

**DRAFT ITINERARY**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TWIN CITIES**  
**UNDERSTANDING NEW ZEALAND: CULTURE, SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT**  
  
**16 MAY – 9 JUNE, 2018**

**Wednesday, 16 May, 2018**

**Depart USA**

**Thursday, 17 May 2018**

In transit

**Friday, 18 May 2018**

**Early Flight Arrival into New Zealand (usually around 6.30am)**

You will be greeted by a Cross Cultural Encounters Representative, collect your luggage, and transferred by charter coach from the airport to your accommodation.

The Hotel will not be available for check in before 1pm; however they will store your luggage.

**Cross Cultural Encounters Program Introduction**

This exclusive presentation is an Introductory Session which explores the differences and similarities between American culture and that of New Zealand. Essential safety advice is covered, as well laws relating to the country to ensure a happy and safe stay. During the presentation, participants will receive a detailed course itinerary. The Cross Cultural Encounters representative will gladly answer any questions that may arise.

**Lunch – Included in the program**

**Local Walking Tour**

Our Cross Cultural Encounters representative will take you on a walk around the central city. You will have time to go to the Bank, should you need to before walking to the Auckland Museum. There are rich encounters with almost one thousand years of history since Maori first settled what they call Tamaki Makarau - "the land of many lovers". We offer insights into local culture and an understanding of the Story of Auckland from Maori and European perspectives.

**Visit Auckland War Memorial Museum (including a group guided tour)**

Auckland Museum is a venue where exciting stories of the Pacific, New Zealand's people, and the flora, fauna and landforms of our unique islands, are told within a memorial dedicated to those who have sacrificed their lives for their country.

In one of New Zealand's most outstanding historical buildings, boldly situated in the Domain - a central city pleasure garden - you encounter exhibitions that will excite you with the artistic legacy and cultures of the peoples of the Pacific; the monumental carvings, buildings, canoes and taonga (treasures) of the Maori; and the diversity of cultures which now combine to form the rich tapestry of race, nationality and creed which is modern New Zealand.

**PM** Check into accommodation and freshen up for dinner.

Upon arrival in Auckland Prof Evan Roberts will supply you with an “ATHOP” Card– this is for transportation to the Otara Markets using public transport. (Preloaded with **\$10 credit per person**)

### **Welcome Dinner included in the Program**

Relax and enjoy a Welcome Dinner arranged by Cross Cultural Encounters at a local venue. Socialise with friends, chat with the locals, and recount the experiences of the first day abroad.

### **YHA Auckland International (Backpacker accommodation) TBC**

#### **Auckland**

Student- Shared Accommodation/Shared Bathroom facilities

Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

## **Saturday, 19 May 2018**

### **Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Take a local bus to Otara Markets (use ATHOP travel card supplied by UMN)**

**Half day: Otara Markets:** Polynesian markets in South Auckland. Today engages the theme of Pacific migration to New Zealand, social stratification and the place of Pasifika peoples in New Zealand society.

**Take a local bus back to accommodation**

**Evening:** Optional Rugby game (at own expense)

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

## **Sunday, 20 May 2018**

### **Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Catch the ferry from Downtown to Rangitoto Island**

**Rangitoto Island** (own arrangements on the island)

Rangitoto Island has long been a favourite day-trip and boating destination for Aucklanders. Prof Evan Roberts to provide a guided walk up to the summit on foot. While it’s not a walk for the faint-hearted, it only requires medium level of fitness. Keep an eye out for the lava caves on your way up, though you may need a torch to explore them. The views from the top are spectacular with the sparkling blue waters and emerald islands of the Hauraki Gulf, to the rugged horizons of the Waitakere Ranges in the west and Hunua Ranges in the east.

**Catch the ferry back to Auckland (using your return ferry ticket)**

*Unscheduled Afternoon*

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

## **Monday, 21 May 2018**

### **Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**AM/PM:** Unscheduled day

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

### **Tuesday, 22 May 2018**

#### **Breakfast – Included in the Program**

Observation of local society: Cafes, public spaces, Universities, libraries, streets.

#### **UMN Organized activities**

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

### **Wednesday, 23 May 2018**

#### **Breakfast – Included in the Program**

Observation of local society: Cafes, public spaces, Universities, libraries, streets.

#### **UMN organized activities**

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

### **Thursday, 24 May 2018**

#### **Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Chartered Coach departs for Waitangi** – (approx. 137 miles or 221 kilometres - approx. 3 ½ hrs duration)

*Lunch - At own expense in Waitangi*

#### **Entry to Waitangi Treaty Grounds with Guided Tour**

Introducing the Birthplace of our Nation. Walk in the footsteps of our ancestors. Learn the significance of the ceremonial waka, the flagstaff, the carved Maori Meeting House (Te Whare Runanga) and the Treaty House.

