

VOLCANOES, GLACIERS, WALKS, AND WINE: A NEW ZEALAND JOURNEY

February 9-25, 2026 (17 days | 20 guests) with Professor Emeritus Eric Leonard











This tour requires an elevated level of fitness.

Travel with Colorado College faculty, alumni, family, and friends









Cover: Rotorua, (bottom from left) Canopy tour in Rotorua, local cuisine, Kaikōura. Above: Waitomo Caves, Huka Falls, local cuisine, Te Puia

Dear Colorado College alumni, family, and friends,

I invite you to join Eric Leonard, Professor Emeritus of Geology, for an exploration of the landscapes of the two Islands of New Zealand (Aotearoa). Eric has travelled much of the world and considers New Zealand to be one of the most spectacularly beautiful and culturally fascinating places on Earth, as well as one of the few places where the long-term processes that shape the planet's surface can be observed happening today.

Our trip will focus on the natural landscapes of both islands, which we will observe firsthand hiking on well-maintained paths and trails. We will also take time to learn about indigenous culture and, of course, viniculture!

The geology of New Zealand reflects its position at the juncture of the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates, a boundary that runs almost the entire length of the country. We will see how that ever-moving boundary continues to affect both the landscape and human activity as we move from the volcanoes of North Island to the high mountains of South Island. Local guides will help us learn about the unique culture of the long-isolated Māori people.

Highlights:

- **Rotorua/Taupo/Tongariro** Spend three days exploring a diverse landscape of active and ancient volcanoes and geothermal areas, also learning about and experiencing Māori culture.
- **City visits** Visit cultural and scientific museums and geological points of interest in New Zealand's three largest cities: Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.
- **Kaikōura** Experience whale-watching offshore and beachcombing a shoreline of spectacular geology and abundant wildlife.
- **Aoraki/Mount Cook** Witness dramatic evidence of past and contemporary climate and glacier change. The spectacularly rugged landscape illustrates the interaction of tectonic mountain-building processes and climate-driven glaciation.
- **South Island wines** Taste and learn about the famous wines of New Zealand when we tour two premier wine-growing regions, Marlborough and Central Otago.
- Queenstown On our final day, take a jet boat trip up the Dart River deep into the Southern Alps to Mount Aspiring National Park. Here we will take a short walk through a beautiful southern beech forest below towering mountain peaks.

This program is limited to 20 guests, so please reserve your spot right away by contacting Eos Study Tours, the specialty tour operator who has worked closely with Professor Leonard in designing this program. Email tigertravel@studytours.org or call toll-free (800) 856-8951.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Hyman '82 Associate Vice President for Engagement

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Professor Eric Leonard grew up in San Francisco and cultivated his love of the out-of-doors on trips to the coast, the redwood forests, and the Sierra Nevada. He studied at Cal-Berkeley (BA-History), Simon Fraser University in British Columbia (MA-Geography), and CU-Boulder (PhD-Geological Sciences). He was a member of the faculty of the Colorado College Geology Department for 38 years, where he taught courses in Geology, Environmental Science, and Southwest Studies before retiring in 2019. Eric's academic career has focused on glaciation, climate change, and recent tectonics (mountain building and continental evolution) throughout the Western U.S. and Canada as well as in Iceland, Scotland, Norway, Chile, and New Zealand. At CC he taught two blocklong geology courses in New Zealand focusing on volcanism, active faulting, glaciation, and other evidence of climate change, the geologic topics that we will be learning about on our trip. On past alumni trips to the Canadian Rockies and Western Isles of Scotland, the sampling of local beers and whiskies complemented the group's geological inquiries, and he is looking forward to enjoying some splendid New Zealand varietal wines, both red and white! In addition to his love of travel and the out-of-doors, Eric is an inveterate reader of history and a fan of all sorts of unusual cuisines.



A ctive volcanoes on the North Island and mountain building on the South Island have arisen due to the convergence of the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates – a boundary running almost the entire length of the country. Glaciers in the Southern Alps provide an awe-inspiring record of climate changes over the last tens of thousands of years that are ongoing today. Throughout this trip, especially on our group walks, we will witness the effects of plate tectonics and changing climate on both the natural and built landscape. New Zealand is one of the most beautiful places on Earth and an appreciation of the geology underlying that beauty makes it even more so. Come join us to walk, look, learn, and enjoy the people (and vineyards!) of our down-under neighbor.

- Eric Leonard







Above from top: Auckland, Glowworm Grotto in Waitomo, Redwood Treewalk in Rotorua

ITINERARY (B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (D)= Dinner

Monday, February 9, 2026: Depart home for New Zealand

Depending on your flight schedule, you may need to depart your home airport on Sunday, February 8th, to arrive in New Zealand on February 10th.

