



TOURS of Aotearoa

The North Island Tour of New Zealand



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ABOUT CONNECTITALIA-NZ LTD

Our company's mission is to promote greater liaison between Italy and New Zealand, reflecting the different but complementary backgrounds of the company's two directors, Beniamino Petrosino and Anne Scragg. Our principal focus is planning and escorting exclusive small group tours in Italy but we also welcome travellers from anywhere in the world to visit us in New Zealand where it will be our pleasure to show them the treasures of Aotearoa. Our aim is to provide you with your own New Zealand tour package tailored to meet your particular needs and interests.

Our tours are most definitely not of the whistle-stop "Today is Tuesday so it must be Belgium" kind. We pride ourselves in providing you with the time and comfort to really enjoy what you are seeing and doing so you will never feel rushed. Whether you are travelling on your own or with others, you can expect individual care and attention from escorts who are willing to go the extra mile to ensure you have an unforgettable time.

We use accredited tour operators to ensure our tours are trouble free and we insist on the highest standards of customer service in all situations throughout our tours. Your comfort and security are of paramount importance to us.

Whether you are planning a trip to Italy or a trip to New Zealand with us, it will be our pleasure to look after you throughout your tour. We are confident you will enjoy a unique cultural experience and a lot of fun along the way.

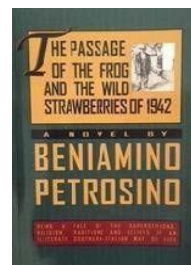


VACANZE IN AOTEAROA – Come with us!

Beniamino Petrosino



I am the founder of CONNECTITALIA-NZ. I came from Italy to live in New Zealand in the 1980's and have worked as a chef, restaurateur and consultant in the hospitality industry in New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia and the United States of America. I have taught Italian in schools and privately and also English to refugees. In 2003, Hazard Press published my novel "The Passage of the Frog and the Wild Strawberries of 1942" set in the Mezzogiorno regions of Italy where I grew up. In late 2015 I met Anne Scragg when she became one of my Italian language students.



In 2016 we ran a successful cultural programme in Christchurch showcasing many special Italian foods and wines and introducing our guests to delightful Italian locations off the beaten track. Now I am keen to introduce travellers to my second homeland – Aotearoa, where I have lived for most of my adult life.

Anne Scragg



I initially trained as a lawyer and worked in private practice for some years. I had a few years off work while my family was young and then returned to work as an adjudicator and mediator. Over time I became involved in designing and establishing specialist dispute resolution schemes in the public and private sectors. In 2015, I retired from a senior management role with the intention of doing something entirely different. One day my husband came in from the letterbox with one of Beniamino's business cards and I thought Italian language lessons might be just what I needed!

I have been to Italy several times and have loved every visit. I am confident I know what non-Italians need and want when travelling and I want to share my passion for Italy with others. I also want to show our guests from other countries the treasures that my homeland, New Zealand, has to offer and I would be delighted to work with you to plan an unforgettable trip for you through the land of the Lord of the Rings.

Exclusive Tours of Aotearoa

"Come with us on an unforgettable journey and let us share with you the wonderful taonga (treasures) of the Land of the Long White Cloud. You will not be disappointed!"

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THE NORTH ISLAND OF AOTEAROA

a magnificent scenic journey with Beniamino and Anne



The North Island of Aotearoa

10 days (9 nights) PRICE TO BE ADVISED

On this tour you will:

- Visit the land first discovered by the great Polynesian navigator Kupe 1000 years ago
- Wander through an ancient kauri forest free of snakes and other nasties!
- Relax and enjoy some of the best scenery and activities Aotearoa has to offer
- Have an introduction to Maori culture that will inspire and delight you
- Sample some delicious locally grown foods and award-winning wines
- Find out why celebrities from around the globe buy property here
- Follow in the footsteps of Zane Grey and try your hand at big game fishing
- Come up close to the hot springs, mud pools and geysers of a thermal wonderland
- See where Sir Peter Jackson created Middle Earth for the 'Lord of the Rings' film trilogy
- Have the flexibility to tailor extensions to the tour to meet your individual needs and MOST IMPORTANTLY you will have fun! - 😊

Tour Outline

DATES: By agreement. The dates of the tour will be adjusted to suit your travel plans. You have the option of adding on an exciting 10-day (9 nights) journey through the majestic South Island to complete your journey through the land of the Lord of the Rings. Extensions to this tour to visit the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula or the Art Deco city of Napier and wineries in the Hawkes Bay are highly recommended.

Note: The tour package is a land package only. Flights to suit your individual needs can be arranged for you or you can make your own flight arrangements if you prefer.

TRAVELLING THROUGH THE NORTH ISLAND FROM TOP TO TOE



On Day 1 of the tour, you will be greeted on your arrival at Auckland International Airport and transferred to your chosen accommodation where you will spend two nights. Auckland is New Zealand's largest city,



known as 'the City of Sails' and currently the home of the Americas Cup, which is proudly on display in the clubhouse of the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron. You will see where Sir Peter Blake mounted the first successful challenge to win and to defend the Cup from a country outside the United States of America.

We will spend a full day in Auckland on Day 2 looking around the city built on over 50 monogenetic volcanoes, which thankfully are currently dormant! We will also enjoy some of New Zealand's very best foods and wines at a carefully selected restaurant.



On Day 3, we will drive from Auckland to the stunning Bay of Islands for a superb three-night stay. This is a gorgeous area much beloved by big game fishers and importantly it is also the place where Waitangi is situated.



The Treaty of Waitangi was signed by representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Maori leaders in 1840 and it is the foundation document for New Zealand. At Waitangi you will gain some real insight into Maori culture and tradition and you will see a traditional waka (sea-going canoe) and an exquisitely carved meeting house. We will visit the delightful seaside town of Russell, known as Kororareka in the early 19th Century, which was the first permanent European settlement and seaport in New Zealand.



While we are in the Bay of Islands you will be able to choose whether to travel by car or by air to the northernmost tip of New Zealand, Cape Reinga, where the waters of the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean meet. From Cape Reinga, the Maori believe the spirits of the departed begin their final journey to their ancestral homeland of Hawaiki. You will experience a sense of exhilaration travelling in a bus along 90 Mile Beach and perhaps you will be tempted to try bodyboarding down the sand dunes!



While we are in Northland, we will also visit an ancient Kauri forest to see where the Dalmatian gum diggers gathered gum known as New Zealand amber for export in the 19th Century.



On Day 6 of the tour, we will sadly leave the Bay of Islands and fly south via Auckland to Rotorua, renowned for its dramatic geothermal activity and Maori cultural events. We will stay in Rotorua for two nights.





On Day 7, we will walk through the Waimangu Volcanic Valley and enjoy a cruise around beautiful Lake Rotomahana, where the renowned Pink and White Terraces were located. Sadly, these famous natural wonders of the world were destroyed in a volcanic eruption in 1886. In the evening, you might like to experience a typical Maori hangi meal and a cultural concert.



On Day 8, we will fly to the capital city Wellington at the southern tip of the North Island. We will have two nights in or close to the city. You could stay in a luxury farm estate in the nearby Wairarapa. This is the perfect setting to rest



and relax in and to enjoy the best locally grown foods. While we are in Wellington we will have time to stroll along the waterfront, ride the iconic cable car, inspect the Government Beehive building and visit the national museum Te Papa (Our Container of Treasures). You may also want to visit the Weta workshop where Oscar winning Sir Richard Taylor and his team created their magical special effects.



Day 10 is the final day of the tour as currently scheduled and we will fly you to Christchurch or Auckland depending on your onward travel plans. But don't despair - you have the option of adding on an exciting 10 day (9 nights) journey through the majestic South Island to complete your journey through the land of the Lord of the Rings and it will be our pleasure to take you there.

WE WILL WORK WITH YOU ON INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS TO YOUR TOUR PACKAGE BEFORE FINALIZING YOUR TOUR ARRANGEMENTS.

Tour inclusions

- All accommodation costs including breakfasts.
- All tour transport costs including domestic flights, travel by car or minibus and associated charges such as fuel, tolls, taxes, with a local driver and all agreed sightseeing choices.
- Pick up at Auckland International Airport and transfer to either Christchurch or Auckland International Airports at the conclusion of the tour
- Local tour guides where needed
- Any specific arrangements by prior agreement

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Tour exclusions

- Meals and beverages other than those included
- Room service meals and mini- bar refreshments
- Telephone/internet charges
- Individual sightseeing not undertaken as part of the tour
- Expenses incurred on sightseeing trips other than transport costs.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WE DO NOT ARRANGE TRAVEL INSURANCE. COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



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Darryl has provided professional travel services since the 1990's. A widely travelled and fully accredited travel broker, Darryl has won many prestigious industry awards. Darryl is located in New Zealand but thanks to the wonders of modern technology it does not matter where he or his clients are located. As Darryl says, everything can be arranged remotely and he is available to his clients, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year if they experience an unforeseen event that affects their travel.

Our Broker Darryl will be delighted to work with you to ensure you have a trouble-free and truly memorable experience.

