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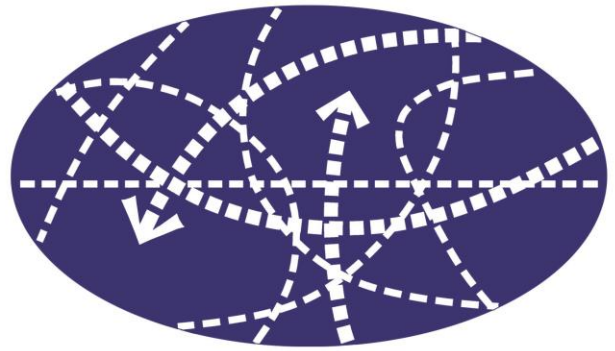
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**Proposed Itinerary for
TIC Wine Dinner Donation**

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Suggested Itinerary:

Day One Depart USA

Depart on Air New Zealand this evening from your gateway city (Los Angeles or San Francisco) and fly to Auckland, New Zealand. Approximate flight time is 12.5 hours non-stop.

Consistently rated among the world's best international airlines, Air New Zealand was named 'Airline of the Year' by Air Transport World in 2010 and 2012. It was also named 'Airline of the Year' in AirlineRatings.com annual Airline Excellence Awards for four consecutive years from 2014 to 2017. Air New Zealand's success is grounded by a focus on true product innovation and a commitment to delivering a world-class flight experience to every customer.

Day Two In Transit / Cross Date Line

Day Three Arrive Auckland - Blenheim (Marlborough wine region)

Arrive Auckland at daybreak today and clear customs formalities.

Fly from Auckland to Blenheim this morning on Air New Zealand. Flight time is 90 minutes non-stop.

On your arrival into Blenheim you will be met by your driver and transferred to your accommodation by private vehicle.

Marlborough's main town of Blenheim offers great cafes, galleries and shops wrapped up within the picturesque Taylor and Opawa Rivers, a short distance to the region's world-famous wineries. There's an abundance of vineyards and cellar doors surrounding Blenheim, so explore the stunning Wairau Valley and discover why the world is in love with Marlborough wine.

After arriving at Hans Herzog Estate and taking time to relax, one of Hans' assistants will take you on a winery and vineyard tour and share their knowledge of their organic 11.5 hectare estate - you may even meet the "legendary" Hans Herzog on the way!



Hans conscientiously identified a unique piece of land bordering the banks of the Wairau River providing all the elements to continue with his Old World tradition, to lead the way with new grape varieties. Not influenced by commercial thoughts, he then successfully planted (in the mid-nineties) Pinot Gris, Viognier and Montepulciano, varieties rarely witnessed in New Zealand at the time.

Grape varieties in Marlborough include:

Red: Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet-Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Montepulciano, Nebbiolo, Tempranillo, Barbera, Petit-Verdot, Saperavi, Lagrein, St Laurent, Zweigelt

White: Chardonnay, Viognier, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Arneis, Rousanne, Marsanne, Semillon, Gewürztraminer, Gruner Veltliner, Verdelho

Next, sample some of Hans' handcrafted wines including some rare releases not usually available for public tasting before heading back to the cottage to relax and freshen up before heading over to a famous Herzog dining experience.

Indulge in a decadent 5-course menu of cutting-edge cuisine perfectly matched with Herzog wines. Start with a glass of estate-grown sparkling rose either in the stylish lounge or on the veranda overlooking the vineyard as you watch the sun go down. Finish your menu off with coffee or tea and some delicate sweet treats from our pastry chef before returning to your cottage for a great night's sleep!

Accommodation for two nights:

Hans Herzog, Vineyard Cottage with Continental Breakfast Basket Daily, Five Course Dinner (first night) and Winemakers Platter (second night)

Day Four Blenheim

Start the morning with your continental breakfast basket, which will have been delivered to the cottage ready for you to enjoy at your leisure. This morning is free for you to enjoy the beautiful cottage garden or relax on the sun-loungers.

Stroll over to the cellar door bistro and its stunning Mediterranean gardens for a sumptuous three-course lunch menu with matching wines.

For the afternoon, take a private tour with a Herzog approved local wine guide with extensive knowledge of the Marlborough wine region and its history. He will introduce you to some of the most passionate and dedicated wine growers our region has to offer. Enjoy a tasting of their fine wines and a private tour of their estates.



On return to the cottage, end the evening with a winemaker's platter in the privacy of your cottage.

