



New Zealand Trek

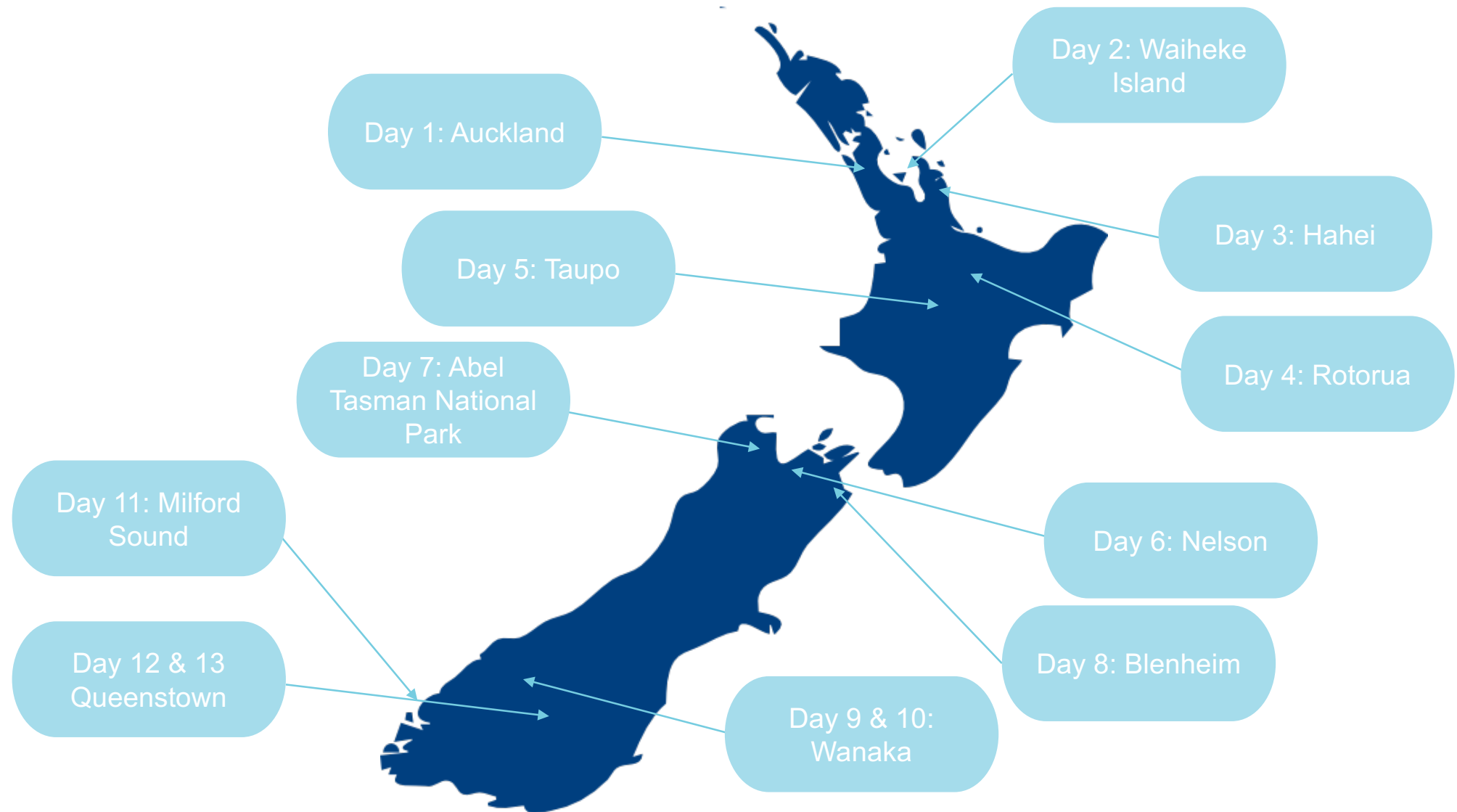
February 18 - March 3rd



AOTEAROA -The Land of the Long White Cloud

- New Zealand, or Aotearoa (literally, the land of the long white cloud in the native Maori language), is a country of 4.5 million and is part of Polynesia in the South Pacific.
- NZ's European history is very recent, with the majority of European (British) settlement happening around the middle of the 19th century – ie when most of our current flats were being built!
- It is stunning country full of incredible scenery (think Lord of the Rings), beaches, nature and wildlife
- Maori culture is an everyday part of New Zealand life – and is very unique to New Zealand and Polynesia
- But we're not just a one trick pony! There's great food, a booming wine industry, trendy night spots and warm, friendly local smiles
- Here's a taste of what we're about! <https://vimeo.com/51784486>

