



# DISCOVERING NEW ZEALAND'S CULTURAL & CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

**26<sup>TH</sup> JAN - 4<sup>TH</sup>  
FEB 2021**

HOSTED BY  
**THE REVEREND  
MALCOLM  
FALLOON**

**10**  
DAYS

**TOUR PACKAGE PRICE** NZD \$4,995\*  
PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

**OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL** NZD \$850

**FULLY ESCORTED**

\* Price is based on a minimum of 11 full paying participants. Conditions apply. Subject to change



I would like to welcome you all on this unique tour of your homeland as we connect the beauty of the New Zealand landscape to the inspiring stories of the early Christian mission to Māori. It is a New Zealand story, but it is also a story we share with our Australian cousins through the visionary leadership of Samuel Marsden. I am so glad you wish to discover it for yourselves. As we wonder at the great things that God has done in the past, I hope you will be inspired to see that God is still active in the present, just as the work of the Gospel continues among Māori today.

*Malcolm has been an Anglican minister for almost thirty years. He is married to Sue and they have three adult children. Malcolm is currently completing a PhD through Otago University on the early Māori converts to Christianity.*

**PRICE INCLUDES**

- 9 nights' hotel/motel accommodation with private en suites
- Daily breakfasts and dinners and 1 Māori Hangi lunch (see itinerary)
- All touring and transportation in a comfortable air conditioned coach with a wonderful local driver
- Entrance fees, touring as per itinerary including some wonderful encounters, experiences & attractions as per itinerary
- Tips, donations, offerings
- Boat ride to Marsden's Cross (Rangihoua Bay), Cooks Bay (Motuarohia Island) & Russell
- Dinner cruise to Haruru Falls
- Guided tour of Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Whakarewarewa The Geothermal Living Māori Village
- Māori Cultural Performance
- Hobbiton Movie Set tour

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE**

- TAKE A BOAT TO VISIT MARSDEN CROSS, WHERE THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN NEW ZEALAND WAS HELD
- EXPLORE NEW ZEALAND'S MOST IMPORTANT HISTORICAL SITE: WAITANGI TREATY GROUNDS
- ENJOY ROTORUA'S GEOTHERMAL POOLS
- DISCOVER THE LIVING MĀORI VILLAGE
- LEARN SOME INSPIRING STORIES ABOUT MAORI MISSIONARY MARTYRS AND THEIR FAITH
- EXPERIENCE THE CHATEAU TONGARIRO HOTEL IN THE HEART OF THE MAGNIFICENT TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK.

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### DAY 1 TUESDAY 26 JANUARY

### Meet in Auckland

We make our own way to Auckland where we meet our fellow travellers who arrive from Australia this morning (meeting point and time to be confirmed). We take a city tour, and, depending on time our sightseeing may include: Mission Bay - originally a Melanesian Mission Station, Bastian Point - an integral site for New Zealand Māori today, Parnell Village - Auckland's oldest suburb and Parnell Rose Garden with over 5000 roses, Holy Trinity Cathedral - acclaimed landmark of Auckland city and Auckland Domain and Wintergardens - the city's oldest park set on the edge of an extinct volcano crater. Also on the agenda is the Auckland Museum, the Wynyard Quarter, a re-developed historic industrial wharf area, Auckland Harbour Bridge which opened in 1957, New Zealand Naval Base at Devonport Harbour - a natural deep-water safe anchorage, Fort Takapuna - occupied by Māori and later by New Zealand Defence Forces and Narrow Neck Beach - a popular picture perfect postcard beach. Later we arrive to our hotel, the Cordis Hotel (Downtown Auckland Central) for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY

### Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland this morning for the Bay of Islands in the north of the country which is the seedbed of Christianity in New Zealand. Enroute we will make several stops. At Puhoi, which was settled in 1863 by Bohemians who became farmers, we stop at Puhoi Valley Cheese Company, and at Waipū we visit the local museum. Here we learn how 1000 people followed Rev Norman McLeod from Scotland via Nova Scotia and Australia to arrive in the area in 1854. Today it still boasts its Scottish heritage. Next stop is Whangārei, the northern most city of New Zealand. If time permits, we will stop at Clapham's Clock Museum where we can take a walk through the history of time. From ancient sun, sand, and water clocks, to rare antique clocks, and wacky, zany clocks, there is something of interest to everyone in this collection; one of the largest and most historically significant clock collections in the Southern Hemisphere. We will have a comfort stop at Kawakawa and see the most visited bathrooms in New Zealand. Known as the Hundertwasser Public Toilets, they were designed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser, an Austrian reclusive architect and visual artist who lived in the region until his passing. When we arrive to Paihia in the Bay of Islands Malcolm will take us to visit the Paihia Mission Village and St Pauls Anglican Church. This evening we will settle into our accommodation, dine in-house, and watch the sun go down over the bay. Overnight at Paihia Kingsgate Auto Lodge or Copthorne Hotel Resort (TBC).

