



New Zealand 2023

Travel Dates: May 25, 2023 - June 10, 2023

Saturday, May 27

- Arrive in New Zealand

Sunday, May 28

- We will explore Hamilton, New Zealand and take an excursion to local hot pools.

Monday, May 29

- Poowhiri Historic New Zealand: we will meet as a class at Freedom Institute and in addition to covering the early pre-colonial history of New Zealand, we will also prepare for a formal Maori welcome ceremony, or Poowhiri, which include 7 steps. Students will learn the steps and then participate in the ceremony.

Tuesday, May 30

- Maori Worldview: we will meet to review and discuss the traditional Maori worldview. The class session will include a guest speaker from the local Maori community. The class will also have workshop discussions of the Treaty of Waitangi and its impact on the Maori. We will also begin our screenings of film adaptations of New Zealand literature.

Wednesday, May 31

- The class will learn Mihi, a formal Maori self-introduction and Kapa Haka, a Maori dance. We will also leave for our overnight trip to a Maori Marae, where students will experience Maori culture directly, including participation in traditional hangi cooking.

Thursday, June 1

- Visit to Marae / afternoon return to Hamilton.
 - Second film in our series of literary adaptations.

Friday, June 2

- Class in Hamilton with a focus on literature and colonization.

Saturday, June 3 & Sunday June 4

- Optional excursions to Hobbiton, Glow Worm Caves or remain in Hamilton to explore cultural heritage sites.

Monday, June 5

- New Zealand literature: education and representation.

Tuesday, June 6

- New Zealand literature: Rangatiratanga/cultural authority.
 - Third film screening.

Wednesday, June 7

- Visit to the historic Woodlands Estate. Visit to Hamilton Gardens, where students can tour the many gardens, including a traditional Maori garden, Te Parapara, which showcases traditional ceremonies, food production and storage practices handed down over generations.

Thursday, June 8

- Class discussion of Maori literature and representations of diversity; group project presentations.
 - Final film screening.

Friday, June 9

- Trip to Waikato Museum, where students will view permanent collection of Maori historical artefacts as well as items from European settlement. Students will also have the opportunity to explore contemporary visual arts exhibits.
- Graduation ceremony

Saturday, June 10

- Depart for US.