles of the 1930s - Stripped Classical, Spanish Mission, and above all Art Deco, the style of the 20th Century - in such a concentrated area. This afternoon we board our flight to another small city surrounded by vines ... Blenheim.

Day 8 Wednesday 27th January 2010**BLENHEIM****(B)**

Today a Marlborough Regional wine tour. When the first Marlborough vines were planted in 1973 few people predicted that the region would become New Zealand's largest and best known winegrowing area in little more than 20 years. Abundant sunshine with cool nights and a long growing season helps to build and maintain the vibrant fruit flavours for which Marlborough is now famous. Sauvignon Blanc is the most planted grape variety with Chardonnay in second place, followed by Pinot Noir and Riesling. Sauvignon Blanc may be the star but Marlborough has also earned an enviable reputation for Méthode Traditionnelle sparkling wines as well as a wide range of both white and red table wines.

Wineries – Montana Brancott, Cloudy Bay, Highfield,

Day 9 Thursday 28th January 2010**BLENHEIM – CHRISTCHURCH****(B)**

This morning we travel along the rugged coastline, keeping an eye out for the seals sunning themselves on the coastal rocks. We continue south visiting wineries in the Waipara region before continuing onto Christchurch where *we enjoy the sights of the 'Garden City'* also known as "the most English city outside of England".

Wineries - Daniel Schuster, Sherwoods

Day 10 Friday 29th January 2010**CHRISTCHURCH****(B)**

Today is at leisure in Christchurch. Enjoy the public gardens, catch a ride through the streets on a tram (Tram Pass included), visit the Cathedral which dominates the City Square or climb the steep Cathedral stairway to the balcony for an outstanding view of the city.

Day 11 Saturday 30th January 2010**CHRISTCHURCH – QUEENSTOWN****(B)**

This morning we board a flight to Queenstown. Queenstown is New Zealand's only true continental climate with greater extremes of daily and seasonal temperatures than are found in any of the country's maritime regions. A new, but aggressively expanding wine area, Central Otago is now New Zealand's seventh largest wine region. Pinot Noir is the dominant grape variety. Chardonnay ranks second with Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling a distant third and fourth. The wines of Central Otago have a purity, intensity and vibrancy that seems totally appropriate to anyone who has visited the region and breathed the pure mountain air.

Wineries – Gibbston Valley, Perigrine, Felton Rd

Day 12 Sunday 31st January 2010

QUEENSTOWN

(BD)

Today is at leisure. Visit the Remarkable's or Coronet Peak. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover or Kawerau Rivers. Perhaps a scenic 4 wheel drive excursion through Skippers Canyon, or a tour to Glenorchy to visit Lord of the Rings movie sites, or maybe just browse in the many shops and galleries - it's up to you. ***This evening we take a cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the steamer TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station to dine at the Colonel's Homestead.***

Day 13 Monday 1st February 2010

QUEENSTOWN – DOUBTFUL SOUND

(BD)

This morning we travel to ***Lake Manapouri*** where we take a ***cruise from Pearl Harbour to the West Arm Underground Power Station.*** After visiting the Power Station we board another vessel for an overnight ***cruise of Doubtful Sound*** (<http://www.realjourneys.co.nz/Main/Doubtful/>) viewing excellent waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. Experience the "Sound of Silence" when the vessels engines are turned off for the night in a remote bay deep in the wilderness.

Day 14 Tuesday 2nd February 2010

DOUBTFUL SOUND – QUEENSTOWN

(BD)

This morning returning to the dock at Deep Cove we retrace our steps via the Wilmot Pass and Lake Manapouri to Pearl Harbour. We then reboard our coach for the return trip to Queenstown. This evening we will ride on the Gondola up to Bob's Peak which overlooks Lake Wakatipu and the impressive Remarkables Mountain Range. Here we enjoy a farewell dinner at the Skyline Restaurant.

Day 15 Wednesday 3rd February 2010

QUEENSTOWN – USA

(B)

Our last morning in New Zealand today we board our homeward flight. Crossing the dateline we arrive back in the United States on the same day.

Registration Form

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Passenger Information

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Name as on passport _____ Name as on passport _____

Passport # _____ Passport # _____

Passport Exp. Date _____ Passport Exp. Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home and or cell) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone _____

Please mark your preferred travel arrangements (over and back airfare is not included in trip price)

I will make my own airline reservation/arrangements

I would like to be included in group airfare from Los Angeles International Airport

Double Occupancy Price \$4,450 _____ Single Occupancy Price \$5,650 _____ **

** (roommate cannot be guaranteed, if none available, you will be responsible for single occupancy price)

Payment Information (deposit \$1,000 per person)

If paying by check: make payable to Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours, L.L.C.

If paying by credit card (we can accept only VISA or Mastercard)

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Amount to be charged _____ Three digit security code from back of the card _____

TRIP CONDITIONS

This trip has been organized by Hidden Treasures Botanical Tours, L.L.C. which reserves the right to make necessary changes to the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. You will receive confirmation of registration by mail within 30 days of receipt of registration. Final payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure and all invoices will be sent in advance of this date. Once final payment is made, all airfare, hotel payments, etc. are paid in full, and we cannot refund any money after this date.

Trip price includes all lodging as specified on the itinerary, private transportation with driver, tips for onsite guides, maids and porters, entrances and tasting fees per itinerary, and breakfast daily. A few dinners are included as indicated on the itinerary. Tour price **DOES NOT INCLUDE round trip airfare to and from New Zealand**. Two in country flights are included in the package price. Airport departure tax upon leaving New Zealand is not covered. Also, please tip the driver upon completion of this trip.

We highly encourage trip insurance, which includes cancellation and trip delay coverage, as well as baggage and medical coverage. Most trip insurance policies waive pre-existing conditions if you sign up for insurance within 15 days of sending in this initial trip deposit. We recommend Access America for trip insurance, which is available online or through your nearest AAA office.

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