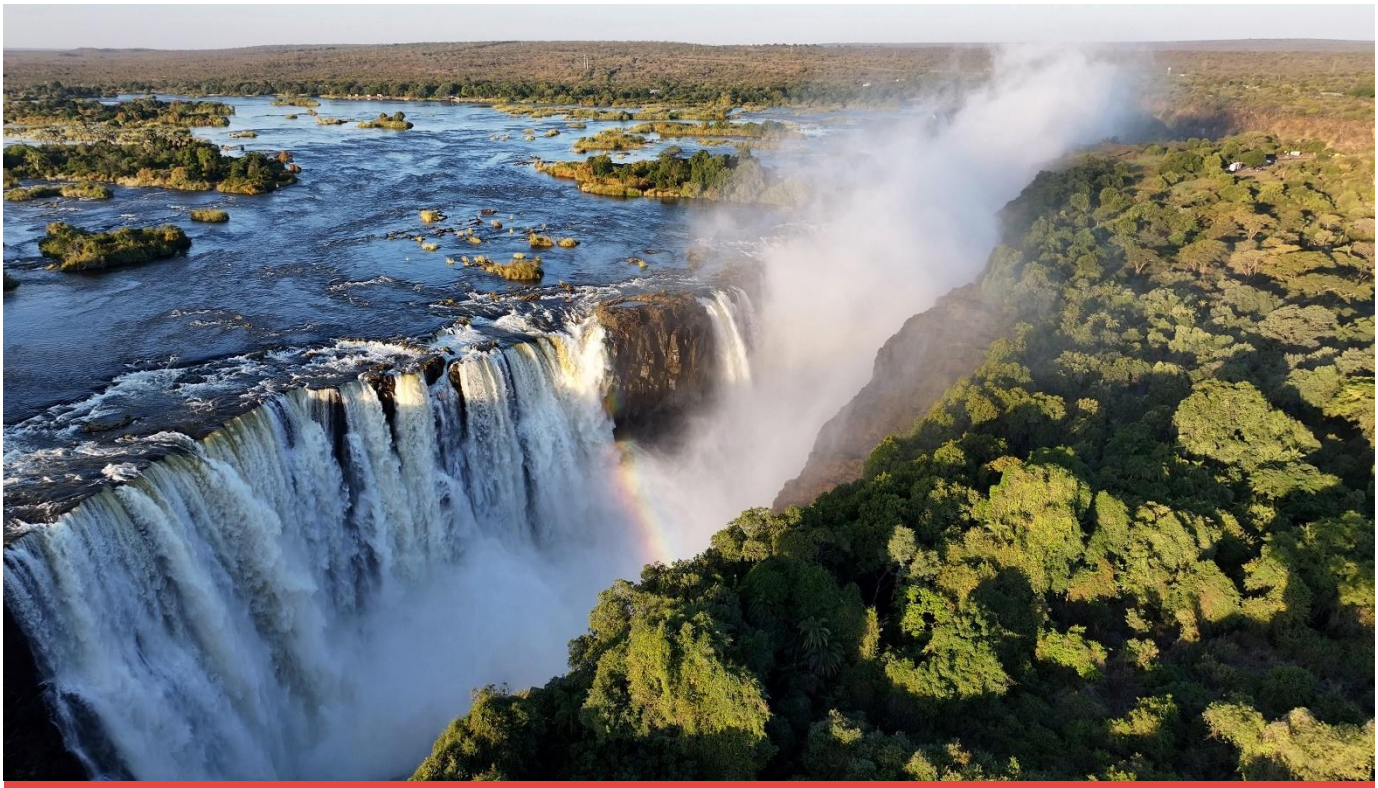


COASTAL SOUTH AFRICA & VICTORIA FALLS

Classic Flex Tour | 15 Days | Physical Level 1

Victoria Falls - Gqeberha - Addo Region - Knysna - Arniston - Franschhoek - Cape Town

Discover the power of Victoria Falls, cruise the Zambezi at sunset and enjoy guided safaris in a private reserve in the Eastern Cape. Follow the Garden Route through coastal forests and lagoon scenery, pause in Arniston and the Cape Winelands, then explore Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula.

