

9 Day North Island Explorer: Auckland to Wellington

Auckland - Bay of Islands - Napier - Wellington

From **\$3,779** Typically \$3,974 ✈️ pp Twin Share



Return flights included!

8 Nights of premium accommodation

Spacious, comfortable coach with professional guide

A range of meals, including specialty dinners

Visit the Sky Tower, Hobbiton, City Sights Tours, Māori Hāngi, Dolphin Cruise & much more

Description



Explore everything New Zealand's fantastic North Island has to offer with this 9 Day inclusive package! Experience the breathtaking beauty of the famed Bay of Islands, explore Auckland like a local, and discover Middle Earth for yourself with a guided tour of the Hobbiton site and movie sets. Then, get your adrenaline pumping with a visit to Rotorua and the infamous 'Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge', where you can zoom around the course while enjoying incredible views across the landscape.

In Te Puia, guests will be treated to a traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert, before venturing through stunning scenery to the Art Deco town of Napier. Wander the heritage-listed streets before heading to the wine region of Wairarapa and onwards to beautiful Wellington.

Including a range of fantastic meals, tours and experiences designed to provide the ultimate insight into New Zealand, plus 8 nights of premium accommodation, spacious coach and professional driver and guide, this North Island Explorer itinerary will leave you with fantastic memories for years to come.



Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive Auckland

On arrival into Auckland, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

Accommodation: SkyCity Hotel

Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Auckland - Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakohē, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British Government in 1840.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3

Bay of Islands

Today is a free day to explore the stunning Bay of Islands. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader will be on hand to assist with the many optional activities available including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach, a spectacular scenic flight over the crystal-clear turquoise waters found in the Bay of Islands or a tour of historic Russell. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4

Bay of Islands - Auckland

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran. Cruise to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. Return to Paihia and travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This afternoon includes a visit to Sky Tower at leisure, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. This evening is also free to explore the many eateries surrounding your hotel.

Accommodation: SkyCity Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Auckland - Rotorua

Today enjoy a city sights tour of Auckland. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle Earth.

Accommodation: Sudima Lake Rotorua (Superior Room)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Rotorua

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua where spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening you will experience an entertaining Māori cultural performance which features the graceful poi dance and ferocious haka. This is followed by a Hāngi feast prepared in the traditional way, over hot coals and buried in the ground.

Accommodation: Sudima Lake Rotorua (Superior Room)

Meals: Breakfast, Specialty Dinner

Day 7

Rotorua - Napier - Masterton

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as ‘The Art Deco Capital’, where a city tour will showcase an impressive collection of art deco buildings. Enjoy some free time to explore the fascinating architecture before travelling through the Wairarapa, an emerging cool-climate wine region.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park Wairarapa

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8

Masterton - Greytown - Wellington

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day before travelling to Greytown to see the most complete example of original Victorian wooden architecture. Drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington, enjoy a city tour of the nation’s capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Accommodation: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Executive Room)

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9

Depart Wellington

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return international airfares*
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- Tour Leader
- 8 nights 4 star accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portorage
- 1 cruise
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions

Meals:

- 8 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 6 sumptuous dinners including a specialty dinner: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua
- 1 Shire's buffet lunch: Hobbiton
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

**Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.*

Pre-paid Tours:

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- Auckland City Sights Tour
- Napier City Sights Tour
- Wellington City Sights Tour

Exclusions

- Meals not mentioned
- Any additional requests
- Travel Insurance
- Personal items such as souvenirs
- Laundry costs

Important information:



Single supplement: price available at check out, or enquire with us directly if you are travelling solo!

Child policy: children under 16 years are not permitted.

Flights: *Flights are based on departures from Melbourne. For all other cities, get in touch with us for a personalised quote.