

NEW ZEALAND, land of Manuka honey

Api New Zealand Tour

**Auckland – Waikato province – Hamilton – Rotorua – Blenheim –
Nelson – Westport – Christchurch – Ashburton – Queenstown**

Api New Zealand tour will give you an insight into production of Manuka Honey and an opportunity to visit the beekeepers on spot and representatives of The National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand to share experiences with them. You will get a chance to admire the beauty of New Zealand while visiting the world famous Waitomo Caves, Rotorua with boiling mud, towering geysers, Southern Alp mountain ranges, etc. Of course you will get to know the unique Maori culture of New Zealand, while enjoying traditional Maori Hangi & concert.



Day 01 Arrival to Auckland

Arrive in Auckland where you will be met by your specialist guide and taken by coach to your hotel. The city of Auckland sits on the shores of the beautiful Hauraki Gulf and is home to over one third of New Zealand's population. Depending upon the arrival time of the flight you will have some time to unwind before a welcome function followed by dinner. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 02 Waikato province – Beekeeping companies – Dinner with local members of The National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand – Hamilton

You will leave the city behind and coach into the rural heartland of the province of Waikato – the heart of dairy farming in New Zealand. During your visit to this region you will meet with companies that are leading their field in research relating to honey and propagation. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant with local members of The National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand. Overnight and overnight.

Day 03 Visit to a company of Manuka honey – Visit to Waitomo caves & boat ride – Hamilton

Travel to a small rural township that is home to a progressive company supplying Manuka Honey products and exporting worldwide. Manuka (native tree to New Zealand) honey contains guaranteed levels of methylglyoxal, a naturally occurring compound that contributes to the unique characteristics of New Zealand Manuka Honey. Meet with key people from this company and time to discuss their business. Visit the world famous Waitomo Caves today, with its millions of tiny glow worms as you take a boat ride on an underground lake. Return to Hamilton. Dinner and overnight in hotel in Hamilton.

Day 04 Guided tour in Hamilton Gardens – Kiwifruit farm – Honey production company – Meeting with Lower South Island Beekeepers' Association – Boiling mud & towering geysers – Maori Hangi & concert

In the morning we will meet with the team from Hamilton Gardens for an interesting behind the scenes look at these beautiful themed gardens. Included in the tour will be the sustainable garden which includes using bees. After this tour continue journey to the Bay of Plenty to visit a kiwifruit farm and a prominent New Zealand company that promotes its special health giving honey based products around the world. Rotorua and meeting

with the Lower South island branch of the National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand. While in Rotorua you will see boiling mud, towering geysers and enjoy the unique Maori culture of New Zealand. This evening enjoy a traditional Maori Hangi & concert. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 05 South Island – Visit a large beekeeping & honey production company– Beekeeping visits – Free evening – Blenheim

Depart from Rotorua and fly to the South Island to connect with the South Island portion of the tour. Visit to a large bee farm with 300 hives, a factory on site with extraction plant and raise own queen bees. The owners have been keeping bees commercially for 12 years. Further technical visits in area. Free evening. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 06 Beekeeping visit – Visit to vineyards and wineries - Nelson

Head to Nelson – technical visits en route. This region is famous for its many vineyards and award winning wineries. Time to taste some excellent wines. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 07 Visit to Nelson Honey and marketing – Westport

Head to Westport and visit to Nelson Honey and Marketing in Murchison en route, where they manage 2000 hives, produce honey pollen and venom. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 08 Tranz Alpine train – Beech forests – Idyllic lakes – Christchurch

Head to Greymouth and board the Tranz Alpine train to Christchurch and pass through spectacular gorges and viaducts of the Southern Alp mountain ranges. On the way one can admire beech forests and idyllic lakes. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 09 Lincoln – Crop and Food – Beekeeping visits – Ashburton

Drive to Lincoln and visit to Crop and Food. Visit to a beekeeper. Afterwards getting to know research and honey, as well as bee raising professionals in the area. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 10 Tekapo – Wanaka – Visit to a beekeeper - Queenstown

Drive to Wanaka via Tekapo and afterwards visit to a member of the Otago Beekeepers Association. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 11 Free at leisure in Queenstown – Lake cruise to Walter Peak High Country Sheep station

Drive to Queenstown and free time to enjoy the city. Regather at night to board the Earnslaw steamship that will take you on a lake cruise to Walter Peak High Country Sheep station where you will disembark and enjoy a magnificent buffet at the homestead. Return on the Earnslaw to Queenstown and enjoy a sing along around the piano on board the boat. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 12 Departure

Transfer to Queenstown airport to connect with your connecting flight to depart New Zealand.

** Final price depends on the number of passengers, on the confirmed date, hotels and services.*

Have a great Api tour!