



Gourmet Safari to New Zealand SAMPLE Itinerary

Friday 26th February - Thursday 4th March 2027

Day 1 - Friday – 26th February

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

We will do a group transfer to the hotel (approx 3.15pm), but if you do arrive early (or later), the good news is that the airport is very close to the hotel so grab a taxi.

Check in and at 5pm 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 snack (you find you're a bit hungry due to time change) then let you settle into rooms.

7pm meet for dinner in the hotel's restaurant, Wakatipu Grill. Enjoying dinner lakeside with the lovely long twilight is such a great way to start. **Drink, snack, dinner**

Day 2 - Saturday – 27th February

Breakfast at the hotel and then a visit to the best situated market in the world - the Remarkables Markets with the dramatic mountain range as a backdrop - where we enjoy a visit curated by the market so we can meet the farmers and producers— its a great Kiwi immersion.

We'll take our finds back to the hotel and then head to lunch at the acclaimed Amisfield winery where you'll enjoy 5 great courses with matched wines...all in the private dining room. This meal has been voted by many guests as one of the memorable of their lives!

Free evening to relax (or you may want to take the water taxi into Queenstown to explore). **Breakfast, lunch**

Day 3 - Sunday – 28th February

Breakfast at our hotel and then we travel up over the Crown Range to Lake Wanaka and a private boat tour to Mou 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 the view opens as we climb the track to the secret lake at the top of the island and turn in every direction to find wilderness and silence. It's pure 360-degree beauty.

Late lunch at restaurant Kika Wanaka with our chef friend James Stapley. This is a beloved two hatted restaurant always top of the favourites list for its innovative use of seasonal ingredients. It's such a joy being there...and we love the exclusivity as they are opening especially for us! Lunch of many courses matched with the best Central Otago wines.

Free evening. You join us for an optional drink and snack in the Pinot Pit or you might like to enjoy the spa and steam room. **Breakfast, morning tea, lunch**

Day 4 – Monday – 1st March

Breakfast at our hotel before we board our bus to travel into Queenstown.

We learn the significance of pounamu – the carved greenstone. Plus, we explore some Kiwi natural beauty products through a morning with the founder of Linden Leaves, Brigit Blair who is flying in especially for our group. Her company makes the most superb range of products including a divine rose oil...you'll have the opportunity to make your own during the morning.

We then stroll through Queenstown and visit The Romer Gallery to meet Nadine and Stephan Romer – he's the foremost photographer in New Zealand and hearing him talk about how he captures the essence of landscape is wonderful.

After a light lunch at Botswana Butchery we tour the 3 galleries that make up Art Bay – the biggest gallery in Queenstown. Fascinating meeting founder Pauline and enjoying the various artworks with a glass of bubbles.

The rest of 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 TSS Earnslaw up the lake past the two soaring mountains Walter Peak and Cecil Peak.

We'll enjoy an Asian inspired dinner this evening in Queenstown at Madam Woo Restaurant.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 5 - Tuesday – 2nd March

Breakfast in the hotel then we are out to explore. We walk around the lovely Lake Hayes – a superb walking spot with views and glimpses of Grand Designs dream houses as go.

Then to coffee at Central Otago's newest "food and wine playground" Ayrburn including a stroll through the magnificent gardens Plus there's the option of something delicious from the onsite bakery which is getting rave reviews.

We then drive to **Carrick** winery and meet up with our dear Justin Harman (our long-term friend from Kangaroo Island days) who has organised head winemaker Rosie Menzies to present her superb wines to you. We have sweeping views over the Bannokburn region and enjoy lunch in their private Glasshouse. This will be pretty fabulous...and the setting is breathtaking! Free evening. **Breakfast, lunch, tastings**

Day 6 - Wednesday – 3rd March

Breakfast at the hotel. Mid-morning we'll depart for a visit to Royalburn - one of the biggest most impressive farms in the central Otago region. Get ready for a wonderful exploration of the vegetable gardens, the 5000 happy chickens roaming free, the endless fields of sunflowers and the sunshine-y warmth of our host Nadia Lim - one of New Zealand's top TV chefs and food writers and a true Kiwi treasure. We'll have a demonstration and lunch.

We'll then have some free time in Arrowtown – a picture book town with charming little boutiques and galleries, and a shaded walk by the river that leads to the historic Chinese settlement.

We then relax in the charming little jewel box cinema Dorothy Browns and afterwards we enjoy a light dinner of superb local produce used imaginatively at the locals favourite hidden restaurant Swiftsure. **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

Day 7 – Thursday – 4th March

Breakfast at hotel and you still have time for another lakeside walk, a swim, spa treatment at the hotel's beautiful spa. Then check out. Group transfer at 12 noon. **Breakfast**

Costs: \$7295.00pp Twin share or double, land content only. Single Supplement ++\$1450.00

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, transfers 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. Airport is approx. 10 mins from hotel).

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

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.

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