Where are we going: trip overview



Day 1: Auckland, North Island

Auckland City

Auckland! The city of sails

- You'll probably be very jetlagged after your 26 hour flight to the other side of the world (12 hour time difference), so we're spending our first day relaxing in Auckland – NZ's largest city at 1.5 million Aucklanders
- Day one will include some time exploring the city's beautiful beaches and parks, a look around the CBD and landmarks, and finish off with a Kiwi BBQ.



Day 2: Auckland, North Island

Waiheke Island

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- Waiheke Island is in the Hauraki Gulf, 45 minutes by ferry from the CBD. Its a favourite getaway for many Aucklanders due to its beautiful beaches and countless vineyards
- Our day will include a wine tour with tastings at two local wineries, one of which will also host us for lunch
- We will also explore the township of Oneroa and relax at Onetangi beach – a beautiful strip of golden white sand and clear blue water



The Coromandel Peninsula

- After leaving Auckland we will make our way to the Coromandel, another popular summer hotspot
- We will visit Cathedral Cove (appears in Macklemore's Can't Hold us video) as well as Hot Water Beach...
- Get there at low tide, dig yourself a pool and relax in the thermal water that rises up through the sand!



Day 4: Rotorua, North Island

Rotorua

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- Literally translating to ‘the Second Lake’, Rotorua is the geothermal capital of New Zealand – you’ll have to excuse the smell though....
- We will explore bubbling mud pools, huge geysers and colourful rock formations at one of the many thermal parks in the region
- This will be followed by a traditional Maori cultural performance and dinner



Taupo – the Great Lake

- Leaving Rotorua we will make our way South to Taupo, on the northern coast of NZ's biggest lake
- We will see Huka falls – a breath-taking set of waterfalls that flows through a narrow gorge at 200,000 litres per second!
- The afternoon will be spent on a cruise around the Lake – if we're luckily we might even catch a trout or two...
- Unwind into the evening at a popular bar often filled with backpackers from around the world



Nelson – gateway to the Abel Tasman

- We will fly to Nelson from Taupo on the first of two internal flights.
- Nelson is on the coast of Tasman Bay, on the very north of the South Island. It is well known for its sunny weather, seafood, white beaches, and local arts and crafts
- Forget about your hangover at the beach after some sightseeing in the town



Day 7: Nelson, South Island

Abel Tasman National Park

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- One of the most picturesque strips of coastline anywhere in the world, we will spend the whole day exploring the national park.
- The day will include boat trips, kayaking, hiking, and of-course swimming in the crystal clear turquoise water



Day 8: Nelson & Marlborough, South Island

Nelson & Marlborough

Marlborough

- Known as the sunshine capital of the country, the beautiful Marlborough region is home to countless vineyards, producing some of the world's best Sauvignon Blanc
- We will visit the Nelson Lakes for a taste of stunning South Island scenery, before stopping at several vineyards as we make our way up the Wairau Valley to Blenheim



Day 9: Wanaka, South Island

Nelson & Wanaka

Wanaka

- Wanaka is in the heart of New Zealand's majestic Southern Alps. We will fly into Queenstown from Nelson and make our way through the Alps to Wanaka
- Lunch will be at the Cardrona Hotel, set atop the majestic Crown Range. The Pub has been serving patrons since the Otago Gold Rush of the 19th century



Wanaka

- Exact details TBC but this day will likely be split into two options – for those feeling energetic, the Mt Roy hike provides spectacular views across the Alps
- For those who prefer something a bit more relaxing, a day trip to the crystal clear blue pools will be on the cards