Tuesday, February 10: Arrive Auckland, New Zealand | Optional city walk | Welcome dinner

Upon arrival at Auckland Airport (AKL), take a group airport transfer (time TBD) to our hotel. Depending on your arrival time, you might join the group for a relaxing afternoon walk around the city. Gather this evening for a short walk to

the Harbourside Bar & Grill for a festive welcome dinner. *Two nights at the 5-star* <u>Mövenpick Hotel Auckland.</u> (D)

Wednesday, February 11: Ferry to Rangitoto Island | Auckland: City tour

This morning, we depart by ferry to Rangitoto Island, the youngest and largest of Auckland's 48 dormant volcanic cones. Enjoy an easy hike through lava fields, a pōhutukawa forest (the world's largest), and explore lava tunnels and caves. Return to Auckland for an independent lunch before gathering this afternoon for a city tour of Auckland. By motorcoach, explore the central city; travel over the Auckland Harbour Bridge; continue through the Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park on a 62,000-year-old volcano; and take a scenic waterfront route to Mission Bay before returning to our hotel. This evening, gather for dinner at the Orbit Restaurant in Sky Tower, where the dining room rotates once every hour. (B,D)

Thursday, February 12: Waitomo Caves | Rotorua

Depart Auckland by motorcoach and drive to Waitomo, where we stop for a guided tour, taking a brief boat trip through the spectacular Glowworm Grotto (illuminated by thousands of glowworms, a species unique to New Zealand), marvelling at the deep limestone shaft known as the Tomo and the equally magnificent Cathedral Cavern, where New Zealand's own opera diva Kiri Te Kanawa once performed. Enjoy a country-style lunch at Crosshills Farm before driving onward to Rotorua, where we check-in to our hotel. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. *Two nights at the 4-star Millennium Hotel Rotorua*. (B,L)

Friday, February 13: Nature walks and boat rides in the Waimangu Volcanic Valley | Rotorua | Te Puia | Redwoods Nightlights Treewalk | Rotorua

Close to Rotorua is the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, which was created in 1886 when the region was shaken by the eruption of Mt. Tarawera. The eruption devastated the surrounding area and opened a 10-mile rift, splitting the mountain in two, increasing Lake Rotomahana to 20 times its previous size, and forming seven craters in the Waimangu Volcanic Valley. Enjoy a series of short hikes and boat rides, which showcase these volcanic features, active geothermal systems, and plants and birdlife, in one of the youngest eco-systems on Earth. These are the ancestral lands of the Tuhourangi Māori people, and the history of this area stretches back 800 years. A picnic lunch will be provided along the way.

Enjoy some free time in Rotorua before we drive to Te Puia for a guided tour through the greenstone, wood carving, and flax weaving schools at the New Zealand Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, Rotowhio Pā, Kiwi Conservation Centre, and Te Whakarewarewa geothermal valley, including Pōhutu geyser. Enjoy Te Puia's worldfamous hāngī buffet dinner, served in Pātaka Kai Restaurant, Bar & Café. There will be a cultural performance in a beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua, which will include a pōhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant), poi, and haka. Before returning to the hotel, explore Rotorua's majestic Redwoods Forest with a nightlights tree walk illuminated by lanterns designed by world-renowned designer David Trubridge. (B,L,D)

Saturday, February 14: Ruatapu Cave | Orakei Korako | Huka Falls | Taupo

This morning, we explore a volcanic world of gushing geysers, hot springs, bubbling mud pools, and some of the largest silica terraces in the world. Wander through the Hidden Valley and visit the thermal Ruatapu Cave, which extends more than 118 feet down into volcanic rock to the Waiwhakaata (Pool of Mirrors) hot pool at the bottom. Orakei Korako boasts the most active geysers of any area in New Zealand. Up to 23 active natural geysers play freely through the constantly changing areas. Marvel at the boiling hot springs and the vibrant colors all around you, or take a native bushwalk through this



untouched geothermal paradise. Continue on to view the spectacular Huka Falls before arriving in Taupo, where we will check-in to our hotel. Here we are near the shore of Lake Taupo, a lake about 20 miles across, which was created by the largest volcanic eruption that has occurred anywhere on Earth in the last 70,000 years. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Two nights at the 5-star <u>Hilton Lake Taupo</u>*. (B)

