



AOTEAROA

New Zealand

Professional Learning Sequence

Travel Itinerary

June 7, 2023: Depart for New Zealand**June 8, 2023: International Date Line**

Traveling across the International Date Line causes a day to advance

June 9, 2023: Auckland

Arrive early in the morning into Auckland. We'll have the day to explore the Auckland Harbor area to accommodate for jet lag. Possibilities include the waterfront, the popular Viaduct Harbor, and Queen's Wharf, where you can see Rangitoto Island (volcanic) across the bay. You might even choose to take a ferry ride around the harbor. The group will dine together, and review the travel itinerary and each Explorer's inquiry question.

Included in the day: Dinner

June 10, 2023: Travel to Northland

We'll travel up to Northland to explore the unique culture of the Māori people. During our voyage north, we'll stop for lunch at a scenic location where we can view the distant Poor Knights Islands and gain a better understanding of the coastal life of the New Zealand people. Dinner on your own in Paihia.

Included in the day: Lunch

June 11, 2023: Waitangi Treaty Grounds

The day will be spent at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds where the important and controversial Treaty of Waitangi was signed between the Māori people and Great Britain. We'll learn about the historical significance and challenges associated with the Treaty. Explorers will have opportunities to draw connections between the historical treatment of Indigenous People in both New Zealand and the USA. For explorers with an inquiry question related to equity, inclusion, and social justice, this day will be extremely valuable!

Included in the day: Entry to Waitangi Treaty Grounds

June 12, 2023: School Visit

We'll visit a local elementary school that serves predominantly Māori students, and learn about the Pākehā (white settlers) and Māori relationship and how that history has shaped the schooling experience. During our visit we will have the opportunity to learn about the New Zealand curriculum and explore how schools are making learning equitable and culturally-relevant, and attending to the SEL needs of their students. Be prepared to share your culture with the students! After the school visit, we'll take a drive out to see Tāne Mahuta, New Zealand's largest kauri tree. Tāne Mahuta is estimated to be between 1,250 and 2,500 years old. We'll reflect together on the connections between the equity and personalizing work being done in New Zealand schools and ideas that can transfer back to American schools. Dinner on your own in Paihia or Russell.

Included in the day: Lunch

June 13, 2023: Travel to Auckland

On the route back to Auckland, we'll stop in the rainforest to be near a waterfall to reflect on our personal learning and develop plans for bringing ideas back to our local schools. Once in Auckland, we'll have the evening to explore more of the city.

Included in the day: Lunch

June 14, 2023: School Visit

Today we'll visit a high school that is known for its innovative approach to educating students and professional learning. We will have the opportunity to tour the school, visit classes, and meet with teachers and school leaders. This school visit will provide us with opportunities to see an entire school built upon students exploring their passions. For explorers with an inquiry question related to innovation, standards or competency-based education, or differentiated instruction, this day will be extremely valuable!

No meals included in the day

June 15, 2023: School Visit

Today we'll visit a local multicultural elementary school that is known for its celebrations of cultures and has recently undergone major facility upgrades. This school visit will provide us with opportunities to see a school built upon embracing and celebrating differences. For explorers with an inquiry question related to belonging, SEL, cultural-competency, or the arts, this day will be extremely valuable! Lunch will be provided by a local vegan and sustainable bakery (it's delicious food!). If time permits, we will talk with the owner to learn about environmental sustainability through food choices and farming.

Included in the day: Lunch

June 16, 2023: Independent Exploration

Explorers will have the day to pursue their interests in the city. Options include visiting the Auckland War Memorial Museum (historical museum) or taking a ferry ride around the harbor to explore Rangitoto Island (volcanic), Devonport (WWII bunkers), or Waiheke Island (beaches, wineries, and small towns). We'll end the day together for a group dinner to reflect on and celebrate our learning.

Included in the day: Dinner

June 17, 2023: Travel Home or Extension

Explorers will travel home or continue on their own for independent exploration of New Zealand

**Itinerary subject to change depending on local conditions and school availability*