NEW ZEALAND
BY PRIVATE AIR
MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAINS,
LUMINOUS LAKES AND
BOUNDLESS BEAUTY
January 4 to 18, 2016

a program of the stanford alumni association
I’ve done this myself—flown the length of New Zealand’s North and South Islands aboard a private chartered airplane—and it remains one of the most memorable trips of my travel career. There is simply no better way to see the many wonders of this beautiful and unspoiled country: its snowy alpine peaks, shimmering glaciers, steaming thermal pools, unusual plants and animals, lush rain forests and sophisticated cities. We’ve arranged a full array of local experiences that will show you a New Zealand few travelers see. Plus you’ll travel in the company of Professor Margot Gerritsen, who lived in New Zealand for several years and will share with us her insights on geothermal and hydropower energy, politics and economics. I invite you to join us on a trip I promise you will never forget.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**FLY** the length of New Zealand aboard our private chartered Convair 580 airplane, watching as the country’s diverse landscapes unfold dramatically below us.

**TRAVERSE** New Zealand’s majestic Southern Alps on the *TranzAlpine* train, considered one of the top train journeys in the world.

**TASTE** some of New Zealand’s internationally acclaimed wines in the Marlborough region during a winery visit.

**MARVEL** at the dramatic sweep of mountains and sea as we sail across the sparkling, deep-blue Milford Sound.

COVER: MOUNT COOK

ROTOURA MAORI CARVING
Reservation Form
New Zealand by Private Air
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I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them.
Signature _________________________________________________________

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

☐ I wish to have single accommodations.

OR  ☐ I plan to share accommodations with __________________________

OR  ☐ I'd like to know about possible roommates.

Bed Preference:  
☐ Twin Beds  ☐ Queen Bed

Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for ______ space(s), plus $________ ($200 per person) for each optional extension:

☐ Bay of Islands Pre-trip Extension  ☐ Southern Alps Post-trip Extension

Enclosed is my check (make payable to Stanford Alumni Association) OR

☐ Charge my deposit to my:  ☐ Visa  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ American Express

CARD # __________________________  EXPIRES __________________________

AUTHORIZED CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE __________________________

DATE __________________________

Mail completed form to address on mail panel or fax to (650) 725-8675 or place your deposit online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?newzealand2016. Please submit your reservation only once to avoid multiple charges to your account.

Margot Gerritsen, PhD ’97, director of Stanford’s Institute for Computational and Mathematical Engineering, teaches courses in both energy-related topics and advanced computational mathematics for engineers and scientists. Her research focuses on computer simulation and mathematical analysis of engineering and natural processes, and she specializes in renewable and fossil energy production. Born and raised in the Netherlands, Professor Gerritsen is an avid traveler and active outdoor sportsperson.

Professor Gerritsen lived in New Zealand from 1996 to 2001 and notes that “Aotearoa (the Maori name for New Zealand) boasts wildly diverse landscapes and a nearly 9,000-mile coastline that is often even more dramatic than Big Sur.” She describes the people as “friendly, relaxed and innovative.” Professor Gerritsen’s lectures during our journey will cover New Zealand’s geothermal and hydropower energy, politics and economics as well as what it’s like to live in New Zealand.

—  Associate professor, department of energy resources engineering, since 2001
—  Stanford fellow, 2010–2012
—  Recipient of Richard W. Lyman Award, 2014
—  Fellow, Leopold Leadership Program, 2009
—  Faculty research fellow, Clayman Institute, 2008–present
—  Oswald G. Villard University Fellow in Undergraduate Education, 2014–present
—  Frederick E. Terman Fellow, 2002–2004
—  PhD, scientific computing and computational mathematics, Stanford, 1997

