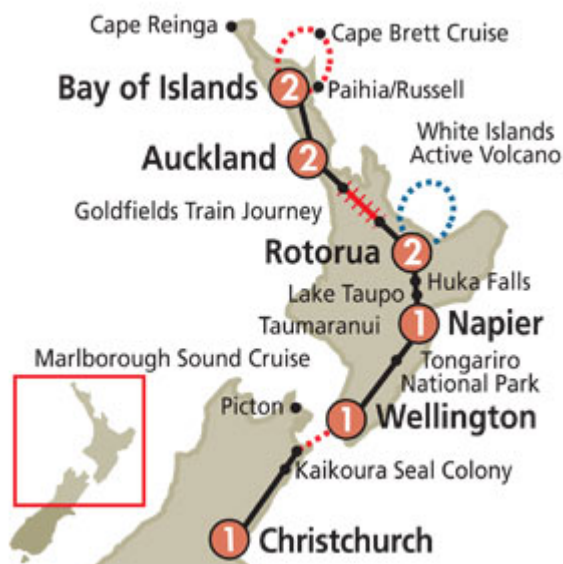




Northern Highlighter



Tour Summary

Tour name: Northern Highlighter

Days: 10

Tour Highlights

- 'Hole in the Rock' cruise
- Rotorua Thermal Reserve
- Marlborough Sounds cruise
- Relaxing two night stays in Auckland, Bay of Islands and Rotorua
- Goldfields Vintage Railway

Dining Experiences

- 'Realm of Tane' Maori cultural performance and Hangi feast
- Church Road Winery dinner
- Traditional New Zealand Roast Lamb Lunch with all the trimmings
- 16 meals including 9 breakfasts (B), 1 highlight lunch (HL), 4 dinners (D) and 2 highlight dinners (HD)

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand. On arrival transfer to your hotel. Tour commences at 8.00am.

Scenic FreeChoice Inclusions, choose from: Skytower, the tallest tower in the Southern Hemisphere; visit Kelly Tarlton's underwater world; discover Auckland on a morning sightseeing tour; cruise on Auckland Harbour including morning tea; walk through the Waitakere Rainforest and on the west coasts black sand beaches; experience the thrill of sailing on an authentic America's Cup yacht. Must be pre booked.

Overnight Stay: Langham Hotel.

Day 2 Auckland - Bay of Islands

This morning head north along the Hibiscus Coast to Matakoho. Visit the unique Kauri Pioneer Museum, for a stimulating insight into the mighty Kauri Tree, its timber, its gum and the pioneering settlers of New Zealand. Continue up the Northland peninsula through the breathtaking Waipoua Forest where you will view the giant Kauri

tree 'Tane Mahuta'. Head east to the sub-tropical paradise of the Bay of Islands. Arrive at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where in 1840 the founding document of New Zealand as a nation was signed.

Two Night Stay: Copthorne Hotel and Resort. *Meals: B, D*

Luxury Lodge Upgrade: Upgrade to two nights at Bay of Islands Lodge. Must be pre-booked, surcharge applies.

Day 3 Bay of Islands

Scenic FreeChoice Inclusions, choose from: On the Edge, the ultimate day sail in the bay; cruise and tour historic Russell and Pompallier; full day tour to Cape Reinga, the northern most tip of New Zealand; cruise and swim with the dolphins; play 18 holes of golf at Waitangi Golf Club; try your hand at fishing in the bay. *Meals: B*

Day 4 'Hole in the Rock' cruise - Auckland

This morning cruise through the scenic waters of the Bay of Islands to Cape Brett Lighthouse and through the famous 'Hole in the Rock' (weather permitting). Meander back through the inner islands, stopping at a secluded bay with time for lunch. This afternoon return to Auckland.

Overnight Stay: Langham Hotel. *Meals: B, D*

Day 5 Longlands Homestead - Rotorua

This morning we travel to the top of Mt Eden then journey south to Goldfields Railway. This vintage train will carry you through the upper reaches of the stunning Karangahake Gorge. Visit a working dairy farm for a guided tour, followed by a delicious Roast Lamb lunch. After lunch visit Whakarewarewa Forest for a relaxing stroll through the towering Redwoods before continuing to Rotorua. Tonight get a taste of Maori life at the 'Realm of Tane' cultural performance and Hangi feast.

Two Night Stay: Novotel Royal Lakeside Resort. *Meals: B, HL, HD*

Luxury Lodge Upgrade: Upgrade to two nights at Hamurana Country Estate or Treetops Lodge & Estate. Must be pre-booked, surcharge applies.

Day 6 Rotorua

This morning enjoy a guided tour of Te Puia Thermal Reserve and the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute. See the bubbling mud pools, thermal valley and the Pohutu Geyser which explodes from the ground shooting boiling water up to 30 metres into the air. **Scenic FreeChoice Inclusions, choose from:** the entertaining Agrodome sheep shearing and farm dog show; explore Rotorua's city and lakes on an amphibious duck tour; relax in the geothermal mineral pools at the Polynesian Spa; take a thrilling 4WD Safari adventure; visit the Buried Village; enjoy trout fishing on one of Rotorua's many lakes; visit Rotorua Museum. *Meals: B*

Day 7 Napier - Winery Dinner

Visit Huka Falls, Wairakei Steam Valley and Lake Taupo. Continue on to the coastal township of Napier. This afternoon enjoy a guided walk around this unique city renowned for its Art Deco architecture. Your walk finishes at the Hawkes Bay Museum where you will learn about Napier's History. Tonight enjoy wine tasting and dinner at Church Road Winery.

Overnight Stay: Scenic Circle Te Pania Hotel. *Meals B, HD*

Day 8 Napier - Wellington

This morning depart Napier and continue your journey south to Wellington. On arrival enjoy a guided tour of Te Papa, New Zealand's national museum.

Overnight Stay: Duxton Hotel. *Meals: B, D*

Day 9 Marlborough Sounds - Christchurch

This morning board the InterIslander Ferry for a cruise through the breathtaking beauty of the Marlborough Sounds to New Zealand's south island. Continue southward along the spectacular east coast to Christchurch.

Overnight Stay: Millennium Hotel. *Meals: B, D*

Day 10 Depart Christchurch

Transfer to the airport after breakfast. *Meals: B*