Sunday, February 15: Tongariro National Park | Taupo

Today we drive to Tongariro National Park, a dual UNESCO World Heritage Site for both its cultural significance to Māori and its outstanding natural features. The park is home to three active volcanic mountains and is New Zealand's oldest national park. Enjoy short, guided sightseeing walks while admiring stunning mountain views, waterfalls, and tranquil streams. These walks should also give us our first chance to view glaciers and their effects on the landscape, as well as allowing us to continue our investigation of volcanic features today – in an area that figured largely in *Lord of the Rings*. The balance of the day is at leisure. (B)

Monday, February 16: Travel to Wellington

Set out by motorcoach for Wellington this morning. On the long, straight Desert Road we enjoy amazing views of Tongariro National Park's volcanoes. Descend into the extensive Manawatu Plains, some of the most fertile lands of the southwestern North Island. We will stop along the way for a café-style lunch. As we continue on our drive to Wellington, pass through the popular seaside resort communities of Waikanae and Paekakariki. Arrive in Wellington, New Zealand's capital city, where we check-in to our hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Two nights at the 4-star Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay.* (B,L)

Tuesday, February 17: Wellington: AM Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, PM at leisure

This morning, we take the iconic Wellington Cable Car ride to visit the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, where we will have a guided tour and view selected collections for an overview of what makes New Zealand unique. Learn about its diverse natural environment, Māori culture and treasures, and art- and colonial history. Lunch and the balance of the day are at leisure to relax or explore Wellington on your own. (B)

Wednesday, February 18: Ferry to Picton | Marlborough: Wine tasting | Kaikōura

Take the morning ferry to Picton, where we drive to Kaikōura via the wine-growing region of Marlborough, particularly noted for its white wines. Stop at Forrest Wines, a family-run winery founded by two doctors who led successful scientific research and medicine careers. Enjoy freshly prepared cheese platters, carefully curated to complement our wine tasting experience. Continue on to Kaikōura, where the afternoon is at leisure. Gather this evening for dinner at our hotel. *Two nights at the 4-star Sudima Kaikōura hotel.* (B,D)







Above from top: Wellington, Christchurch, Huka Falls, local food and wine







Above from top: A whale in Kaikōura, Christchurch, a seal in Kaikōura

Thursday, February 19: Kaikōura: Whale watching cruise, Guided shoreline walk

After breakfast, we embark on a whale watching cruise. Make sure to keep an eye out for giant sperm whales, stars of the show and year-round residents. Orcas and dusky dolphins are a possibility, as are New Zealand fur seals, the endangered wandering albatross, and a variety of seabirds. After an independent lunch, we take a walk along Kaikōura's shoreline and discover its geology and earthquake history. Dinner and the balance of the day are at leisure. (B)

Friday, February 20: Christchurch: AM Otautahi cultural walking tour, PM at leisure

Set out this morning for Christchurch, passing through lush farmlands and crossing the mighty Waimakariri River, which drains the distant Southern Alps. Upon arrival, enjoy a hosted Otautahi cultural walk with kai (food) bites. Begin the walking tour with a mihi whakatau (welcome) and karakia (prayer) to ensure we are safe on our journey. Learn about the importance of sharing kai for Māori and, as we meander through the city, we enjoy personally chosen, iconic kiwi flavors and tastings created by locals, concluding with a specially prepared lunch. The balance of the day is at leisure. Those who are interested might wish to visit the special "Quake City" exhibit at the Canterbury Museum, focused on the surprising earthquakes of 2011 and 2012, or the beautiful Christchurch Botanic Gardens. *Overnight at the 4-star* <u>Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square</u>. (B,L)

Saturday, February 21: Lake Tekapo

After breakfast we depart for Lake Tekapo, a breathtakingly beautiful glacial lake set at the foot of the Southern Alps. Travel along the longest bridge in New Zealand, crossing the Rakaia River, a classic example of a glacier-fed braided river. Stop in Geraldine for a short rest before continuing through sheep country until we reach the settlement of Lake Tekapo. After lunch, we check-in to our resort, where the balance of the day is at leisure until we gather for dinner. *Two nights at the 5-star* <u>Peppers Bluewater Resort</u>. (B,L,D)

Sunday, February 22: Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park | Lake Tekapo

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, a rugged land of ice and rock, with 19 peaks over 9,800 feet (including New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki/Mount Cook) and the largest glaciers in the country. A short drive will bring us to a scenic overlook with magnificent views up Lake Pukaki, a spectacular glacial lake whose shoreline features preserve one of the best records of the last glaciation. From here we will drive up the shore of the lake to Aoraki/Mount Cook Village, a spot nearly surrounded by steep, ice-draped mountains, currently uplifting as fast as any on Earth, even the highest Himalaya. We will take short hikes leading us over and around glacial deposits, nearly to the ice margins, and providing clear evidence of the changing climate and its impact. Return to our resort, where dinner is at leisure. (B,L)