- Explore Victoria Falls
- Seek wildlife on exciting safaris
- Walk through coastal forest of Tsitsikamma National Park
- Sample wines in the Cape winelands area
- Relax in the coastal town of Arniston
- Discover the vibrant city of Cape Town

TOUR MAP



COASTAL SOUTH AFRICA & VICTORIA FALLS TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- Most meals
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking National Escorts (if your group is 10 or more passengers) or Local Guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guides
- Safe and secure with IATA

Additional costs Include your visa on arrival in Zimbabwe, and personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

CLASSIC FLEX TOURS:

Classic Flex tours let you see the iconic sites and signature experiences of each destination on an excellent-value, fully escorted group tour, with a little more freedom to do things your own way. Your international flights, accommodation, transportation, touring and most meals are all arranged, so you can travel with complete peace of mind. Where it works best for the destination, personal time is woven into the itinerary, giving you the chance to explore independently, seek out a local restaurant, or simply relax at your own pace. Throughout, your National Escort's unparalleled knowledge will bring each destination to life and turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights. 'Coastal South Africa & Victoria Falls' is rated as a physical level 1 tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time
- Game drives use open-air vehicles and travelling across bumpy terrain

Of course, our National Escort and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary

JOINING YOUR TOUR:

The tour is 15 days in duration including international flights or 13 days in duration based on 'Land Only'.

Travellers booked on 'Land Only', the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre/post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours.

Join the tour on Day 2 in Victoria Falls and end the tour on Day 14 in Cape Town. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

Day 1-2: Arrive in Victoria Falls Meals: D

Fly overnight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. On arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred 45 minutes to your lodge for a two-night stay. Depending on your arrival time, the rest of the day is yours to relax and settle into your surroundings.



Destination Information

Victoria Falls – The Zimbabwean town is a gateway to the falls and the Zambezi River, with woodland, riverside scenery and opportunities to discover the region's wildlife.

Day 3: Explore Victoria Falls Meals: B, D

This morning, explore Victoria Falls from the Zimbabwean side. Enjoy a guided walk through the rainforest, pausing at viewpoints to admire this natural wonder. Later, board a shared sunset dinner cruise on the Zambezi River. Watch for hippos, crocodiles and birdlife as you dine, with the chance to spot elephants along the riverbanks.



Your sightseeing today will last approximately 5 hours.

Please note: The falls visit involves walking between viewpoints, with some steps and potentially slippery surfaces. Spray varies with water levels; waterproof protection for you and your camera is recommended. Please wear comfortable shoes with good grip.

Destination Information

Victoria Falls - Known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya, the falls form part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site shared by Zimbabwe and Zambia. Seasonal river levels shape the amount of spray and the views.

Zambezi River - This great river supports a rich variety of birdlife and wildlife. Hippos and crocodiles inhabit its waters, and elephants may be seen along the banks.

Day 4: Fly to Gqeberha Meals: B, D



After breakfast, transfer to the airport and fly to Johannesburg, where you will connect with your onward flight to Gqeberha, formerly known as Port Elizabeth. On arrival, transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Please note: Today is a long travel day.

Destination Information

Gqeberha - Set on Algoa Bay in the Eastern Cape, this coastal city provides access to nearby wildlife reserves and the eastern end of the Garden Route.

Day 5: Travel to the Addo Region Meals: B, L, D



After breakfast, enroute to your safari camp, enjoy a visit to SANCCOB to learn about the rescuing and rehabilitation of seabirds. Continue south to the Addo region. After lunch, head out in open safari vehicles, in Bellevue Forest Reserve, to explore and search for wildlife while learning about your surroundings.

Destination Information

SANCCOB – The Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds rescues, rehabilitates and supports the conservation of seabirds, including endangered African penguins.

Addo region – The wider area around Addo Elephant National Park in the Eastern Cape.

Day 6: Safari in Bellevue Forest Reserve Meals: B, L, D



Rise early for a morning game drive, lasting approximately three hours, exploring the reserve as the bush begins to stir. Look out for wildlife and recognise signs of animal activity along the way. Return to camp for breakfast and some time to relax before lunch. This afternoon, venture out on another game drive, discovering more of the reserve as the light changes towards evening. Wildlife sightings vary, making each outing a different experience.

Please note: You will be spending extended periods seated on potentially bumpy tracks. Bring layers for the cooler morning and sun protection for later in the day.

Day 7: Travel to Knysna Meals: B, L



After breakfast, travel west along the Garden Route towards Knysna, stopping after approximately three hours, in the Tsitsikamma section of Garden Route National Park. Follow a coastal boardwalk through the forest towards Storms River Mouth, where a suspension bridge spans the river between rocky shores. Enjoy lunch, before continuing one and a half hours to Knysna.

