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In New Zealand and Fiji you can experience landscapes so special, they've been internationally recognised as irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration. Discover active volcanoes, ancient native forests, prehistoric glaciers, snow-covered alps and remote island sanctuaries that will capture your imagination and your heart. We offer ecological and wildlife experiences that are truly experiential. We can also arrange for clients to combine the best of New Zealand's wilderness lodge and resort experiences with a 5 or 12 day 'ecology and wildlife' cruise around New Zealand's coast, accompanied by expert naturalists; please ask one of our consultants for more details.

DAY ONE

Drive north of Auckland to the Waipoua Forest.

Stay two nights at Waipoua Lodge, nestled on a ridge overlooking New Zealand's largest Kauri Forest and Wildlife Sanctuary.

DAY TWO

Experience Waipoua's ecological and wildlife tours.

Take the 'Shipwrecks & Seascapes Guided Tour' and the 'Lord Of The Forest Guided Walk' and be amazed at the deserted beaches and 2-3,000 year old native Kauri trees. The 'Night Walk in Trounson Kauri Park' gives a rare opportunity to see New Zealand's native bird, the Kiwi.

DAY THREE

Drive just south of Auckland to Cambridge – the 'Kentucky of New Zealand'.

Stay two nights at Maungatautari Lodge. Visit some of the area's finest stud farms and inspect their famous bloodstock and families.

DAY FOUR

Explore the region's natural beauty and cultural significance.

Take a walk in the nearby Maungatautari Mountain



Waipoua Forest

wildlife sanctuary or visit Ruakiri Caves to discover ancient Maori rock paintings, and the famous Waitomo Caves where glow worms live.

DAY FIVE

Drive south to Rotorua, New Zealand's geothermal wonderland.

Stay two nights at Treetops Lodge & Wilderness Estate.

DAY SIX

Experience the uniqueness of Treetops – The Ultimate Luxury Lodge and Wilderness Experience.

Set in 2,500 acres of 1,000 year old native forest, your choice of activities is immense. Try the Maori Indigenous Food Trail, hike one of the 70km of bush trails, horse trek over mountain tracks or take a Wildlife Safari Tour.

DAY SEVEN

Fly to Christchurch, New Zealand's English city.

Stay two nights at Claremont Country Estate. Take the half day, acclaimed, Land Rover Safari adventure and nature reserve tour – see 65 million year old fossils and geological land formations, unique to New Zealand.

DAY EIGHT

Marvel at New Zealand's wildlife.

Drive to Kaikoura and experience the magnificence of whale watching.



Claremont Country Estate

DAY NINE

Take the TransAlpine train to Greymouth.

Then drive south through the dramatic and rugged West Coast. Stay two nights at Wapiti Park Homestead, set in a landscape of extremes and be prepared to be captivated by spectacular mountains, vast rainforests, pristine lakes and untamed coastline.

DAY TEN

Experience a unique animal tour and dramatic glacier.

Take the Wapiti Park Homestead farm tour and hand feed their Rocky Mountain Elk (Wapiti), which are bred on the property. Visit Franz Josef or Fox Glacier by foot, or on a helicopter tour.

DAY ELEVEN

Drive back to Christchurch for your departure to Fiji.

Stay at the eco-luxury Navutu Stars Resort. Experience the crystal clear lagoons and rich marine life in the beautiful Yasawa Islands. Join local ecologists in their coral regeneration project. Described by *Vogue USA* as 'rustic chic'.



Turtles at Navutu Stars, Fiji



Oceanic Discoverer



Treetops Lodge & Wilderness Estate