

Free* New Zealand tour for Geography Teachers- 12-17 July 2011: (School Holidays)

Yes it is true! New Zealand has a lot to offer as an education resource. In July school holidays Group Events is prepared to take 10 teachers to study this Australian Schools Geography Study Tour. (Conditions apply).

Fly Free on Air New Zealand... Sydney - Auckland and return ...12 / 17 July

The 6 Day tour includes...

- Auckland Volcanoes in relation to plate tectonics.
Urban Geographic changes
- Kaipara Harbour ...Largest harbour in the Southern Hemisphere. Interaction between climatic, geologic and oceanic processes
- Matakoho Kauri Museum ...The history of a forest no longer... Unique Award winning Exhibition you will be pleased to visit.
- Consideration of genus and species distribution (Darwin – dispersal and vicariance) and climate change revealed through dendro chronology
- Kauri industry – impact on non-renewable resources
- Arrive at Waipoua Visitor Centre and meet with Te Roroa. Plant a kauri tree.
- See Tane Mahuta the world's largest Kauri Tree...200+years old.
- Evolution of a forest ecosystem and modification by people
- Possible discussion about the physical geography of NZ compared with Australia. Emphasis on natural hazards e.g. earthquake, geothermal, tsunami
- Walk from Copthorne Hokianga Harbour to South Head
- Observe degradation and progradation of sand and pebbles. Discussion of geological origins of the conglomerate-greywacke, basalt, andesite, mudstone, claystone etc
- Overview of significance of estuaries and harbours to the evolution of culture
- At Opononi Wharf meet water taxi across the Hokianga harbour to the giant sand dunes
- Arrive Niua ...Time out for some sand boarding fun
- Natural and human impacts, past and present
- Get in vehicle and drive to Koutu Point
- Remains of post-colonial saw mill, identify fossiliferous timber and Maori occupation features
- Visit Koutu Boulders
- Geological features of concretions
- Plenty of discussion time for questions and answers?
- Boat trip to Mangungu
- Methodist Mission Station and location of Treaty signing on the 12th of February 1840
- Visit Wairere Boulders a Geological significant location
- Depart on a Footprints Waipoua forest nightlight tour
- Revelations of Maori Environmental knowledge
- Visit the Bay of Islands with packed lunch
- Arrive Ngawha Geothermal Springs..Bring your swimmers...A very distinctive remnant of a 'hot spot'
- Visit Bay of Islands and Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Cruise the Bay of Islands with Sail New Zealand's Hole in the Rock cruise before returning to Auckland.
- Evening Assessment and general discussion of revealed knowledge, skills and ideas in relation to geography and environmental science syllabi.

Conditions and purpose of this offer. We want to provide Geography teachers with the opportunity to see a new school tour we are promoting to New Zealand. The tour is fully sponsored except for airport / airline taxes and travel insurance which must be paid to Group Events to qualify for selection. Teachers selected must agree to do their utmost to follow up with a school group to follow within 12 months and do this or similar varied tour. Application must be accompanied by a Principals letter to endorse approval to travel and 100%

support for this is needed so all sponsors can recover their expenses in hosting you as a member of this unique event.

* The Insurance and the taxes are payable within 7 days of acceptance to tour (Approximately \$200.00) and will be non refundable.

This is a serious offer for serious teachers. 10 places are available within this offer. ***Applications will be handled in order of receipt and depositing. If necessary places will be drawn to qualify.***

Applications Close 27 May 2011.

Want to know more....

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