



Australian Contingent to 12th New Zealand Venture Venture South – Riverton Southland

4 to 15 January 2013

Optional Pre-Tour: 27 Dec 2012 to 4 Jan 2013



The Plan

In 2010, 330 Australians went to the last New Zealand Venture and had the time of their lives. In 2013 we plan to do the same again, but this time pack in even more action and adventure!

The Pre Tour - 27 December 2012 to 4 January 2013

The optional pre tour is one of the most exciting aspects of the trip.

27 December

The Contingent travels from each capital city in Australia and arrives in Auckland at the top of the North Island. Today we will stay just outside of Auckland.

28 December

Today we travel from Auckland to Rotorua. The trip is around 3 hours, and we will stop to take in an activity and lunch on the way. Once at Rotorua we will setup camp for the next two days and then head to the Tamaki Maori Village to take in some Maori culture and to participate in a Hangi, a traditional Maori meal.

29 December

Today we head to Hells Gate - the beast of all Geothermal Parks at Rotorua. Here you will be able to see the amazing Geothermal activity, participate in a guided tour, hear about the culture and take in a mud bath and spa.

After Hells Gate we head to AgroVentures where you will be to participate in Jetboating, simulated free fall, the Swoop swing, plus many other activities.

30 December

Today we travel from Rotorua to Hamilton, about 1.5 hours by bus. We will be staying here for the next two days, and will be doing various local activities.

31 December

There will be a range of local activities on offer today plus a massive New Years Eve party!

1 January

We leave Hamilton today and head to Auckland Airport. From here, smaller groups will fly down to Queenstown, our base for the next few days. In Queenstown we will be staying at Reavers Lodge, a ski lodge about 400m walk from the centre of Queenstown.

2 to 4 January

You will have 3 full days in Queenstown and will be able to pick your activities including Jet Boating, The Nevis Swing - the worlds biggest swing, White Water Rafting, Amazing Race, Extreme Mountain Biking, Gondola's and Luge, Kayaking, the must see Milford Sound, plus others. The non pre tour group will also be joining us on the 4

5 January

Today we leave Queenstown and head to the Venture site at Riverton near Invercargill. From here the Venture commences.



Venture South - 5 January to 15 January 2013

Venture South is the reason we are all doing this, its the 12th New Zealand Venture and will have around 500 Kiwis plus 300 Aussies. The Venture is split into two components, being Expeditions or Phase 1 as they call it, and the Off & On Site activities known as Phase 2.

For the expeditions, you get to choose 3 preferences when you register and you will hopefully receive one of these 3. The expedition phase is 5 days and you will be in expedition units of 8 to 9 Venturers with 1 Unit Leader. You will head off into all different locations in the lower South Island of New Zealand.

After expeditions are done you will head back to the Venture site and will camp with your expedition unit but will be able to see all of your mates again. There will be a range of on and off-site activities which you can participate in.

Expeditions - Phase 1

In units of 8 to 9 Venturers and 1 Leader you will head off on Expeditions all over the South Island. You get to choose 3 preferences for your Expedition and all going well you will receive one of these three. You will find out what expedition you have received during the year prior to the Venture.

Expeditions will include Tramping (what Kiwis call Hiking), Scuba Diving, Queenstown Adrenaline Base (not recommended if you are doing the Aussie pre tour as some activities will be duplicated), The Amazing Race, and Kayaking to name a few. More expeditions will be announced at the end of March 2012.



Back on site - Phase 2

The New Zealand organising team have been busy finalising Phase 1 expeditions and not much information is available yet on Phase 2 yet, but at the last New Zealand Venture Phase 2 activities included Paint Ball, Abseiling, Shooting, Rock Climbing, Golf, Ten Pin Bowling, town shuttle bus, just to name a few. Evening activities included Region vs Region, bands & DJs, carnival night, casino night, and comedy night.



Travel Details

Contingent Travel

The Australian Contingent will be offering flights from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Darwin and Perth to New Zealand. If you live in another area, talk to us and we may be able to include a connecting flight for a small additional fee.

To move such a large Contingent we need to use multiple airlines and smaller travel groups. Within Australia we are using Qantas, and on the international leg we are primarily using Emirates on their Airbus A380 and Boeing 777-300ER aircraft from all ports except Perth. Perth members will fly direct with Air New Zealand. Domestically within New Zealand we are using Air New Zealand and Jetstar.

Due to the complexities of large group travel, you are not able to use frequent flyer points to subsidise your travel. You can earn points if you redeem them after you fly.

More specific travel details including departure and arrival times will be provide at the orientation days.

At no point is the Contingent visiting or travelling through Christchurch.

Independent Travel

We strongly prefer that all members travel with the Contingent to and from Australia.

If you are planning a family holiday and wish to stay on after the Venture or before it, we are prepared to consider independent travel on this basis. If approved, you would need to meet us at a designated point at a designated time. There will be no flexibility in this arrangement due to the large groups we are moving.

During the online signup there is an opportunity to request independent travel.