Please note: The walk in Tsitsikamma National Park includes steps and changes in gradient.

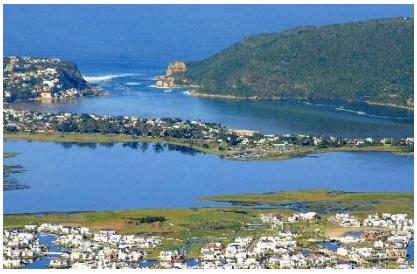
Destination Information

Tsitsikamma - This coastal section of Garden Route National Park brings together indigenous forest, river gorges and rocky shores along the Indian Ocean.

Storms River Mouth - The river emerges from a steep-sided gorge into the sea. A suspension bridge spans the mouth, reached on a forest trail with coastal viewpoints.

Knysna - Framed by wooded hills and a broad lagoon, Knysna is one of the Garden Route's best-known towns. Its waterfront offers places to eat and enjoy the waterside setting.

Day 8: Discover Knysna Meals: B, L, D



Today you will join a local guide to explore one of Knysna's township communities. Learn about daily life and the work of local entrepreneurs, gaining an insight into the community beyond the town's waterfront. Enjoy lunch before boarding a cruise on Knysna Lagoon, with an oyster tasting on board. Take in views towards the Knysna Heads, the sandstone cliffs that frame the lagoon's entrance to the sea.

Day 9: Travel to Arniston Meals: B, L, D



Continue to Arniston, also known as Waenhuiskrans - 'wagon shelter cliff', a coastal fishing village in the Overberg region. Enroute you will stop in Swellendam for a liqueur and pickles tasting. Continue to your coastal destination, where you will enjoy a Flex half day. You may wish to stroll the historic village, browse local shops or relax on the beach.

Today's journey will last approximately five hours.

Destination Information

Swellendam - Set beneath the Langeberg Mountains, this historic town offers a glimpse of the Overberg's heritage and countryside.

Arniston - A small coastal village known for whitewashed fishermen's cottages, sandy shores and rocky coastal scenery. Its alternative name, Waenhuiskrans, refers to a nearby sea cave.

Day 10: Franschhoek

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, leave Arniston behind as you continue to the winelands region, stopping near Hermanus for a wine tasting before arriving in Stellenbosch for lunch. Afterwards, journey to Franschhoek, surrounded by mountains and vineyards, this town reflects the French Huguenot heritage that helped shape the valley.



Travel time today will be approximately three and a half hours.

Destination Information

Hermanus wine region - The countryside around Hermanus includes vineyards shaped by cooling maritime influences.

Stellenbosch - One of South Africa's best-known wine towns, Stellenbosch combines oak-lined streets and Cape Dutch architecture with a lively university atmosphere.

Franschhoek - Set in a valley enclosed by mountains, Franschhoek is known for its wine estates and food. Its French Huguenot heritage is reflected in the town's name and local history.

Day 11: The Winelands

Meals: B, L

Spend the morning at Rickety Bridge, where a vineyard walk introduces you to the estate and its winemaking traditions. Stroll among the vines, taking in the surrounding mountain scenery as you learn about the journey from grape to glass. Sample a selection of the estate's wines during a tasting before enjoying lunch in this picturesque setting. Continue the drive of approximately one and a half hours to Cape Town.



Destination Information

Cape Town - Cape Town enjoys a spectacular setting between Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean. This city brings together a rich and complex history, diverse cultures and a thriving food scene, framed by dramatic mountain scenery.

Day 12: Explore Cape Town Meals: B, D



Discover Cape Town on a city tour, passing the Castle of Good Hope, Company's Garden and Bo-Kaap. Weather permitting, ascend Table Mountain by cable car for sweeping views across the city, coastline and surrounding mountains. Later, join a walking food tour, stopping at three or four venues to sample local flavours and hear how different communities have shaped Cape Town's food culture.

Today involves approximately five hours on foot.

Destination Information

Table Mountain - Cape Town's landmark mountain forms part of Table Mountain National Park. Its summit offers broad views and distinctive indigenous vegetation.

Bo-Kaap - Known for its colourful houses and sloping streets, this neighbourhood has a rich history closely associated with the city's Muslim communities and Cape Malay culture.

