



Scenic North – 10 Days



Tour Summary

Tour name: Scenic North

Days: 10

Overview:

The Evergreen Difference

- Guided tour of amazing cave formations and glowworms at Ruakuri Cave
- Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and breakfast as your cruise Lake Rotorua on the Lakeland Queen historic paddle steamer

Tour Highlights

- Experience a traditional Maori cultural concert and Hangi feast.
- Cruise between the north and south islands, through the spectacular Marlborough Sounds
- Delight in a scenic 'Hole in the Rock' cruise
- See the bubbling mud pools at Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- Discover New Zealand's history at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Be entertained by sheep and farm dog trials at the Agrodome farm show
- Enjoy a guided tour of Te Papa National Museum
- Tour the historic Kauri & Pioneer Museum

Inclusive Value

- New Zealand specialist Tour Director and Coach Captain
- 09 nights first class accommodation including a total of 3 nights in Auckland and relaxing 2 night stays in Bay of Islands & Rotorua
- 14 quality meals including 9 breakfasts and 5 dinners

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand! You will be met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel.

Two Night Stay: Rydges Auckland Hotel.

Day 2: Auckland Tour (BD)

This morning enjoy a tour of the city including the Domain, Viaduct Harbour, Auckland Museum, Parnell and Devonport. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Day 3: Kauri Museum - Treaty House - Bay of Islands (BD)

Journey north to view the imposing Kauri Tree before continuing on to the Kauri Pioneer Museum. Arrive at the Bay of Islands for a guided tour, then visit the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds, home to New Zealand's founding document as a nation. Opportunity tonight or tomorrow night to enjoy a Culture North Night Show (own expense).
Two Night Stay: Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge

Day 4: Bay of Islands (B)

Today is free to relax or to explore this picturesque and historical area at your own pace. Your Tour Director will assist with suggestions (optional activities at own expense).

Day 5: 'Hole in the Rock' Cruise - Auckland (B)

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). Rejoin the coach and enjoy the scenic return journey to Auckland.
Overnight Stay: Rydges Auckland Hotel

Day 6: Ruakuri glowworm cave – Rotorua - Maori Hangi (BD)

This morning journey to the top of Mt Eden for spectacular views of the city and harbour. Then head south through some of New Zealand's most fertile farmland to the amazing Ruakuri glowworm cave. Ruakuri cave offers a captivating blend of Waitomo's most compelling subterranean experiences. During your tour, your guide will bring you up close to glowworms, elaborate cave formations, underground rivers, myths, legends and sacred Maori sites. Continue on to the Whakarewarewa Forest for a relaxing stroll through the towering Californian Coastal Redwoods. Arrive in Rotorua the heartland of New Zealand's Maori culture where tonight you will be entertained at a traditional Maori cultural performance followed by a Hangi feast.
Two Night Stay: Rydges Rotorua Hotel.

Day 7: Lakeland Queen Cruise - Thermal Reserve - Maori Art Centre (B)

View the sunrise over the shores of Lake Rotorua, whilst enjoying a glass of sparkling wine and a hearty breakfast on the Lakeland Queen historic paddle steamer. After breakfast continue on to the Agrodome for an entertaining show of sheep shearing and farm dog trials, then visit the bubbling mud pools and thermal geyser at the amazing Te Puia Thermal Valley and the Maori Arts and Craft Institute. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

Day 8: Huka Falls - Te Papa - Wellington (BD)

Today our first stop is the fascinating geothermal power station of the Wairakei Steam Valley. Then it's on to see spectacular Huka Falls and the impressive Lake Taupo. Cross the vast volcanic plains of Tongariro National Park and on to Wellington. On arrival enjoy a guided tour of Te Papa, New Zealand's national museum.
Overnight Stay: Mercure Hotel.

Day 9: Marlborough Sounds Cruise - Christchurch (BD)

This morning board the Interislander Ferry and cruise from the north to the south island, through the breathtaking beauty of the Marlborough Sounds. Continue by coach down spectacular east coast, including a short stop at the Kaikoura seal colony. Tonight stay in the garden city of Christchurch.
Overnight Stay: Grand Chancellor Hotel.

Day 10: Christchurch - Homeport (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight home. It's "haere ra" (goodbye) to New Zealand.

Key (B: breakfast; L: lunch; D: dinner)