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TRAVEL THROUGH NEW ZEALAND LIKE A PRINCE

A very Royal guide to New Zealand – follow in Prince Harry's footsteps



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After a successful Royal visit to New Zealand, Tourism New Zealand looks back at Prince Harry's adventures through the land of the long white cloud and creates a very Royal visitor guide to the country.

STEWART ISLAND & ULVA ISLAND

Prince Harry explored rugged coastline and temperate rainforests while trekking across Stewart Island and Ulva Island, which together have over 300km of trails. Just a 20-minute flight or 60-minute ferry voyage from the mainland across the Foveaux Strait, Stewart Island is the country's third largest island renowned for its untouched natural beauty. The island's Rakiura National Park is home to an abundance of wildlife with pods of bottlenose dolphins, albatross and kakariki parakeets all spotted off the island's shores and in its trees. With 270 hectares of protected rainforest on neighbouring Ulva Island, wildlife lovers and adventurers will not want to miss two of New Zealand's best-protected nature reserves.

DON'T MISS:

- **Stewart Island from the air** - Stewart Island Flights offers exhilarating flights over Stewart Island for a unique way to see Rakiura National Park. Arrive in style and touch down on the wild Mason Bay Beach to explore the coastline and forests on foot. www.stewartislandflights.com
- **Kiwi spotting** - New Zealand's rare and iconic Kiwi bird thrives on Stewart Island with over 20,000 inhabiting its forests. Try a guided twilight tour with Bravo Adventures for the best chance to spot a Kiwi. www.kiwispotting.co.nz

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LAKE WANAKA, SOUTH ISLAND

Nestled at the foot of a towering mountain range, Lake Wanaka's crystal clear waters stretch for 45 kilometres, providing a perfect playground for jetboarders, sailors and kayakers. Prince Harry took a break from his Royal duties to enjoy some downtime with a private overnight visit at the luxury boutique Riverrun Lodge on Lake Wanaka. The Prince enjoyed a personalised lunch prepared by Chef Karen Marinkovic, which included local delicacies such as Aoraki salmon, Blue River sheep's cheese quiche and Cardrona merino lamb. All washed down with Mt Difficulty Roaring Meg Pinor Noir – the region's famous tippie!

DON'T MISS:

- **Skydiving over Lake Wanaka** - Lake Wanaka is one of the best places in New Zealand to skydive. Freefall from 15,000 feet with overlooking the stunning lakes and Southern Alps with Skydive Wanaka. www.skydivewanaka.com

- **Cycling around Lake Wanaka** - Wanaka Bike Tours offers cycling tours ranging from leisure trails following the lake edge to advanced trails exploring Wanaka's countryside. For a full day of activities, try the boat and bike combo – jet boating through Mt Aspiring National Park followed by cycling around Lake Wanaka. www.wanakabiketours.co.nz

WHANGANUI, NORTH ISLAND

Whanganui is one of New Zealand's oldest cities and the Whanganui River - the longest navigable river in the country - is the lifeblood of the region. The river passes through untouched natural environment; home to rare New Zealand wildlife including whio (blue duck), kereru (native pigeon) and toutouwai (robin). Prince Harry charmed his way up the mighty Whanganui River today, immersing himself in Māori culture and paddling his heart out with the crew of a traditional waka (canoe) – a journey that made for a spectacular arrival in the riverside city. Pūtiki – the original Māori settlement on the Whanganui river mouth – is known as a gathering place for all the people of the region.

DON'T MISS:

- **Trek the Whanganui National Park** - One of the most popular walks is the three to four day Matemateaonga Track which follows an old Maori path. Try a guided walk with Department of Conservation. www.doc.govt.nz

- **Whanganui Regional Museum** - Delve into the history of Whanganui at the Whanganui Regional Museum, which has a range of permanent and changing exhibitions. www.wrm.org.nz

AUCKLAND, NORTH ISLAND

New Zealand's largest city Auckland – perched between Waitemata and Manukau harbours – offers a buzzing mix of

culture, events, nightlife and restaurants with native rainforest, wild beaches and wineries all within half an hour of downtown. Auckland this year plays host to the FIFA under-20 Football World Cup and Prince Harry stopped by for a kick-around, captaining a team in a five-a-side match.

DON'T MISS:

- **Free fall amidst the skyscrapers** – Even pop superstar Beyonce has taken the plunge off Auckland's Sky Tower, the tallest structure in the southern hemisphere. This 192 metre jump is an adrenaline rush not to be missed.

www.skycityauckland.co.nz

- **Wining and zip lining on Waiheke Island** – Dubbed 'The Hamptons' of New Zealand, just 35 minutes ferry ride from the mainland, Waiheke Island is a haven of art, sculpture, wineries and contemporary boutique hotels – and in true New Zealand style, home to its own flying fox zipline. www.waiheke.co.nz

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