Castle of Good Hope and Company's Garden - These central landmarks reflect different chapters of Cape Town's history. The itinerary specifies an orientation past them rather than guided interior visits.

Day 13: Cape Peninsula Meals: B, L, D



Explore the Cape Peninsula, beginning with views of the Twelve Apostles from Maiden's Cove. Continue through Hout Bay and, weather permitting, follow Chapman's Peak Drive along the coastline. Visit Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope before stopping at Boulders to see the African penguin colony from the boardwalks. Return to Cape Town for dinner.

Sightseeing today will last approximately seven hours.

Destination Information

Chapman's Peak Drive - This coastal road curves above the Atlantic between Hout Bay and Noordhoek, with views of steep mountain slopes and the ocean.

Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope - These distinct headlands lie within Table Mountain National Park and are known for rugged scenery, coastal vegetation and ocean views.

Boulders Beach - Granite boulders shelter the shores near Simon's Town, home to an African penguin colony. Designated boardwalks allow you to observe the birds while respecting their habitat.

Days 14-15: Depart Cape Town Meals: B

After breakfast, transfer to Cape Town Airport for your overnight flight to New Zealand, arriving the following day.



COASTAL SOUTH AFRICA & VICTORIA FALLS TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS:

Entry requirements – Zimbabwe
New Zealand passport holders require a visa to enter Zimbabwe, which is not included in the cost of your tour and is purchased upon arrival. Details will be provided in your final documentation, sent approximately two weeks prior to departure.

Entry requirements – South Africa
New Zealand passport holders are currently permitted entry to South Africa without a visa for stays of up to 90 days.

Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back in New Zealand. Your passport must also have at least 2 blank pages for stamps.

Please note the visa procedures and requirements may change at any time. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate; Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

GROUP SIZE:

Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by a National Escort. On this Classic Flex Tour, there will be no more than 18 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu Tours groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so. For groups with fewer than 10 travellers, departures will operate with local guides only.

EATING IN ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA:

Eating in Zimbabwe offers a taste of the country's cultural heritage, with traditional dishes centred on maize, vegetables, beans and meat. A staple of Zimbabwean cooking is sadza, a thick maize porridge served with accompaniments such as beef stew, chicken or leafy greens known as muriwo. Groundnuts also feature prominently, adding flavour to vegetable dishes and rich peanut sauces. Grilled meats are popular at social gatherings, while more adventurous diners may have the opportunity to sample madora, edible mopane caterpillars traditionally dried and cooked with seasoning. Recipes vary between regions and communities, offering a range of local flavours to discover. In Victoria Falls, you'll find cafés, casual restaurants and hotel dining rooms, with menus ranging from local specialities to pizzas, grilled meats and vegetarian meals. Some restaurants make their surroundings part of the experience, with views across the Zambezi River, the gorge or a lodge waterhole.

Eating in South Africa is a diverse and flavourful experience, reflecting the country's rich cultural heritage and its blend of indigenous, European, Asian, and African influences. The cuisine is influenced by the country's history and various ethnic groups. You'll find traditional African dishes, Dutch, British, Indian, and Malay-inspired foods, among others. The iconic braai, a barbecue feast of meats and traditional sauces, embodies communal gatherings. Biltong and droëwors offer savoury snacking options, while dishes like bobotie, a fragrant blend of spiced meat and custard, showcase Cape Malay influences. Indian-inspired samoosas and the unique bunny chow add further dimension to South African dining. From pap and wors, a staple pairing of maize porridge and sausages, to seafood harvested from the extensive coastline, the culinary scene is a celebration of diversity. Wine regions like Stellenbosch and cultural festivals highlight the country's love for wine and food. South African cuisine varies by region and cultural background, so there's a wide range of flavours and dishes to explore.

Ultimately, South African cuisine tells a story of cultural fusion and community, inviting locals and visitors alike to savour its distinctive flavours. Restaurants in South Africa offer good value. In every city you'll find fine restaurants with imaginative menus. Generally, restaurants are licensed (sell alcohol) except for Muslim establishments serving Cape Cuisine which don't sell alcohol at all. In big cities such as Cape Town, continental-style cafes are popular. In addition to fine dining, South Africa has a string of franchise restaurants including popular Wimpy, Spur, Nando's, and KFC.

If you have dietary requirements, let us know before departure so these can be communicated accordingly.

