

We will spend J-term learning about the history and culture of New Zealand while also backpacking and hiking some of the most dramatic scenery in the world.

Hike up ancient volcano craters, to glacial mountain lakes, and along sandy ocean beaches. Explore museums that reflect the history and culture of the other land "Down Under" in Christchurch, the beautiful garden city. Visit Ko Tane, a Maori Cultural experience located at the Willowbank Wildlife Reserve where we will be touring the natural reserve with over a hundred different wildlife species, greeted with a traditional powhiri (greeting/challenge), enjoy a cultural performance, explore a living village, see the nocturnal house where Kiwi move freely, and experience a Hangi (Maori feast). Explore the recreational fun place of Queenstown (home of bungy jumping and other extreme sports) and the incredibly beautiful fjord of Milford Sound and Majestic Mt. Cook.

In the U.S. we hike the trails in the forest, but in New Zealand the rugged individualistic kiwis tramp the tracks in the bush. You will expand your global awareness by learning about the society, culture, history, politics, and environmental concerns of New Zealand. A typical day includes five to ten mile hikes through high mountain passes, exotic tropical like plants, mountains and coastal glaciers, brilliant sunshine, sudden rain, glaciated mountains, rolling farmland, high waterfalls, deep canyons, sheep, dolphins, penguins, urban cities, splendid isolation, dramatic scenery, and fascinating musuems.

And, by the end of the trip you will be well versed in backcountry safety and survival techniques.



Learning While Tramping on the Tracks of New Zealand
NEW ZEALAND



Educating to achieve a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world, both locally and globally.

### AT A GLANCE

#### **Program Features**

- J-term program
- under these categories:
  - 4 PLU GenEd Upper **Division credits** plus 1 GenEd PHED Activity credit • Department credit in KINS (if approved)

### **PROGRAM COST**

# \$6,000

- Costs include:
- Airfare
- Lodging
- Program related transportation
- Supplemental study abroad insurance

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

- · Application deadline is September 30, 2014
- KINS 319 counts for 4 PLU credits Non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 required with the application
  - A \$250.00 non-refundable payment to confirm participation in the course is due within 10 days of notification of acceptance

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Wang Center applications available online at www.plu.edu/studyaway

J-term 2015 applications due to the Wang Center for Global Education by September 30, 2014



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