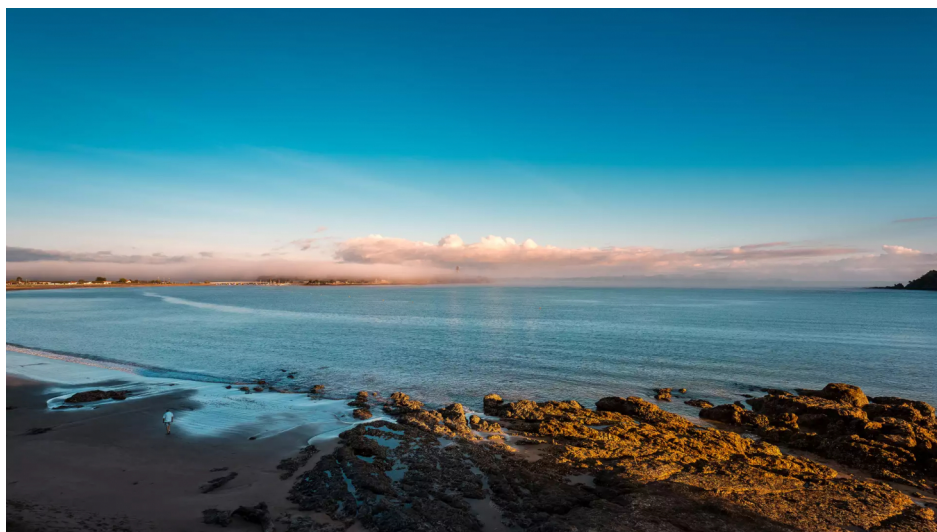


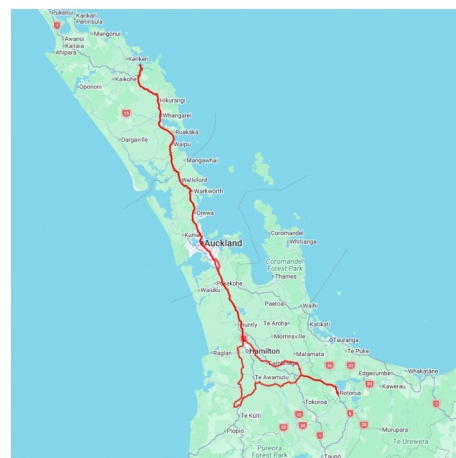


North Island Express

Get ready to head north towards the sub-tropical Northland, where you'll cruise past dramatic sea caves and walk the powerful, historic grounds of Waitangi. Next, journey south through the Waikato, stepping directly into the movie magic of Hobbiton and raising a pint at the famous Green Dragon Inn. Your adventure unfolds in Rotorua, a geothermal hotspot where you'll feel the earth's energy before enjoying an evening of exclusive Māori storytelling and delicious traditional cuisine. Top it all off by returning to Auckland via an underground grotto, where a silent boat ride reveals a universe of glittering glow worms, a truly spectacular, once-in-a-lifetime sight.

Starts in:	Auckland
Finishes in:	Auckland
Length:	7days / 6nights
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
Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course
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.

Your accommodation: Sudima Auckland City

Conveniently located within easy walking distance of Auckland's bustling shopping, arts, dining and entertainment precincts and opposite the New Zealand International Convention Centre.



Day 2



Paihia, Bay of Islands Tour with Cheeky Kiwi Travel

Embark on an extraordinary adventure through the enchanting Bay of Islands, departing from Auckland, where every moment is filled with wonder and discovery. This magical tour takes you on a journey through the subtropical paradise of Northland, showcasing the breathtaking beauty of both coasts. Step back in time at the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where New Zealand's history comes to life, and delve into the rich heritage at the fascinating Kauri Museum. As you venture deeper into the lush Waipoua Forest, prepare to be humbled by the majestic Tāne Mahuta, the largest known living kauri tree, standing tall as a testament to the ancient world. With each stop, this tour offers unforgettable experiences that will leave you with memories to treasure for a lifetime. Whether you're soaking in the stunning landscapes or immersing yourself in New Zealand's culture and history, this Bay of Islands adventure is a journey like no other.

Bay of Islands

Discover the Bay of Islands, a jewel of the Northland, beckoning with its idyllic sub-tropical climate and a rich tapestry of history and natural beauty. This renowned holiday destination boasts over 140 atolls, 40 parks and reserves, and 800 kilometres of stunning coastline. Immerse yourself in the vibrant marine world, where dolphins, seals, penguins, whales, and gannets flourish. Numerous charter companies offer unforgettable journeys, taking you deeper into the islands to marvel at incredible geographic formations like the iconic 'Hole in the Rock'. For those seeking a more personal exploration, yacht chartering provides an unparalleled way to navigate the area's pristine waters. Beyond the marine park, the seas are world-renowned for big game fishing, with impressive catches of marlin, broadbill, and game sharks.

Delve into New Zealand's compelling past with a visit to Russell, just across the harbour from Paihia. This charming township is steeped in history; explore the Pompallier Mission House, the local museum, and take a stroll to New Zealand's oldest church. Russell also offers an array of fine restaurants, cafes, and is home to the nation's oldest licensed premises, the Duke of Marlborough. No visit to the Bay of Islands is complete without journeying to Waitangi, the birthplace of modern New Zealand, to explore the historic Treaty Grounds and Treaty House.