All independent travel MUST be approved by the Contingent leader.

Travel Surcharge

Due to the increased airfares when travelling from some Australian capital cities to New Zealand, it has been necessary to place a surcharge on some members attending from non east coast capital cities.

The surcharge varies depending on if you are doing the pre tour or not. This is due to differences in airfares based on the day of travel.

Capital City	Pre Tour & Venture	Venture Only
Melbourne	Nil	Nil
Sydney	Nil	Nil
Brisbane	Nil	\$ 230
Adelaide	\$ 90	\$ 230
Perth	\$ 510	\$ TBA
Darwin	\$ 190	\$ 540

Withdrawal & Refund Policy

We understand that sometimes participants may need to withdraw their applications to attend Venture South with the Australian Contingent for a variety of reasons. Depending on when you withdraw your application we may have already locked in bookings that cannot be refunded.

We have a tiered refund structure as follows:

Withdrawal Date	Refund Available
Between 1st April & 30 June 2012	Full refund of all fees paid
Between 1 July & 30 August 2012	Refund of fees paid LESS \$ To be advised
Between 1 September & 30 October 2012	Refund of fees paid LESS \$ To be advised
Between 1 November & 30 November 2012	Refund of fees paid LESS \$ To be advised
After 1 December 2012	No refund available

All requests to withdraw and have a refund paid must be made in writing to:

Australian Contingent - New Zealand Venture
PO Box 3401
Gippsland Mail Centre VIC 3841

Key Dates

Date	Details
26 March 2012	Applications open for Australian Contingent
Easter	Meet the team at Dragon Skin, Easter Venture SA and Hoadley Hide
31 August 2012	Applications close (may be earlier if all positions fill)
10 November 2012	Brisbane orientation day - 10am start
10 November 2012	Canberra orientation day - 7pm start
11 November 2012	Hobart orientation day - 1pm start
17 November 2012	Perth orientation day - 11am start
18 November 2012	Adelaide orientation day - 11am start
24 November 2012	Melbourne orientation day - time TBA
25 November 2012	Sydney orientation day - 10am start
8 December 2012	Darwin orientation day
9 December 2012	Alice Springs orientation day
26 December 2012	Adelaide & Perth pre tour groups departs Australia (late afternoon)
27 December 2012	All other states pre tour group departs Australia
3 January 2013	Adelaide & Perth non pre tour groups depart Australia
4 January 2013	All other states non pre tour groups depart Australia
15 January 2013	Contingent returns to Australia

All members attending Venture South should attend one of the orientation days. Contingent merchandise will also be provided on this day.



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All applications must be made directly through the Australian Contingent – No direct applications are allowed.

Eligibility

Venturer Be aged at least 14.5 years and not have had their 18th Birthday by 4 January 2013
Must be a registered and invested Venturer, and hold the Venturing Skills Award
Must be recommended by their Venturer Leader, Group Leader & District Commissioner
Must be accepted by the Australian Contingent

Leaders Be a registered Leader holding a Certificate of Adult Leadership with Scouts Australia
It is preferred that Leaders be Leaders of Youth within the Venturer Section
Must be endorsed by your Group, District, Region and Chief Commissioner
Must be accepted by the Australian Contingent

Application are open until 31st August 2012 or until all available positions are filled. All applicants must register using the Australian Contingent's online portal available at www.nzv2013.scouts.com.au

Fees

Venturers	AU\$2430*	which includes airfares, all meals, Venture fee & Contingent Fee.
Leaders	AU\$2230*	which includes airfares, all meals, Venture fee & Contingent Fee.
Staff / Rovers	AU\$2140*	which includes airfares, all meals, Venture fee & Contingent Fee.

Pre Tour	AU\$1000	This optional tour adds 9 days to the start of your trip and includes all meals, accommodation, transport, and most activities. Why not make the most of airfare and spend some extra time exploring the wonders of New Zealand.
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* These prices are based on traveling from either Melbourne or Sydney. For members leaving from other ports there is an additional travel surcharge due to increased flight costs. Please check the surcharge amount on our website at: www.nzv2013.scouts.com.au/surcharge.php

As part of the Venture, Venturers and Leaders participate in an expedition of their choice, which is an additional fee based on the expedition chosen. We have been advised expeditions will range from AU\$120 to AU\$400.

Payment Schedule

\$300 due on application	
\$500 due on 30 April 2012	\$500 due on 30 May 2012 (only if doing pre-tour)
\$500 due on 30 June 2012	\$500 due on 30 July 2012
\$500 due on 30 August 2012	\$500 due on 30 September 2012 (only if doing pre-tour)
Any remaining balance & expedition fee due on 30 October 2012	

For members that make an early full payment by 30 June 2012, we will include a Snowgum Wind Stopper vest embroidered with the Contingent Logo for FREE, normally worth \$129.

Payment can be made by Cheque, EFT or Credit Card. Credit cards attract a 1% surcharge.

More Information

You can find more information at www.nzv2013.scouts.com.au or by contacting:

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