

NORTH AMERICAN WELSH CHOIR

Companion Tour

OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 7, 2011

JOURNEY WITH US TO

New Zealand



Tour Highlights

- Enjoy VIP seating at North American Welsh Choir concerts in beautiful and historic venues
- Visit six gorgeous cities on both the North and South islands
- See the Southern constellations and experience the stars in a one-of-a-kind setting atop Mount St. John
- Experience the indigenous Maori culture and local Welsh communities
- Make new friends and enjoy a relaxing vacation in a pristine atmosphere

Day-by-Day Itinerary



Tuesday, October 25 Depart USA

Depart on your evening flight from Los Angeles to Auckland.

Wednesday, October 26 In Transit

Prepare to lose a day in transit as you cross the International Date Line. You'll get it back on the return trip!

Thursday, October 27 Auckland

Arrive early morning at Auckland International Airport and transfer by private coach for immediate check in at your hotel. Freshen up and enjoy a welcoming lunch. An afternoon coach tour of Auckland includes All Saint's Church, the second oldest in the country. The evening is independent.

Friday, October 28 Auckland

Take advantage of optional excursions while the choir rehearses this morning. Enjoy a free afternoon and an evening choral workshop led by a New Zealand conductor.

Saturday, October 29 Rotorua

Depart Auckland by private coach. Begin with a two-hour journey to Waitomo and enjoy an informal concert by the NAWC in the "Cathedral" cave where Dame Kiri Te Kanawa performed. Continue by underground boat to the grotto lit by glowworms. After lunch on your own, continue by private coach to Rotorua. After check in at the hotel, visit a *whare whkairo* for a musical exchange with a local Maori ensemble and a traditional Maori-style meal.

Sunday, October 30 Rotorua

Visit the Te Pia Thermal Reserve with its host of natural wonders and restorative waters. Next, the Maori Arts Institute highlights indigenous culture with exhibits and craftspeople demonstrating intricate woodcarvings and weaving. You'll have time in the afternoon while the choir rehearses and are invited to its evening concert and reception in Rotorua with a guest Maori ensemble.

Monday, October 31 Wellington

Depart Rotorua for the southern tip of New Zealand's north island and the city of Wellington. En route, experience beautiful Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. After check in at your Wellington hotel, enjoy the balance of the day on your own in this sophisticated harbor city.



Tuesday, November 1 Wellington

After breakfast, a bus tour of Wellington begins at *Te Papa Tongarewa*, New Zealand's national museum, and culminates with a short drive to the top of Mount Victoria for spectacular panoramic city views. Enjoy the city on your own while the choir has an afternoon rehearsal, then feel free to rejoin them in the evening for a grand concert and reception with the local community.

Wednesday, November 2 Christchurch

Transfer to the Wellington airport for your morning flight to the South Island and the city of Christchurch. A private city tour includes visits to the Port of Lyttelton, Sumner Beach and the Botanical gardens.

Thursday, November 3 Christchurch

Enjoy a free morning to explore this very English of cities, in particular the cultural precinct with art galleries, museums and shops housed in a historical Gothic revival building. Join the choir for an evening concert in the Anglican Cathedral followed by dinner in a local restaurant.

Friday, November 4 Lake Tekapo

Depart Christchurch toward Mount Cook and the picturesque Lake Tekapo--where parts of *Lord of the Rings* were filmed. Take advantage of the optional excursions or explore on your own. Dinner will be provided at your hotel before you depart to the astronomical observatory at the top of Mount St. John and a rare "guided tour" of the stars in the Southern sky.

Saturday, November 5 Queenstown

Depart for Queenstown, a former gold mining town which is now known as the outdoor adventure capital of New Zealand. Enjoy free time while the choir rehearses for their farewell evening concert in a local Queenstown church.

Sunday, November 6 Queenstown

The morning offers free time with optional excursions. The evening features a cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard a vintage steamboat to tour Walter Peak High Country Farm. After a farewell dinner there, enjoy the piano bar and sing along on the return sail.

Monday, November 7 Return Flight

Depart Queenstown to Los Angeles. Thanks to the International Date Line, you will arrive home on the same date that you left.

Anwyl Ffrindiau – Dear Friends,

You are invited to New Zealand in October 2011! Join our companion tour as the North American Welsh Choir and I concertize our way around the beautiful country of New Zealand. We are a fun and welcoming group to travel with – you'll experience the country with new friends.



Together, we'll visit places of exceptional natural beauty, and experience cultural interchanges with the Maori and Welsh communities. Be our guest at concerts and receptions, or feel free to do your own thing.

This brochure will give you a taste of the wonder of travel to New Zealand. Let me know if you have any questions - I was there a few months ago and am eager to share the excitement with you!

Accept our invitation and come with us – we'd love to have you.

Cofion gorau – best wishes,

Mari Morgan

Artistic Director and Conductor
North American Welsh Choir

Cost Summary

US\$3,430
GUARANTEED GROUND COST

US\$1,460*
2010 ESTIMATED AIRFARE

Optional Individual Supplement
Single Room.....\$1,200

*Estimate based on current prices.
Actual costs will be determined in
December 2010.

Tour Conditions

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$600 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Equal payments of \$1,100 are due October 15, 2010, January 14 and May 15, 2011. Balance due by September 1, 2011. Checks should be made payable to North American Welsh Choir.

REFUND POLICY: If you cancel your participation on the tour, there will be a charge that varies according to the period of notice you give. Up to 120 days before departure the deposit and airline deposit only are forfeited. Thereafter a percentage of the total tour cost will be due:

Between 120 and 90 days:	25%
Between 90 and 45 days:	50%
Between 44 and 14 days:	80%
From 13 days or less:	100%

The day of cancellation is the day on which we receive a written and signed confirmation of cancellation by fax or post.

Tour Inclusions

- Flights from Los Angeles via ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- Eleven nights accommodation in three and four-star hotels, double occupancy with private facilities.
- Breakfast daily; lunch or dinner as outlined in the itinerary.
- Transfers and transportation by deluxe motor coach.
- Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- Experienced English-speaking tour guides for local touring.
- Comprehensive documentation including name tags, flight and land itineraries, travel tips and more.
- A donation to the North American Welsh Choir.

Tour Exclusions

- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast and water at lunch or dinner.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Gratuities for your driver-guide and local city guides.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require a visa.

Join us in New Zealand!

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