

**IFTA New Zealand Study Tour & Conference
February 16—27, 2018**

Itinerary



A final version of this itinerary will be distributed in New Zealand.

Day 1—Friday, February 16—Welcome to Christchurch

Note to early arrivals: If you reserved extra night(s) for an early arrival before February 16, per enclosed Traveler Info Sheet, please check in under your name on your arrival day.

10am-4pm Visit the planning team at the IFTA table at Novotel and collect your welcome bag.

2pm Check in begins at Ibis Hotel & Novotel
Guests arriving earlier than 2pm may leave their luggage with the front desk and inquire upon arrival about early check in. See Traveler Info Sheet for hotel assignment.

5:45pm Welcome Dinner

Day 2—Saturday, February 17—Timaru Orchard Tours

Breakfast is available daily at Ibis Hotel from 6:30—10am and at Novotel from 6—10am. Please give your room number to the host and enjoy breakfast at your leisure.

8:15am Board buses at Novotel for Orchard Tours [2 hour transfer each way]

M A Orchards www.maorchards.co.nz


Lunch

Kerrytown Orchard

6pm Free Evening in Christchurch

Companion Sightseeing Tour

9:45am Meet at Novotel to depart for a day spent sightseeing in Christchurch with free time for lunch at the city's vibrant Saturday market. Ride the historic tram and a gondola, visit the Botanical Gardens, and take a punting boat trip down the Avon. Return to hotels approximately 4pm.

 Study Tour Attendees: You will be lent a headset to be used throughout the orchard tours. You'll be given a pair of **earbuds** to use with the headset but you may wish to bring your own comfortable pair.

Day 3—Sunday, February 18—To Nelson via Kaikoura

- 7am Place your luggage on the buses beginning at 7am.
- 7:45am Board buses for transfer to Kaikoura [*3 hour transfer*]
- 11am Arrive in Kaikoura for nature activities: Whale Watching, Swimming with Dolphins & Hiking. See Traveler Info Sheet for your confirmed selection.
Those swimming with dolphins, don't forget a swimsuit, towel, and warm clothing. If you're on a boat trip and prone to motion sickness, medication is a good idea.
- ~4pm Depart Kaikoura [*Estimated 4.5 hour transfer due to post-earthquake highway repair north of Kaikoura*]
- 8:30pm Arrive at Rutherford Hotel
Group Dinner in the Waimea/Wairau Room at Rutherford Hotel
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Day 4—Monday, February 19—Nelson Orchard Tours Day 1

Breakfast is available for our group from 6—9am in the Waimea/Wairau Room.

- 8:30am Load buses at Rutherford Hotel for Orchard Tours
- Golden Bay Orchards www.goldenbayfruit.com
- Kono Orchards www.kono.co.nz
- Lunch at Toad Hall in Motueka
- Palmer Orchard
- Wairepo Orchards www.wairepohouse.co.nz/grounds/apples
- 6pm Free Evening in Nelson

Companion Sightseeing Tour

- 11:45am Depart for a Walking Tour of Nelson featuring galleries and artist studios, followed by afternoon high tea at The Melrose House.
Return to Rutherford Hotel approximately 4:15pm.

Day 5—Tuesday, February 20—Nelson Orchard Tours Day 2

Breakfast is available for our group from 6—9am in the Waimea/Wairau Room.

- 7:30am Load buses at Rutherford Hotel for Orchard Tours
- Vailima Orchards www.loveapples.co.nz/new-zealand/heartland-group/vailima-orchard
- Waimea Nursery www.waimeanurseries.co.nz
- Lunch at Jellyfish Restaurant at Mapua Wharf
- Easton Apples www.loveapples.co.nz/new-zealand/heartland-group/easton-apples
- Hoddys Orchard www.energiefruit.com
- 5pm Evening event at Nelson's Isel Park... food trucks, disc golf, tree walk, live music, hard cider, and good fun!
- 7:30pm Return to Rutherford Hotel

Companion Sightseeing Tour

- 8am Head to Tahunanui Beach for Stand Up Paddleboard lessons and beach time. We will return to the hotel mid-morning to change and then enjoy lunch in Nelson and a visit to the Natureland Wildlife Trust.
- 3:30pm Return to Rutherford Hotel
- 4:45pm Depart for evening event at Isel Park

Day 6—Wednesday, February 21—Abel Tasman National Park

Breakfast is available for our group from 6—7am in the Waimea/Wairau Room.

- 7:15am Load buses to Abel Tasman National Park [1 hour transfer each way]
All activities convene in Kaiteriteri.
Today you will enjoy a full day in nature enjoying beautiful Abel Tasman National Park: sea kayaking, hiking, or sailing on a private catamaran.
- See Traveler Info Sheet for your confirmed selection.
Be prepared ~ bring your bathing suit, towel, sun protection, warm layer, wind jacket, change of clothes, camera, and water.
- 4:30pm Activities conclude, return transfer to Rutherford Hotel
- 5:30pm Free Evening in Nelson

Day 7—Thursday, February 22—Nelson to Napier

Breakfast is available for our group from 7—10am in the Waimea/Wairau Room.

Today is a travel day getting from New Zealand's South to North Islands. You will receive flight details in New Zealand. Upon arrival in Napier, you'll be transferred to your Napier accommodation. Check in and get settled.