Margot’s knowledge is vast. She captivated her audience.”
MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 TO 6
U.S. / AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
Depart the U.S. on Monday and fly across the international date line en route to New Zealand. Arrive in Auckland on Wednesday and transfer to our hotel. Take a privately guided walking tour that embraces social history, public art and heritage architecture in the inner city. Then visit the Auckland museum to view the most extensive collection of Maori artifacts in the world. This is a quiet place of reflection where key symbols that link the land and the spiritual past of the indigenous Maoris to the present culture can be found. Enjoy our welcome reception and dinner this evening.
STAMFORD PLAZA AUCKLAND (L,D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
AUCKLAND / WAIHEKE ISLAND
Cruise across the harbor this morning to Waiheke Island, located in the Hauraki Gulf. Here we take a guided walking tour of Waiheke’s unique sculpture park that unites art and nature. Following lunch at a boutique vineyard, visit and tour an artisan olive oil producer’s facility.
STAMFORD PLAZA AUCKLAND (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
WELLINGTON / BLENHEIM
This morning visit “The Beehive” Parliament Building to learn about New Zealand government and the innovative technology used to “quake-proof” the city’s historic buildings. Visit the Te Papa National Museum of New Zealand for a guided tour of the “Awesome Forces” exhibition. Later today we fly to the northernmost end of the South Island, landing in Blenheim. With over 70 wineries, a range of boutique breweries, a world-class distillery, and an incredible selection of cafes and restaurants, Marlborough really is a “gourmet paradise.” This evening enjoy wine tasting at a vineyard and learn about this region’s world-famous Sauvignon Blanc at a vineyard prior to a wine-pairing dinner.
MARLBOROUGH SCENIC HOTEL (B,D)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
BLENHEIM / MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS
Today we cruise the Marlborough Sounds and, after a stop for lunch, spend a relaxing afternoon opting to walk through native forest, swim off the beach, kayak the clear waters to discover some of the local bays or relax on one of our lodge’s sun-drenched patios with a glass of wine. Later this afternoon reboard our cruise of the Marlborough Sounds. Visit a Greenshell™ mussel aquafarm and learn about the importance of this local export. Enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner cooked by our ship’s captain before heading back to Blenheim. MARLBOROUGH SCENIC HOTEL (B,L,D)
This morning we board our private air charter for Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand. Upon arrival visit the Kiwi Birdlife Park, devoted to helping conserve New Zealand’s native fauna through advocacy, captive breeding and rehabilitation. The park houses a number of protected species, some of which are highly endangered, including the elusive Kiwi. The animals dwell in a hidden sanctuary of trees, bush and native trails right in the middle of the hustle and bustle of Queenstown. 

**Millbrook Resort (B,L,D)**

**Tuesday, January 12**

**Queenstown / Milford Sound**

No trip to New Zealand is complete without visiting Milford Sound, often described as the “eighth wonder of the world” and deemed the most dramatic scenery New Zealand has to offer. Our day begins with a flight out of Queenstown to Manapouri. We then enjoy a scenic drive up the Milford Road taking in the sights along the way, boarding a luxury launch and cruising the full length of Milford Sound. We return late in the day by coach to Manapouri for our short flight back to Queenstown. Dinner this evening is at leisure. **Millbrook Resort (B,L)**

**Wednesday, January 13**

**Queenstown**

Cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic steamship, TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Watch a sheep shearing and sheep dog demonstration and learn all about farm life in New Zealand, followed by a hearty morning tea. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available: enjoy golf or spa treatments at our resort, ride the Skyline Gondola up the mountain for a bird’s-eye view of the town and Lake Wakatipu, take an exhilarating speedboat trip or give bungee jumping a try. Shops and restaurants abound along Queenstown’s waterfront. **Millbrook Resort (B,D)**

**Thursday, January 14**

**Queenstown / Franz Josef**

This morning we begin our excursion up the “Wild West Coast” of South Island, driving past Wanaka and the stunning Hawea and Wanaka lakes before heading over the Haast Pass. We continue our drive up through the jewel in the crown of New Zealand’s scenic wonders—the magnificent Lake Matheson, famous for its reflections of New Zealand’s highest peaks, Mount Cook and Mount Tasman, then continue on to take in a major attraction in a country full of natural wonders: the Franz Josef Glacier. While many glaciers worldwide have been retreating, this glacier still flows almost to the sea, making it a rare relic of the last Ice Age. There are several good glacier viewpoints accessible via easy short walks. Stay this evening in the nearby small town of Franz Josef. **Tekapo Forest Retreat (B,L,D)**

**Friday, January 15**

**Franz Josef**

This morning, at additional cost, take an optional helicopter flightseeing tour of the glacier and the surrounding area. Following lunch, go on a guided walk through regenerating rain forest and a glacier valley on our way to the foot of Franz Josef Glacier, where we’ll be rewarded with spectacular views of the rapidly changing terminal face of the glacier. **Tekapo Forest Retreat (B,L,D)**

