

New Zealand 2017

Travel to New Zealand as an optional part of either (or both) of these two Fall 2017 courses:
 Introduction to Physical Geology (GEOL 1403) – a **CORE** Physical Science Course
 Geography of the South Pacific (GEOL 4301) – an upper-level elective course



Date	Travel	Activities	Accommodations
December 10	Evening flight from Houston to Auckland	None	Night on plane
December 11	Lost day due to time change	None	None needed
December 12	Early morning arrival in Auckland Drive from Auckland to Rotorua (3 hours)	1. Tour of Hobbiton Movie Set	YHA, Rotorua
December 13	None	1. Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Area 2. Hell's Gate – Thermal Walk/Mud Bath/Spa 3. Tamaki Maori Village	YHA, Rotorua
December 14	Drive to Tongariro (2 hours)	1. Guided Tongariro Alpine Crossing (8 hours of hiking)	The Park Hotel, Ruapehu
December 15	Drive to Wellington (4 hours)	1. Free time in Wellington	Travelodge, Wellington
December 16	None	1. Hop-on-hop off bus tour of Wellington	Travelodge, Wellington
December 17	Drive/Ferry to Kaikoura (6 hours total)	1. 3 hour cruise across Cook Strait 2. Free time in Kaikoura	Alpine Pacific Motel, Kaikoura
December 18	None	1. Guided kayaking tour (seals, dolphins, penguins)	Alpine Pacific Motel, Kaikoura
December 19	Drive to Franz Josef (5 hours)	1. Free time in Franz Josef	The Terrace Motel, Franz Josef
December 20	None	1. Heli-hike (helicopter view of glacier and glacier hike) 2. Glow worm caves	The Terrace Motel, Franz Josef
December 21	Drive to Christchurch (5 hours)	1. Quake City: The Christchurch Earthquake Story 2. Free time in Christchurch	Christchurch City Park Motel
December 22	Fly from Christchurch to Houston – arrive mid-afternoon	None	None



Fee paid to Lamar University (includes 10 nights of accommodation, 10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, all ground transportation throughout New Zealand, and all activities)

\$1750

Flight (purchased by you once the Program Director instructs you to do so)

approx. 1500*

Lunches and Dinners (purchased by you in New Zealand)

approx. 300

TOTAL TRIP COST

3550

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Trip Route



Links to Activities

Tongariro Alpine Crossing - <http://www.tongarirocrossing.org.nz/>

Wai-O-Tapu - <http://www.waiotapu.co.nz/attractions/>

Tamaki Maori Village - <http://www.tamakimaorivillage.co.nz/>

Franz Josef Heli-Hike - <http://www.helicopter.co.nz/heli-hike/>

Quake City - <http://www.canterburymuseum.com/quakecity/>

Kayaking Tour - <http://www.kaikourakayaks.nz/seal-kayaking>

Museum of New Zealand - <https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/visit/whats-on/exhibitions/nga-toi-arts-te-papa-0>

Hobbiton Movie Set - <http://www.hobbitontours.com/>

***Flight costs can go up and down dramatically. Right now, the flight we are planning to take is \$1450. However, it is possible that the cost could go up to \$2000 or more. As soon as 10 students have paid deposits, the Program Director will find the least expensive flight available and instruct students to purchase that flight as soon as they are able to.**