



## EXOTIC VACATIONS

# Celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Lord of the Rings with a Customized Trip to New Zealand

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Courtesy Warner Bros.

How would a wizard explore New Zealand?

December 19 marks the 15th anniversary of the first Lord of the Rings movie, *The Fellowship of the Ring*. To celebrate its starring role as Middle-earth, New Zealand has created a new way to see the country — through the eyes of a hobbit, an elf, a dwarf or a wizard.



See The Shire in person

Courtesy Tourism New Zealand

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Tourism New Zealand has put together Middle-earth itineraries based on experiences each species would gravitate towards. [Take the quiz](#) to find out which one you are, and your results will show you where to go and what to do.



Lake Alexandrina

Courtesy Tourism New Zealand

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For example, I'm an elf and according to my results, "Elves prefer a holiday of beautiful, enchanting places complete with ethereal woodlands, dewy native forests and sparkling waterfalls." The [suggested itinerary](#) includes visiting the country's national parks (to pretend you're in Rivendell), sampling vintages at the wineries on Waiheke Island and exploring the Waitomo Caves, lit up by luminescent glow-worms. Sounds good to me!



Horseback riding through Glenorchy

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If you don't want to plan your own itinerary, luxury tour operator [Zicasso.com](https://www.zicasso.com) is also offering a [special anniversary tour](#). The 15-day excursion includes behind-the-scenes access to movie sets (like Hobbiton), touring real-life [filming locations](#), staying in the same hotel as the cast and crew, and seeing the Middle-earth landscapes of the country via a jet boat and a helicopter.

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The Hobbiton movie set

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It's a good excuse for LOTR fans to finally check New Zealand off the bucket list. One trip to rule them all!

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