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We combine mystic, magical, musical experiences including a unique gala under the cathedral like canopy of the giant Redwoods, with the rugged East Cape, vineyards in Tauranga, and a St Patrick's Day crazy concert.

Experience the Exceptional...

- 2019 is the 250th celebration of Cook's Landing - a perfect time to visit the East Cape and Bay of Plenty region.
- Join Bonnie and Tai with appearances from special guest artists including Jessica Hindin on this musical journey through spectacular scenery culminating in *Mystic, Magic and Majesty* in the majestic Redwood Forest.
- Crazy celebration concert on St Patrick's Day, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, Bubbles and Bling* in Mills Reef vineyard and *Not Too Heavy, Not Too Light* in the Blue Baths, Rotorua with special guest artists.
- Scenic Drives including one of the most rugged and least explored parts of New Zealand: The East Cape.
- Numerous other experiences include vintage scenic rail, gondola ride, lake lunch cruise, historic houses, Kiwifruit farms and museums.



WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2019 (D)
GISBORNE (2 nights)

- Emerald Hotel

- Tairāwhiti Museum visit to learn about history of the region.
- City tour of Gisborne with Botanical Gardens and Titirangi Domain.
- Private dinner at Marina Restaurant with entertainment from our escorts: *Music be the Food of Love*, featuring famous love songs.

THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2019 (B, MT, L)

- Gisborne Vintage railway trip for 2 hours this morning, giving us fabulous views of this scenic region.
- Wine tasting and lunch at The Vines, Bushmere Estate.
- Small concert and movie screening at the unique Dome Theatre, filled with bean bags. (Don't worry we will have some real chairs there too!).

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019 (B, MT, L, D)
TE KAHA (1 night)

- Te Kaha Beach Resort

- This morning we embark on our journey of the East Cape, one of the most deserted and beautiful parts of New Zealand.
- Highlights today include a scenic drive, visit to Cooks Landing with Powhiri and talk on Cooks Landing.
- Lunch at East Cape Manuka Company including tour with a focus on honey.
- Drive through many bays until we reach our accommodation this evening.

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2019 (B, L, D)
TAURANGA (3 nights)

- Hotel On Devonport

- Today we drive on towards Whakatane and then to Ohope Beach.
- Lunch at Fisherman's Wharf with views over Ohope Beach.
- Buffet dinner at the Tauranga Club.

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2019 (B, HT, L, D)

- Morning visit to Athenree Homestead for High Tea & Tour.
- Wine Tasting and Food Platters at Leveret Estate Vineyard & Cellar Door in Katikati.
- Gala celebration of all that is Irish with Jess on fiddle, and Bonnie, Tai and special guests working to keep up. *When Irish Eyes are Smiling!* And maybe the odd Irish joke!

MONDAY 18 MARCH 2019 (B, MT, D)

- Visit the historic Elms Mission House.
- Fun and frivolity at Kiwifruit Country and your chance to ride on a giant kiwi plus tour and tastings.
- Tonight, it's time to put on your glad rags and dancing shoes for *Bubbles and Bling*, an evening of entertainment at Mills Reef Winery.

TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019 (B, L, D)
ROTORUA (3 nights)

- Novotel Lakeside Hotel

- Drive to Rotorua with a stop at Rotorua Skyline for gondola ride, lunch and view of Rotorua.
- City tour including Government Gardens.

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019 (B, L, D)

- Visit to Buried Village of Te Wairoa, with historic talk.
- Lake cruise on Lakeland Queen on Lake Rotorua.
- Evening concert of *Not Too Heavy, Not Too Light* at the famous historic Blue Baths with guest artists.

THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019 (B, D)

- Rainbow springs visit.
- Free time for shopping.
- Final night gala under the cathedral like canopy of the giant Redwoods with special guest artists including violinist Jessica Hindin creating the atmosphere in *Mystic, Magic and Majesty*.

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019 (B, L)

- Leave Rotorua and travel to Hobbiton for tour and special lunch - maybe the odd hobbit will appear?
- Then onwards to Auckland for flights and transfers home.

\$4,808 *per person
twin share*

Single Room supplement add \$1,745

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Initial Deposit on booking **\$900**

Second Deposit due 16 October 2018 **\$1,500**

Final Balance due 03 December 2018
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THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Special events including final night gala concert under the cathedral-like canopy of Redwoods: *Mystic, Magic and Majesty, Bubbles and Bling, Mills Reef Winery, Not Too Heavy, Not too Light* at the beautiful Blue Baths, and *Music be the Food of Love* welcome dinner.
- Magnificent scenic drives through East Cape and the East Coast of NZ North Island.
- Historic experiences. Learn about Captain Cook's Landing, historic houses and museums.
- 10 day tour of the East Cape, Gisborne, Bay of Plenty: Ohope Beach, Whakatane, Tauranga and Rotorua.
- Accommodation at Emerald Hotel Gisborne (2 nights), Te Kaha Beach Resort (1 night), Hotel at Devonport, Tauranga (3 nights), Novotel Lakeside Rotorua (3 Nights).
- All experiences as listed including lake cruise, driving tours, Kiwi fruit tour, historic houses tours, Rainbow Springs, Vintage rail.
- Meals as listed in itinerary: all breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners and 4 morning teas.
- Escorted by Bonnie and Tainui with special guest appearances by Jessica Hindin, Penny Dodd and other musicians.

EASY TOUR

This tour will suit people with a stick, but not a walker. You will be required to walk to get from place to place and stand in museums, but it is designed to be an easy tour with lots of times to rest, travel on a coach and walk easy leisurely distances.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$150.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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