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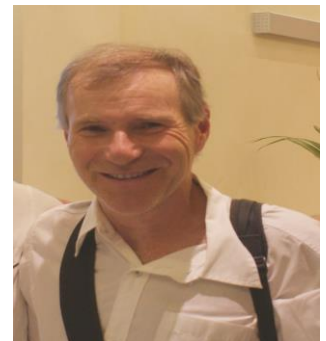
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## The Destination... NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a unique land of breathtaking scenery that includes some of nature's most surreal and stupendous ideas, from flightless birds to gigantic kauri trees. Superlatives abound here and visitors may struggle to adequately describe everything they see and experience.

Thrust into the world's spotlight by the success of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, the country has seen a massive surge in visitor numbers and continues to reap the benefits of this cinematic triumph; and if the country overwhelmed and wowed viewers on the big screen, it'll leave them breathless when they arrive and explore its remote, rugged and remarkable landscape in reality. New Zealand is deceptively diverse and complex, punching well above its weight in terms of what it can offer to both the first-time and repeat visitor.

It is a country made up of two major islands, simply called North and South Islands. They contrast in not only terrain and physical features but also in character and attractions.

The **North Island** is less dramatic visually than its southern counterpart, but is home to around two thirds of the country's inhabitants. The majority of the major urban centres are here, including the capital **Wellington**, situated between green hills and a magnificent harbour and renowned for its natural beauty and also its arts, and culture; and the largest city **Auckland**, known as "The City of Sails" with its numerous boats moored in its attractive harbour. And, not to be missed is **Rotorua**, a volcanic geothermal wonderland of spurting geysers, steaming hot springs and boiling mud pools and also the centre of Maori culture. But as well as being the more vibrant and multicultural of the islands, nature is still a major player here, with volcanoes, swathes of forest, gushing rivers, spectacular thermal regions and a mass of outdoor activities to undertake.

The **South Island**, in contrast, is home to far fewer people, but boasts the country's most spectacular scenery. Empty beaches, soaring mountain ranges, glaciers, fjords and wide-open expanses are all waiting to be discovered. **Christchurch**, steadily recovering from the 2011 earthquake is a charming city with a strong English atmosphere. **Queenstown**, located on Lake Wakatipu is the perfect centre to visit the fiordlands, including the majestic **Milford Sound** with its mountain peaks and cascading waterfalls as well as the Milford Track trek from the Sound to attractive Lake Te Anau through breathtaking alpine and fiord scenery.

New Zealand revels in its status as a world leader for ecotourism and has developed into one of the cleanest and greenest countries in the world. There are 14 national parks throughout the country and almost a quarter of New Zealand is protected land. Home to a mass of animals and birds including the reclusive kiwi, fur seals, yellow-eyed penguins, Hooker's sea lions, dolphins and whales, New Zealand is also a haven for wildlife enthusiasts and birdwatchers. Native trees and indigenous flora provide spectacular surrounds in which to seek out these local residents.

Pair the country's natural traits with a cultural resurgence that's seeing local films, literature, painting, sculpture and design gaining more and more attention, and there's a destination that's becoming increasingly cosmopolitan. Maori culture is thriving and the overall blend of indigenous and European culture provides a unique combination that's worth exploring in galleries, museums and theatres across the country. Throw in some exceptional local food and world-class wine, a slow food scene, thriving café culture, and a mass of regional specialities, and there's yet another reason to tour this small, but mighty, country.

Additional info can be found at:

<http://www.newzealand.com/>

## The Academic Program (approximately 15 CME hours) ...

The **detailed program itinerary below** provides information on the various medical facilities that we will be visiting to learn more about the healthcare system in New Zealand including a focus on **traditional Maori medicine**. There will also be a series of lectures throughout the tour from both local physicians and Canadian presenters together with interactive discussions, and complete information on the individual medical topics being presented will be included with your pre-departure documentation. In addition, any physician who would like to make a short presentation should contact our Group Medical Director, Dr. Peter Bloch (tel: 905-842-2660, e: [pmbloch@yahoo.com](mailto:pmbloch@yahoo.com) ), directly. A certificate of attendance will be provided to all attendees of the Academic Program.

## The Itinerary...

### DAY 1 – Jan 10, 2015 (Sat) – Depart Toronto

Depart Toronto in the morning for your flight to New Zealand. Your itinerary is as follows -

Dep:	Toronto (YYZ)	Air Canada	AC 799	10-Jan-15	10:55 AM
Arr:	Los Angeles (LAX)			10-Jan-15	1:34 PM
Dep:	Los Angeles (LAX)	Air New Zealand	NZ 3	10-Jan-15	7:45 PM
Arr:	Auckland (AKL)			12-Jan-15	5:45 AM

### DAY 2 – Jan 11 - In transit across the international date line

### DAY 3 – Jan 12 - Arrive Auckland (North Island, New Zealand) (D)

*Improbably strung across a series of volcanoes, and punctuated by islands of green, **Auckland** is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is also extraordinary for the diversity of its population, with one-third of its residents born overseas. This makes it a genuine cultural melting pot and the most vibrant city in New Zealand.*

*For unparalleled beauty, consider Auckland's natural assets. Framed by the summit of Maungawhau (Mt Eden), it is surrounded by the sweeping expanse of Waitematā Harbour to the north-west, with the distinctive cone of Rangitoto Island and the islands of the inner Hauraki Gulf to the north-east. On a clear day, Little Barrier (Hauturu) and Great Barrier (Aotea) islands and the Coromandel Peninsula shimmer in the distance.*





*Thanks to its location on a narrow isthmus, Auckland's districts weave around bays and harbours, so you're never far from the water. In total, Auckland and its surroundings are blessed with over 1,600km (994 miles) of unpolluted coastline featuring glorious beaches, so it's no surprise then that the city is obsessed with sailing, with more boats per capita in Auckland than any other city in the world, earning it the moniker 'City of Sails'.*

*Aside from its natural assets, Auckland is the country's most culturally diverse city, home to a significant Polynesian, Asian and Maori community, who make up almost half of it's population. This diversity is reflected in Auckland's eclectic restaurants serving quality Pacific Rim cuisine and its lovely boutiques and fine shops. Despite the fact that it's the country's largest city, it's surprisingly small and has a village-like ambience. From its vibrant, regenerated waterfront and ever-expanding Downtown district to its hip suburbs with their Edwardian and Victorian delights, Auckland teems with delights.*

Morning arrival in Auckland where you will be met by your guide from our local tour operator partner in New Zealand who will assist you to your waiting coach. Transfer to your hotel for check-in. Rest of the day at leisure to relax after your journey and to start to explore this cosmopolitan city. Maybe a ride on the historic tram, some shopping or a visit to the Botanical Gardens.



In the evening you will be transferred to the harbour and board the **Pride of Auckland dinner cruise**. Watch the fairy-tale lights of Auckland city pass by! A truly unique combination of sailing and dining, with a set fresh seafood menu! Enjoy the finest fresh produce in a calm and magnificent harbour setting. Your crew will be your hosts, cook and serve your meal and ensure your comfort. Then weigh anchor and the sails go up for an exhilarating after dinner sailing experience. (windproof and waterproof jackets provided to keep you warm and dry).

Return to the hotel.

Overnight in Auckland.

#### DAY 4 - Jan 13 – Auckland city tour, Maori Healing Centre (B, D)

**Physicians** - Early morning visit to a local hospital in Auckland to learn about the New Zealand healthcare system and meet with local doctors.

Afterwards, meet up with the rest of the group for an orientation tour of Auckland city. See first hand why is it known as the City of Sails as you enjoy a trip over the Harbour Bridge and through the Viaduct Harbour. The city of Auckland, with a population of almost one million, is the main gateway city to New Zealand. The dominating features of Auckland's cityscape are the graceful lines of the Harbour Bridge, the sparkling waters of Waitemata Harbour and Hauraki Gulf.



