# New Zealand Pre-NABSW Conference Option



One of the most breathtaking countries in the world, you will find New Zealand offers unparalleled natural beauty, high adventure, exceptional quality food and wine, and an intriguing indigenous culture.

# PROGRAM INCLUDES

Four (4) Days & Three (3) Nights in New Zealand Additional Airfare (in conjunction with NABSW Program) Four Star Hotel Accommodations with Daily Breakfast Full Itinerary with Expert Guides Round Trip Airport Transfers in New Zealand

# PROGRAM COST

\$1,790 pp (Double Occupancy) Single supplement: \$325

Non-Refundable Deposit: \$750 🔶 Registration Deadline: February 15, 2019 🔶 Balance Due: June 1, 2019

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

# Four Points by Sheraton Auckland

After an energetic day, experience uncomplicated comfort with a modern fresh design, complimentary high speed WiFi, free in-room movies, restaurants and roof top bar, and fitness center. If you want to explore more there are universities, the harbor, and a range of restaurant and shopping options in the area.

# **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

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# **Tentative Itinerary**

# August 10, 2019

Travel Day

Direct flight departs Los Angeles International Airport to Aukland, New Zealand (11:00pm expected time). Due to time zone difference, flight arrives early morning on Monday, August 12, 2019.

#### August 12, 2019

#### Early Morning Arrival

Transfer and drop off luggage at hotel. Due to the early morning arrival, you will be unable to check-in. We suggest stopping for breakfast and unwind a bit in the hotel restaurant.

#### Half Day Discover Auckland City Tour

Take in the highlights of New Zealand's largest city on this half-day tour of Auckland. Visit the Mission Bay Beaches, Hauraki Gulf See attractions (K Road, Auckland Domain, Achilles Point, and Auckland Museum), and take a trip to the top of Mt. Eden. Then explore Aukland's ethereal neighborhoods, such as Parnell, Ponsonby, and Northcote Point. The tour includes hotel pickup and round-trip transport. Tour Duration: 3.5 - 4 hours

#### August 13, 2019

#### Rotorua & Te Puia Tour

This one-day tour goes from Auckland to the famous and magical geothermal wonders of Rotorua including Te Puia Geothermal Park and Maori cultural village. On this tour, you will be driven through the stunning Waikato countryside, the most extensive farming area in the world. During the trip south, you will encounter stunning scenery, great photo opportunities, beautiful mountains and several different farm animals. The tour will also pass through the unique town of Tirau (the corrugated iron sculpture capital of the world) and the stunning Fitzgerald Glade. Once in Rotorua, you will be guided past many of its famous and historical sites including Lake Rotorua, The Government Gardens, Blue Bath, Thermal Springs and Polynesian Spa.

Upon arrival to one of the most famous attractions in New Zealand, Te Puia Geothermal Park, the tour stops for a traditional Maori Hangi lunch. After lunch, you will see Pōhutu Geyser, Māori Architecture, Māori craft school, geothermal craters, geothermal vents and even the chance to view a kiwi bird in the kiwi viewing house. The tour includes hotel pickup and round-trip transport. **Tour Duration: 12 hours** 

# August 14, 2019

# Auckland Shore Excursion: Maori Tour and Cultural Performance

Be immersed in New Zealand's indigenous culture on this Auckland shore excursion with a knowledgeable Maori guide. Travel through the countryside and rainforest of the Waitakere Ranges on a small-group tour outside the North Island city, including Mt Victoria and the west coast. You'll watch a live Haka (war dance) performance and learn firsthand about Maori cultural heritage dating back hundreds of years. Lunch and port pickup and drop-off are included. **Tour Duration: 8 hours** 

#### August 15, 2019

# Transfer to Airport

Depart for Sydney. Upon Arrival to Sydney, you will be responsible for meeting up with the NABSW Main Conference group on your own. Instructions will be provided prior to departure.