



## **Gourmet Safari to New Zealand** **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022** **Sample Itinerary**

### **Day 1 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Meet you at the airport in Queenstown early afternoon (Virgin arrives from Sydney 2.30pm/ Air NZ 2.30)

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 (you find you're a bit hungry due to time change) then let you settle into rooms.

Meet for dinner in the hotel's restaurant Wakatipu Grill. **Drink, snack, dinner**

### **Day 2 - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

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.

We'll visit the private tasting room at Rippon Winery, right on Lake Wanaka then meet the inspiring Desiree Whitaker from Cardrona Distillery who set up her own stylish whisky distillery in the shadow of the mountains. Free evening for you to enjoy the spa and steam room. **Breakfast, lunch**

### **Day 3 - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Breakfast at the hotel and then the morning 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. Optional trip to walking track further along Lake Wakatipu to explore some beautiful bays and wild nature.

Late lunch today at the acclaimed Amisfield winery where chef Vaughan Mabee creates 4 great courses with matched wines...all in the private dining room. Free evening to relax. **Breakfast, lunch**

### **Day 4 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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 one or two local artists before lunch at the Botswana Butchery right with views over the lake.

The afternoon is yours for shopping in some of Queenstown's boutiques, or taking the cable car up the mountain to enjoy the luge (it's fun!), a walk through the stunning Botanical Gardens - the path around the lake with tall pines all around is lovely. Or take a trip on the SS Earnslaw up the lake past the two soaring mountains Walter Peak and Cecil Peak. We'll enjoy dinner this evening in Queenstown. Water taxi back to hotel. **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

### **Day 5 - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

Breakfast in the hotel then we are out to explore...wine tasting along the way in Central Otago before 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. He's pulled some strings and we will be at Two Paddocks Winery - owned by the lovely Sam Neill. This will be a memorable day! Free evening. **Breakfast, lunch, tastings**

## Day 6 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

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 pretty Arrowtown with its historic gold diggings. We'll enjoy a light lunch before a movie in the charming little jewel box cinema Dorothy Browns.. then to a dinner with a specially created menu. **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

## Day 7 - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

**Cost: Approximately \$4300.00 per person twin share Land content only.**  
Single Supplement + \$590.00.

**Included:** 7 days, 6 nights, 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners including wine, wine tastings & 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, spa treatment.

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

### Bookings & Information:

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**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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