

Holiday Programme

Improve your English
Experience New Zealand culture
Enjoy beautiful scenery

About New Zealand

New Zealand has a unique and dynamic culture. The culture of its indigenous Māori people affects the language, the arts, and even the accents of all New Zealanders. Their place in the South Pacific and their love of the outdoors, sport, and the arts make New Zealanders and their culture unique in the world.

New Zealand's spectacularly beautiful landscape includes vast mountain chains, steaming volcanoes, sweeping coastlines, deeply indented fiords and lush rainforests. Comparable in size and/or shape to Great Britain, Colorado or Japan, New Zealand has a population of only 4 million - making it one of the world's least crowded countries. It is a haven for those seeking peace, rejuvenation and relaxation as well as a playground for thrill seekers and adventurers. A temperate climate with relatively small seasonal variation makes it an ideal year-round holiday destination.

With vast open spaces filled with stunning rugged landscapes, gorgeous beaches, often spectacular geothermal and volcanic activity, a temperate climate and fascinating animal and plant life, and it is no surprise that New Zealand's pure natural environment is so attractive to visitors from other countries. And the great advantage of New Zealand is there are many different landscapes, environments, and ecosystems so close to each other.

Recently, New Zealand became a popular place for international students who would like to visit the country and study English for a long-term or short-term period. New Zealand's high quality Education and great natural peace environment makes it as an ideal place for students improving their English and having a wonderful holiday.

Source: 100% Pure New Zealand website



About Waikato Institute of Education

Waikato Institute of Education (WIE) is beautifully situated in Hamilton, one of New Zealand's fastest growing cities. With a population of 130,000, it provides the perfect environment for study and leisure and it is central to many of New Zealand's beaches, lakes, mountains, tourist destinations and activities.

Located in a central city building, WIE is in the heart of Hamilton, just 1-2 minutes walk from both Hamilton Transport Centre and Hamilton City Centre with its many shops, restaurants, theatres and entertainment.

Waikato Institute of Education offers quality and diversity in its students and courses.

- ◆ We offer quality English tuition from highly qualified, experienced and enthusiastic English teachers.
- ◆ All courses are approved and accredited by the New Zealand government – NZQA
- ◆ Our students come from all around the world including Asia, India, South America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and the Pacific Islands.
- ◆ We have helpful, friendly, professional advisors and support staff – we make you feel special from the time you arrive to the time you leave ... and beyond.
- ◆ Classrooms are attractive and comfortable
- ◆ Computer facilities include free E-mail, Internet access and printing from our computer lab room with technical support from our Media & Technology Officer



About Holiday Programme



Students' Ages:

From 10+ years old

Business Partners:

Universities, Schools and Agents

Programme Features:

- Qualified, experienced native teachers
- Intensive English lessons
- Stay with Kiwi families and experience Kiwi culture
- Leisure and adventure activities



Programme Day/half day Excursions:

- Hamilton City Tour
- Polynesia spa (Rotorua)
- Popular NZ Sheep Show & Farm Tour (Rotorua)
- Beautiful Hamilton Gardens
- Traditional Maori Village & Geyser (Rotorua)
- Play at a local Golf Course
- Local school tour
(i.e. University, Polytechnic, High School)
- Waikato Museum
- Tauranga Beaches & Mount Maunganui
- Auckland City Tour (Mt. Eden & Mission Bay & souvenir shopping)
- Plus many more sights

*** Excursions can be tailored as required.**



About Excursions

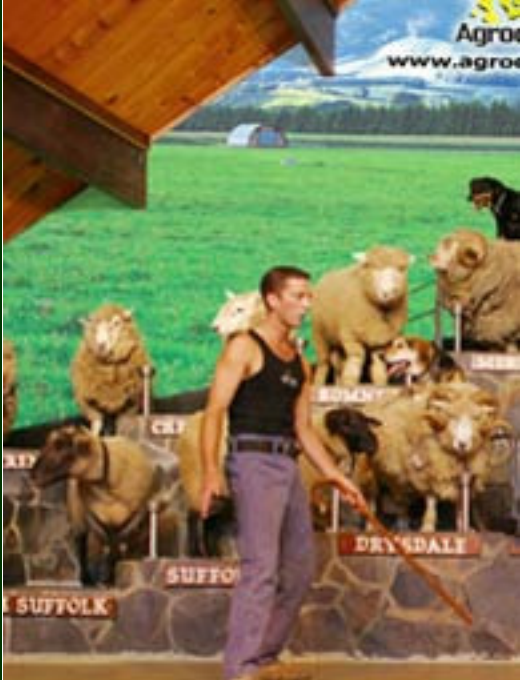
NZ Sheep Show & Farm Tour



The world-famous and live Sheep Show and Farm Tour are an exciting and informative insight into agriculture in New Zealand.

