



## **Gorgeous Safari to New Zealand - Friday 16th April to Thursday 22nd April 2021**

### **Sample Itinerary**

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Meet you at the airport in Queenstown early afternoon (Virgin arrives from Sydney 2.30pm/ Air NZ 2.30)  
Book with us and get your tickets soonest.

We will do a group transfer to the hotel (approx 3pm), but if you do arrive early, the good news is that the airport is very close to the hotel so grab a taxi.

Check in and while our bags are taken to rooms, we will enjoy a glass of the region's best wine in the Hilton Hotel's famous Pinot Pit, situated right on Lake Wakatipu.  
We'll enjoy a small snack then let you settle into rooms. Meet for dinner in the hotel's Wakatipu Grill. **Drink, snack, dinner with wine**

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Breakfast at our hotel before we board the water taxi into Queenstown - one of the most spectacular trips as you travel across the lake surrounded by mountain peaks. We will explore some inspiring New Zealand art - from high end to "Kiwiana", meet a greenstone carver and hopefully one or two local artists before lunch in Queenstown.

The afternoon is yours for shopping in some of Queenstown's boutiques, water taxi back to hotel and spa bookings included in your stay. Free evening. **Breakfast, lunch**

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Breakfast at the hotel and then the day is yours to walk the beautiful track around the lake, hire a bicycle and ride into Queenstown, catch the water taxi, enjoy a spa treatment included in your stay.

Dinner tonight is a feast at the acclaimed stylish Aosta (refined Northern Italian cuisine) in Arrowtown. **Breakfast, dinner**

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Breakfast at our hotel and then we travel to lake Wanaka and a private boat tour to Moa Wahu Island which is a wildlife sanctuary where the endangered buff weka birds roam free. There are strict limits on the number of visitors and it's a real joy to climb the track to the secret lake at the top of the island and turn in every direction to find wilderness and silence.

Lunch at a local restaurant and time to explore the stylish homewares and fashion boutiques of Wanaka.

Then we visit the well-known Mt Difficulty Winery to enjoy a glass and view the extraordinary landscape that was once mined for minerals.

Free evening for you to enjoy the spa and steam room, book an extra spa treatment. **Breakfast, lunch**

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Breakfast in the hotel then we are out to explore, travelling over the Crown Range to beautiful Wanaka visiting the pioneering Rippon Winery on the shores of the lake... in their stunning tasting room to enjoy a taste of their wines. We meet up with our dear chef friend James Stapley who is creating a special lunch just for us using the best local produce and with a cooking demonstration. James' restaurant Kika is world class - in fact it's on the World's 50 Best Discovery list.

After a long lazy lunch, you'll meet the inspiring Desiree Whitaker from Cardrona Distillery who set up her own stylish whisky distillery in the shadow of the mountains. Free evening. **Breakfast, lunch, tastings**

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Breakfast at the hotel then mid-morning we visit the private home of fashion designer Claire Brinsley (Claire Bloom label uses the best fabrics and garments are all made in NZ) Visit her workshop and sale room and enjoy a late morning tea.

We'll have an afternoon in Arrowtown before a movie in the charming little jewel box cinema Dorothy Browns.. then to a private dinner with a specially created menu. **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Breakfast at hotel and check out. Group transfer at: 12 noon **Breakfast**

**Cost:** \$3890.00 (TBC) per person twin share / Single Supplement + \$900.00

### Includes:

7 days, 6 nights, 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners including wine, wine tastings and transport as per itinerary. (If you are out and about, transfer to hotel at your own expense. Hilton Queenstown run a shuttle service from town to the hotel. Airport transfers will be advised – we will do a group transfer on arrival and departure. If you arrive in Queenstown earlier or later and/or depart earlier/later, airport transfers will be at own expense).

Tariff does not include: Airfares, Gratuities, hotel mini bar, any extra spa treatments.

**Your guide: Maeve O'Meara** - Safaris director, devotee of good food, great pinot and golden experiences.

### Bookings & Information:

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### Terms and conditions:

**Deposit & Payment:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$600.00** per person is required on confirmation in order to secure your reservation. Final payment is due before **90 days** before your departure date.

**Special Requirements:** Please advise Gourmet Safaris of any special requirements such as Special Meals, Medical Requirements etc., as soon as possible. If you get motion sickness it is imperative that you bring with you motion sickness pills.

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is **highly recommended** and can be arranged by our booking agent. We strongly recommend you organise travel insurance at the time of booking. Insurance covers cancellation fees payable for airline tickets, accommodation, loss of deposit, luggage etc. Normal travel insurance conditions apply. (Insurance may not cover trip cancellation due to pre-existing medical conditions). Please read your policy carefully.

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