



NACAA New Zealand Ag & Cultural Study Tour

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February 15-22, 2026

****Leave USA for Auckland, NZ (February 13th, Friday)***

Day 1 - (Sunday, February 15) Morning arrival followed by an Auckland city tour. Today, you will take in some popular city sites such as the fish market, Auckland bridge and a drive to Devonport for lunch. Following lunch, take a short ferry ride across the bay to Auckland where you can walk a short few blocks to your hotel. The rest of the afternoon can be spent on your own. In the evening, gather for a delicious welcome dinner.

Overnight Auckland

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<https://www.oakshotels.com/en/oaks-auckland-hotel>



Day 2- (Monday, February 16) Depart Auckland traveling south with a kiwi farm enroute to Hamilton. Continue to Hamilton and visit the Hautapu Fonterra dairy facility

that produces a variety of high quality products (i.e. cheese, casein, whey protein). Lunch will be at a restaurant in Hamilton on your own. In the afternoon, visit the “Raroa Red Deer” farm that breed hinds and stags for antler and venison production. Quality fully recorded hinds are a key component to a stud's performance; plus this farm is one of the larger studs with 450 meticulously recorded hinds calving born each year.

Overnight Hamilton

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<https://all.accor.com/hotel/2159/index.en.shtml>



Day 3 - (Tuesday, February 17) Spend the day visiting with the Gallagher group and some of their clients. Visit their R&D facility and visit two livestock farms and discuss NZ policy on grazing, water management, etc.

Overnight Rotorua

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Day 4 - (Wednesday, February 18) Depart in the morning after breakfast to visit the colorful Wai-O-Tapu geothermal wonderland and visit a livestock farm with a Gallagher group representative. Later this afternoon, visit Te Puia Whakarewarewa to meet

members of the local Maori tribe and see steaming geysers and boiling mud pools, as well as a chance to spot New Zealand's rare Kiwi bird. Receive a formal welcome onto the Marae - the focal point of the village and gain insight into Maori customs, handicrafts and the Haka - the warrior challenge made famous by the All Blacks rugby team. For dinner, enjoy a delicious buffet including traditionally cooked 'Hangi' food.

(Overnight Rotorua)

(B,D)



Day 5 - (Thursday, February 19) In the morning, fly to Christchurch and travel to Lincoln Hub, which partners with 800 science staff on a variety of agriculture related research. Following the visit a feedlot overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Check into your Ashburton hotel.

(Overnight Ashburton)

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<https://www.hotelash.co.nz/>



Day 6 - (Friday, February 20) Following breakfast, visit a mixed cropping farm with the wheat growers association which supplies ANZCO food processors, a leader in New Zealand. Following lunch, travel into the high country near Ashburton Lakes to visit a sheep (merinos) and beef farm.

(Overnight Ashburton)

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Day 7 - (Saturday, February 21) Visit a 7,000 acre high country station farming wool and meat producing sheep, beef cattle and deer. New Zealand has around 2,800 deer farms with a national farmed herd of over 1 million head producing venison meat and deer velvet, the mature antler highly valued in Asia that has been known to improve athletic performance. Later, arrive in beautiful Queenstown, one of New Zealand's leading travel destinations. A free evening to enjoy this lively lakeside town.

(Overnight Queenstown)

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<http://www.ramadaqueenstowncentral.co.nz/>



Day 8 - (Sunday, February 22) Visit the Gibbston Valley Wines Winery for a tasting. This area of New Zealand is famous for its Pinot Noirs and white wines. Gibbston wineries create a variety of wines based on their geographic location of soil type and altitude. Break for lunch and spend time exploring this delightful village. Return via Kawarau Bridge, where the world's first commercial bungy jumping site was born. After lunch on your own, take a cruise on the steamship *TSS Earnslaw* to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Return to Queenstown for free time your final night in New Zealand. (Overnight Queenstown)

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<http://www.ramadaqueenstowncentral.co.nz/>



Day 9 - (Monday, February 23) Have breakfast at the hotel before departing for Queenstown Airport and your return flight back home to the U.S.

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"This itinerary is subject to change without prior approval. Please note that if a last minute cancellation occurs, a replacement technical visit of equal value will be arranged."

Price per person double occupancy (based on 20 travelers) - \$4,100
Single supplement - \$1,450

Payment deadlines:

Registration - August 1, 2025
Deposit \$1,000 - August 15, 2025
Final payment due - November 15, 2025

Included:

Accommodations
Domestic Airfare in New Zealand (Rotorua>Christchurch)
Bus Transportation
Guide
Tours/Technical Visits
Entrance fees that are included are noted in the above itinerary
Meals as indicated on the itinerary
B= Breakfast
L= Lunch
D= Dinner

Not Included:

International Airfare USA>Auckland & Queenstown>Auckland>USA (Est. \$1250-\$1800)
NZ E-Visa & IVL tax
Gratuities for guide & driver
Cost of valid U.S. passport or other documents necessary for international travel
Alcoholic beverages
Travel insurance coverage (highly recommended)
Airline seat upgrades

Excess baggage fees

Souvenirs

Leisure activities on free days

Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.