In the afternoon, visit of one of the most recognized Maori Healing Centers in New Zealand, **Kawai Purapura Retreat Centre & Holistic Village** where participants pursue self-exploration, growth and re-discover personal peace and wellbeing through a variety of holistic practices including yoga and reiki melded with traditional Maori healing practices.

Set in 19 acres of native New Zealand bush, Kawai Purapura signifies the nexus point between the past and the future - **Kawai** is the memory, the ancestry, the tracing of the lineage from the past; **Purapura** is the seed of the future.

There will be a presentation by the Director of Wellpark College, Philip Cottingham, who will speak about both how he and his wife founded Kawai Purapura Centre and also about the Integrative Medicine practiced at the center. He will be accompanied by one of the Maori elders, Ngati Whatua.

<http://www.kawaipurapura.co.nz/>



Dinner tonight will be at the Orbit revolving restaurant.

Overnight in Auckland.

#### DAY 5 – Jan 14 – Auckland - Waitomo - Rotorua (B, L, D)



**Rotorua** - the home of fascinating Māori culture, hot springs and boiling mud pools. No visit to New Zealand would be complete without stopping here. Rotorua is one place where the turbulent forces that formed New Zealand are most evident. This city, on the Volcanic Plateau, has one of the world's most lively fields of geothermal activity and sits squarely on the Pacific Rim of Fire and it's potential as a spa destination was recognized as early as the 1880s. It is also the ancestral home of the Te Arawa people who settled here more than 600 years ago and their presence offers the visitor numerous cultural experiences.



This morning, bid farewell to the city of sails and travel south via Te Awamutu and Hamilton past the Waikato Valley. The whole region is riddled with caves and strange limestone formations. At the famous **Waitomo Glow Worm Caves** enjoy the world famous boat ride under thousands of magical glowworms and become a part of over 120 years of cultural and natural history. The lights are actually a type of gnat larvae which have luminescent organs producing a soft, greenish light.



Enjoy a BBQ buffet lunch at Roseland Farm & Restaurant before continuing by coach to Rotorua and checking into your hotel.



In the afternoon, visit the Tamaki Maori Cultural Village for a **Rongoa presentation by a Maori Medicine Practitioner**. After the Rongoa presentation, join a traditional Maori Hangi (feast) dinner and enjoy a traditional show with a Maori arts and crafts demonstration.

Overnight in Rotorua.

**Rongoā Māori** is an ancient traditional integrated healing system. Mātauranga Māori – Māori Wisdom knowledge was passed on by direct transmission orally i.e. chanting, karakia – invocation. There are diverse tribal practices which are specific to the geographical location. i.e. forest, coastal, lakes and mountains. Wairuatanga – Wisdom knowledge is the foundation which encompasses herbal remedies, body therapies and spiritual practices. Native Plant remedies known as Rongoa Rākau provide the herbal pharmacy from which skin ailments, urinary tract, digestive and circulatory remedies are used to assist the holistic healing process.

#### DAY 6 – Jan 15 - Rotorua and region (B, L)

Start your day with a visit to the **Rotorua Museum**. Discover the great stories of the Rotorua region through the innovative exhibitions and cinema experiences. Learn about the rich culture, volatile landscape and legendary figures that have shaped this fascinating region. The innovative exhibitions and entertaining cinema experiences will capture your imagination. Discover the great stories of the Rotorua region. The stunning Bath House building can be explored from the mud bath basement to the viewing platform on the rooftop.

Continue your tour to the **Buried Village** - with its award-winning museum, recreated pioneer cottage, Maori whare and excavated sites is a must-see attraction for anyone visiting Rotorua. The scenic nature trail, which includes a walk to the stunning Wairere waterfall, and Vi's Teahouse onsite are attractions in their own right. The excavated village offers a first-hand insight into the chaos and mayhem that transpired the night Mount Tarawera erupted. It is an authentic appreciation of the people of Te Wairoa, both Maori and European, on how they lived... and died.

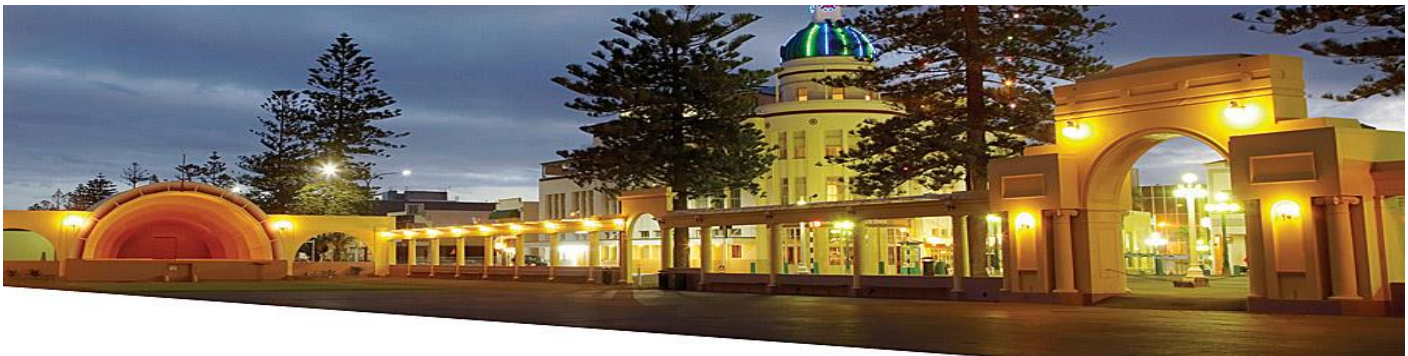
Lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit **Wai-O-Tapu** and explore spectacular nature at New Zealand's most colourful volcanic area. Enjoy seeing unique volcanic features as you walk at your own pace along well defined tracks. Sculptured out of volcanic activity and thousands of years in the making, Wai-O-Tapu is considered to be New Zealand's most diverse geothermal sightseeing attraction. And your visit to Wai-O-Tapu would not be complete without taking the opportunity to visit what is locally known as the Mud Pool - the site of a large mud volcano which was destroyed through erosion in the 1920's and which now represents one of the best opportunities to experience the unique character and sounds of erupting mud in New Zealand.

Overnight in Rotorua.



#### DAY 7 – Jan 16 – Rotorua - Napier (B, D)



**Napier**, or the *Art Deco Capital of the World*, as it is often called, is the regional center of Hawke's Bay New Zealand and is the main point for the export of wool as well as fruits. The Napier area is believed to have been settled by the Maori as early as the 9th century. In 1769, Captain James Cook arrived in this area, which was the first part of New Zealand to be sighted by him. The town was founded in 1854 and named after Sir Charles Napier, the British military hero who fought in Sindh, India. Napier was thoroughly destroyed by the earthquake of 1931 and, as a result, was rebuilt in the Art Deco style which was fashionable in those days. The town has some of the best preserved Art Deco buildings in the world on par with South Beach, Miami. The town also serves as an excellent base to explore the world famous Hawkes Bay wine area.



Your day will start enjoying breakfast while **cruising along Lake Rotorua**. Relax as you gently glide along the waters on the traditional paddle steamer for a delicious early breakfast cruise while enjoying the beautiful views of Mokoia Island, Kawaha Point, Sulphur Bay and other landmarks of Rotorua.

Depart Rotorua to Napier. A pleasant drive will take you into the heart of the Hawke's Bay area, well known for its fruit growing and wine industry, the latter producing around 60% of New Zealand's wine product.

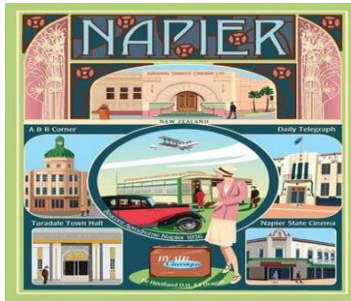
Check-in to your hotel.