#### **Depart Waitangi Treaty Grounds for Paihia (or similar) accommodation**

Check into accommodation

*Dinner - At own expense*

#### **YHA Paihia TBC**

Student- Shared Accommodation/Shared Bathroom facilities

Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

### **Friday, 25 May 2018**

#### **Breakfast – Included in the Program**

#### **Travel by Public Ferry to Russell**

**Visit Pompallier Mission**

This distinctively French-looking building is a monument to poverty and passion. Lacking money but working under lay missionary architect Louis Perret, the priests used traditional Lyonnais methods, pise de terre (rammed earth) for the lower storey and pan de bois (pise panels/ timber framework) for the upper one. Hōne Heke spared the compound when he sacked Kororāreka in 1845. After the Marists moved on it became a tannery (see the restored pits out the back), then a house for the Greenway and Stephenson families. With little sense of structural integrity and even less for spelling, they made 'Pompallier' into a grand Victorian house that gulled many into believing that it had been the bishop's palace.

**Visit Russell Museum**

The Russell Museum tells the story of the development of Russell/Kororareka, from a small Maori fishing village, to a port of call for visiting ships and whalers to today's tourist town.

The collection features Maori taonga, a small waka (canoe), a one-fifth scale model of Captain Cook's Endeavour, an original whaleboat and mementos of game fisherman, Zane Grey plus much more.

Enjoy watching the DVD of historic Russell and see the exhibitions.

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

**Saturday, 26 May 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**AM: Transfer by Coach to Rotorua** (approx. 457 kilometres / 284 miles – approx. 5.45 hours)

PM: Observation of Rotorua public spaces

**YHA Rotorua - TBC**

Student- Shared Accommodation/Shared Bathroom facilities

Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

**Sunday, 27 May 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program**

Unscheduled day

Options include: Canopy Tours ziplining; OGO ; Lugging ; Tamaki Maori Village

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

**Monday, 28 May 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program****Visit Whakarewarewa Native Village**

Experience an authentic Living Maori Village where people live on a daily basis using the natural resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes on a daily basis.

**Visit Buried Village**

The village, now peaceful and green, hides the devastation of the areas violent history. Explore the 12 acre park-like setting that is the archaeological site to discover the remains, excavated evidence and recreated scenes from the lasting devastation that was the Tarawera eruption.

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

**Tuesday, 29 May 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program****Polytech lecture – Venue to be decided**

*\*\*lecture fee and transport factored in but not classroom at this stage until venue and speaker confirmed*

**NOTE: The Rotorua Museum is currently closed (damaged by earthquake).**

*Lunch & Dinner – At own expense*

**Wednesday, 30 May 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Transfer by Coach to Wellington** (approx. 315 kilometres / 196 miles – approx. 4.5 hours)

*Lunch – At own expense en-route to Wellington*

Upon arrival in Wellington Prof Evan Roberts will supply you with a **“Snapper Card”** – this is for transportation on public transport whilst in Wellington (preloaded with **\$40 credit per person**)

**YHA Wellington City (Backpacker accommodation) - TBC**

Student- Shared Accommodation/Shared Bathroom facilities

Leader- Single Accommodation En-suited

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

**Thursday, 31 May 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program****Visit Museum of Wellington, City and Sea (including guided tour)**

This is Wellington’s city museum, celebrating Wellington’s social, cultural and maritime history. Housed in the historic Bond Store, the original architecture complements the exhibitions of precious objects and stunning technology.

Get the inside story from an experienced Museum Host

**Walk or take public transport to your accommodation**

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

**Friday, 01 June 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program****UMN activities***Lunch and Dinner – At own expense***Saturday, 02 June 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program****Morning at leisure****After lunch travel by public transport to Zealandia****Visit Zealandia (including Exhibition and Sanctuary)**

ZEALANDIA is a unique eco-attraction. New Zealand's incredible natural history and world-renowned conservation movement are brought to life with a state-of-the-art indoor exhibition. Then step through the predator-proof fence into a beautiful 225ha (550 acre) eco-sanctuary for your best opportunity to see some of New Zealand's rarest birds, reptiles and insects in the wild. Home to some of the rarest and most extraordinary wildlife on the planet, ZEALANDIA is New Zealand's award-winning eco-attraction. This will give you a real taste of New Zealand's amazing natural heritage. Your ZEALANDIA experience includes an exciting new exhibition and walk in our ever-changing sanctuary valley.

