

American Celebration of Music in

New Zealand

An exclusive concert series for performing ensembles



Music Celebrations International
Concert Tours With Integrity



An Exclusive Concert Series

From sandy beaches to towering mountain peaks, Australia's eastern neighbor New Zealand is known around the world for its breathtaking natural beauty and contrasting landscapes. The South Pacific nation is comprised of two main landmasses – the North Island and South Island, which feature different climates and seasonal weather patterns. More recently, New Zealand is known among tourists as the setting chosen for Peter Jackson's production of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. This dynamic country offers a mix of urban and natural appeal that any group is sure to enjoy.

Wellington, the country's capital city, is home to a variety of performing arts organizations, including the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and Royal New Zealand Ballet. To the north, the country's largest city Auckland proudly features the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. The country also has a proud tradition of European folk music, brass bands, and pipe bands. The University of Auckland, New Zealand School of Music, and Christchurch School of Music are among the country's renowned musical institutions.

Tours of scenery from *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, picturesque ferry rides, attending a traditional Māori (indigenous New Zealander) performance celebration, and performing in some of New Zealand's most well-known cultural centers are just a few activities that your ensemble will surely remember on their tour of one of the South Pacific's most beautiful countries.





The MCI Difference

Music Celebrations International (MCI) provides customized tours (stateside & abroad), festivals, collaborations, world-class clinicians, premier venues, and so many exciting possibilities to explore for your ensemble!

Partnering with MCI will provide you and your ensemble with:

- 30+ years of experience
- The best trained and most knowledgeable staff in the industry who have produced over 2,000 concert tours worldwide
- Dedicated Concert Managers who coordinate all the venues and promotion so you can focus on the music!
- Offices and personnel across the globe
- Staff comprised of musicians, music educators, and travel industry experts



Sample Itinerary

AUCKLAND / HAMILTON / ROTORUA / TAUPO / WANGANUI / WELLINGTON

DAY ONE: DEPART FOR AUCKLAND

Depart via scheduled air service to Auckland, New Zealand

DAY TWO: IN TRANSIT

DAY THREE: AUCKLAND

Arrive in Auckland

Meet your MCI Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a sightseeing tour of Auckland

Afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant

Venture up Auckland's Sky Tower, which is the tallest man-made structure in New Zealand and offers breathtaking views (weather permitting)

DAY FOUR: AUCKLAND

Morning masterclass

Time at leisure to venture to the nearby quaint seaside township of Devonport, or explore the many Museums and Art Galleries, enjoy a Harbour Cruise on the Pride of Auckland yacht or partake in some retail therapy

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Evening dinner and overnight

DAY FIVE: AUCKLAND / HAMILTON / ROTORUA

Travel south to Hamilton, New Zealand's richest dairy farming area.

Time is available in Hamilton to explore the local shops/mall

Onwards to Rotorua! Our journey meanders through fertile countryside, up over the forested Mamaku Ranges and into the Rotorua basin, an area of natural beauty and rich in cultural heritage

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DAY SIX: ROTORUA

First we head up the Skyline Gondola to a high point on Mt Ngongotaha for a fun filled ride on a three-wheel cart known as the "Luge".

Visit Rainbow Springs Nature Park with its Bird Show and Big Splash

Afternoon at leisure to partake in optional activities. Options include soaking in natural mineral pools, shopping, or just relax in our hotel

Tonight we enjoy a step into the past and partake in a traditional Maori

'Hangi' (feast) and concert; this includes traditional song and dance followed by a 'Haka' (war dance) and viewing the Glow Worms

DAY SEVEN: ROTORUA

Morning at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

Afternoon visit to Hell's Gate; for a Mud Bath and Sulphur Spa experience which features the geothermal mud baths

DAY EIGHT: TAUPO / WANGANUI

En route to Taupo we stop at the Waiotapu Mud Pools and Aratiatia Dam to view the flood gates opening. On our descent into Taupo we stop to see the mighty Huka Falls with optional jet boat rides available (at an additional cost)

Continuing south, we journey alongside New Zealand's largest freshwater lake, Lake Taupo before entering New Zealand's oldest national park, Tongariro with its World Heritage status. New Zealand's world renowned film Director, Sir Peter Jackson, chose Tongariro as a major filming site for the shooting of the Lord of the Rings
Then it is off to Wanganui City for dinner and overnight

DAY NINE: WANGANUI

Today is a relaxing day in preparation for tonight's concert. Prominent buildings in the city which you may consider exploring are the Sarjeant Art Gallery and the Royal Wanganui Opera House which was built in 1901. Wanganui is a musical city with a strong brass band influence and a strong male choir.

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DAY TEN: WANGANUI / WELLINGTON

Transfer to Wellington, the capital city

Upon arrival, we visit key points of interest including Parliament Buildings, Mount Victoria and the Botanical Gardens and ride the Cable Car. We will also pay a visit to Te Papa, the National Museum

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Evening Farewell Dinner

DAY ELEVEN: DEPART FOR HOME

Depending on your flight times there may be an opportunity for a little retail therapy to search for that little memento to take home for family and friends. Transfer to Wellington airport for return flight

Contact one of our trained and experienced Tour Consultants to explore itinerary ideas and cost estimates.

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