In the afternoon take a specialised **Art Deco tour of Napier**. Napier's now famous Art Deco reputation was a result of the massive earthquake of February 1931 and the subsequent rebuilding of the city in the Art Deco style so popular in the 1930's. Registering 7.9 on the Richter scale, the earthquake levelled almost all of the buildings in Napier and raised the sea bed by 2.5 metres.

This tour combines a gentle walk through Napier city centre with a guided coach tour of the wider Napier area and is a truly complete Art Deco experience. Joining your coach, an Art Deco Trust guide will provide commentary on a tour including Ahuriri port and the 1930s residential suburb of Marewa. Disembarking at the Art Deco Centre, enjoy a walking tour through the city centre, providing a fascinating insight into the 1931 earthquake and the city's rebirth into a world renowned Art Deco gem.

Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Napier.



## DAY 8 – Jan 17 – Napier winelands (B, L)



Today you will be joined by a specialized local guide who will take you on a comprehensive tour of the winelands of the area, including wine tastings and a winery tour. Visit the world famous **Gimblett Gravels Winegrowing District** and take time to look at the type of ground conditions the vines are growing in. Visit New Zealand's only winery museum and take a tour through the winery and also explore the old semi-underground fermentation tanks of yesteryear that are now set up as a museum and also many natural cellars. The wine making process will be explained from the arrival of the grapes through to the finished wines... white and reds separately.

Overnight in Napier

**Gimblett Gravels** is a brand representing some of the world's finest full bodied red wines created from a special terroir located in Hawke's Bay, North Island, New Zealand.

In 2001, wine producers and winegrowers with land in this special area, formed the Gimblett Gravels Winegrowers Association in order to, collectively, promote wines from this special area to the world. The Gimblett Gravels brand combines the French concept of terroir with modern day thinking to define, protect and market wine. In what is believed to be a first for winegrowers in the New World - wine growing countries outside Europe - Gimblett Gravels wines are based on the ultimate designation of their district according to a tightly specified soil type as the Gimblett Gravels Winegrowing District, covering 800ha, is strictly determined by the gravelly soils laid down by the old Ngaruroro River, which were exposed after a huge flood in the 1860's.



**DAY 9 – Jan 18 – Napier - Wellington (B, D,)**



*Named after the Duke of Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, and situated at the southern end of the North Island, **Wellington** is the capital and the political center of New Zealand and was recently named "the coolest little capital in the world" by Lonely Planet. Nestled between a sparkling harbour and rolling green hills, New Zealand's capital city is renowned for its arts and native beauty as well as being the best place to experience the art and culture of the Maori and Kiwis. Art galleries, museums and theaters abound in Wellington, including the renowned Te Papa National Museum of New Zealand. Known as the culinary capital of New Zealand, Wellington is famous for its tucked-away bars, quirky cafes, award-winning restaurants and great coffee.*

Today drive from Napier to Wellington, the capital of New Zealand. Your journey will take you across the **Rimutaka Ranges** with it's spectacular landscapes.

Check into your hotel.

Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Wellington.



**DAY 10 – Jan 19 – Wellington (City tour) (B, D)**

**Physicians** - Early morning visit to a local hospital in Wellington to continue to learn about the New Zealand healthcare system and meet with local doctors.

Afterwards, meet up with the rest of the group for an orientation tour of Wellington. Enjoy harbour and hill views from some of the city's most spectacular vantage points, as well as pass by many of Wellington's most famous sights, landmarks, and icons including the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere and various buildings exemplifying classic early Wellington architecture. Enjoy breathtaking 360-degree views of Wellington City, hills and the harbour from the summit of Mount Victoria, and drive around the rugged and scenic bays of Wellington Harbour. Complete your day with a ride on the historic cable car up the hill to Kelburn for amazing views over the city.

Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Wellington.



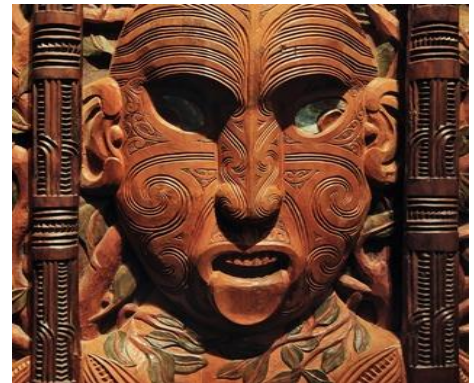
**DAY 11 – Jan 20 – Wellington (Academic Conference, Te Papa Museum) (B, L)**

**Physicians - Morning medical conference at hotel featuring local and Canadian speakers.** Non-physicians will enjoy leisure time to continue to explore New Zealand's capital independently.

In the afternoon, walk to **Te Papa Museum**. The Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, is the national museum and art gallery of New Zealand. It is branded and commonly known as Te Papa and Our Place; "Te Papa Tongarewa" is broadly translatable as "the place of treasures of this land". Experience an in-depth tour of Te Papa's collection highlights for an overview of what makes New Zealand unique. Explore New Zealand diverse natural environment, experience Māori culture and treasures, and learn about the country's art and colonial history. Discover this vibrant land, its dynamic culture, and the spirit of its people.

<http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/pages/default.aspx>

Balance of day and evening at leisure. Overnight in Wellington.



**DAY 12 – Jan 21 – Wellington - Queenstown (B, D)**





Situated in a spectacular setting on the banks of Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by the Richardson and Eyre mountain ranges, **Queenstown** is known as one of the world's top adventure capitals as well as serving as an excellent base from which to take day trips to the world famous natural attractions such as Milford Sound and Te Anau in the Fjordland National Park. Some say its name was coined by gold prospectors, captivated by the regal beauty of the surrounding mountains and rivers. It's iconic scenery also resulted in the city and the surrounding area being the backdrop for many of the scenes in the highly-acclaimed "The Lord of the Rings" movie trilogy. Queenstown's dining scene and watering holes are also legendary with its compact size making for a vibrant atmosphere in any season.

Transfer to Wellington airport for your morning flight to Queenstown on New Zealand's South Island.

Transfer to your hotel for check-in with afternoon at leisure to begin exploring this magnificently located town.

This evening, ride the **gondola to Bob's Peak** and enjoy dinner while watching breathtaking views over the lake and mountains.

Overnight in Queenstown.



#### DAY 13 – Jan 22 – Milford Sound cruise (B, L)



Te Anau

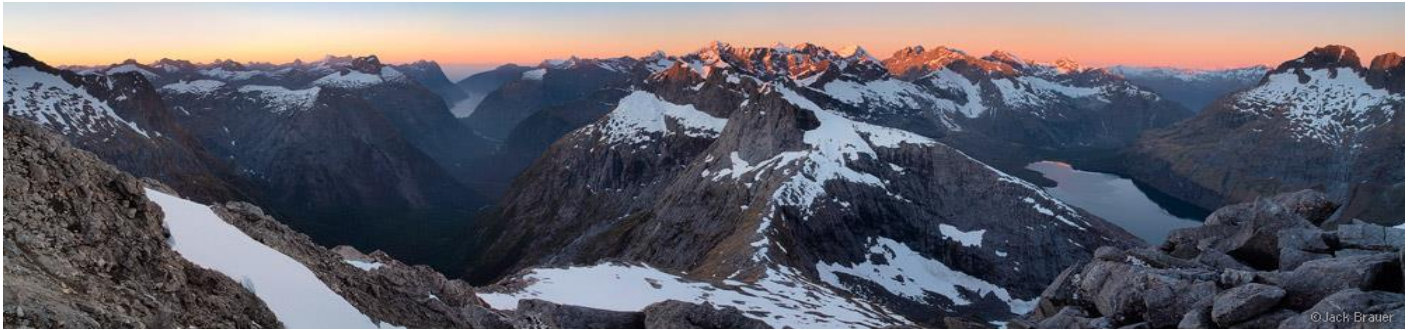


Milford Sound

Situated on the west coast of the South Island, **Milford Sound** is a fusion of spectacular natural features with amazing visual cues around every corner. Described by Rudyard Kipling as the 'eighth wonder of the world', Milford Sound is a breathtaking, 16km long fjord carved by glaciers out to the Tasman Sea during the ice ages. The fiord's cliffs rise vertically from the dark waters, mountain peaks scrape the sky and waterfalls cascade downwards, some as high as 1000 metres. It is breathtaking in any weather. and, when it rains in Milford Sound, and it often does, those waterfalls multiply with magnificent effect.

