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A comfort oriented full-service Agricultural Networking tour to New Zealand with 50 to 50 distribution between farm visits and sightseeing.

A Ukraine based international business travel company **Travelite MICE&Travel Ukraine** is willing to provide you with the best service in a paradise-like country.

With over 15 years' experience of organizing premium class farm/networking tours for Ukrainian farmers we are going to share our quality services with participants worldwide.

Under the currently going russian aggression against Ukraine, we commit to donate a share of the profit from the trip towards the program of rebuilding small family farms in Ukraine www.wrru.org.

Roman Grynysyn, a founder of the company, will be personally accompanying the group as a tour coordinator.



WHO IS THE TOUR TAILORED FOR?

Farmers, agricultural producers of various specializations and their families; representatives of AG industry including the service providers, inputs producers and retail representatives; university extension employees, agricultural educators; as well as **anyone English/Ukrainian speaking, who enjoys nature and farm tourism.**

THE DATES OF THE TOUR

The dates of the tour are **December 3rd – December 17th** (returning to the USA) / 18th (returning to Europe).

FARM VISITS

The tour is meant to show the best of ag industry operations on both islands of New Zealand. That includes visits with the most prominent AG producers from each of the industry specializations: a wheat yield record breaker, a premium quality cherry orchard, the biggest size blueberry orchard, the finest unique winery, a state of the art table grape orchard as well as world known merino wool sheep farms and much more.



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SIGHTSEEING

Within 15 days of traveling you will not only learn the best of the Ag industry of New Zealand, but also visit major natural tourist attractions. In between the business visits, the program includes sightseeing the world famous tourist attractions like the *Franz Josef Glacier*, *Milford Sound fiords*, the biggest gazer in the Southern Hemisphere – *Lady Knox*, *Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland*, the *Hobbiton Movie set* and many other fascinating locations of the most distant country in the world.



GROUP

The group will consist of up to **14 participants** accompanied by two project coordinators available at your service during the trip: a Ukrainian - Roman Grynshyn and an New Zealander - Bruce Hore. Dr. Steven Van Vleet, a WSU professor is joining the tour as an honored guest.

TRANSPORTATION

For the convenience of traveling along narrow country roads, we will be traveling in **two 8 seater minivans**. Therefore, if the group needs to split for a dinner between seafood lovers and lamb eaters there will be no problem satisfying everybody's gastronomical preferences ;).

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL

Minimum to moderate style of physical activity. The group is expected to have a lot of picturesque driving with a number of picnic and photographing stops by request.

COMFORT LEVEL

"Turnkey" with reasonable options opportunities. The coordinators accompany the group 24/7 and thus are doing their best to satisfy all the needs of every single traveler. Any desired deviation from the program is possible if supported by all the participants.



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PRICE

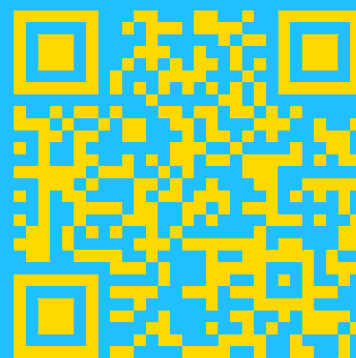
The price with registration before October 1st is **\$7350** and **\$7550** if you apply starting from October 2nd or later.

For details on payments breakdown apply for the tour following the QR code:

- Airfare economy class *San Francisco – Auckland; Queenstown – Auckland – San Francisco*;
- Accommodation in 4* class hotels. Double rooms (single rooms are possible at additional fee upon request). Most, but not all the hotels have breakfast included;
- Transportation and logistical services during all the tour in the minivans 24/7;
- Accompanying the group by two guides-coordinators including the author of the program;
- Entrance fees to all the visits are included into the program. The optional visits are mentioned with the price stated in the itinerary;
- A movie about your travel made from video taken by the project coordinators (sent within a month after the tour);

- Lunches and dinners to be paid separately by the participants during the tour;
- The price doesn't include any additional paid excursions unless marked as (free) or (covered) in the program below.

Once you make your decision to join this adventure with us, please follow a QR code and send us your request on our web-site form.