Audiences' participation is a major part of the show. Visitors will see

- Nineteen breeds of sheep
- Sheep shearing Demonstration
- Exciting sheep auction with audience participation
- Opportunity to hand-milk a cow on stage
- Opportunity to feed lambs on stage
- Unique photo opportunity on stage



Visitor will be also taken a guided tour on a 160 hectare farm

- See animals of all descriptions, including 1200 Romney sheep, beef cattle, red and fallow deer, llamas, alpacas, ostrich and emus
- Hand-feed the animals
- Visit Pure NZ Organic apple, mandarin orange, olive and kiwi fruit orchard
- Stop at the Organic Education Center for kiwifruit wine and honey tasting



Source: Agrodome website



Polynesian Spa is New Zealand's leading international spa. There are thirty-five hot mineral pools including adults' only pools, a family spa, private pools and deluxe bathing in the Lake Spa.

Adults' pools comprise a large hot mineral pool and Priest Spa. The temperature of the hot mineral pool is kept at a comfortable 38C. The Priest Spa is a new development opened in October 2004. Three shallow bathing pools are set in a volcanic landscape environment overlooking the lake. The pools are filled with mildly acidic water from the famous Radium hot spring and are at controlled temperatures between 39C and 41C.

The Family spa comprises of a large water pool with a toddler's pool and a small hydroslide that is cooler in summer and yet warmer during winter. Adjacent are two hot mineral pools, about 37°C - 39°C, for adults to relax in whilst supervising their children.

Source: Polynesian Spa website





Hamilton Gardens

Hamilton Gardens covers an area of 58 hectares at the southern end of Hamilton City, New Zealand. It is a public park owned and managed by the Hamilton City Council. Some minor garden development started in the early 1960's and the Rogers Rose Garden was made in 1971 but most development has occurred since 1982. Today Hamilton Gardens is the most popular visitor attraction in the region with about 600,000 visitors each year, nearly half of them being tourists. There are nearly 2000 events held within Hamilton Gardens each year. The unique theme of Hamilton Gardens is 'the story of gardens' which is explored through a series of five garden collections.

- The Paradise Garden Collection featuring gardens representing some of the most significant garden design traditions.
- The Productive Garden Collection representing different aspects of the relationship between people and plants.
- The Fantasy Garden Collection representing different forms of garden fantasy.
- The Cultivar Garden Collection featuring the story of plants selected and bred for the garden.
- The Landscape Garden Collection with areas representing the different historic interpretations of an idealised landscape.

Source: Hamilton Gardens website



Tauranga & Mt Maunganui

Tauranga is situated in the Bay of Plenty. The surrounding clear pristine waters offer many water based activities including swimming with dolphins, diving, game fishing and surfing. The area features many first class golf courses and there is white water rafting, jet boating and 4WD thrills for the adventurous. Alternatively, a relaxing time can be had visiting a winery or soaking in either hot mineral or the unique hot salt water pools.

Mt Maunganui is known as the beach suburb of Tauranga. Every year the Mount beach hosts the National Surf Championships, and other events like the NZ Under 14 Ocean Athlete Championships and the Pro Volleyball Tour. It also offers good surfing and lovely white beaches. The other aspect to The Mount, is that it has both the East facing surf beaches offering surfing, boogie boarding and lovely white sand, to the West facing beach, looking down the length of the inner harbour making a great place for evening picnics and watching the sunsets.

Source: Tauranga City Council website





Hamilton Girls'
High School

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Hamilton High School was opened to students on 10 July 1911, on the current site of Hamilton Girls' High School. In 1955 the school divided, and Hamilton Girls High School retained the original site.

Hamilton Girls' High School provides a positive and challenging environment which is conducive to effective teaching and learning. It aims to promote learning as a life-long process by providing students with programmes suited to their needs. There are 15 departments in the school, such as Art, Business Studies, History, English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Music.

The school has established links with schools in Japan and in Brisbane, Australia. A number of students have the opportunity to spend time in overseas schools each year. In return, Hamilton Girl' High School is host to students from these schools. A range of Exchange organisations such as AFS, Rotary, ASSE, NZIIU provide further opportunities for interested students to experience life in other countries, or to host overseas students.

