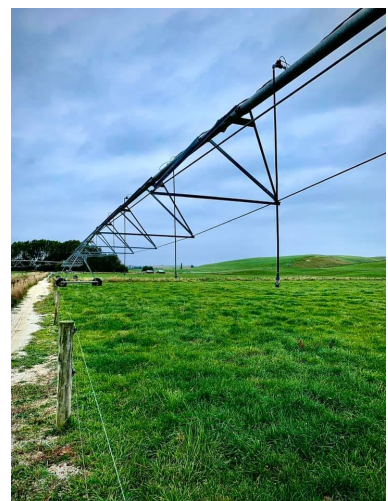




# Irrigation Leader

2024 New Zealand Irrigation and Hydropower Tour  
1 to 8 March 2024

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## Trip summary

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Day	Activity/Location
Saturday 2 March	<p>Arrive in Christchurch</p> <p>Accommodation at a Christchurch hotel</p>
Sunday 3 March	<p>Free day in Christchurch</p> <p>Travel by bus to Lincoln</p> <p>Accommodation at Lincoln Motel</p>
Monday 4 March	<p>Breakfast location TBC</p> <p>Travel to Oamaru</p> <p>Lunch at Riverstone Kitchen  <a href="https://www.riverstonekitchen.co.nz/">https://www.riverstonekitchen.co.nz/</a></p> <p>Afternoon - Oamaru Opera House  <a href="https://oamaruoperahouse.co.nz/">https://oamaruoperahouse.co.nz/</a>  Welcome from Mayor Gary Kircher  Presentation from Elizabeth Soal and other speakers on irrigation in the Waitaki</p> <p>Dinner at Del Mar <a href="https://www.delmar.nz/">https://www.delmar.nz/</a></p> <p>Accommodation at Brydone hotel and an Oamaru motel</p>
Tuesday 5 March	<p>Breakfast at Brydone Hotel <a href="https://www.brydonehotel.co.nz/">https://www.brydonehotel.co.nz/</a></p> <p>Travel to Borton's Pond at Black Point – view LWIC and NOIC intake, with speaker from each scheme?  <a href="https://www.noic.co.nz/">https://www.noic.co.nz/</a>  <a href="https://www.lowerwaitakiirrigation.co.nz/">https://www.lowerwaitakiirrigation.co.nz/</a>  Kokoamo Farm – pivots on hills and red deer</p> <p>Lunch at River T Winery <a href="https://www.rivertestate.co.nz/">https://www.rivertestate.co.nz/</a></p> <p>Travel to Elephant Rocks, part of Unesco Geopark – tour of site led by Sasha Morris from Whitestone Geopark (also filming location from The Chronicles of Narnia – The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe <a href="https://www.whitestonegeopark.nz/">https://www.whitestonegeopark.nz/</a></p> <p>Dinner at Scott's Brewery <a href="https://scottsbrewing.co.nz/">https://scottsbrewing.co.nz/</a></p>

Optional evening activity – Little Blue Penguin colony  
<https://www.penguins.co.nz/>

Accommodation at Brydone hotel and an Oamaru motel

Wednesday 6 March

Breakfast at Brydone Hotel

Visit a Meridian Energy Dam – Waitaki, Aviemore, or Benmore <https://www.meridianenergy.co.nz/power-stations/hydro/about-the-waitaki-hydro-scheme>

Travel to Otematata for lunch at Best Dam Pub  
<https://www.bestdampub.nz/>

Morning – Omarama Station – Richard Subtil  
<https://www.omaramastation.co.nz/>

Accommodation and dinner at Omarama Hotel

Optional evening activity – Omarama Hot Tubs  
<https://www.hottubsomarama.co.nz/>

Thursday 7 March

Breakfast at Hotel

Mount Cook Alpine Salmon – presentation and tour of farms in hydro canals, led by Brian Blanchard  
<https://alpinesalmon.co.nz/>

Lunch at Twizel (area where the Battle for Minas Tirith from the Lord of the Rings – the Return of the King, was filmed)  
Travel to Tekapo, with stop at Pukaki for photo opportunity

Visit a Genesis hydro site around Tekapo  
<https://www.genesisenergy.co.nz/about/generation/tekapo-power-scheme>

Optional evening activity – Mt John Observatory  
<https://www.darkskyproject.co.nz/choose-your-experience/the-summit-experience/>

Accommodation and dinner tbc

Friday 8 March

Breakfast location tbc

Travel to Queenstown

Stop at Gibbston Valley winery for lunch

Free afternoon in Queenstown

Dinner location TBC

Saturday 9 March

Breakfast at hotel

All depart

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