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Day 1 Dec 3

- **6:30am** Meet at *CDG* airport.
- **9:00am** Depart *CDG* for *SFO*.
- Arrive *SFO* and take a short drive to *San Francisco city* for lunch.
- **8:00pm** meet with the US part of the group at the gate for *Auckland*.
- **10:55pm** Depart *SFO* towards *Auckland*.

Day 2 Dec 4

- **15 hours** flight takes a full calendar day due to difference in time zones.

Day 3 Dec 5

- **8:45am** arrive *Auckland, New Zealand*.
- Breakfast
- **Visit a Muriwai Gannet Colony (covered)** – a cliff-settlement place of wild gannets, where they nest and raise their chicks.
- Lunch.
- **40 mins** drive.
- **Tour the city: visit the Sky Tower (covered)** – an iconic landmark in *Auckland's* skyline due to its height and design. The tower is 328 metres high, which makes it the 28th tallest in the world.
- **50 mins** drive.
- Dinner/Check in to the hotel in *Auckland*.



Day 4 Dec 6

- Breakfast.
- **2 hours** drive.
- **Tour Hobbiton – Lord of the Rings (covered)** – a local farm, which was used to build a movie-set used for shooting *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy and *The Hobbit* film trilogy.
- Lunch.
- **Visit the goat milking operation - OR - Rest at the beach on the Pacific ocean coast – Bay of Plenty (covered/TBD).**
- **45 mins** drive.
- Dinner/Check in to the hotel in *Rotorua*.

Day 5 Dec 7

- Breakfast.
- **45 mins** drive.
- **Visit Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (covered)**, a spectacular showcase of New Zealand's most colourful and unique geothermal elements sculpted by thousands of years of geothermal activity.
- **10:15am** – observe the eruption of *Lady Knox* – a unique geyser that can reach up to heights of 10-20 metres.
- Lunch.
- **Tour Waimangu volcanic valley (optional – \$60)**, an unspoiled, protected destination featuring the world's largest hot spring in lush natural surrounds. A nice walk between natural hot water pools with a nice relaxation inside some of them at the end of the route.
- Dinner/Check in to the hotel in *Taupo*.



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Day 6 Dec 8

- Breakfast.
- **2,5 hours** drive.
- **Tour Apatu Farms (covered)** – a family farm with multiple crops' specialization, who are a major contributor to New Zealand's export market and supplier to some of the biggest food brands in New Zealand.
- Lunch.
- **Optional visit to Gourmet Blueberries** – OR – **Taylor Corp apple orchard** (covered/TBD).
- Dinner/Check in to the hotel in *Hastings*.

Day 7 Dec 9

- Breakfast.
- **3 hours** picturesque drive.
- **Tour the region of Martinborough**, famous for its wineries and grape production.
- **Visit Ata Rangi winery**. A small family operation, who are famous worldwide for their Pinot Noir wine (covered).
- Lunch.
- **Take a Ferry to the South Island (covered) 4:00pm – 7:30pm.**
- Dinner/check-in to the hotel in *Picton/Rapaura*.

Day 8 Dec 10

- **8 hours** picturesque early morning drive with a stop for the picnic.
- **5:00 pm – Helicopter flight over the Franz Joseph Glacier (covered)** – a 12-kilometre-long (7.5 mi) temperate maritime glacier in *Westland Tai Poutini National Park* on the **West Coast of New Zealand's South Island**.
- Dinner/check-in to the hotel.



Day 9 Dec 11

- Breakfast.
- **4 hours** picturesque morning drive to *Cromwell*.
- Lunch.
- **Visit Fortune Fruit Company farm (covered)** – a state of the art cherry orchard, who produce, grade, sort and supply the biggest and firmest red sweet cherries to premium markets of *Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan* and other major Oriental cities.
- **45 mins** drive.
- **Optional visit of Maori Dances show at SkyLine Queenstown (not included).**
- Dinner/Check-in to the hotel in *Queenstown*.

