



08 Day Northern Experience



Tour Summary

Tour name: Northern Experience

Days: 08

Spectacular Sightseeing Experiences

- Auckland, the 'City of Sails'
- Parry Kauri Park
- Waitangi Treaty Reserve
- Beautiful Bay of Islands
- Cape Brett 'Hole in the Rock'
- Waitomo Glow Worm Grotto
- Maori Hangi and Concert
- Experience The Realm of Tāne
- Breakfast on Lake Rotorua
- The Agrodome's Sheep Show
- Thermal Reserve Rotorua
- Tour of Wellington
- Visit Te Papa



INCLUDED Maori Cultural Experience

Transportation

- Tour by luxury air-conditioned coach with 2-door access, restroom, seatbelts, reclining seats, panoramic windows

Professionally Escorted

- Tour with an experienced, professional Tour Director and Tour Driver

Dining Inclusions

- Full Buffet Breakfasts (7) **(B)**
- Exciting Highlight Dinner (1) **(HD)**
- Hotel Dinners (3) **(D)**

Accommodation

- Twin share rooms with private facilities in centrally located hotels

Plus

- Welcome drink
- All purpose travel bag and map
- Airport transfers (Day 1 Auckland Airport to hotel - flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm; Day 8 to Wellington Airport – flights to depart after 2:00pm)
- Hotel portorage included

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Auckland

After we meet and transfer you from the airport, settle into your hotel, then see Auckland your way – visit the Sky Tower, Viaduct Harbour or explore the Waitamata Harbour by ferry. A Welcome Drink with your Tour Director and travel companions ends the day.

Hotel: Stamford Plaza, Auckland.

Day 2: Auckland – Bay of Islands

Over the Auckland Harbour Bridge and through Orewa and the gorgeously scenic Hibiscus Coast. Walk amongst the Kauri trees at Parry Kauri park. We have time to explore Whangarei, the northern – most city in New Zealand then it's off to Paihia and the beautiful Bay of Islands. 🇺🇵 We'll visit the historic Waitangi Treaty Reserve, where New Zealand's founding document was signed. You'll have time on your own to take in highlights such as the magnificent Maori War Canoe (Waka) and Marae (Meeting House).

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, Bay of Islands, 2 nights. **B D**

Day 3: Bay of Islands 'Free Time'

The day is yours to explore the Bay of Islands. Dolphin watch, catch a ferry to Russell, take a coach ride along the Ninety Mile Beach, sail or sea kayak – whatever takes your fancy. Top off your day with a night on the town. **B**

Day 4: Bay of Islands – Auckland

Enjoy a scenic cruise through the sensational Bay of Islands to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock'. We'll explore Urupukapuka Island on our way back then return to Auckland.

Hotel: Stamford Plaza, Auckland. **B D**

Day 5: Auckland – Rotorua

After an Auckland City Sights Tour, we trace New Zealand's longest river – the Waikato – to Waitomo Caves. We'll see the amazing underground Glow Worm Grotto by boat and walk the Limestone caves. On arrival in Rotorua an orientation tour takes in views of Lake Rotorua. 🇺🇵 Tonight The Realm of Tāne, including a Maori Hangi feast and Concert.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Rotorua, 2 nights. **B HD**

Day 6: Rotorua


Breakfast cruise, with sparkling wine, on Lake Rotorua onboard the historic Lakeland Queen. We then head to the Agrodome Sheep Show for a sample of farm life. 🇺🇵 Visit Te Puia and be accompanied by a local Maori guide for a tour of the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve. An afternoon of 'Free Time' – relax, explore or take a tour. **B**

Day 7: Rotorua – Wellington

From the mountains to the sea. View the Huka Falls. Visit Taupo and drive along the shores of its lake. Travel through the alpine scenery of Mt Ruapehu. Tongariro National Park. Manawatu. The Kapiti Coast. On arrival in Wellington a city sights tour, with views of the city from Mt Victoria.

Hotel: Novotel Capital, Wellington. **B D**

Day 8: Depart Wellington

Time this morning to explore Wellington your way.  Then we'll see Parliament House and visit Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, with time to discover it yourself. Later we will transfer you to the airport for your return flight. **B**