**Saturday, January 16**

**Franz Josef / Greymouth / Christchurch**

Say farewell to Franz Josef and continue our drive along the West Coast, stopping to visit the artistic town of Hokitika. After lunch at leisure we continue on to Greymouth and take a scenic train journey aboard the TranzAlpine, its route rated as one of the top train journeys in the world. We’ll travel from the West Coast across the Southern Alps to Christchurch on the East Coast. **The George (B,D)**

**Sunday, January 17**

**Christchurch**

Today enjoy a private walking tour of Christchurch’s Botanic Gardens and punting on the Avon, followed by free time to explore this picturesque city. This afternoon enjoy an opportunity to learn about the recent Christchurch earthquakes by visiting Quake City, a comprehensive multi-sensory museum that gives a fascinating overview of the 2010 and 2011 seismic events. Tonight celebrate our adventure at a fabulous farewell cocktail reception and dinner. **The George (B,D)**

**Monday, January 18**

**Christchurch / U.S.**

Following a leisurely morning, board homeward flights, crossing the international date line en route and arriving in the U.S. on the same day. (B)
Optional Extensions

JANUARY 1 TO 6
BAY OF ISLANDS
Arrive in Auckland and transfer to a domestic flight to the Bay of Islands, known as the birthplace of the nation and famous for its coastal scenery, unspoiled beaches and historic towns. Explore the history behind New Zealand’s Treaty of Waitangi, visit the oldest wooden building in Kerikeri and take a cruise to see the world-famous “Hole in the Rock” while cruising among the 144 stunning islands.

JANUARY 18 TO 20
SOUTHERN ALPS
Drive across the Canterbury Plains to Grasmere Lodge for a high-country luxury lodge experience. Embark on a four-wheel-drive farm tour exploring some of the 13,000-acre Grasmere Station. Enjoy a day at the lodge, choosing from among several optional activities such as horseback riding, fly fishing or canoeing, or simply enjoy a nice walk around the property.

Details will be sent to confirmed passengers.

Our Private Convair 580 Jet-prop

Flying by private plane is safe, comfortable and convenient. Because our plane is able to land at nearly every airport in New Zealand, we can enjoy a maximum amount of time at our destinations since ground support and waiting times are kept to an absolute minimum.

Our Convair 580 jet-prop is a well-appointed, spacious, passenger aircraft seating up to 46 people and featuring leather seats with ample leg room. Pressurized and fully air-conditioned, the Convair 580 is equipped with a full-service galley, and professionally trained flight attendants provide personalized in-flight service.

PLEASE NOTE: During our flights within New Zealand aboard the Convair 580, there is a strict luggage limit per person of 45 pounds for one checked bag and 10 pounds for one carry-on bag.
DATES
January 4 to 18, 2016 (15 days)

SIZE
This trip can accommodate 42 participants, with limited availability for travelers in single accommodations.

COST*
$10,395 per person, double occupancy
$12,395 per person, single occupancy (limited availability)
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person

INCLUDED
12 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations ■ 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 10 dinners ■ Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions ■ All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary ■ Six internal flights in New Zealand aboard a privately chartered Convair 580 aircraft, with baggage handling of one checked bag (not to exceed 45 pounds) and one carry-on bag (not to exceed 10 pounds) ■ Services of the Convair 580 flight crew ■ Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and plane crew for all group activities ■ Transfers and baggage handling for participants arriving on January 6 and departing on January 18 ■ Airport fees and embarkation taxes on charter flights ■ Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance ■ Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information ■ Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
International and U.S. domestic airfare ■ Passport and visa fees ■ Immunization costs ■ Meals and beverages other than those specified as included ■ Independent and private transfers ■ Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance ■ Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on Air New Zealand from San Francisco to Auckland with return from Christchurch is approximately $2,100 as of March 2015 and is subject to change.

FUEL COSTS
In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this expedition to be a moderately active program that is at times physically demanding and busy with several early-morning departures. Daily programs involve one to three miles of walking, with sometimes uneven terrain, such as that found at the geothermal areas in Rotorua. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Temperatures in January average in the 60s (°F) with moderate precipitation. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space on this Travel/Study program. A $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for each of the optional pre- and post-trip extensions. Complete and return the attached reservation form or place your deposit online. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. A brochure offering such insurance will be provided to U.S. residents with their welcome materials. The product offered in this brochure includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within a specified window: 14 to 21 days of the date listed on the welcome letter, depending on your destination and state of residence.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. Families and travel companions may travel on one membership. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in March 2015 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
“It was a very thorough introduction to the country and its history.”

KATHRYN MILLER, ’57, NEW ZEALAND BY PRIVATE AIR, 2014

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