Day 10 Dec 12

- Picturesque morning drive through the wilderness to the fjords (**3.5 hours**).
- **Tour Milford Sound fjords (covered)** – the 8th wonder of the world with entrance into the open waters of *Tasman Sea*.
- Lunch.
- Picturesque drive back to the hotel in *Queenstown*. Frequent stops for photo opportunities (**3.5 hours**).



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Day 11 Dec 13

- Breakfast.
- **2 hours** drive to *Maniototo*.
- **Tour the sheep farms:**
The Oliverburn Farm (covered) – a 100 years old sheep, beef cattle and beehive farm.
- Open air lunch.
- **Tour the sheep farms:**
Stonehenge Farm (covered) – about 1000 hectares farm raising merino sheep farm.
- **1.5 hours** drive.
- Dinner/check-in to the hotel in *Cromwell*.

Day 12 Dec 14

- **2 hours** drive to *Twizel*.
- **Tour the 4000-cow McIntyre family farm (covered)** with over a half of acreage is irrigated.
- **1 hour** picturesque drive to **Mountain Cook**.
- Lunch.
- **Tour the Mountain Cook National Park** – the park around the tallest mountain in *New Zealand* and plenty of various touristic activities.
- **Helicopter flight over the mountain (optional).**
- **2 hour** drive to *Lake Tekapo*.
- Dinner/check-in to the hotel.

Day 13 Dec 15

- Breakfast.
- **1,5 hours** drive to *Ashburton district*.
- **10:00 Tour Eric Watson's wheat farm** – winter wheat record yield holder since 2020 – 17,4 M.T.
- Lunch.
- **2:00 pm** – tour **LeaderBrand Farm** – a company which grows, harvests and distributes a wide range of fruit and vegetables nationally and internationally.
- **1 hour** drive to *Christchurch*.
- Dinner/check-in to the hotel.

Day 14 Dec 16

- Early **90 mins** flight to *Auckland*.
- **1:30 pm** check-in to the international flight to *SFO*.
- **3:50 pm** depart to *San Francisco*.
- **12.30 hours** flight.
- **7:05 am** arrive in *San Francisco* (due to change of time zone).

For the European participants:

- **8:25am** depart to *Washington DC*.
- **4:25pm** arrive in *Washington DC*.
- **5:40pm** depart to *Paris*.

Day 15 Dec 17

- **6:55am** arrive *Paris Charles de Gaulle airport*.

TBD stands for – To Be Decided by the Group during the tour upon availability.

- * The visits in the itinerary may be switched for the equal ones due to possible unexpected changes of plans or acts of god;
- ** The flight itinerary may differ due to availability of the tickets at the moment of registration for the trip. Any changes in flights schedule within the deadlines between the stated airports don't influence the price;
- *** Changes in the flight itinerary are possible upon availability of connections. To be negotiated upon request.



FARM VISITS



ATA RANGI

Ata Rangi is a small family-owned organic winery located at the southern end of the North Island. It was founded in 1980. More than 40 years on, they continue to work diligently to nurture Ata Rangi's enviable reputation as one of the new world's most respected pinot noir producers. The Ata Rangi team farms around 32 hectares, spread over 14 vineyards clustered around the village of Martinborough. Ata Rangi's home vineyards attained full organic status in 2014. The dedicated vineyard team does all vine work by hand from pruning in winter through to harvest in autumn.



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APATU FARMS

A family business farm started 41 years ago. Apart from growing apples, vegetables, and grapes, they offer a wide range of produce: along with livestock, harvesting, logistics, and export. Their business is a major contributor to New Zealand's export market and supplier to some of the biggest food brands in New Zealand.



FORTUNE FRUIT

The Company where you will find the finest and firmest cherries south of the equator started in 1998 and now has a well-established 34 plus hectare fully cherry producing orchard. Over the harvest period Fortune Fruit employees up to 120 people to pick and pack cherries. Fortune Fruit has in recent years installed a state of the art Red Pearl Optical cherry sorter, providing reliable grading for our customers in NZ and throughout the world.



FARM VISITS



STONEHENGE

Stonehenge farm spreads beneath the big blue sky of the Maniototo. This successful family farm was founded in 1910. Now the total acreage is 10,522ha. 250ha is irrigated, which guarantees all lambs and cattle can be sold prime instead of in a store state – sold to someone else to fatten.