Monday, February 23: Wine tasting | Queenstown

Set out this morning for Queenstown, driving through Simon's Pass, a former pastoral lease land previously used for grazing livestock. Continue through Lindis Pass, surrounded by rolling



tussock hills, leaving the Canterbury region for the Otago region, the latter well-known for its red wines. Enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at Kinross Winery, showcasing Hawkshead, High Garden, Valli, Wild Irishman, and Kinross wines. From here we follow the Kawarau River Gorge up to Queenstown, situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. We check-in to our hotel, where the balance of the day is at leisure. *Two nights at the 4-star <u>Novotel</u> Queenstown Lakeside hotel.* (B,L)

Tuesday, February 24: Glenorchy: Dart River Jet Boat Experience | Queenstown: Farewell dinner

After breakfast, we depart the hotel for a scenic drive around Lake Wakatipu to Glenorchy, at the base of the Southern Alps, where our adventure on the Dart River (Te Awa Whakatipu) begins. Set out on a four-hour guided jet boating experience along the Dart River, traveling among towering mountains and ancient beech tree forests. Our driver will stop along the way to highlight points of interest and discuss the natural and cultural significance of the area. Return to Queenstown and gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner. (B,D)

Wednesday, February 25: Fly home

Transfer to Queenstown Airport (ZQN) for flights homeward. (B)

"[Our tour was] significantly enhanced by the descriptions provided by Professor Leonard and the local guides explaining the significance of what we were seeing..." - Susan (2019 traveler)



Above from top: Lake Tekapo, Dart River Jet Boat in Glenorchy, local wine

ACCOMMODATIONS



Auckland: Two nights at the 5-star <u>Mövenpick Hotel Auckland</u>



Rotorua: Two nights at the 4-star <u>Millennium Hotel Rotorua</u>



Taupo: Two nights at the 5-star <u>Hilton Lake Taupo</u>



Kaikōura: Two nights at the 4-star <u>Sudima Kaikōura</u>



Wellington: Two nights at the 4-star Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay



Christchurch: One night at the 4-star Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square



Lake Tekapo: Two nights at the 5-star <u>Peppers Bluewater Resort</u>



Queenstown: Two nights at the 4-star <u>Novotel Queenstown Lakeside</u>



What to Expect



HIGHLY ACTIVE: Must be able to walk or be on your feet for most of the day; keep a steady group pace; and navigate uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps that may be steep and without handrails. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants prone to motion sickness should come prepared for winding roads, and boat/ferry rides. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site, or complete a hike, in a safe and timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.

Hotels and resorts have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. At the time of year that we visit this region it is considered mid-summer and the weather is generally sunny and pleasant, with average temperatures in the low 70s F to mid-80s F during the day, dropping to the mid- to low 60s F at night. There is always a chance of light rain showers. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



Tour Prices Per Person (15 nights)

| Double Occupancy (18-20 participants) | \$10,295 |
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| Double Occupancy (15-17 participants) | \$10,795 |
| Double Occupancy (12-14 participants) | \$11,595 |
| Single Supplement | \$2,495 |

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability). With fewer than 12 participants, a small group surcharge may be applied.

Prices Include:

- Colorado College faculty leader Eric Leonard, a professional tour manager, and expert local guides
- Accommodations for fifteen nights in 4- and 5-star hotels and a unique, ideally located resort
- **Delicious meals:** buffet breakfasts daily, seven lunches, and six dinners, including welcome and farewell dinners with a house beer or wine. Lunches and dinners include water/soft drinks and coffee/tea, where available
- Group arrival and departure airport transfers
- **Surface transportation** via air-conditioned vehicles with bottled water available at all times
- Tickets for all ferry and boat rides as per itinerary
- All gratuities for tour manager, local guides, drivers, hotel/resort staff, and servers for included meals
- Baggage handling at hotels and resorts where available
- All sightseeing, entrance fees to National Parks, special events, and excursions as indicated in the itinerary; and all VAT and local taxes
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Flights and Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Group arrival transfers from Auckland Airport (AKL), and departure transfer to Queenstown Airport (ZQN), are provided (times TBD). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email studytours@vwti.com. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently or through your preferred travel agent. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets*.

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation or cost of excess baggage; meals and beverages except as noted; personal tips; items of a

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Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. PRICES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to dispute resolution in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL: Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <u>https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices</u> and <u>https://travel</u> state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. MISCELLANEOUS: Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. <u>APPEARING IN PHOTOS</u>: Photos from Colorado College trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future Colorado College tour promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. <u>ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT</u>: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.