Day 10: Wanaka, South Island

Wanaka & Queenstown

Queenstown – the final countdown

- Queenstown is in many ways the tourism capital of New Zealand. It is a town on the banks of lake Wakatipu and is home to a fantastic international nightlife scene, as well as many adventure sport options for those game...
- On our way to Queenstown we will visit Arrowtown – a historic gold mining town from the 19th century
- Lunch will be at Amisfield – an upmarket vineyard & restaurant
- Check out some of Queenstown's top night spots in the evening - after grabbing a famous Ferg Burger for dinner



Day 11: Queenstown, South Island

Milford Sound & Glenorchy

Milford Sound and the Alps

- This day will likely be a highlight from the trek – we will take a scenic flight across the Southern Alps, where you will be able to see Mt Cook, NZ's highest mountain at over 4,000m high
- The flight will take us to Milford Sound – formed by glaciers carving out a dramatic harbour in between towering mountains, where we will explore the sound by boat
- From there we will take another scenic flight from Milford Sound to Glenorchy, and then take a jet boat up the Dart River (where a lot of Lord of the Rings was filmed)



Day 12: Queenstown, South Island

Queenstown - free time

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- For those adrenaline junkies amongst you, today is your day! There are many options for you here, including bungy jumping, sky diving or para gliding
- For those of you a bit less adventurous, enjoy the day with a lake cruise, a hike, some local wineries (for some of the best Pinot Noir going around), or some TLC at a day spa
- Note these activities will not be included in your trek ticket – but we can definitely help you arrange them!
- Finish the day at top steakhouse Botswana Butchery for our final dinner on the trek. Then out to enjoy our last night together!



The time is yours

- The trek will officially end in Queenstown on the 3rd. We know everyone will be running on different schedules and requirements to get back to London so from here its up to you!
- If you feel like exploring more of the country for a few days (Lord of the Rings set tours etc) then we will be happy to provide a few options.
- Most long-haul flights are from Auckland, so consider heading back on a direct flight to there and doing a day trip to a dramatic black sand beach, or even visit Hobbiton!



TICKET PRICE: £2,300

What's included:

- **All activities mentioned in this itinerary**
- **Many dinners and lunches**
- **Two domestic flights and transport between all destinations**
- **Fantastic guides (James & Eli), and an amazing time!**
- **Some breakfasts – we will be grabbing breakfast on the go a number of mornings**
- **A few bar tabs**

DEPOSIT: £500

What's not included

- **Flights from London to Auckland
~GBP700-800**
- **Flight from Queenstown to Auckland on March 3rd if necessary to catch your connecting flight out of NZ
~GBP50-80**
- **Optional activities on last day in Queenstown**

WHY IS IT SO EXPENSIVE?!

- Thanks, Brexit! A weak pound is making the trip more expensive on the whole
- BUT the pound still goes a long way in NZ, so your expenses once you're here won't be much – a beer ~£4-5, three course dinner at a restaurant £25-30 etc
- This is a long trek – a total of 13 nights! Per day this trek is cheaper than many others, including Japan and South Africa.
- NZ is a long way away and we figure for many of you this may be one of the only times you come down all this way. So we really want to show you all the best that NZ has to offer!
- We've tried to keep the costs down as much as we can - accordingly accommodation is around the 3 star level, and in Queenstown we will be staying at a Hostel – the 6 person dorms that will only have LBSers

Tickets:

- Will go on sale Wednesday the 12th at 1300h London Time. There will be 28 tickets and a limit of two per person.
- We appreciate that many of you are abroad, so will not be able to be at a computer at 1pm on Wednesday. Drop us an email and if there is sufficient demand from certain geographies then we will have a separate ticket issue for this time. We want to be fair to everyone and get as many of you along as we can.
- You **MUST** be a member of the ANZ Club to buy a ticket as tickets will go on sale through Campus Groups. Please sign up in advance



Flights to New Zealand:

- Please arrive by midday on Sunday 18th of February (NZ Time). Please be aware because of time zone differences you would need to leave the UK the evening of Friday 16th February to be in NZ midday Sunday
- A few options – SkyScanner is your best friend here!
 - Air China CA938 CA783 16th of Feb, CA784 CA 855 4th March - £640
 - Emirates EK16 EK448 16th of Feb, EK449 EK 15 4th Mar - £710
 - Qatar Airways QR8 QR920 16th of Feb, QR921 QR9 4th Mar - £735

Visas:

- Please check your visa requirements and apply for any necessary visa well in advance . <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa>