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The Lyceum Congress 2025 Committee have engaged one of New Zealand's leading tour companies to create some Pre and Post Tours of New Zealand covering both North and South Island so you can experience our beautiful country.

The Leisure Time Group have been in business for over 30 years and are highly regarded and recommended by the thousands of international visitors who have embarked on their tours over the years.

Day 1 Monday 07th April 2025

TAURANGA – WAITOMO – ROTORUA

Departing from Tauranga we travel over the Kaimai Ranges through the Dairy Rich Waikato Countryside to visit to the world famous Hobbiton. *Experience the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set*, the bucolic setting for



The Shire that featured in the Peter Jackson directed films, The Lord of the Rings. Your tour commences with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Your guide will escort you through the ten-acre site recounting fascinating details of how the Hobbiton set was created. The Hobbit holes, Green Dragon Inn, Mill and other structures created for The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit films can be viewed and you will see how this beautiful piece of Waikato farmland was

transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth. Following our visit to Hobbiton we continue for *lunch at the Otorohanga Lyceum Club*, after departing lunch arrive at the *famous Waitomo Caves*. Here a guide will take you underground to view *the amazing limestone caves featuring stalagmites and stalactites, which have taken centuries to form*. Continue to walk down to an underground stream to board a small boat to view *the glow-worm grotto – an underground cavern featuring millions of glow-worms*. From Waitomo we travel to Te Kuiti to *be hosted by the local Lyceum Club at their Clubrooms for afternoon tea*. From the King Country we tour to our next destination – the thermal wonderland of Rotorua, the Sulphur City. Rotorua has the most energetic thermal activity in the country with bubbling mud pools, gushing geysers, beautiful coloured hot springs and terrace formations created by mineral water. Rotorua also has a large Māori population whose cultural activities are interesting and accessible as will be witnessed tomorrow evening.

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel Rotorua – 2 nights

Day 2 Tuesday 08th April 2025

ROTORUA SIGHTSEEING

(BD)

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of this popular tourist town set on the shores of Lake Rotorua. Highlights include a visit to the *Agrodome to learn about how sheep and wool are one of New Zealand's premier exports and see the working sheep*

dogs at the entertaining Sheep Show. Continue onwards for your introduction to “The Kiwi” New Zealand’s national icon, it is an endangered species and **The National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa** is a world leader in kiwi husbandry, egg incubation systems, hatching techniques and kiwi chick rearing. During your 45-minute guided visit, learn all about the Kiwi bird at the world’s most successful kiwi hatchery and discover how more than 2100 kiwi chicks have been hatched here. Gain an understanding of what it takes to hatch a chick and see genuine ‘Conservation in Action’ in the purpose built incubation facility and if you’re very lucky, perhaps see a newly hatched kiwi chick!



This evening visit to **Te Puia for a guided tour followed by the Te Po (the night) experience** – an immersive feast of indigenous cultural storytelling, entertainment and food. Your guided tour provides a premier Māori culture experience combined with an introduction to the magnificent geothermal activity in the Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. Whilst in the valley see the boiling mud pools, steaming silica terraces, hot springs and geysers including the famous Pohutu Geyser which can erupt up to 30-metres high, depending on its mood. Visit the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute where young Māori are learning the traditional carving and weaving skills of their ancestors. Your evening experience will commence with a sumptuous buffet dinner including food from the hangi (traditional Māori method of cooking) served in the Pātaka Kai Restaurant. After dinner enjoy a cultural performance in the fully carved Te Aronui-a-Rua meeting house where highlights include waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. Following the concert, the evening culminates with hot chocolate and steamed pudding served in the geothermal valley bathed in coloured light.



Day 3 Wednesday 09th April 2025

ROTORUA – TAURANGA (B)

After breakfast today we take a drive out to **see some of the many Rotorua Lakes including the Blue and Green Lakes and Lake Tarawera**. Here we visit the **historic site of Buried Village** to see remains of the Māori village of Te Wairoa that was devastated by the volcanic eruption of Mt Tarawera during the night of June 10, 1886. The excavated village offers a first-hand insight into the chaos and destruction that ensued following the eruption of Mt Tarawera. This eruption also destroyed the famed Pink and White Terraces. From Lake Tarawera we depart Rotorua and travel through to Tauranga via Te Puke – an area which is famous for being the birthplace of Kiwi-Fruit in 1959. Your journey takes us to Mount Maunganui then onto Tauranga. Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Hotel Armitage, Tauranga – 1 night

Day 4 Thursday 10th April 2025

TAURANGA (BLD)

After breakfast today check out of your tour accommodation and check into your Congress Accommodation in preparation for the Lyceum World Congress 2025! No coach transport today.

