

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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