See Traveler Info Sheet *for your Napier hotel assignment.*

2pm Check in begins at Napier Hotels
7pm Group Dinner at Speight's Ale House

Day 8—Friday, February 23—Hawke's Bay Orchard Tours Day 1

6:30-8am Breakfast

- Masonic Hotel & Quest Apartments guests ~ Buffet breakfast at Masonic Hotel
- Motel de la Mar & Shoreline Motel guests ~ Food Truck breakfast in front of Shoreline Motel on Marine Parade

7:45am Load buses: (1) at Masonic Hotel and (1) at Shoreline Motel for Orchard Tours

Te Mata Peak

Plant & Food Research Station www.plantandfood.co.nz/page/about-us/contact/locations/hawkes-bay

Prevar www.prevar.co.nz

Lunch at The Old Church sponsored by Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed www.yummyfruit.co.nz

Rockit www.rockitapple.com

6pm Return to Napier Hotels

7-8:30pm Happy Hour at Emporium Bar at Art Deco Masonic Hotel ~ Socialize with fellow travelers!
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided, cash bar.

Companion Sightseeing Tour

7:45am Load buses at Masonic Hotel and Shoreline Motel to join visit to Te Mata Peak, after which the Companion Tour will break off from the Study Tour for a day of Hawke's Bay sightseeing (lunch included). Return to hotels approximately 4pm.

Day 9—Saturday, February 24—Hawke’s Bay Orchard Tours Day 2

- 6:30-8am Breakfast
- Masonic Hotel & Quest Apartments guests ~ Buffet breakfast at Masonic Hotel
 - Motel de la Mar & Shoreline Motel guests ~ Food Truck at Shoreline Motel
- 8am Load buses: (1) at Masonic Hotel and (1) at Shoreline Motel for Orchard Tours
- T&G www.tandg.global
- FreshCo www.freshco.co.nz
- Bostock Orchards www.bostock.nz
- BBQ Lunch at Central Park Pakowhai sponsored by Proline, Hydraladder, McGrath Nurseries and Fruition. Product demonstrations and displays.
- Mr. Apple Orchards www.mrapple.com
- Waima Orchard www.mterinapples.co.nz/our-orchards/waima-fruit-company
- 5pm Mission Estate Winery Reception ~ Enjoy wine and gourmet cuisine at New Zealand’s oldest winery founded in 1851.
- 7pm Return to Napier Hotels

Companion Sightseeing Tour

- 11am Pick up at Masonic Hotel followed by 11:10am pick up at Shoreline Motel for day tour of local wine and culinary artisans. To conclude at 5pm at Mission Estate Winery for the evening reception.

Day 10—Sunday, February 25—Napier Leisure Day

- 7-9am Breakfast
- Masonic Hotel & Quest Apartments guests ~ Buffet breakfast at Masonic Hotel
 - Motel de la Mar & Shoreline Motel guests ~ Food Truck at Shoreline Motel

Enjoy a free day in Napier. See the **Destination Guide** for self-guided sightseeing inspiration or sign up for a **Napier Free Day Excursion** with Bay Tours. IFTA Members have the option of joining a wine tour, guided cycle, Maori cultural experience or fishing outing.

The second group of IFTA travelers arrives today. Onward Travel has arranged complimentary admission at **Ocean Spa** (42 Marine Parade) for all IFTA members. If you'd like to relax at this pool complex and mix and mingle with members, note the pools are open all day and you just need to say "IFTA" at the entrance. Towel rental is \$3.50 NZD.

- 2pm Young Professional cider tasting mingle event for IFTA members under 35 years of age. Local young growers and industry members will be in attendance.
Young growers that wish to participate in this mingle event AND an optional Bay Tours excursion should get in touch with Onward Travel to organize logistics as most tours will not conclude by 2pm.
- 7-8:30pm Mixer at Art Deco Masonic Hotel
Join travelers from both tours (some more jet lagged than others!) for a social featuring a piano player, dessert buffet, and cash bar.

Day 11—Monday, February 26—IFTA Conference

Hotel breakfast is not included today as a networking breakfast will be hosted at the conference. IFTA Members do not need to register for the conference, simply wear your tour badge and enjoy the event. Note the conference center is located a 10-15 minute walk from city center hotels, adjacent to Shoreline Motel.

- 8am Networking Breakfast at Napier Conference Center, 48 Marine Parade
- 9am-5pm IFTA Annual Conference
- 6-10:30pm Post-Conference Party at Art Deco Masonic Hotel
Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, a DJ, a special Maori dance performance at 7:30pm, and great company as all IFTA tour participants mix and mingle.
Cocktail Party Attire *optional*

Companion Sightseeing Tour

Meet at the National Aquarium at 9am for breakfast followed by an aquarium visit and then an excursion to Cape Kidnappers, a scenic peninsula atop great cliffs that is home to the world's largest gannet bird colony. Lunch included. Return to hotels approximately 4pm.

Day 12—Tuesday, February 27—Farewell!

7-9am

Breakfast

- Masonic Hotel & Quest Apartments guests ~ Buffet breakfast at Masonic Hotel
- Motel de la Mar & Shoreline Motel guests ~ Food Truck at Shoreline Motel

Airport transfers will be arranged for those departing today. Onward Travel will provide pick up times when in New Zealand. Most flights leave mid-afternoon so enjoy the morning in Napier! Safe journey home.

A note about the cover page artwork,

This is an scanned image of a print commissioned especially for this Study Tour. This was made by a UK-based illustrator and printmaker, Mark Wilkinson of InkShed Press. Mark carved this illustration in a wood block, and made a limited edition run of prints to be given to our Kiwi hosts to commemorate this special exchange.

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