

Rhys,

As we were flying in from Sydney Saturday night, I thought of what my priorities would be when I got back to the office. Without hesitation, on the top of my list was dropping you an e-mail. I have to apologize for not calling you on Christmas. I did get through on your business number but did not leave a message. I tried to call the mobile number but was unsuccessful getting through with the calling card I had. I asked for help from the hotel's front desk personnel and they weren't able to figure it out either; Sorry Mate!

My Kiwi Brother, words cannot describe how grateful my family and I are for the wonderful time spent with you. During those three days, I honestly felt like a friend that was showing us his wonderful country rather than being with a tour guide. The time spent with you was not just informative, but more importantly FUN!! You exceeded my expectations numerous times over.

Thought we had an incredible time on this dream vacation, I have two regrets. First and foremost, we should have done the seven-day tour with you. Though we saw so much in that short period of time, I truly wish we could have enjoyed the trip a more leisurely pace and enjoyed your company longer. To add, you set the standard in those three days that was impossible to match. It wasn't the same when went off on our own. We saw some great stuff and had a good time, but it just felt awkward. Jokingly, we kept saying to one another "If Rhys were here, he would know the answer!" (smile). My second regret was going to NZ first. After spending a wonderful week in your beautiful country, Australia was almost anti-climatic. Though we had a good time and did some fun stuff, but it wasn't NZ. We all agreed that we should have gone to Sydney first, and then taken the 7 day tour with you after.

Since spending that short time together, Yasmin, Giovanni and I have added a couple of phrases to our repertoire, which we try to use as often as possible. The first is "No Worries Mate" – This phrase has to be said with a Kiwi accent and has replaced "No Problem", "Don't sweat it" and more importantly "Forget about it" (with a thick New York accent). The other is "Good on you Mate" – This is by far my favorite. Giovanni and I say this often and unsuccessfully try to imitate your accent (Smile).

Rhys, you take care of yourself and I hope to hear from you soon. As we said in NZ, if you ever decide to take a trip to Korea, you are more then welcomed to stay with us and we'll show you the town.

Your Friends,

Jorge, Yasmin & Giovanni

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Hi Rhys,

We had a very good flight back home. The weather was so clear we could see whole of Australian continent from plane. Hope the weather was also good in south island after we left.

It was a bit tiring but the excitement of returning home kept our spirits up.

We really enjoyed our tour with you. You were a real good company and a very good guide taking us around and showing every little spot.

We are back to our routine at home. Sonal is busy as our daughter Sheetal has come from London for ten days. Geeta is just relaxing.

Will definitely contact you if any of our friends or relatives are making tour of New Zealand.

Hope you have good business this season and everything is well with you.

Cheers

Sonal, Geeta and Mahendra

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Greetings from snowy Minnesota, USA,

Rhys-

I just wanted to shoot you an email saying thank you for the time of my life in New Zealand. The trip was beyond anything I could have hoped for. I can't tell you how nice it was to have a private guide who was willing to do anything, book any activity and adjust plans at a moments notice. You were very accommodating, and I will never forget the experience Joe, Micah and I had. I'm already saving money to return to New Zealand. And when I come back, I'll be sure to look you up. I've talked a good friend of mine to start saving money as well. He's just as big of Lord of the Rings fan as I am, so maybe we could do a three-day LOTR tour. But unfortunately, this probably won't happen for a couple of years. Rhys, I had such a great time and thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you ever feel like sending me an email, feel free. I'd like to stay in touch. My address is [j\\_ertl22@hotmail.com](mailto:j_ertl22@hotmail.com). I hope to hear from you soon. Take care!

Jordan Ertl

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Hi Rhys,

Attached is a great photo for your website.

We must thank you once again for showing us your wonderful country. We have come back to the United Kingdom dreaming of those glorious 8 days we spent with you. Your tour certainly planted the seeds for us to come back and see more of New Zealand. Your choice of accommodation, scenery, things to do and remember were just perfect for our needs.

We cannot thank you enough.

Hope to contact you in the near future for another adventure and further exploration of the South Island.

Fondest regards

Colin and Adele Friedland (Hertfordshire -United Kingdom)

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Dear Rhys,

We would like to express our gratitude for making our trip to New Zealand an unforgettable one. We also want to thank you for being so flexible when we wanted to change things in our schedule.

You have a beautiful country and we would have liked to spend more time there and been able to visit other places as well. We have shared some of our pictures with family and friends and they have also been impressed by the beauty of your country. We regret that we did not take a picture of all of us together with you since you were so instrumental in making our trip a wonderful one.

We're back in Guam and it is very hot here. We wish we were in Christchurch or Queenstown. Ja!

We don't know if the DVD player is going to work with movies bought in NZ. If it doesn't work let us know and we might be able to send you some from here (let us know which movies specifically).

Thanks again for everything and please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Ruben and Alba

Rhys:

A quick note to express our sincere appreciation for your wonderful organization and arrangements. We had a marvelous experience that we are relating to all our friends and family. It was nice to meet you and have you with us for our South Island journey.

If you ever need a reference or recommendation of your services, please feel free to use me. Our best wishes,

Arlene & Dan Kollin

Penny, Warraen, Gail & Melinda