Day Five Blenheim – Queenstown

This morning, enjoy breakfast and take a stroll through the vineyard and to the neighboring river before re-joining your driver and transferring onto Blenheim Airport.

Fly to Queenstown with Air New Zealand this morning.

You will be met upon arrival at Queenstown Airport and transferred to your accommodation by private vehicle.

Surrounded by majestic mountains and nestled on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown is the Southern Hemisphere's premier four-season lake and alpine destination. Queenstown is known for its breath-taking scenery, vast range of experiences, cosmopolitan vibe and friendly local hosts. It's also the world's southernmost wine-producing region, so sampling a divine drop of local award-winning local Pinot Noir is a must. Queenstown is the perfect escape; reinvigorate your body, mind and spirit in this stunning place.



Accommodation for three nights:

Hotel St Moritz, Lakeview Room with Full Breakfast Daily

The Hotel St. Moritz is a contemporary, lodge-style hotel that offers a choice of apartment and traditional hotel style accommodation decorated in the rustic themes of the surrounding central Otago region. From the sweeping entrance with its enormous stone fireplace, to the contemporary artworks on every floor, your hotel epitomizes style and glamour in a wonderfully understated way.

Day Six Queenstown

This morning, join your wine guide for your private wine tasting journey to some of New Zealand's most memorable vineyards. With your guide's local knowledge and familiarity of the Central Otago vineyards at your disposal, enjoy a relaxing day in wine country enjoying local cuisine, sampling local cheeses and tasting a selection of fine wines. You will taste wines at five different vineyards, enjoy a delightful cheese platter in a vineyard setting and a delicious gourmet platter style lunch at a Cromwell/Bannockburn vineyard.

During your tour, you will meet a local winemaker for a more intimate vineyard tour and wine tasting.



Day Seven Queenstown

Take a magnificent Milford Sound scenic flight by helicopter across the Southern Alps this morning.

Upon landing in Milford Sound, join an exploratory nature-cruise on this famous fiord. A picnic lunch is included during your cruise.



View cascading waterfalls, sheer rock faces and unique wildlife, voyage out past St Anne's lighthouse to the Tasman Sea before returning to Milford Sound to re-board your helicopter. Homeward bound, complete your journey with an alpine landing for the ultimate Milford Sound experience.



On your return to Queenstown this afternoon, we have included a visit to 'The Winery' where you can taste and/or buy over 80 of New Zealand's best wines in the center of Queenstown. Enjoy a Deluxe Cheese Platter as well as an NZD60.00 credit to go towards your wine tastings or your favorite bottle of wine.

Day Eight Depart Queenstown

This morning is at leisure in Queenstown.

This afternoon, you will be transferred by private vehicle from your hotel to Queenstown Airport to meet your flights home.

This afternoon, fly non-stop from Queenstown to Auckland with Air New Zealand. Flight time is 1 hour 50 minutes.

This evening, fly on Air New Zealand from Auckland to Los Angeles or San Francisco. Flight time is 12 hours non-stop.

Arrive in Los Angeles or San Francisco midday to mid-afternoon the same calendar day you left New Zealand.

End of arrangements.

Pricing and Inclusions:

\$3,990.00 per person for all arrangements as noted

Includes:

Roundtrip economy airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco
All airport transfers on a private basis
Accommodation for five nights with breakfast as noted
Winemaker's tour and tasting of Herzog Estate
5-course degustation menu with wine (first night)
Winemaker's platter delivered to the cottage with a bottle of Hans' wine (second night)
Private guided Marlborough winery tour including 3-course bistro lunch with wine
Private Central Otago wine tour including lunch and meeting with a local winemaker
Milford Sound Helicopter / Cruise / Helicopter with Picnic Lunch (shared/small group)
The Winery: Cheese Platter & NZD60.00 voucher for wine tastings or bottle of wine
All local taxes

Excludes:

Airfare taxes, estimated at \$150-\$200 per person, subject to change until ticketed
Flights from Boston to your gateway city, to be quoted on request
Travel insurance, to be quoted when travel dates are finalized
Anything not noted

Important Notes:

- *All pricing is based on two people traveling, subject to change until confirmed
- *All pricing is based on travel between late April and September 2018
- *This itinerary can be customized, upgraded or extended at current best rates at the time of booking
- *This itinerary is a donation from Jacky Keith, TIC board member and President of Esplanade Travel