**New Zealand Itenerary**

**March 10-24, 2010**

**Communications**

We will have Gene and Ayla’s Cell Phones with Us.

Gene: 781-698-7176

Ayla: 781-698-8566

(We also get Wi-Fi access at Martha’s home in Twizel, motels in Christchurch, Dunedin, and Timaru, but probably not Lower Hutt or Milford Sound.)

**Geology of New Zealand** online: map plate boundaries

<http://sci.waikato.ac.nz/evolution/geologicalHistory.shtml>

<http://www.newzealand.com/travel/about-nz/nature/nature-geography-and-geology.cfm>

<http://data.gns.cri.nz/geoatlas/>

<http://www.gsnz.org.nz/>

<http://www.showcaves.com/english/nz/Geology.html>

**Wed March 10**

Ayla arrives from Amherst around 7

Gene arrives from work around ?

Ayla, Gene and Jane depart Brookfield around 8:30-9:00

Arrive at Stermans after 10:00 PM

Tan Toyota Corolla stays with Stermans.

**Thurs 3/11**

Joan Forman picks us up at 8:30AM and takes us to Boston’s Logan Airport.

We check bags through to Los Angeles. Go through customs to head for Aukland.

We 3 fly from Boston to Wellington, leaving at 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 11.

Via Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Auckland.

*I hear it can take more than 3 hours to transfer at Auckland. We have 1.6 hours between LAX-AKL and AKL-WLG. If we miss our scheduled AKL-WLG flight, we'll take the next one or the one after that. Flights to WLG leave every half hour till 10 AM, mostly every hour after that.*

**Fri 3/12**

Travel day

26.5 hour of travel total

**Sat 3/13**

Arrive in Wellington at 8AM

Rent car: AutoEurope, 2-4 door w/ A/C, manual: Hyundai Getz or similar.  voucher 3123341

Drive to Lower Hutt (1 hour) Check in at Exchange Motel, 2-3 miles from Brian

Meet Karyne Rogers

Telephone number for the house will be   00 644 566 1341

Karyne Rogers (home) 00 644 5670677

KR work 00 644 5704636

GNS Science  30 Gracefield Road  Lower Hutt 5040  New Zealand

**Sun 3/14**

Visit McKay Geology Museum if open. Probably not. Web says M-F 9-5

**Mon 3/15**

We fly from Wellington to Invercargill (via Christchurch), leaving at 8:40 AM We Arrive at Invercargill at 11:30 AM.

There we rent a car from Hertz: E6201317873, Toyota Yaris or similar w/ A/C, manual.

We drive to the Milford Sound Lodge (bookings@milfordlodge.com).

Gas up in Te Anau.  No gasoline in Milford, a 2-hour drive each way.

3 beds in a 4-person dorm room both nights; same dorm room, if you can manage that. If not, my wife and I would like a double bed room the 2nd night and Ayla can be in a dorm room.

Restaurants in town: International Buffet, Blue Duck Cafe & Bar, Boat Terminal Self Service, Packed Lunch on Board, Onboard Cafe

**Tues 3/16**

8:45AM Mitre Peak boat tour of Milford Sound and perhaps a black coral reef (2 hours: possibly Underwater Observatory) plus 2 modest hikes, both after the boat tour.

 Milford Sound Lodge

(Pukekura Royal Albatross Colony; Maori Uncut? Franz Joseph Glacier)

**Wed 3/17**

Short morning hike

Long drive (10 hour?) to Twizel, 25 miles SSE of Mount Cook

Stay at Martha Wood Hyder’s home: we have a key, town map, photos, and WIFI access!

Twizel: good internet outside house; good access in town square (booster antenna in a drawer; Kitchen counter is a good spot: transmitter far end of street; tries to connect to wrong one

Laundromat in town center

**Thurs 3/18**

there is a very fun Puzzle Palace in the town of Wanaka, not too far from Twizel; maze for 30-60minutes of confusion, then 60-120 minutes of illusion rooms.

Laundry; Hike near Mt. Cook; Lake Tupaki up to Mt. Hood; waterfalls

**Fri 3/19**

Hike

Drive to Christchurch (3.5 hours)

We will probably visit a contra dance caller (Bill, and Liz) in Christchurch Friday evening, March 19. There may be a contra dance for us and a few others, in their home. We will stay in Christchurch at Bealey's Hotel Friday night (on the NE edge of downtown), 263 Bealey Street.