Discover the extraordinary changes to New Zealand's wildlife over the last thousand years. Lose yourself in the sights and sounds of an ancient forest. Marvel at the prehistoric beasts as you stand before life-like models of the majestic moa and fearsome Haast's eagle. Learn how we humans almost destroyed what took millions of years of isolation to create. And finally, the massive efforts we and others are making to protect and preserve what makes New Zealand unique and extraordinary.

**Travel by public transport back to your accommodation***Lunch and Dinner – At own expense***Sunday, 03 June 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Unsupervised exploration.** Students will be required to document their learning activities by providing photos, journals and observations from the day.

**Options to Visit: Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand; National Archives and Library.**

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense***Monday, 04 June 2018****“QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY”****Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Unsupervised exploration.** Students will be required to document their learning activities by providing photos, journals and observations from the day.

**Options to Visit: Te Papa, Museum of New Zealand; National Archives and Library.**

*Lunch and Dinner – At own expense*

## **Tuesday, 05 June 2018**

**Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Walk or take public transport to Parliament House**

**PM: Visit Wellington Parliament House (including guided tour) – house sitting but not guaranteed**

Participate in a guided tour of New Zealand’s parliament house – Take a tour with one of their trained guides to visit key parts of Parliament’s buildings and learn about their parliamentary processes.

- Hear about the everyday life and activities of Parliament, with stories from the past and present.
- Learn about New Zealand’s system of government and parliamentary processes.
- Find out about the history, architecture, refurbishment, and restoration of Parliament Buildings.
- Discover some of the artworks displayed in the parliamentary complex that celebrate our rich cultural heritage

*Lunch and Dinner - At own expense*

## **Wednesday, 06 June 2018**

**Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Unsupervised exploration**

*Lunch – At own expense*

Walk to the Great War Exhibition (approx. 15 minutes from Hotel)

**3pm Great War Exhibition – Guided Tour**

The Exhibition comes alive with a historically informative journey throughout the Exhibition. Our tour guides will outline the key events that shaped World War One and will add fascinating insights about New Zealand’s role in the conflict.

Walk back to the accommodation

*Dinner - At own expense*

## **Thursday, 07 June 2018**

**Breakfast – Included in the Program**

***UMN activities***

*Lunch and Dinner - At own expense*

## **Friday, 08 June 2018**

**Breakfast – Included in the Program**

**Walk or take public transport to the Queens Wharf, Wellington**

**Travel by Ferry to Matiu Somes Island (approx. 20 minutes) – ferry ticket included in the program****Visit Matiu Somes Island (incl. guided tour)**

Maori history, early European history, war stories and wildlife - this island, in the middle of Wellington Harbour, has it all. Explore a tranquil island and wildlife sanctuary in the middle of Wellington's beautiful harbour.

This island was originally named after Matiu, a daughter of the famous Polynesian explorer Kupe. Around 1840 it was renamed Somes Island when, along with most of the land around Wellington, it was acquired by the colonial New Zealand Company. The island is now officially known by its bilingual name, Matiu/Somes Island.

For generations, Maori occupied this island and used it as an important strategic pa site (defence fortress). A lighthouse on the island, built in 1866, was the first harbour light in New Zealand. Its replacement, built in 1900 and later automated, continues to guide and welcome sea-borne travellers into the safety of Wellington Harbour.

For more than 100 years the island operated as a quarantine station, initially for people and later for animals as well. A memorial remembers the unfortunate people who died on the island while in quarantine. During both world wars, the island served as a detention centre for people of alien nationality who were considered a security threat at the time. It also revived its role as a strategic defence position, and structures from the World War II heavy anti-aircraft positions can still be seen.

Today, the island is being re-forested with native plants by volunteers and organisations. Native birds, reptiles and invertebrates are also being released to thrive in the pest-free environment. On arrival, visitors are asked to check their bags for small stowaways (rodents) in the quarantine shed.

We will arrange for a guide to take you around the Island. These are generally taken by our volunteer Eastbourne Forest rangers and cover the fascinating multi-layered history of the island as well as the historic and biodiversity conservation which is taking place now. They also increase your chance of finding some of the rare and rather shy wildlife, and include a tour inside the maximum security quarantine station.

**Packed Lunch – Included in the Program****Travel back on the Ferry to Wellington****Walk or take public transport to your accommodation****Group Farewell Dinner – Included in the Program****Saturday, 09 June 2018****Breakfast – Included in the Program****Depart by Chartered Coach to the Wellington Airport for your flight back to USA (via Auckland)**