In 1969, merino sheep, for which the property would gain an enviable reputation, were introduced.

Today, Stonehenge runs 9000 merino ewes, 700 Romney ewes, 5000 hoggets, 1800 merino wethers, 400 beef cows and their calves, which are sold as 2-year-olds.



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OLIVERBURN FARM

A 3rd generation farm celebrating its 100 years anniversary this December. They operate 3800 ha of land for alfalfa production and grazing of cattle. The farm raises 6000 sheep and 100 cows. In addition to animals, the farm produces manuka honey in 150 beehives. With 430 mm (17 inches) annual rainfall, the farm is installing pivots in some fields. A beef and sheep farm.



TWIZEL, DOUG MCINTYRE'S FARM

The McIntyre family started farming in 1909. Nowadays, the general acreage of the farm is about 2500ha. Mr. McIntyre had cleared the trees, put in 1100ha of irrigation on the flats and recently added more irrigation out the back of the property, which had been run as dryland. The family have been milking 4000 cows and 1200 sheep.

FARM VISITS

LEADERBRAND

Grows, harvests and distributes a wide range of fruit and vegetables nationally and internationally: broccoli, lettuce, sweetcorn, asparagus, pure'n ezy, squash, salad leaf, baby leaf, cut salad, slaws. Sustainability is at the heart of everything they do, and the growing stage is no exception. They grow their produce in permanent beds, rotating crops regularly to keep the land healthy and limit the environmental impact. Because they've got farms all over Aotearoa, they make sure each and every crop is grown in the climate that suits it best.

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ERIC WATSON'S FARM

Farmer Eric Watson from Ashburton produced an incredible 17.398 tonnes per hectare wheat crop, beating his previous world record crop grown in 2017 of 16.791 tonnes per hectare and setting the new world record for the Highest wheat yield, according to the WORLD RECORD ACADEMY.

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SIGHTSEEING



THE SKY TOWER is New Zealand's tallest man-made structure. Based in the heart of Auckland, the iconic 328 metre (1076 feet) tall Sky Tower has dominated the city skyline for over 20 years. Visitors can get an awesome 360-degree perspective on the city and surrounding areas.

GANNET CLIFF is one of only three places where gannets nest on the mainland in New Zealand. Here you get a scenic lookout over black sand beaches that stretch into the distance to north and south and the always dramatic sea roars in as long white breakers.



THE HOBBITON MOVIE SET is a significant location used for The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit film trilogies. Lack of power lines, roads or evidence of any human activity is the reason for choosing the location. The town began construction in 1999, and the crew took nine months to fully create the village.



LAKE TAUPO is the largest freshwater lake in Australasia. This huge, shining expanse of water, moving between aquamarine blue and jade green, is crystal-clear to a depth of 13 meters (43 feet). Lake Taupo was created approximately 27,000 years ago by a huge volcanic eruption.

WAIOTAPU THERMAL WONDERLAND is a spectacular showcase of New Zealand's unique geothermal elements sculpted by thousands of years of geothermal activity. Here you can admire naturally colored springs, bubbling mud, steaming ground, expansive vistas, huge volcanic craters and sinter terrace formations.



WAIMANGU VOLCANIC VALLEY a spectacular volcanic craters, enormous hot water springs, beautiful geothermal features, rare and unusual plant life, brilliantly coloured micro biology and a wide array of birds.



SIGHTSEEING



MILFORD SOUND is the jewel of Fiordland National Park, which is breath-taking in any weather – with its fiord's cliffs, mountainous peaks and waterfalls as high as 1000 metres. When it rains in Milford Sound, those waterfalls multiply with magnificent effect.



FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER is the heart of the Glacier Country, which is located amongst the untamed natural wilderness of the West Coast of the South Island in New Zealand. From the highest mountains, largest glaciers, rainforests dramatic beaches and everything in between – Glacier Country ticks all the boxes.

MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK is home of the highest mountains and the longest glaciers. It is alpine in the purest sense – with skyscraping peaks, glaciers and permanent snow fields, all set under a star-studded sky.

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