DEVELOPMENT IN ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA:

South Africa and Zimbabwe offer a mix of modern urban centres, established tourist facilities and rural communities where infrastructure and access to services can be more limited. South Africa's major cities have extensive shopping, dining and transport facilities, while Zimbabwe's main tourist destinations, including Victoria Falls, offer hotels, lodges and visitor services catering to international travellers.

However, development is uneven in both countries, and you may notice marked differences in housing, living standards and access to essential services, sometimes within the same town or city.

During your journey, road surfaces, mobile reception and internet speeds may vary, particularly in rural areas and wildlife reserves. Occasional interruptions to electricity or water supplies can also occur. Many tourist properties have backup arrangements, although these may not always support every facility. Service can follow a more relaxed pace than you are accustomed to at home, and journeys may take longer where roads are poorly maintained. A patient, flexible approach will help you enjoy your holiday, while your guide can explain local circumstances and assist with any practical concerns.

ACCOMMODATION:

Your accommodation has been selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family-run guesthouse in a smaller town or a heritage-type hotel. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard but do please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between New Zealand and Africa. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards are met.

All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, and air conditioning. Not all accommodation has TV or telephones in the rooms. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort or Local Guide.

TIPPING POLICY:

Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world and Africa is no exception. However, it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. In order to avoid any inconvenience Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your national escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed amongst your main service providers (for example local guides and drivers) throughout your tour. The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the national escort. Any other tipping, such as tips for bathroom attendants or hotel porters that are taking luggage to your room, is at your discretion based on satisfaction of services received, as are gratuities for additional requested special services.

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy, but we do recognize that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

SOUVENIRS:

We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs so we include some stops at museums or exhibitions that demonstrates a craft or product unique to that region with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone so we aim to take you to places that hold local interest. We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts and crafts and understand their historical and cultural importance

TRANSPORT:

Coaches: Coaches are used for airport transfers, city sightseeing and longer journeys between destinations. Vehicle size depends on the number of guests travelling. Road conditions vary, and traffic, roadworks and weather may extend driving times. All journey times are approximate, and some sightseeing days may continue directly to dinner without returning to the hotel.

Safari Vehicles: Game drives at Bellevue Forest Reserve take place in open safari vehicles, allowing you to enjoy views of the surrounding bush and wildlife. These vehicles are exposed to the elements, so bring an extra layer for early morning drives and sun protection for daytime outings. Tracks can be uneven and bumpy, and boarding involves climbing steps into the vehicle.

Boats: Your itinerary includes a sunset dinner cruise on the Zambezi River and a sightseeing cruise with oyster tasting on Knysna Lagoon. Boat layouts and boarding arrangements vary, and you may need to negotiate steps or a gangway. Follow the instructions when boarding, moving around and disembarking.

Flights: Scheduled flights connect Victoria Falls with Gqeberha via Johannesburg. Flight schedules may change, and connecting services can involve time waiting at the airport.

APPROPRIATE DRESS:

South Africa and Zimbabwe are culturally diverse, and everyday dress is generally relaxed in cities and tourist areas. In South Africa, casual clothing is widely accepted, although modest dress is appropriate when visiting religious sites or more traditional communities. In Zimbabwe, modest clothing is particularly considerate in rural communities and places of worship. For these visits in either country, choose clothing that covers your shoulders and knees, and follow your guide's advice on local customs. Keep swimwear for beaches and swimming pools.

Pack lightweight clothing for warm days, with layers for cooler evenings, early morning game drives and changeable coastal weather. Bring comfortable walking shoes with good grip, a sunhat and a waterproof jacket for showers and spray at Victoria Falls. Long trousers and lightweight, long-sleeved tops also help reduce insect bites in the evenings. Smart casual clothing is suitable for most evening dining.

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

Wendy Wu does not give specific health advice, but we do recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you. Safe travel has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.safetravel.govt.nz

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.safetravel.govt.nz as in the event of an emergency, New Zealand Consular assistance will be more readily available.

Up until the day you travel, it is vital you keep up to date and familiarised with the entry requirements as these can change at short notice. You are personally responsible for completing any entry forms, conducting any covid tests (if necessary), etc and adhering to countries' specific entry requirements. You can also access the New Zealand Government's travel advisory service for up-to-date information about your destination on the same website.

AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice. If a visa is required, our Visa Department will be in touch with the paperwork and next steps. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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