On boarding a luxury glass-roofed coach in Queenstown, travel along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and through the rolling countryside to **Te Anau** - a picturesque town on the eastern shore of Lake Te Anau, the largest lake in the South Island in **Fjordland National Park**. Lake Te Anau is the largest lake in the South Island . There will be time for photo stops and short walks along the way. On reaching **Milford Sound**, enjoy a full length cruise of the fiord in modern, purpose built vessels offering excellent viewing of waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife with large windows, spacious decks and comfortable lounges. Following the cruise, return to Queenstown.

Overnight in Queenstown.



#### DAY 14 – Jan 23 - Dart River Jet Wilderness Safari (B, D)

Today, you'll experience the area's longest exhilarating wilderness **jet boat journey** as you navigate the ever changing shallow channels of the glacier fed **Dart River's braided river system**. Several stops along the way to highlight and discuss points of interest that make this such a unique area of natural and cultural importance.

Explore the unique vegetation and wildlife on a guided walk through ancient native forest, and discover why New Zealand is in a very real sense the 'Ark' of the ancient super continent, Gondwanaland.



Dinner at a local restaurant in Queenstown.

Overnight in Queenstown.

#### DAY 15 –Jan 24 - Queenstown - Franz Josef Glacier (B, D)



*It seems improbable that you could find a glacier on a South Pacific island and ice in a temperate rainforest, but that's New Zealand for you - full of surprises. Nowhere else in the world outside arctic regions will you find glaciers just 300m (1,000 ft.) above sea level and just 12km (7 1/2 miles) from the sea.*

*Franz Josef Glacier is one of two glaciers (the other being Fox Glacier) which are just a small part of the 115,000-hectare (284,000-acre) **Westland National Park**, an impressive area of high mountains, glacial lakes, and rushing rivers. In 1990, the combined Mount Cook/Westland National Parks, Fiordland National Park, Mount Aspiring National Park, and all the significant adjacent natural areas were incorporated into a single vast **Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area (Te Wahipounamu)**, which contains about 10% of New Zealand's total land area, or 2.6 million hectares (6.4 million acres).*



Today, head north along the West Coast on the spectacular Route 6 from Queenstown to **Franz Josef Glacier** in the **Westland / Tai Poutini National Park**. Drive past stunning lakes, including the crystal clear waters of **Lake Wanaka**, and lush rainforests as you traverse the Southern Alps via the 564m **Haast Pass**, named after Julius von Haast, a 19th-century explorer who was also geologist for the Provincial government of Canterbury.

Arrive at Franz Josef and check-in to your hotel.

Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Franz Josef.



#### Day 16 – Jan 25 – Franz Josef - Tranz Alpine Express - Christchurch (B, D)

Known as the 'Garden City', **Christchurch** is interwoven by two rivers linking parks, gardens and avenues. Bordered by the Port Hills and the Pacific Ocean, it is situated on the Canterbury Plains with the Southern Alps as a majestic backdrop. The award-winning Christchurch Botanic Gardens feature one of the finest collections of exotic and native plants found in New Zealand,

In February 2011, Christchurch was hit by a huge earthquake. Much of the central city with its classic neo-gothic architecture was destroyed. But it remains a beautiful city, a city where you can cycle alongside the river or indulge in fine sophisticated dining. The historic buildings remaining are being restored and quake-proofed and the old tram is back on the tracks running from New Regent Street, the 1930s Spanish Mission retail pedestrian street, through 'the square', past the Arts Centre and onto the gothic revival building which houses the 1869 Canterbury Museum.



Continue today on Route 6 beside the Southern Alps as you continue to head north through these spectacular landscapes.

Stop at the coastal town of **Hokitika**, one of the early historic mining towns first settled in 1860, after the discovery of gold on the west coast. It was an important river port, but many ships came to grief on the notorious 'Hokitika Bar' – a sandbar that shifts with every tide. However, before the gold rushes, Maori were already heading here in search of another precious stone – pounamu which was prized for its strength, durability and beauty and used for weapons, tools and personal ornaments – it also denoted great status. Pounamu was found in the Arahura River and is also known as greenstone or New Zealand jade. Visit a **local Jade Factory** to see how the stone is finished and made into beautiful jewelry and ornamental pieces.

Continue along the coast to Greymouth to board the famous **Tranz Alpine Express** to Christchurch. Enjoy thrilling vistas over deep gorges along one of the most spectacular train journeys in the world. Travel alongside the ice-fed Waimakariri River and traverse the mighty Southern Alps where chiseled alpine landscape will take your breath away at every turn.

Upon arrival at the station in Christchurch you will be transferred to your hotel.

Farewell dinner will be at Customs House.

Overnight in Christchurch.



#### DAY 17 – Jan 26, 2015 (Mon) – Christchurch - Toronto (B)

Free time to explore Christchurch independently in the morning before transfer to the airport for your return flight to Canada (If you are extending your time in New Zealand the Cook Islands, see the separate extension section of our brochure on page 18)

Arrival back in Toronto on the evening of January 26, 2015 as you gain time and cross back across the international date line.

Your itinerary is as follows -

Dep	Christchurch (CHC)	Air New Zealand	NZ 532	26-Jan-15	4:05 PM
Arr:	Auckland (AKL)			26-Jan-15	5:25 PM
Dep:	Auckland (AKL)	Air New Zealand	NZ 84	26-Jan-15	8:00 PM
Arr:	Vancouver (YVR)			26-Jan-15	12:15 PM
Dep:	Vancouver (YVR)	Air Canada	AC 1176	26-Jan-15	3:30 PM
Arr:	Toronto (YYZ)			26-Jan-15	10:56 PM



## The hotel bases...

CITIES	HOTELS
Auckland (2 nights)	Langham Hotel (5*)
Rotorua (2 nights)	Novotel Lakeside (4*)
Napier (2 nights)	County Hotel (5*)
Wellington (3 nights)	Museum Hotel (4*)
Queenstown (3 nights)	Novotel Queenstown (4*)
Franz Joseph Glacier (1 night)	Franz Joseph Scenic Hotel (4*)
Christchurch (1 night)	Novotel Cathedral Square (4*)

As denoted above, the accommodation will be in a combination of 4 and 5 star properties. (In the unlikely event that a property needs to be changed it will be substituted with one of a similar standard)

## The price... Cdn \$9,495 / person (Early Booking Price valid until September 8, 2014 – save \$500/person)

Pricing (exc. Insurance) / per person	Inc. Air from Toronto
Per person (double occupancy)	
- registrations up to Sep 8, 2014	<b>\$9,495</b>
- registrations after Sep 8, 2014	\$9,995
Single supplement	\$1,800
Single share matching fee	\$ 300 **
Transportation / hotel taxes and fees	\$ 740
Academic program registration fee (per MD registrant)	\$ 550

\*\* Single share matching fee – can't find a traveling partner but don't want to pay the single supplement? We'll keep our eyes open for similar clients and try and find you a compatible person to share a room with. However, if we are unable to find you a suitable companion the single supplement will be payable.

