Welcome to the Williams GeoAdventures AWG New Zealand 2020 Trip from February 26 – March 12, 2020. The trip cost is $5,280 each, $5,180 for Williams GeoAdventures and a $100 AWG trip registration fee. Trip participants must be current AWG members and are required to register with AWG and pay the trip registration fee. I have attached the trip itinerary and accommodations for your review. The AWG New Zealand 2020 trip includes the following:

- 9 nights at Holiday Parks in Rotorua (3 nights), Ohakune (2 nights), Greymouth (1 night), Cromwell (1 night), Te Anua (2 nights).
- 6 nights at 3-star hotels in Auckland (1 night), Wellington (1 night), Christchurch (1 night), Haast (1 night), Dunedin (2 nights). Fully cooked hotel breakfasts included when available.
- Coach transportation for the entire trip.
- Three dinners including:
  - Welcome dinner at the Orbit Restaurant, Skycity Hotel Auckland;
  - Tamaki Maori Village Concert and Hangi dinner;
  - Speights Brewery Alehouse Tour and farewell dinner, Dunedin.
- Attractions including:
  - Whakarewarewa geothermal area;
  - White Island trip;
  - Wai-O-tapu geothermal area;
  - Alpine Fault tour;
  - Clyde Dam dam/hydropower tour;
  - Milford Sound boat tour.
- Internal Flights in New Zealand with Air New Zealand including:
  - Flight from Wellington to Christchurch on March 4, 2020
  - Fight from Dunedin to Auckland or Christchurch on March 12, 2020.

The trip does not include round trip flights to Auckland and highly recommended travel insurance. There is one optional field trip stop at the Shotover Jet Boats near Queensland at a cost of approximately $110 each. This is not included in the trip cost.

As detailed above, included meals are unique special dinner experiences at:
- Orbit Restaurant, Auckland
- Tamaki Maori Village near Rotorua
- Speights Brewery Alehouse, Dunedin
Six hotel breakfasts are also included.

Nine of the trip lunches and the nine breakfasts following overnight stays at the holiday parks be managed by a meals coordinator that is an AWG participant. The meals coordinator will team with Paul Ashley, the geologic guide, to purchase the meals. The meals coordinator will be responsible for accommodating all of the individual food allergies and preferences. Each person on the trip will contribute
$25 per day times nine days equals $225 into a trip meals fund at the beginning of the trip. The meals fund will be used to purchase the nine breakfasts and lunches at grocery stores. Williams GeoAdventures will provide an accounting of the meals fund following the trip to the AWG and will refund any money remaining in the fund to the AWG. Alcohol is not included. Trip participants will be responsible for purchasing lunches on the days of the included hotel breakfasts. The AWG meals coordinator will receive a $1,000 trip discount, $4,280 total. The AWG will pick the meals coordinator.

Trip registration will open on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 9 AM Pacific Time by contacting me by phone at (707) 953-6979 and then submitting a $1,000 deposit postmarked within 10 ten days to Williams GeoAdventures, 101 Ross Street, #4, Cotati, CA 94931. The AWG membership fee and the $100 AWG trip registration fee must also be paid within 10 days. To avoid separating people who want to share a room on the trip, one person can register for themselves and their roommate by phone on April 1. In this case, the Williams GeoAdventures deposit and the AWG fees must be paid by both roommates within 10 days.

Deposit and balance payments made to Williams GeoAdventures are non-refundable unless a suitable trip replacement can be found. A wait list will be maintained for the trip for this purpose. If a trip replacement is needed, there is a $200 each administrative fee payable to Williams GeoAdventures, to be paid by the original trip participant. Your payment to AWG is also non-refundable unless a trip replacement is found, in which case only $20 of your AWG fee is non-refundable.

Trip availability is on a first come, first served basis. The maximum number of trip participants is 20. The balance payment of $4,180 is due to Williams GeoAdventures by December 1, 2019. The single supplement cost is $1,600 and is also due on December 1, 2019. Williams GeoAdventures will provide an online application for the trip participants to fill out and sign in May 2019. Participants will also need to sign and send in an AWG liability release and a medical information form.

Please let me know your questions. I am already getting excited about the trip!

Best Regards,

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