Your accommodation: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands

Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands is located within the Waitangi Treaty grounds, surrounded by native bush and the beautiful Bay of Islands Harbour.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 3



Bay of Islands Tour with Cheeky Kiwi Travel

With your experienced guide, the journey from Paihia to Auckland along New Zealand's east coast offers a scenic and diverse travel experience. Starting in Paihia, a charming town in the Bay of Islands, you'll be surrounded by azure waters and dotted islands. The drive southward on State Highway 1 begins with stunning coastal views, passing through lush forests and rolling hills. As you leave Paihia, you'll drive through small, picturesque towns like Kawakawa, known for its quirky Hundertwasser public toilets, and Whangarei, the largest city in Northland, offering attractions like the Whangarei Falls and scenic Hatea River Walkway. Further south, the landscape begins to change, with more rolling farmland and rugged coastline. The drive through the Brynderwyn Hills presents panoramic views before descending into the rural heartland. As you approach Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, the scenery shifts to suburban landscapes with glimpses of the Waitematā Harbour. Auckland, known as the "City of Sails," greets you with its iconic skyline featuring the Sky Tower. The city is a vibrant hub of culture, dining, and adventure, with numerous beaches, parks, and attractions like the Auckland Museum and the bustling waterfront.

Your accommodation: Sudima Auckland City

Conveniently located within easy walking distance of Auckland's bustling shopping, arts, dining and entertainment precincts and opposite the New Zealand International Convention Centre.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 4



Auckland to Rotorua via Hobbiton and Te Puia with FlexiTours - Lunch Included

Travel from Auckland to Hobbiton and enjoy a lunch at Te Puia on your way to Rotorua. Become immersed in The Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit films when you visit the actual Hobbiton movie set. On this tour you will be taken through Hobbit Holes, The Green Dragon Inn where you will enjoy a complimentary drink, The Mill and the Party Tree while your guide shares behind-the-scenes tales and fascinating insight into the making of the films. Leave the Shire and head to Te Puia where you will be treated to a hangi lunch with stunning views of geysers as your backdrop. From Te Puia, you will be taken to your final destination of the day, Rotorua.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Polynesian Spa Adult Pavilion Pools & Priest Spa

Just for adults, this relaxing spa offers seven hot mineral pools with stunning views of Lake Rotorua. Three cascading marble-lined pools (38–39°C) feature alkaline water, perfect for a soothing soak, while a large deeper pool (38°C) is ideal for gentle stretching or floating. The three Priest Spa pools (38–41°C) use acidic Radium spring water, famed for its therapeutic benefits. Spacious changing rooms, lockers, and storage make it easy to enjoy a serene, rejuvenating experience in comfort.

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: Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5



Eco Thermal Park Tour with Elite Adventures

Experience it all on the ultimate volcanic and geothermal Rotorua tour. Discover vibrant hot springs, erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools, majestic volcanoes, and lush native forests on this fully guided half-day adventure. Journey through scenic forestry and farmland to Wai-O-Tapu, home to New Zealand's largest boiling mud pool and a series of dazzling hot springs. Witness the dramatic eruption of the Lady Knox geyser before heading to the Waimangu Volcanic Valley. Here, your guide will share the fascinating story of the Mt Tarawera eruption that shaped this spectacular geothermal wonderland.

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.

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: Breakfast, Speciality Dinner



Day 6



Rotorua to Auckland via Waitomo with FlexiTours

Journey from Rotorua to Auckland, passing through New Zealand's iconic farmland and Waikato Dairy country in a comfortable and spacious mini-coach. Enjoy Waitomo Caves, one of the country's best natural attractions where you will take a boat ride through the darkness to see a spectacular glow worm grotto. Admire thousands of magical glow worms light up the caves, a sight which has been enjoyed for over 130 years.

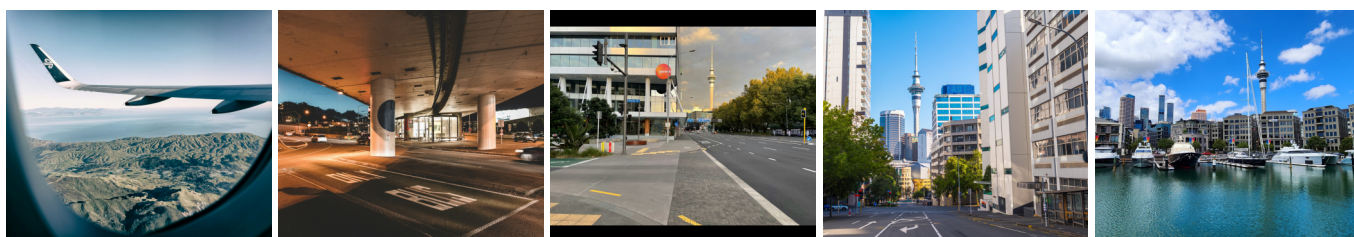
Your accommodation: Sudima Auckland City

Conveniently located within easy walking distance of Auckland's bustling shopping, arts, dining and entertainment precincts and opposite the New Zealand International Convention Centre.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 7



Private Transfer Auckland accommodation to Auckland Airport with Tourcorp

You will be met at your Auckland accommodation by the driver and transferred to the airport.

Farewell from Aotearoa / New Zealand

Bid farewell to Aotearoa / New Zealand, taking with you unforgettable memories of its breathtaking landscapes and incredible adventures. In Māori, it is said mā te wā, which is not goodbye, it is see you soon!

Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Self-Guided Coach Tours
Starts:	Auckland
Finishes:	Auckland
Tour length:	7
Accommodation:	Hotel 4 star
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary

Day 1	Sudima Auckland City
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