### REPEAT CUSTOMER DISCOUNT

If you have travelled with doctors-on-tour before, you are eligible for our Repeat Customer Discount. Simply deduct \$100 /person for each separate tour that you have travelled with the company on up to a maximum of \$300 /person (ie travelled on one previous tour, deduct \$100; two tours, \$200; three or more tours, \$300). Please note, this discount is subject to the payment (s) for the tour being made by cheque. The discount is to be made from the final balance payment with the deposit amount being paid in full.

## Inclusions and exclusions...

**Included** in the price :

- International flights on Air New Zealand from Toronto to Auckland, New Zealand return
- Domestic flights in New Zealand (Wellington-Queenstown and Christchurch-Auckland)
- Modern, air conditioned coach transportation (including bottled water)
- All meet and greet services and arrival and departure transfers
- 14 nights in a combination of 4 and 5 star hotel accommodation as specified
- 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 10 dinners
- Comprehensive daily itineraries including privately escorted tours of local cultural sites, museums and attractions
- All admission fees (except those specifically noted above)
- Visits to local wineries highlighting the different grapes of the regions, including wine tasting
- Milford Sound Cruise
- Dart River Jet Wilderness Safari
- CME program including tours of various local medical facilities (Academic Program Certificate provided)
- Fully escorted program including services of local cultural experts
- Porterage

## Exclusions

- Any meals or activities not mentioned above
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, drinks etc)
- Guide gratuities
- Local and international airport departure taxes (none at August 2014)
- Travel insurance – please note, **travel insurance (including medical and trip interruption coverage) is highly recommended** for this tour. Coverage is available through Doctors-on-tour – please check for further details in our brochure.

For **invoicing** purposes re doctors and their spouse, we can also provide a separate invoice with the doctor's air cost plus 100% of the accommodation costs included in the doctor's invoice.

**OUR PROGRAMS HAVE LIMITED CAPACITY AND ARE SUBSCRIBED FOR MANY MONTHS IN ADVANCE AND THEREFORE RECOMMEND REGISTERING (WITH A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$500 PER PERSON, PLUS APPLICABLE TRAVEL INSURANCE PREMIUM) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION.**

**REGISTER BY SEP 8, 2014 AND SAVE \$1,000/COUPLE !!**

## Misc information you need to know re New Zealand...

### Travel documentation and visas

An entry visa is not required for Canadian citizens but your passport must have an expiry date no earlier than 3 months after your scheduled departure date from New Zealand.

### Mandatory vaccinations - None

Recommended vaccinations - Hepatitis B, Measles



## OPTIONAL 5 DAY EXTENSION TO THE COOK ISLANDS - PARADISE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC...

**JAN 26 – FEB 1, 2015 (includes 2 additional days in Christchurch, New Zealand)**

There will also be an opportunity to extend your trip for 5 days in **The Cook Islands** as well as, due to flight schedules, an additional 2 days in Christchurch, New Zealand at the end of your main New Zealand tour.

The Cook Islands lie halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii in the South Pacific, scattered like fragrant frangipani petals floating across 2.2 million square kilometres of a seductive, sensual ocean. Boasting rare beauty, an idyllic climate, warm welcoming people with the widest white smiles and a pace of life unsurpassed for peace this island paradise is the perfect place to kick back and relax after your New Zealand adventure.

<http://www.cookislands.travel/>



**Rarotonga** is the capital of the Cook Islands and international gateway to this collection of south-seas paradise islands. It is a modern, well-resourced, safe and culturally-vibrant destination and its picture-perfect vistas have magnetised the hearts and minds of voyagers for well over a thousand years.

Being the nation's commercial centre, Rarotonga holds the seat of national government. An International airport, combined with modern telecommunications, full banking facilities, media interests, a shipping port and yachting marina together with a spread of retail shopping all cater for the local population and visitors' needs and interests alike.

Enduring drawcards include jungle tours, quad bike adventures, mountain treks, scenic flights over turquoise lagoons and lush landscapes of Rarotonga, water activities, or simply relaxing on one of many picturesque romantic beaches. The fabulous Muri Lagoon, offers a wealth of aqua activities including eco-tour cruises, laser-yacht sailing, snorkelling, kite surfing and swimming. Other island-wide adventures include guided hikes into the valleys, cross-island walks, nature trails of native flora and avian habitats, scuba diving expeditions, deep sea fishing tours, independent kayaking, wind surfing and kitesurfing lessons, and stand-up paddleboarding. Popular evening pastimes include island night cultural shows, intimate dining experiences and lively bus tours to the local night spots.

### Pacific Resort Rarotonga (4\*\*\*\*)

Situated on the island of Rarotonga on the beautiful Muri lagoon, The Pacific Resort Rarotonga is the island's leading full service authentic boutique resort situated in an unrivalled location on the glorious white sands of Muri beach. The resort offers an intimate collection of 64 studio rooms, suites & two and three bedroom villas. All decorated in a contemporary Polynesian style; where simple, lazy days meet luxurious evenings, restaurant with bar, pool, tennis courts, room service, games room, gift shop, tour desk, guest laundry, day spa and hair salon, daily activities program, snorkeling gear, business center.

Dining at Pacific Resort Rarotonga offers an array of options to suit any taste. Casual beachfront dining is available at the Barefoot Bar, where you can also treat yourself to a cocktail (or two!). Enjoy the ambience either on our beachfront stone patio or with your feet literally in the sand at our tables set up on the beach. You may also like to visit the Pacific Village café for an al fresco dining experience with house specialities that include pizza, pasta, salads and fresh juice.

Taste the delicious Pacific and international cuisine on offer at Sandals Restaurant, or sample local dishes during the weekly 'Pacific Night' held at the resort which allows guests to experience the warm culture of the Cook Islands with traditional food, music and dance. Alternatively, indulge in ordering room service for breakfast, lunch or dinner while relaxing privately in your room or enjoy a snack on your sun lounger – beachside or poolside. During your stay you may choose to spend lazy days basking in the sun and exploring Muri Lagoon, or make use of the many activities on offer that include paddle boarding, kayaking, and windsurfing. Adventurous guests may be tempted to try kite surfing, lessons for which are available from local operators scattered along Muri Beach.

Features of the property : On Site Restaurant, Bar / Lounge, Day Spa, Outdoor Swimming Pool, BBQ Area, Wi-Fi Internet, 24 hour Reception, DVD Library, Guest Laundry, Hairdresser, In House Movies, Tour Desk, Non-Smoking Property

<http://www.pacificrarotonga.com/Rarotonga/index>



#### Premium Garden Suite

Ideally located in the heart of the resort, the Premium Garden Suite is just a short walk from Sandals Restaurant & Barefoot Bar, Muri Beach and the resort swimming pool. The gardens that surround this room create a feeling of privacy and seclusion, providing guests with a sense of true island escape. Suites are open plan and decorated in contemporary style.

Each air conditioned suite includes a furnished patio and outdoor area, a spacious modern bathroom, open plan living space complete with bedroom and stylish living area, one King-size bed (or two king singles), kitchen facilities including toaster, mini fridge with tea & coffee making facilities, as well as a flat screen TV. Size is 44m2





### Premium Beachfront Suite

Escape to your Premium Beachfront Suite, conveniently located on the doorstep of the beautiful Muri Lagoon. Situated only metres from the white sandy beach, these rooms offer the same facilities as the Garden Suite plus uninterrupted views of the lagoon's brilliant turquoise waters and the 3 islets within the lagoon. Start your day with a beautiful seaside sunrise viewed from the comfort of your king bed. Ideal for couples, this room offers 53sqm of coastal luxury. Size is 53m2.

### DAY 17 – Jan 26 – Christchurch (B)

Free time to explore Christchurch independently.

Overnight in Christchurch.

### DAY 18 – Jan 27 – Christchurch (B)

Free time to explore Christchurch independently.

Overnight in Christchurch.