Southern Encounter Aquarium & Kiwi House North of Airport (Willow Bank; Native New Zealand Kiwi House; Banks Peninsula?

Akaroa Adventure Centre: Harbor Tour or Swim with Dolphins

**Sat 3/20**

We will explore Christchurch and environs Saturday till 2 PM.

Ayla flies back on Saturday, March 20.

Leave Christchurch at 4:30 PM and Auckland at 7:30 PM.

Arrive San Francisco 11:45 AM (also March 20).

Leave San Francisco at 1:41 PM for Boston, via Chicago's O'Hare.

Arrive in Boston 12:17 AM (late Saturday night / officially, Sunday morning).  26 hours of travel.

A friend (Nathan Johnson) will pick her up at the airport and take her to another friend's (Sarah Sterman) home in Lexington to spend the night.

A 3rd friend (Jen Sidebottom) will drive her to Amherst on Sunday.

Gene and Jane will explore Christchurch some more and other parts of the South Island. We will drive part way to Dunedin (5 hours from Christchurch) late Saturday afternoon. We will stay at the Ashbury Park Hotel in downtown Timaru (134 Evans Street).Timaru is 2 hours from Christchurch, 3 hours from Dunedin.

**Sun 3/21**

Pick up Brian at Dunedin Airport at 10:45AM

Dunedin Harbor?

Travel South (?) with B.

Otago Peninsula: Royal Albatross Centre, Yellow-Eyed Penguin Reserve, Blue Penguins, Sea Lions Amaroo Blue Penguin Colony

Stewart Island?

Find Lodging.

**Mon 3/22**

Travel with B.

Return toDunedin. We will drop Brian off at his motel Monday evening, March 22.

Then Gene & Jane to go to the contra dance at 7:30 -NE Valley Baptist Church, on North Road by 10th Street, off Rte 1 at Calder Avenue.

Gene & Jane will spend the night in at the Dunedin Quality Hotel Cargills - 678 George Street (64) 3 477 7983.Brian prepares for talk.

**Tues 3/23**

Brian will give 2 talks at his conference on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Gene & Jane will mosey back to Christchurch. Moeraki Boulders?

We will spend Tuesday night again at the Ashbury Park Hotel in Timaru.

**Wed 3/24** Gene and Jane fly home via Christchurch to Auckland to San Francisco to Boston

We return on Wednesday, March 24. Kiwis?

Leave Christchurch at 4:30 PM and Auckland at 7:30 PM.

Arrive San Francisco 11:45 AM (also March 24).

Fly non-stop from there to Boston.  Leave at 1:56 PM, arrive at 10:40 PM.  24.5 hours of travel.

Take the subway to Alewife and taxi from there to Lexington, OR taxi from Logan to Lexington.

From Lexington we drive to Brookfield (1:30 AM?), where we will spend the night.

Gene will drive 1.3 hours to work in New Britain CT later that morning, March 25.

**Gene, Jane & Ayla**

March 11, 2010

1130-1259 BOS-PHL USAir 1697

1355-1659 PHL-LAX USAir 1766

1930-0525 LAX-AKL NZAir 5

0700-0800 AKL-WLG NZAir 405

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0840-0925 WLG-CHC NZAir 433

1010-1130 CHC-IVC NZAir 5061

 **Ayla**

March 20, 2010

1630-1750 CHC-AKL NZAir 532

1930-1145 AKL-SFO NZAir 8

1341-1948 SFO-ORD United 886

2105-0017 ORD-BOS United 542

 **Gene & Jane**

March 24, 2010

1630-1750 CHC-AKL NZAir 532

1930-1145 AKL-SFO NZAir 8

1356-2240 SFO-BOS United 824

**LODGING**

3/10 Lexington - Sterman

3/11-12 airplane

3/13-14 Lower Hutt, Exchange Hotel

3/15-16 Milford Sound Lodge

3/17-18 Twizel, Martha's place - 24 Irishman Drive

3/19 Christchurch, Bealey's Hotel

3/20 Timaru, Ashbury Park Hotel

3/21 open

3/22 Dunedin, Quality Hotel Cargills

3/23 Timaru, Ashbury Park Hotel

3/24 Brookfield MA, home

WAHOO!