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# MEET THE TEAM



**Lawrence McLean**

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT  
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



**Andrea McLean**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style, She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around , there is always laughter.



**William McLean**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
HOST ASSISTANT**

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

**"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."**

**– Steve Jobs**



# THE ITINERARY

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

 **USA → NZ**

**ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND**



**SOFITEL AUCKLAND VIADUCT HARBOUR**

**3:00 PM CHECK IN**



**8:00 PM**

**BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER**

**MONDAY, MARCH 29**



**TOUR OF AUCKLAND**

**9:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR

**12:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30**



**DEPART FOR ROTORUA**

**9:00 AM** CHECKOUT/ DEPART FOR ROTORUA (3 HR DRIVE)

**12:00 PM** ARRIVE / CHECK INTO HOTEL



**TE PUIA TOUR**

**1:00 PM** DEPART FOR TOUR

**6:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**



**TOUR OF WAI-O-TAPU**

**9:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR

**5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1**



**DEPART FOR QUEENSTOWN**

**10:00 AM** CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR AIRPORT

**12:40 PM** DEPART FOR QUEENSTOWN / via no NZ5785

**4:05 PM** ARRIVE IN QUEENSTOWN / TRANSFER TO HOTEL



SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN

**5:00 PM CHECK IN**



**FREE TIME**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2**



**MILFORD SOUND CRUISE  
W/ LUNCH**

**9:00 AM** DEPART FOR CRUISE

**5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

# THE ITINERARY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**



**FREE TIME**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4**



**CHECK OUT / FLY HOME**

**12:00 PM** CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

# THE EXTENSION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4**



**FREE DAY**

**MONDAY, APRIL 5**



**ARRIVE IN FIJI**



**HILTON FIJI RESORT**

**3:00 PM CHECK IN**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6**



**NADI ISLAND TOUR**  
**(Mud Bath & Hot Spring included)**

**12:00 PM** DEPART FOR TOUR

**4:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



# THE EXTENSION

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**



**CLOUD 9 FLOUTING BAR**

**12:00 PM** DEPART FOR

**5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8**



**FREE DAY**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9**



**CHECK OUT / FLY HOME**

**12:00 PM** CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT



# TOUR IN DEPTH



## AUCKLAND

New Zealand's largest urban environment, Auckland is home to 1.5 million people who bring a rich diversity to the region's food, arts and cultural experiences. Enjoy spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf Islands, native forest ranges, twin harbours and sparkling cityscape. With three local wine regions, surf and harbour beaches, native bird sanctuaries, marine reserves and seaside regional parks, there's always something wonderful to do or see here.



## ROTORUA

There's nowhere quite like it. Rotorua is famous for its geothermal sights—furious geysers, boiling mud, and sublime hot pools—but it is also a thriving centre for Māori cultural experiences and an adventure playground for all things adrenaline and the great outdoors.



## TE PUIA

For generations, Te Puia has welcomed manuhiri (visitors) to discover the magic hidden within Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. Explore our dramatic geysers, bubbling mud, and beautiful native bush during our guided experience, Te Rā. Get close to the largest active geyser in the Southern Hemisphere, Pōhutu Geyser, and our national treasure the Kiwi bird. Witness students learning the traditional crafts of Māori carving and weaving at the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute. Feel the power of waiata and haka during our Māori cultural performance.

# TOUR IN DEPTH



## WAI-O-TAPU

Named as “One of the 20 Most Surreal Places in the World” Thousands of years in the making, visitors can choose one or all of three walks which take between 45 and 90 minutes. Unique features include the world famous Champagne Pool naturally coloured springs, bubbling mud, steaming ground, expansive vistas, huge volcanic craters and sinter terrace formations. The natural bush setting adds another dimension to the experience as does the Lady Knox Geyser which erupts daily at 10.15 am to heights of up to 20 meters.



## QUEENSTOWN

Head out of Queenstown and the drama of the Central Otago landscape unfolds around you. If you're a Lord of the Rings fan you'll recognise many Middle-earth™ locations here. Nearby Arrowtown's gold-mining history is alive and vibrant; visit the Lakes District Museum or go gold panning. At the northern tip of Lake Wakatipu is rural Glenorchy and Paradise Valley. From here it's a short drive into the Mt Aspiring National Park and the start of some of New Zealand's great walks.



## MILFORD SOUND CRUISE

The best way to experience Milford Sound's majestic beauty is on a scenic cruise. Nestled in the heart of Fiordland National Park, this world-famous fiord is known for its sheer cliffs, powerful waterfalls, and kilometre-high Mitre Peak rising straight from the water. A Milford Sound cruise lets you immerse yourself in this raw, untouched landscape, an unforgettable New Zealand experience.



# TOUR IN DEPTH



## FIJI

Fiji is a tropical island nation located in Oceania in the South Pacific Ocean and comprises an archipelago of more than 332 islands, 110 of which are permanently inhabited. Fiji is located about two-thirds of the way from Hawaii to New Zealand, and immediate neighbors include Vanuatu, Tonga, and Samoa. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Fiji has a mixed economy which includes a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation.



## NADI ISLAND

Nadi is the third-largest conurbation in Fiji. It is located on the western side of the main island of Viti Levu. Along with sugar cane production, tourism is a mainstay of the local economy with the Nadi region having Fiji's highest concentration of hotels and motels. Nadi International Airport, located 9 kilometers from Nadi, is the largest airport in Fiji. Thus, Nadi is the principal port of entry for air travelers to Fiji, even though it is on the opposite (western) side of the island of Viti Levu from the nation's capital and largest city, Suva.



## CLOUD 9

With a tight roster of international underground chill-house DJs, Cloud 9 is more than just a floating bar; it's a vibe. Family-run and handcrafted with precision and creativity, Cloud 9 is laid-back and naturally classy with a fun and unpretentious atmosphere, a beautiful sun deck, multiple day beds and a quality surround sound system throughout. Cloud 9 is privileged to float on beautiful Fijian waters and opens its doors (no landing fees required) to everyone that wants to come on board and enjoy this incredible ambience! An experience like no other!



# ACCOMMODATIONS



**SOFITEL AUCKLAND  
VIADUCT HARBOUR**





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SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN





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