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Price is Cdn Dollars \$8,198.00 per person
Deposit is \$500.00 at time of booking
Final payment is September 6, 2009
Cancellation & Medical Insurance is highly recommended.

Price includes:

- * Flights from Toronto to Auckland and return from Christchurch to Toronto & All applicable taxes
- * 15 nights accommodation in 4 star properties including one night farm stay
- * Cooked breakfast daily, 10 lunches & 12 dinners
- * Air conditioned touring coach & driver for duration of tour – running commentary provided
- * All sightseeing entrance fees/fares per itinerary
- * Ferry fare Wellington to Picton
- * Tranz Alpine railway fare
- * Escorted by Janice Bock and Guest Host Dr. Ken Shonk

Not included: Gratuities to driver and guides/escorts & items of a personal nature phone calls, drinks etc.

Dr. Ken Shonk –

our Guest Host on this Adventure is a retired doctor of a family practice. He currently writes a monthly health column for Forever Young and is a speaker at many engagements. Dr. Shonk uses humour in stress management, relationships, parenting and in the aging process. He will show how you can bring more humour into your life to make it a tad more bearable - all of this liberally sprinkled with lousy jokes that has been referred to as a “mirthful message” or a “chuckles checkup”.



“There ain’t much fun in medicine but there is a lot of medicine in fun!”



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NEW ZEALAND
ADVENTURE

November 6 – 23, 2009

Guest Host Dr. Ken Shonk
Escort Janice Bock



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itinerary

Day 1 Depart from Toronto today and fly via Vancouver to Auckland. We will lose a day crossing the International Date Line and will arrive in New Zealand on Day 3. *(inflight meals)*


Day 3 (LD) *Kia Ora - welcome to New Zealand!* Arrive this morning and enjoy a leisurely city tour and lunch including a visit to the Sky Tower (the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere) and journey to the top for a magnificent view of Auckland and its surrounds. *Overnight Auckland*

Day 4 (BL) After breakfast journey north to the subtropical Bay of Islands. Drive along the Hibiscus coast to Paihia and visit the kauri (a local tree) museum and a guided tour of Waitangi Treaty House - one of NZ's most significant historic places. Maori chiefs and representatives of the British Crown signed the Treaty of Waitangi here which resulted in the country becoming a British colony. See Ngatokimatawhaorua - one of the world's largest Maori ceremonial war canoes. *Overnight Bay of Islands for 2 nights*

Day 5 (BLD) A Cape Reinga tour to enjoy the magnificent natural wonders of the North. You will be awed by the grandeur of the mighty Kauri trees, the expanse of Ninety Mile Beach & the mystique of Cape Reinga. Numerous stops will be made to take in the scenic highlights and activities: an easy twenty minute walk through the Puketi Kauri Forest, along Ninety Mile Beach to the top of New Zealand & wander out to the lighthouse and the picturesque village of Mangonui. Return to Paihia - free evening.

Day 6 (BD) Heading to Rotorua today - a scenic drive to the Maori cultural and thermal area. En route through Auckland, enjoy lunch at a harbourside restaurant. *Overnight Rotorua for 2 nights*

Day 7 (BLD) Today visit Rainbow Springs, 35 acres of natural bush and natural springs with the world's finest trout sanctuary of Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout. Visit the kiwi bird conservation house to view the daily activity, nocturnal house and the conservation programme to save the kiwi bird from extinction. Later visit the Agrodome - an entertaining & informative show about the NZ sheep



industry. After lunch head for the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute to see wood carvers, flax weavers, the bubbling mud pools, boiling springs, geysers and the silica terraces. Tonight experience an authentic Maori village and enjoy a colourful Maori concert and hangi (feast).


Day 8(BLD) Today we will visit NZ's main wine region - Hawkes Bay. Pass by the mighty Huka Falls (time for a stop) en route to Lake Taupo - NZ's world renowned trout lake and enjoy some free time for lunch. Continue through to Napier, renowned for its art deco architecture. A wine tasting and dinner will be at one of New Zealand's oldest vineyards tonight - which is a converted monastery. *Overnight Napier*

Day 9(BD) This morning enjoy a walking tour of Napier - the famous 'art deco' region of NZ and this afternoon enjoy the scenic drive to Wellington - the capital city. *Overnight Wellington (BLD)*

Day 10 (BD) After breakfast, free time in this cosmopolitan harbour city and then depart for the cable car to Kelburn. Lunch is at the top of the hill with panoramic views over the city. The Interislander ferry this afternoon will take you through the stunning Marlborough Sounds on your way to the top of the South Island. *Overnight Picton*

Day 11 (BLD) Today we join the local mail boat run and see the best of the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sound - the real Marlborough Sounds. Enjoy the excitement of mail day in beautiful remote places as you help deliver the mail and groceries and say 'Hi' to the children waiting for their schoolwork that is delivered by correspondence to families in beautiful remote places. Return to shore for lunch and a quick look in the whaling museum and then head to Christchurch. *Overnight Christchurch*

Day 12 (B) This morning take the Tranz Scenic railway which passes through some spectacular scenery on your way to Arthurs Pass - one of the 10 finest rail journeys in the world. Continue our journey by coach down the West Coast Franz Josef Glacier with a visit to a greenstone factory. Nowhere else in the world do glaciers descend this far down into temperate zones. *Overnight Franz Josef*



Day 13 (BD) An opportunity for an optional scenic flight across the glaciers and Southern Alps is offered before we leave and cross the Haast Pass with a boat journey on the Haast River and enjoy lunch on the shores of Lake Wanaka - a beautiful alpine lake. Continue through to the 'adventure alpine capital' of NZ - Queenstown on the shores of Lake Wakatipu amongst beautiful mountain ranges. Tonight dinner at Walter Peak - having reached the famous homestead by the Earnslaw - an historic steamship. *Overnight Queenstown*

Day 14 (BLD) Today the magnificent Milford Sounds - surrounded by steep forest-clad cliffs & waterfalls. Travel through the Fiordland National Park where lush beech forests meet snow capped mountains. At Milford you board a launch to enjoy lunch & cruise the Sound, travelling below the famous Mitre Peak and beneath a spectacular waterfall. *Overnight Te Ana*

Day 15 (BD) Today your destination is the city of Dunedin - a town with a strong Scottish tradition. We will visit an albatross colony for viewing of the birds and their chicks as well as Larnach Castle - NZ's only castle and view the magnificent restored gardens. Enjoy walking to a local brewery for a tour and tasting and dinner tonight. *Overnight Dunedi*

Day 16 (BLD) Driving along the East coast today and view the famous Moreaki Boulders on the beach. A highlight of the trip will be staying tonight with local farming families, eating in their homes and breakfasting with them in the morning. *Overnight - Farm stay, Fairlie/Geraldine area (BLD)*

Day 17 (BD) Visit Longbeach Farm - a 2800 acre sheep property and newly converted dairy farm, see sheep being shorn and spend time with the Farm Manager. Christchurch is our destination tonight for our farewell dinner but we will have some time for last minute shopping this afternoon. *Overnight Christchurch (BD)*

Day 18 (B) Free time until our departure for our afternoon flight back to Toronto and arrive home on the same day - November 23. *(inflight meals)*