



Heart of the North Island

Experience the very best of New Zealand's legendary landscapes, from the glowing underground grottoes of Waitomo to the meticulously crafted hills of the Hobbiton Movie Set. You will spend your days witnessing the force of the Pōhutu Geyser and wandering through the vibrant geothermal springs of Wai-O-Tapu, all while enjoying the depth of local cultural stories.

While this itinerary serves as a great starting point, we invite you to connect with our travel specialists, who can help tailor these experiences into a larger New Zealand journey personalised to your interests.

Starts in: Auckland
Finishes in: Auckland
Length: 4days / 3nights
Accommodation: Hotel 4 star
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport
Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations
Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring
plus much more...

Day 1



Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, known in Māori as Tāmaki Makaurau. Auckland is New Zealand's vibrant "City of Sails," and the country's largest metropolitan area. Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea. Surrounded by native bush, lush rainforests, and pristine beaches, Auckland is a haven for both adventurers and urban explorers. Wander through world-class museums and galleries in the city centre or enjoy a peaceful retreat at the Auckland Gardens, where stunning landscapes showcase New Zealand's diverse flora. Stroll along the lively waterfront to savour fresh seafood and international cuisine at Viaduct restaurants. For an unforgettable perspective, ascend the iconic SkyTower, New Zealand's tallest structure, and take in panoramic views of the city and its picturesque islands.

Auckland to Rotorua via Waitomo Caves + Te Puia with Cheeky Kiwi

Experience the ultimate North Island road trip on this fully guided, small-group journey from Auckland to Rotorua. Leave the city behind as you travel through the lush Waikato countryside to the world-famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves, where you'll marvel at thousands of tiny lights during a magical underground boat ride. The adventure continues to Rotorua's Te Puia, the home of Māori culture and geothermal wonders. Witness the powerful Pōhutu Geyser, see live Kiwi birds, and watch master carvers at work. With passionate guides and premium Mercedes transport, this is the most comfortable and exciting way to reach Rotorua.

Your accommodation: Millennium Hotel Rotorua

Millennium Hotel is Rotorua's largest 4-star deluxe hotel. Perfectly situated in the heart of the city overlooking Lake Rotorua. Five levels of accommodation offer guests a wide variety of scenic views.

Meals included: Lunch



Day 2



Hobbiton Day Tour from Rotorua with Gray Line / GreatSights - Lunch Included

Take a journey from Rotorua to the famous Hobbiton Movie Set, located inside a picturesque 1,250-acre sheep and beef farm near Matamata. Here, take a guided tour of the village of Hobbiton, which was carefully created in amazing detail as a film location for the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movie trilogies. During your guided tour of this amazing location, you'll see sights like Hobbit holes, the Mill and the Green Dragon Inn, and learn how farmland was transformed into a living, breathing piece of Middle-earth. After exploring Hobbiton, enjoy a tasty lunch in the Party Marquee and then return to Rotorua.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



Day 3



Crater Lakes Flight & Hot Pools by Floatplane with Volcanic Air

Soar beyond the crater's rim on a spectacular floatplane adventure. After taking in the breathtaking aerial views of Rotorua's hidden lakes district and distant volcanoes, you will experience the thrill of a water landing on the crystal-clear shores of Lake Rotoiti. Here, you'll discover a secluded paradise only accessible by water: natural geothermal hot pools tucked away in a quiet bay. Spend 90 minutes soaking in serenity or cooling off with a lakeside swim before your pilot whisks you back to reality.

Te Pā Tū Evening Māori Cultural Experience - Dinner Included

New Zealand's Most Awarded Cultural Attraction, presenting Te Pā Tū. Feast on song, drama, tradition, and divine seasonal kai (cuisine) within the forest Pā (village) blanketed by towering Tawa trees, blazing bonfires, and a forest-formed amphitheatre. Te Pā Tū shares Māori history, traditions, and cultural aspirations across 4-hours of celebration and feasting. These events change with each season of the Maramataka, the Māori lunar calendar.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Speciality Dinner



Day 4



Rotorua to Auckland via Taupo & Hamilton with Cheeky Kiwi Travel

Jumpstart your adventure at Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Wonderland, where you'll witness the spectacular eruption of the Lady Knox Geyser and explore a landscape brimming with vibrant geothermal features like the Champagne Lake and bubbling mud-pools. Continue south to Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake and a giant volcanic crater, for lunch and a highlights tour. Your journey north stops at Huka Falls, a breathtaking display of New Zealand's natural beauty. In Hamilton, discover the unexpected charm of Hamilton Gardens, boasting 18 unique enclosed gardens that transport you through various cultures and times. Finally, enjoy a fully guided return trip to Auckland, with secret stops making your return just as exciting as the rest of your adventure.

Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Independant Bus & Coach
Starts:	Auckland
Finishes:	Auckland
Tour length:	4
Accommodation:	Hotel 4 star
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary

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