



Tour Essential North Island

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Visit: Auckland - Paihia - Whangarei - Rotorua - Waitomo

Escorted Experience

- Fixed Dates
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle
- First Class Hotels

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Day 1 Saturday Arrive in Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, you will be transferred to your city hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day exploring Auckland, the City of Sails. This afternoon meet your local tour representative who will provide a tour

briefing and confirm tomorrow's departure details. Hotel: Grand Chancellor Auckland City

Day 02: Day 2 Sunday Auckland to Bay of Islands

Today's journey takes you north across the Harbour Bridge, passing through the North Shore suburbs and the Hibiscus Coast region. You will pass through farmlands along with the towns of Warkworth and Wellsford before stopping in Matahoke to visit the award winning Kauri Museum. Learn how our early European settlers extracted kauri timber and kauri gum. Continue north along the coast where you will stop at the Waipoua Forest for a short walk to view Tāne Mahuta (the Māori God of the Forest) a 2000-year-old living treasure. Travel on to your hotel in the beautiful Bay of Islands. Dinner is included this evening at your hotel. Hotel: Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia B,D

Day 03: Day 3 Monday Paihia at Leisure

Paihia, the jewel of the magnificent Bay of Islands, offers amazing beaches, islands - suitable for those that enjoy fishing, scenic cruises, island hops, dolphin watching and kayaking. Further afield, enjoy an optional day trip to Cape Reinga (additional cost) to take in this spectacular sight where two oceans collide. Travel along Ninety Mile beach that stretches from Ahipara to Scott Point. Your coach captain will go through a list of optional tours to suit you and assist with any bookings you would like to make. B

Day 04: Day 4 Tuesday Paihia to Whangarei

Before departing the Bay of Islands today, enjoy a cruise out to the Islands in search of dolphins and other marine life. You will journey right to the end of the Cape Brett Peninsula, to the famous Hole in the Rock on Motukokako Island. Then, visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, our birthplace, for a guided tour to learn about the history, stories, personalities and events that shaped New Zealand. Later in the afternoon, head south to Whangarei taking in the stunning coastal beaches of Matapouri, Tutukaka and Ngunguru. Dinner is included this evening. Hotel: Distinction Whangarei Hotel B,D

Day 05: Day 5 Wednesday Whangarei to Rotorua

Your journey today takes you south, back to Auckland and on to Rotorua. Discover a volcanic wonderland where the ground steams, mud and waters bubble and geysers erupt high into the sky. This is a place rich in New Zealand's Māori culture and history. Dinner is included this evening. Hotel: Distinction Rotorua Hotel. B,D

Day 06: Day 6 Thursday Rotorua

This morning enjoy a City Tour including a visit to Te Puia Whakarewarewa geothermal valley where you will have the opportunity to see native kiwi birds, learn about Maori history & culture and explore the 60 hectare Geothermal Valley, including the Pohutu Geyser, the Southern Hemisphere's largest active geyser. A

ride on the Gondola to Skyline Rotorua is also included where you will experience spectacular views of Lake Rotorua, the city and steaming geothermal landscapes. The afternoon is yours to explore Rotorua, or perhaps you would like to take in a scenic flight (additional cost) over Rotorua City, the Geothermal Parks or Mt Tarawera to view spectacular craters and domes formed by the 1886 eruption. This evening you may choose to join a local Maori Cultural show with a Hangi influenced meal (additional cost). B

Day 07: Day 7 Friday Taupo

Today travel to Taupo to explore this picturesque lakeside town where time will be allowed for shopping and lunch (own expense). On route stop at Wairakei and Huka Falls on the mighty Waikato River. In the afternoon, retrace your journey to Rotorua where you will have more time to explore the city. B

Day 08: Day 8 Saturday Rotorua to Waitomo, Auckland

On leaving Rotorua this morning, travel to Waitomo, where much of the area's natural wonders can be found below the earth's surface as rolling hills and unspoilt native bush gives way to subterranean limestone caverns. Millions of years in the making, Waitomo's (wai meaning water and tomo meaning hole into the ground in Maori) visually awe-inspiring cave network draws people looking for adventure and those looking for a sense of wonder. Today, join your guide for an intimate cave experience, where you will see glow-worms and cave formations up close and appreciate the beauty of Footwhistle Cave. Travel onto Auckland for your final night. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. Hotel: Grand Chancellor Auckland City. B,D

Day 09: Day 9 Sunday Depart Auckland

Your tour will conclude today following breakfast and your transfer to the Airport. B

Inclusion**Auckland, Paihia, Whangarei, Rotorua, Taupo, Waitomo**

Auckland Airport to City Hotel Transfer

Eight nights in excellent centrally located accommodation including Breakfast Daily (B)

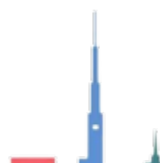
Modern air conditioned vehicle as per Itinerary outline

Meals as stipulated in Itinerary include 4 x Dinners

Sightseeing includes

- Matakohē Kauri Museum
- Tāne Mahuta, Waipoua Kauri Forest
- Cape Brett Cruise
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Te Puia Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley
- Skyline Gondola Ride
- Taupo Day Tour
- Caveworld Waitomo

Auckland City Hotel to Airport Transfer

Exclusion

Domestic Air Fares

Additional /Optional Tour Costs

Hotel Mini Bar

Other Sightseeing/Meals not stated in Itinerary

Note

Valid for Guaranteed departures between 26 Sep 2020 and 10 Apr 2021

Minimum 6 passengers to guarantee departure on a few dates only as below

26 Sep 2020

31 Oct 2020

21 Nov 2020

23 Jan 2021

20 Feb 2021

20 Mar 2021

10 Apr 2021

Cost for rental car options, private driver options or exclusive group travel is available on request

Child supplement is available on request

Supplement cost for Optional tours is available on request

Hotel included or similar

Grand Chancellor Auckland City, Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia, Distinction Whangarei Hotel,
Distinction Rotorua Hotel

Tour Dates & Pricing