### DAY 19 – Jan 28 – Christchurch (B) to the Cook Islands - arriving on Jan 27 (Day 18) !

A unique day because..... you will travel back in time ! Early morning departure from Christchurch for your flight to Auckland with connecting flight to Raratonga in the Cook Islands but, because of crossing the international date line, you will actually arrive in the Cooks on January 27. Flight itinerary as follows -

Dep	Christchurch (CHC)	Air New Zealand	NZ 500	28-Jan-14	6:00 AM
Arr:	Auckland (AKL)			28-Jan-14	7:20 AM
Dep:	Auckland (AKL)	Air New Zealand	NZ 46	28-Jan-14	8:45 AM
Arr:	Raratonga (RAR)			27-Jan-14	1:35 PM

Afternoon arrival in Raratonga where you will be met by your guide from our local tour operator partner in the Cook Islands and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Overnight in Raratonga.

### Day 18 - 22 – Jan 27 - 31 - Pacific Resort Raratonga, Cook Islands (B)

Four full days to enjoy the facilities of the resort, explore the island or just kick back and relax and relive the memories of all that you have experienced on your trip.

On one of the days, we have arranged for you to go on a **glass bottom boat cruise on the Koka Lagoon** where you will be able to view the spectacular ocean life in crystal clear waters including opportunities to snorkel off the boat followed by a seafood BBQ lunch and local show.

### Day 22 – Jan 31 - Raratonga - Return flight to Canada (B)

Enjoy the benefit of a late check out (until 6pm) at the resort, before being transferred to Raratonga airport for your flight back to Canada - flight itinerary as follows -

Dep:	Raratonga (RAR)	Air New Zealand	NZ 18	31-Jan-15	11:50 PM
Arr:	Los Angeles (LAX)			1-Feb-15	11:30 AM
Dep:	Los Angeles (LAX)	Air Canada	AC 796	1-Feb-15	2:25 PM
Arr:	Toronto (YYZ)			1-Feb-15	10:05 PM

### Day 23 – Feb 1 - Arrive Toronto

Evening arrival in Toronto

**The price... Cdn \$1,580 / person**

<b>Pricing (exc. Insurance) / per person</b>	
Per person (double occupancy)	
- Premium Garden Suite	<b>\$1,580</b>
- Premium Garden Suite (single supplement)	<b>\$1,150</b>
- Premium Beachfront Suite	\$1,780
- Premium Beachfront Suite (single supplement)	\$1,330
Transportation / hotel taxes and fees	\$ 110

### Inclusions and Exclusions...

#### Inclusions –

- International air flight deviations from New Zealand to the Cook Islands
- 2 nights accommodation at Novotel Christchurch, Christchurch, New Zealand (includes breakfast)
- 4 nights accommodation at Pacific Resort, Raratonga in the Cook Islands, including guaranteed late check out on departure day (Includes tropical breakfast daily, introductory scuba lesson and scheduled daily activities as well as use of kayaks, snorkeling gear, beach towels and sun loungers)
- Koka Lagoon glass bottom boat tour including BBQ lunch and local show
- All meet and greet services and arrival and departure transfers (note: this optional extension will not have a tour escort present)

#### Exclusions –

- Any meals or activities not mentioned above
- All items of a personal nature such as spa services, telephone / internet usage, drinks etc
- Airport departure taxes (approx USD\$25)
- Travel insurance – please note, travel insurance (including medical and trip interruption coverage) is highly recommended for this tour. Coverage is available through Doctors-on-Tour – please check for further details in our brochure.



## Misc information you need to know re the Cook Islands...

### Travel documentation and visas

An entry visa is not required for Canadian citizens but your passport must have an expiry date no earlier than 6 months after your scheduled departure date from the Cook Islands.

### Mandatory vaccinations - None

Recommended vaccinations - Hepatitis A & B, Measles

## Insurance information...

We strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance to provide you with peace of mind due to, in particular, limited provincial health care coverage afforded to Canadians while traveling overseas and the cancellation provisions inherent in your booking. We offer two insurance coverage options –

**Non-medical package** – There are **significant inherent cancellation penalties** associated with your booking as detailed in our booking terms and conditions and this insurance package provides coverage for all monies paid for your trip if you should have to cancel due to medical, or other listed, reasons either relating to yourself or a member of your immediate family. It also covers you for trip interruption costs short notice return flight home etc) for medical reasons again, either relating to yourself or an immediate family member as well as flight and travel accident and baggage insurance.

**Deluxe package** – provides coverage for all the components in the non-medical package, plus unlimited health coverage while in the destination

Note, if you believe you may have coverage through your **credit card** we would strongly advise checking with the credit card company the actual coverage afforded to ensure it covers medical, trip cancellation and trip interruption as not all of these items are covered (or may only offer limited coverage as to trip duration or insured \$amount in the event of a claim - sometimes as low as only \$1,000 per person ) by all kinds of cards.

Total insurable costs	NON-MEDICAL PACKAGE						DELUXE PACKAGE					
Age>	0-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	0-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	
9000 - 9500	556	582	694	804	927	1,210	616	631	777	923	1,307	
9500 - 10000	580	608	726	841	971	1,264	640	656	807	960	1,350	
10000 - 10500	602	632	753	874	1,009	1,307	662	680	834	993	1,388	
10500 - 11000	623	657	780	906	1,047	1,350	684	704	861	1,025	1,426	
11000 - 11500	645	681	807	939	1,084	1,393	705	728	888	1,057	1,463	
11500 - 12000	666	705	834	971	1,122	1,436	727	753	915	1,090	1,501	
12000 - 12500	688	730	861	1,003	1,160	1,480	748	777	942	1,122	1,539	
12500 - 13000	710	754	888	1,036	1,198	1,523	770	801	969	1,155	1,577	
13000 - 13500	731	778	915	1,068	1,236	1,566	792	826	996	1,187	1,615	
13500 - 14000	753	802	942	1,101	1,273	1,609	813	850	1,023	1,219	1,652	
14000 - 14500	774	827	969	1,133	1,311	1,652	835	874	1,050	1,252	1,690	
14500 - 15000	796	851	996	1,165	1,349	1,696	856	899	1,077	1,284	1,728	

## Testimonials...

### What our physicians have said about our previous educational escapes...

"Great hotel facilities, excellent service – an extremely enjoyable, and educational, week  
Dr. Doug Wooster, Toronto – Chile, 2005

"Great company, well organized and interesting tours, educational lectures and great food (and wine....!) – Fantastic trip!"  
Dr. Ray Martin, Toronto – Argentina, 2006

"Thanks for planning such an amazing trip. Our congenial group enjoyed so many rich experiences together and collected memories to last a lifetime. Each day was an adventure!  
Andrea Maurice – Vietnam / Cambodia, 2007

"I want to express our appreciation for a wonderful trip. The tour operator and the guides were excellent and everything went very smoothly.... this was a tremendous trip which we will need to review again over the coming days to catalogue and appreciate all the places we visited and the marvelous things we saw.. Thanks again for all the hard work in putting the trip together with the memorable result that was achieved...  
Dr. Rudy Hyles, Mississauga – Ecuador & The Galapagos, 2008

"Wonderful people! Wonderful places!"  
Dr. Phil McGuire, Ottawa – Peru, 2009

"The organization and accommodation were both excellent. We were always looked after with consideration and provided with a wide variety of interesting activities and experiences. The guides were most helpful and informative. A wonderful tour!"  
Dr. Michael Dales, Toronto - Ecuador & The Galapagos, 2009

"I do not have words to express my appreciation and admiration for the your hospitality and service provided by your company and your partners on the ground in India"  
Dr. Sudhir Pandya – Northern India, 2009