### DAY 3 THURSDAY 28 JANUARY

### Marsden Cross, Rangihoua, Russell

This morning we will take a cruise on the bay to visit the Marsden Cross where Malcolm will lead us through this time and period of history. Marsden Cross marks the site of the first Christian service held in New Zealand where up to 1000 Māori gathered on Christmas Day 1814 to welcome Samuel Marsden and three missionary families who had come to establish the first Church Mission Society (CMS) Mission Station at Rangihoua. Here we take a walk-through history along pathways trodden by Māori hapū (clans) for centuries, and then by the first Pākehā missionary settlers, who landed in 1814. This was a unique time as the Māori and Pākehā forged partnerships in a spirit of cooperation and hope. We cruise across the bay to Motuarohia Island (Robertson Island), where, in 1769, Captain Cook and his men landed to collect wild celery and noted that the island was populated and substantially cultivated. Continue to Russell to visit the Christ Church, which is the oldest existing church in New Zealand today. We have some free time to wander around Russell and soak up its charm and colonial history which has been well preserved. For an incredible view overlooking Russell, take a walk to Maiki Hill (Flagstaff Hill), where chief Hone Heke chopped down the British flagpole four times. This evening we will dine on Darryl's Riverboat and cruise the tranquil Waitangi River to the delightful Haruru Falls. Sit back relax and enjoy the views whilst the crew serve a wonderful BBQ straight from the grill. Overnight at Paihia Kingsgate Auto Lodge or Copthorne Hotel Resort (TBC).

### DAY 4 FRIDAY 29 JANUARY

### Waitangi, Kaikohe, Dargaville

This morning we visit the Treaty Grounds at Waitangi, New Zealand's most important historic and award-winning site which offers an authentic and interactive cultural experience. Discover the story of New Zealand's history and the story of two peoples coming together under the Treaty of Waitangi, Te Tiriti o Waitangi. See the huge waka (canoe) housed within the grounds. If time permits, we will take a short stop at Makana Chocolates for some tastings.





Next up is Kerikeri Mission Station, also known as Kemp House, which is New Zealand's oldest standing European building, and the nearby Stone Store, which dates to 1832 and is New Zealand's oldest stone building. Designed by Wesleyan missionary John Hobbs and built by an ex-convict stonemason from New South Wales. Our journey continues west with a visit to Te Waimate Mission House, founded in 1830 on behalf of the CMS and Samuel Marsden. We continue to Kaikohe, a town of rich Māori European heritage and the site of New Zealand's first dairy farm established by one of the first Māori converts, Taiwhanga. If time permits, we will visit the Heritage Museum and wander the gardens or take a tour. Last stop for the day is the township of Dargaville, largely settled by Dalmatian immigrants whose descendants still live there today. Dinner and overnight in Hobsons Choice Motel in Dargaville.

### **DAY 5 SATURDAY 30 JANUARY**

### **Kauri Museum, Muriwai, Auckland**

Departing Dargaville we head south to the Waikato region and stop for a visit at the Kauri Museum which honours the historic kauri industry. We then continue to Muriwai which boasts an impressive coastline with cliff-top trails leading to a huge gannet colony, which has easy access and viewing platforms that let you get up close. We then continue into Auckland for dinner in-house before enjoying an evening lecture with Roshan Allpress, Principal of Laidlaw College on Marsden's connections with the Clapham Sect and William Wilberforce: (TBC). Dinner and overnight at the Quality Hotel Lincoln Green Auckland (West).

### **DAY 6 SUNDAY 31 JANUARY**

### **Thames, Karangahake Gorge, Mount Maunganui**

This morning we depart the city and journey south east to Thames, a historical town situated around 1.5 hours' drive from Auckland. Mission Stations were established in this Hauraki region in the 1930's. The Anglican Church Missionary Society established a mission at Pūriri in 1833 under the headship of James Preece, and later, after the gold rush, the Holy Trinity Anglican Church was erected in Parawai Road. This church was designed and built entirely by Māori and replaced the earlier Mission Station. Today the church still stands and is tapu (sacred/untouchable). We will drive past this lovely old building before we continue through the Karangahake Gorge, stopping at some of the historic gold mining sites including the open pit of the Martha Mine in Waihi, which is New Zealand's largest producing mine today. Our destination tonight is Mount Maunganui, a beautiful seaside resort. After dinner at a local restaurant, there may be some who wish to indulge in the hot saltwater pools across the road or take a stroll along the main beach as the sun goes down. Overnight at Oceanside Resort and Twin Towers (TBC).