Source: Hamilton Girls' High School website



Waikato Museum

Situated in Hamilton, New Zealand, overlooking the beautiful Waikato River, the Waikato Museum has eight galleries that show touring exhibitions, as well as exhibitions featuring items from its own collection. These include the majestic 200 year old carved waka taua - Te Winika, artwork by prominent New Zealand and regional artists and an interactive science experience. A regular programme of activities is available to further enhance visit, as well as the popular Museum Cafe and the new Museum Shop at ArtsPost.

ArtsPost is Hamilton's premiere art centre, situated next door to the main museum complex. It provides three galleries of regularly changing exhibitions featuring outstanding work by local artists. This artwork is available for sale through the Museum Shop located on the premises.

Source: Waikato Museum Website



Rotorua & Maori Village

The heartland of New Zealand, spiritual home to the Maori, nature's spa of the South Pacific, host to some of the world's most incredible earth forces, and the country's adventure playground – Rotorua boasts an array of icon experiences that together encapsulate the essence of New Zealand.

In Maori Village, you can discover Maori people's unique lifestyle and traditions, join a guided tour, see hot thermal springs and hot bubbling mud pools, and learn how Maori have come to live in harmony within this unique environment. You can also see firsthand the geothermal activity and how it is used in everyday life with hot springs and steam vents used for cooking (natural cooktops and ovens) and the natural mineral waters used for communal bathing.

You can also sit down and relax at cultural performances. The melodious voices accompanied by hand movements tell the stories of Maori heritage, past and present. The performances include formal call of welcome, formal speech, classic Maori chant, action song, men posture dance, ball & twine, and stick games.

*Source: Rotorua New Zealand official website
& Whakarewarewa website*



Auckland

In the Maori language, Auckland is known as Tamaki Makau Rau, the city of 100 lovers. It earned this name because it was a place desired by all and conquered by many. The Auckland region is an antipasto of environments laid out on a huge platter to make one amazing city, boasting three harbours, two mountain ranges, 48 volcanic cones and more than 50 islands. Auckland's population is approximately 1.3 million, making it by far the largest city in New Zealand, with one third of the country's entire population.



From the first Maori waka and colonial ships, Auckland has attracted immigrants. Today, Auckland is the world's largest Polynesian city. Around 63% of its residents are of European descent, 11% are Maori, 13% are of Pacific Island descent and there is a growing Asian population of around 12%. In the city centre, Auckland's growing popularity as an international education destination has seen an explosion of ethnic restaurants and shops.

Mount Eden



Auckland is the only city in the world that is built on an active volcano field. Learn about volcanoes in Auckland and visit Mount Eden. Formed 20,000 to 30,000 years ago, Mount Eden (Maori name Maungwhau) is the highest volcano on the Auckland isthmus. Drive or climb up to the summit for expansive views over the city and the harbour beyond.

Source: Tourism Auckland website

Mission Bay



Mission Bay's splendid beach, the promenade and park are just perfect for rollerblading, jogging and a variety of other pursuits. The beach is safe for swimming. Those who prefer a more leisurely lifestyle may sunbathe, picnic or simply do nothing at all. The restaurant strip, Auckland's only beachfront dining area, is the ideal place to enjoy a coffee, drink or meal. For children, there's a wonderful playground, a fountain, and lots and lots of golden sand to get between their toes.

Golf – Driving Range

While a number of countries may lay claim to being "a golfer's paradise", none can match the variety, accessibility, and scenery of New Zealand's golf courses. Unlike many northern hemisphere countries, golf is played all year round in New Zealand. Most of the time golf in New Zealand is delightful. The weather is warm and calm, the fairways smooth and flat, the greens soft and true, and the views are magnificent. You can start to have your first golf experience by playing it in driving range. A tutor will give you a lesson of how to play.



*Source: The promenade Mission Bay website
The New Zealand Golf Guide website*

Words from Students

We watched the famous Sheep Show today. The most exciting part is sheep shearing. The host speaker held a very sharp shaver did a quick and fantastic job!



Blue sky, white clouds and green grass, these are the first impression New Zealand gave to me. Various shapes of clouds are floating in the sky. Some are like ribbon and others are like cotton. A lot of sheep are eating on the grass. I have never seen such beautiful scenery before. It is just like in my dream.

WIE cares about Muslim students'. We are given a 'Guide to Studying and Living in NZ' in Arabic; we are provided with a private place to pray (and prayer timetable) and also they help us with information such as where the local Mosque, Middle Eastern and Halal restaurants are. Our Homestays are also given information sheets on Muslim customs and requirements. WIE is a great place to study.



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