"A wonderful trip. It was amazing to see so many different animals co-existing on the beautiful African plains. The Kenyan and Tanzanian people we met were gracious and welcoming. Our host/trip manager was excellent - very bright, knowledgeable, good problem solver, great people skills - a delightful man who really made our trip memorable. Our guide/driver was also excellent - very knowledgeable, an excellent driver and keen to make our safari experience a good one. We had lots of fun and learned a lot from him. I loved the parks and reserves - the Serengeti and Ngorongoro are absolutely amazing".  
Andrea Maurice, Toronto – Kenya & Tanzania – March, 2010

"The guides throughout the trip were superb, well informed with excellent local knowledge and willing to discuss any topic! The visits to the local hospitals were excellent. A fantastic tour!"  
Dr. Linda Stirk, Toronto - Ecuador & The Galapagos (and Peru), 2010

"We had a great visit to the Falls. Stefani was a very helpful guide. The hotel and facilities were fabulous. The tour overall was an exciting experience. Thanks to you both and Ian for the hard work and planning.  
Drs. Hirsch and Indra Rastogi, Ancaster – Brazil, 2011

"In addition to exploring the fantastic sights of Northern India, our group visited local hospitals and clinics to learn more about how medicine is practiced in India as well as in the SOS Children's village in Jaipur and the Mother Teresa charity Mission in Agra" - Dr. Serge Puksa, Northern India, 2011

"We found this tour to be a wonderful adventure... even more than we had anticipated. The planning and attention to detail on the ground ensured we had a comprehensive introduction to the many wonders of Ecuador. I will definitely consider participating in another program and will be certain to share details with my colleagues"  
Dr. Alison Kelford, Oakville - Ecuador & the Galapagos, 2011



"The trip surpassed all my expectations. The country itself was far more interesting than I thought and the tour itself was very well organized. The wineries were a treat and the physicians and their spouses were lots of fun. I would be happy to do another trip! "

Dr. Steven Traplin, Guelph – Spain Gourmet tour, 2011

"Spain greatly surpassed my expectations, offering wonderful gastronomic experiences, lavished with outstanding wines and extremely hospitable people with a culture and history that is as rich as deep. Fernando Garcia, through his many connections, was able to allow us access to exclusive vineyards , where we were submerged in to the local cuisine and regaled with their finest wines".

Dr. Peter Bloch, Oakville – Spain Gourmet tour, 2011

"Our guide was excellent, enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Cooking classes were good and the hotels were excellent"

Dr. Barbara Flanagan, Charlottetown – Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia, 2012

"Excellent! Loved the trip and well worth it. Life changing experience, excellent speakers and very well organized. Met some great people and will keep in touch for future trips. Will definitely book another doctors-on-tour trip in the future"

Dr. Janel Gracey, London – Bali, 2012

"A quick personal note to tell you how much we enjoyed our trip to Spain & Portugal. The whole agenda was well planned and well carried out. The winery visits and dinners were amazing, we learned so much about the history and making of Port."

Dr. Blair Fraser, Guelph – Spain & Portugal, 2012

"We had a magical time in Machu Picchu - such a spiritual time at day break - our guide was great! Many thanks for the fabulous trip - memorable and well organized. Your company does such a great job and such an opportunity for us, and what a great group of people to share such an amazing trip with".

Dr. Paul Bates, London – Ecuador & the Galapagos, Peru 2012

"What an amazing trip this was ! Your company did such a fantastic job – well organized with wonderful support staff – everything left on time, great food, weather & traveling companions – and (our guide) Gonzalo was the best ! Thank you very much for such an unforgettable adventure".

Jack & Lore Brown, London - Ecuador & the Galapagos, 2012

"I have been fortunate to enjoy four trips with doctors-on-tour since 2009 - to Ecuador, Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos, India and Bali. All these tours were wonderful. Well-organized, excellent accommodations, top notch guides, remarkable CME experiences that broaden one's outlook on medicine and really great leaders of the tours. You should seriously consider taking one of these exotic trips. Beats lying on a beach!"

Dr. Linda Rapson, Toronto – 2013

"Just back from the South India tour and it was amazing!!! I am already keen to return to the north on one of your tours. I am a total convert to the doctors on tour trips!! I really enjoyed the varied itinerary...Kumar was outstanding, very professional and certainly made the trip run smoothly, never an easy job in a group that size, different personalities,etc....but he really was exceptional. Lacuma was also fantastic, very capable and organized. So....well done!!"

Dr. Susan Smith, Fredericton, N.B. – South India, 2013

"We enjoyed our extension to the UAE and saw an amazing amount in a short time. Our guide was very helpful, informative and pleasant and we appreciated how he was able to inform us about the country, it's people and customs. Excellent !"

Drs Christopher & Margaret Ibey, Parry Sound, On. – United Arab Emirates, 2013

"The whole trip was wonderful and very well organized. We appreciated the advance preparation information packages. The hotel accommodation was excellent and the guides provided a lot of background information in Indian culture and society which made the trip even more valuable as a learning experience. We enjoyed all of it – including meeting Dr. Peter, & Mary, Bloch (Group Medical Director) and the great people in the group!"

Dr. Ron Eliosoff, Ottawa - South India, 2013

"Excellent trip – hotels, guides, food and company and we saw such wonderful sites.  
Dr. Martin and Eileen McIntyre, Brantford - Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos, 2013

"We had a wonderful trip. It was such an interesting mix of people that we laughed all the way through - an amazing experience and a fabulous time. The Pantanal was awesome and we also totally loved the old colonial town of Paraty. We enjoyed ourselves so much we are thinking of signing up for another one soon. Thanks again - you did a wonderful job - it was a dream".  
Dyana Driscoll, Toronto – Brazil, 2013

"I was extremely pleased with my second trip through doctors-on-tour to Kenya & Tanzania - the tour was one of the most amazing things I have experienced!"  
Dr. Kerri McGuire, Ottawa - Kenya & Tanzania, 2013

"Fantastic experience! Every detail to perfection."  
Dr. Les Marien, Orangeville, On. - Spain Gourmet, 2013

"The experience was fantastic. Thoroughly enjoyed ourselves"  
Dr. Pat Stansberry, Sherwood Park, AB - Ecuador (Galapagos) & Peru, 2013

"Had a great time! Very well organized"  
Dr. Yusuf Januwala, Ipswich, Queensland, Australia - Ecuador (Galapagos) & Peru, 2013

"Our guide was amazing - so professional and knowledgeable. Great itinerary - Well done !"  
Dr. Susan Smith, Frederickton, N.B - South Africa, 2014

"We had a wonderful trip. Places we stayed during the tour were all very nice and every one had a good time. Your local tour manager was wonderful, extremely helpful and very well organized. Thanks again for all your help"  
Dr. Kumar Banerjee, Vancouver, B.C. - South India, 2014

"The trip was amazing , beyond my wildest expectations!!"  
Dr. Kathy Hoegler, Guelph, On. - South India, 2014

"We felt the tour is one of the best (CME tours) we have been on. We keep missing the great Chilean wines and Argentinian beef. Right sized group and great company. CME tours were interesting and informative. Our guides were good and I enjoyed learning about the country from their comments".  
Dr. Eduardo Aenlle, Fallbrook, California - Chile, Argentina and Patagonia Cruise, 2014

"Outstanding scenery, great guide, extensive geology and biology information provided".  
Dr. David Cole, Toronto, On. - Chile & Argentina (Atacama Desert extension), 2014



**And regarding your Group Leader and Medical Director, Dr. Peter Bloch, Oakville, On.**

"Very well organized ! - Peter & Mary were excellent in encouraging productive and enjoyable interactions between group members which resulted in a cohesive and unified group and resulted in the whole tour unfolding smoothly"  
Dr. Elizabeth Weber, Toronto - Spain, 2011

"Peter and Mary were excellent hosts (as usual). It was particularly helpful having Peter at the ATMs which seemed to mystify me. It was also wonderful having Peter talk about Chile - growing up there, his summers in Vina - our own personal tour guide!  
Andrea Maurice, Toronto – Chile & Argentina, , 2012