### **DAY 7 MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY**

### **Tauranga, Rotorua**

We start the day with a visit to the local Elms Mission Station in Te Papa, Tauranga. The Elms is yet another one of New Zealand's oldest heritage sites and is known to be the landing place of ancestral waka and home to a thriving Māori community. With their reputation as peacemakers, missionaries of the CMS were invited to live amongst the Tauranga Māori and establish a mission station at Te Papa. As inter-tribal skirmishes remained an ongoing concern during the 1830s, the Te Papa Mission Station was not formally established until 1838 under the leadership of Alfred Brown. It was during this establishment period when Brown was successful in his attempts to take the Christian message to Māori throughout the Bay of Plenty. He walked for many months of the year visiting remote settlements where he preached and prepared converts for baptism. In 1873 Brown and his wife purchased the mission house from the CMS to become their private home which they renamed The Elms, after the trees growing on the property. We continue to Rotorua, stopping on the way at a kiwifruit orchard, where we learn about the product and maybe indulge in kiwifruit ice cream. At Rotorua we will be immersed into Māori culture. We visit a living Māori village where 20 families reside atop of a geothermal valley, where for almost 130 years they have been using the heat / steam and boiling pools in their daily living needs. We are invited into their village where our local host will show us around and we experience Māori Christianity and culture, including the Haka dance, and enjoy a traditional meal cooked in the ground, known as a Hāngī. This afternoon we have some free time to explore the city at leisure. Overnight at the Novotel Rotorua (TBC).



## DAY 8 TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY

### Wai o Tapu, Huka Falls, Taupo, Tokaanu, Tongariro National Park

This morning we will have the opportunity to visit St Faiths Anglican Church, situated within a small Māori community on the edge of Lake Rotorua. It is intimate and cosy with vibrant Māori and European decorations of stained glass, and is famous for the stained-glass window of Jesus walking on the lake dressed in a Māori cloak. Departing the region, our first stop will be at Wai o Tapu. Visit the largest boiling mud-pool in New Zealand and watch the Lady Knox geyser erupt before walking through the most colourful, diverse, and extensive geothermal systems in the country. Our next stop is Huka Falls, the largest falls on the Waikato River, and then to Taupō with views of the mountains across its massive lake before continuing to Tokaanu. It is here we take a moment to tell the story, to reflect and visit the grave sites of Māori missionary martyrs – Manihera and Kereopa. We continue to the Chateau Tongariro Hotel, timeless elegance in the heart of the magnificent Tongariro National Park. The hotel honours the gracious gift of tribal land to the people of New Zealand back in 1887. Tonight we will enjoy formal dining and a lot of laughter and relaxation. Overnight at the Chateau Tongariro Hotel.

## DAY 9 WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

### Hobbiton Movie Set, Auckland

Our first stop will be the Hobbiton Movie Set, one of New Zealand's most popular tourist sites. Here we step into the lush pastures of the Shire, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Our guide will escort us around the set, pointing out the most famous locations and explaining how the movies were made. On the way back to Auckland Malcolm has one last interesting place to show us, Tārore's grave site. Tārore, the daughter of Ngākuku, the Ngāti Hauā chief, attended the Mission Station at Matamata where she learned to read. Tragically, on 19 October 1836, at the age of twelve, she was killed during a raid. Her father preached forgiveness at her tangi (funeral). The Gospel of Luke that was with her was taken by one of the raiding party, who was subsequently converted and made peace with Ngākuku. Later it was taken to Ōtaki, where its message led to the conversion of Tāmihana Te Rauparaha, who became a missionary to the South Island. This afternoon we will be welcomed to the local Marae and a Kaumātua (Māori elder who is held in high esteem) will lead us onto Tārore's grave site (Urupā). On our arrival in Auckland we are hopeful of an official farewell from Bishop Kito or a member of his team, before partaking in our farewell dinner together. Overnight at the Heartland Hotel.

## DAY 10 THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY

### Conclude Auckland

The tour concludes after breakfast this morning. After we farewell our Aussie friends we make our way home by own arrangements.

### Accommodation (or similar):

- 1 night @ Cordis Auckland
- 2 nights @ Copthorne Hotel Resort
- 1 night @ Hobson's Choice Motel (Dargaville)
- 1 night @ Quality Hotel Lincoln Green Auckland (West)
- 1 night @ Oceanside Resort & Twin Towers (Mount Maunganui)
- 1 night @ Novotel Rotorua
- 1 night @ Tongariro Chateau (in Tongariro National Park) – this will be special!
- 1 night @ Heartland Hotel (near Auckland airport)

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