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Tour Inclusions & Costs....

- 4 nights accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with surcharge) all with private facilities
- All Tour Admissions as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfasts (B), Lunch (L) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary
- Touring in modern air conditioned tour coach with a full commentary (English speaking) driver

TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON (NZD):

Twin Share/Double Price:	\$1,990.00
Single Room Supplement (additional):	\$ 450.00
Non-refundable deposit due at time of booking:	\$ 200.00

Balance of tour payment due Friday, 21 February 2025

Please note all tours are subject to a minimum of 10 passengers

Terms & Conditions

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

If you book a Packaged Tour with us and pay your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. If you booked your Packaged Tour with us through an agent, the agent is deemed to have accepted these terms on your behalf. We may ask you to sign a copy of these terms when you join your Packaged Tour to provide a record of your acceptance of these terms and you agree to sign these terms on our request.

Itineraries

The itinerary for your Packaged Tour was correct at the time of printing, but it is subject to change without notice. Your itinerary could change due to road or weather conditions, changes imposed by other tour operators or a range of other factors outside our control. You agree that we have no liability to you for changes to your itinerary.

Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing, however Leisure Time Travel reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or major fluctuation in the exchange rates, or increases in government or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature. Leisure Time Travel also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to low numbers and in this instance a full refund will be provided.

Health and Fitness

Passengers should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances to fully participate and experience the sightseeing opportunities within the enclosed itinerary. All passengers are required to acknowledge that they are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel and are not travelling contrary to any medical advice. By acknowledging their health and fitness to participate passengers are indemnifying us from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any lack of health and fitness. We reserve the right to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day to day running of the tour. In this instance our normal cancellation terms and conditions will apply. You agree that we have no liability to you for any loss, damage, costs or other effects of health problems you may encounter on your Packaged Tour.

Health and Safety Information Including COVID-19

For the health and safety of all passengers on tour any illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard the coach unless they can provide us with a negative Covid19 test result received within the past 72 hours. Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their tour manager and contact Healthline then

visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To return to the tour the passenger must be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour, obtaining and providing us with a written medical clearance – not just a negative Covid19 test. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger's own expense.

Luggage Allowance

Luggage is restricted to one suitcase and one small item of hand luggage per person. Baggage handling of one suitcase per person, at each hotel, is included in the trip price. Due to limited storage capacity in the motorcoaches used on tour, each case should have dimensions not exceeding 30" x 18" x 10" (76x46x25cm) and 62 linear inches (157cm) and weight not exceeding 50lbs (23kg).

Payments, Cancellations and Refunds

A non-refundable deposit per person is required at time of booking to confirm your seat. All balance payments must be received by Leisure Time Travel prior to the date specified as per itinerary or your booking confirmation. Payments are available to be made by Cash, Cheque, Direct Credit or EFTPOS only – Credit Card payments are not available without an additional surcharge. Leisure Time Travel reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Leisure Time Travel also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date will be offered or a full refund will be made available. Tour Price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance and items of a personal nature.

Travel Insurance

Leisure Time Travel strongly advises all passengers to purchase a travel insurance policy when booking a tour. A comprehensive travel insurance policy gives peace of mind for unexpected issues or emergencies that may arise prior to or during a tour.

New Zealand Cancellation Policy

If you cancel your booking:

- 42+ days prior to tour commencement, loss of non-refundable deposit
- 30-41 days prior to tour commencement your cancellation charge will be 50% of the holiday price (50% refund) plus any applicable supplier cancellation fees
- 30 days prior to tour commencement your cancellation charge will be 100% of the holiday price (no refund)
- No refunds on any unused portions of any itinerary. The exception is if a sightseeing service is cancelled by operator due to weather conditions/safety concerns etc and the operator authorises a refund. Any such refunds will be processed through agent.