"As usual, Dr. Peter & Mary (Bloch) were spectacular hosts. A wonderful trip!"  
Andrea Maurice, Toronto – South India, 2013

"I am writing to let you know how much we enjoyed our recent trip to India. We all agreed that Peter and Mary were exceptional hosts. They were incredibly warm and welcoming and were on top of situations as they arose"  
Dr. Ron Eliosoff, Ottawa - South India, 2013

"I want to give you some feedback on our amazing trip to South Africa. Our guide Craig was exceptional; lunch at La Petite Ferme was a highlight, great food, wine and scenery; in Swaziland, glass factory was very good the candle factory was great; Kapama River (Game) Lodge - amazing ! Soweto - great ! Overall it was a great trip, the group was easy to get along and of course Peter and Mary were great group leaders!"  
Dr. Steve and Marg Szarka, Hamilton, On. - South Africa, 2014



Doctors-on-Tour – Spain



Doctors-on- Tour – Ecuadorian Amazon



Doctors-on-Tour - India



Doctors-on-Tour – Bali

## The fine print...

The Terms & Conditions contained herein are the terms under which on-tour.ca and doctors-on-tour.ca (being operating brands of Britcan International Consulting (B.I.C.) Inc) accepts reservations. Our liabilities are limited. When you make a payment of deposit and/or final payment, it is also an acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance of these terms and conditions.

**RESERVATIONS & DEPOSIT** Early reservations are recommended to guarantee your reservation as several of the accommodation providers with which we make arrangements on your behalf have limited capacity. All services are strictly on a request basis, both for air travel and land requirements and subject to availability of seats and hotel/lodge/camp rooms. A guaranteed non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person (together with the applicable travel insurance premium is required with your reservation request. Tour extensions are also subject to additional non-refundable deposits as detailed in our brochure. Reservations made for travel within 95 days will require full payment at the time of reservation. Certain non-standard arrangements may require higher deposit and the same will be advised to you at the time of booking. Please be aware that some airfares (outside of our group air blocks) require full payment at time of booking and will be advised to you accordingly.

**FINAL AND/OR BALANCE DUE PAYMENT:** Guaranteed payment of all balances due is no later than 95 days prior to departure date. If payment of the balance due is not received by the stipulated date, we reserve the right to cancel your reservation without refund of deposit.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:** Visa & MasterCard credit cards are accepted as form of payment. Credit card payments require that the passenger complete and sign our Booking Form as verification of their approval for the credit card to be charged both for the initial deposit as well as the future balance payments on the date they become due, together with any other charges due relating to the booking that have been requested by you in writing (including by electronic mail communication). No services will be provided without receipt of the signed Booking Form. Third party payments may have restrictions.

**CANCELLATIONS & CHANGES:** The deposit amounts (for both the main tour and any optional extensions reserved) are non-refundable. Cancellation penalties for bookings cancelled by the client after the final balance due date (95 days before departure) are as follows: 95 – 61 days before departure – 25% of total price paid; 31 – 60 days – 50% of total price paid; 30 days or less – 100%. (Notwithstanding the foregoing, any domestic Canada flight purchased as an additional service to the advertised package is 100% non-refundable irrespective of the date of cancellation). If payments are not received by their due dates, we reserve the right to cancel the booking without further notice. There will be no refund for unused land arrangements after departure from North America. In the event of the cancellation by doctors-on-tour.ca of any or all components of the travel services offered herein, doctors-on-tour.ca will have no responsibility beyond the refund of all monies received from the client, which will be deemed to constitute full settlement. Individual airfares purchased outside of our groups air blocks are subject to different rules and cancellation fees. Some airfares may be non-refundable once the booking is confirmed regardless of when it was made. Details will be provided at the time of booking.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** To protect against cancellation charges, we strongly recommend purchasing Cancellation Protection and Travel Interruption Insurance. Cancellation insurance must be purchased at time of initial deposit. In the event of illness, medical and hospital expenses are the traveler's responsibility and no refunds will be made, partial or total, for the purchased tour. We strongly urge that you purchase either the Non-Medical insurance (ie Cancellation Protection and Travel Interruption Insurance) or Deluxe Insurance (Non-Medical coverage plus Health coverage) packages offered by our doctors-on-tour through RBC Insurance.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION, VISA & OTHER IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS:** A Canadian citizen must be in possession of a passport that must remain valid for a minimum of 3 months from the date of conclusion of their journey. Tour participants must also ensure that they comply with all visa and health requirements of countries they intend to visit. A tourist entry visa is not required for entry into New Zealand. Non Canadian citizens may have different requirements. It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all his or her passport, visa and mandatory health vaccination requirements for entry into the country are met and the cancellation penalties referred to above will apply if a passenger is not allowed into the destination country (or determines in advance of departure that he will not be allowed into the destination country) due to lack of proper documentation including, but not limited to, passport, visa, customs, health or currency provisions required by the destination country thus preventing him from participate in the tour. Final tour documents consisting of detailed tour itinerary, vouchers, and airline tickets will be forwarded approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure subject to receipt of final payment.

**PRICING POLICY :** Accommodations and services at the destination are contracted in local currencies and/or US Dollars. Due to frequent fluctuations in currency exchange (as well as other factors beyond our control including, but not limited to, fuel costs, transportation taxes and airport and local surcharges), prices are subject to change with or without notice and surcharges may apply for which we would endeavor to inform you as soon as possible. However, once we have received your final payment we would either waive any price increase or allow you to cancel your booking without penalty.

**UNUSED PORTION OF THE TOUR:** No refund will be made for any unused accommodations, missed meals, transportation segments, sightseeing tours or any other service. Such unused items are neither refundable nor exchangeable.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Accommodations on twin occupancy basis, is provided at the hotels/lodges/camps as specified or similar. Single room supplements apply to persons occupying sole use of a room/cabin but travelling with other passengers on the same tour and sharing transport cost on transfers, game drives, coach tours, sightseeing and excursions. Quoted single room rate does not necessarily mean single occupancy of a double room, as several of the establishments offered have especially designed single occupancy units. The right is reserved to substitute hotels/cruise ships should conditions warrant such change for reasons beyond our control. Rooms/cabins are assigned by the respective supplier(s) on a run-of-the-house basis, in category (ies) as specified in the itinerary.

**SINGLE PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TOGETHER:** If you are travelling with a companion and each paying separately the regular each of two double sharing accommodation rate and your companion decides to cancel, the remaining travelling passenger will be responsible for either finding a replacement travelling companion to take the cancelled passenger's place or must pay the single supplement and travel on a single basis.

**MEALS & BEVERAGES:** Meals as included on our itineraries are either buffet meals and/or table d'hôte. Meals ordered through room service are not included and must be paid directly to the establishment. Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, and bottled water are included only where indicated on the itinerary. Unless specifically mentioned in your itinerary, all drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are to be purchased and paid directly to the establishments.

**OPTIONAL TOURS, EXCURSIONS AND TRIP EXTENSIONS:** It is our intent to operate any Optional Extensions on a private group basis. However, should the number of participants be of an insufficient level, we reserve the right to either

- (1) add a surcharge to the previously stated selling price to be able to still offer the extension on a private basis or
- (2) operate any individual tour on a shared basis with other non-group participants or
- (3) cancel the tour and provide a full refund of all monies paid.

No refunds can be provided for cancellation of any tour by the client while in the destination.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:** While we will make every effort to accommodate special requests, eg., room/cabin locations, adjoining rooms, non-smoking rooms, bed preferences, special dietary meal requests, these cannot be guaranteed and doctors-on-tour.ca cannot be held responsible if such requests cannot be fulfilled. Requests for upgrading rooms/cabins are subject to additional charges. Any deviations to the standard program arrival and departure flight dates should be notified at the time of booking and are subject to availability and also any applicable flight class supplement.

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