

New Zealand Itinerary for

XX and XX



Travellers

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Travel Dates

1 February to 12 February 2015

Sunday 01 February 2015

Kerikeri

Welcome to New Zealand XX and XX

XX and XX's Arrival Flight Information

Airline: XXX

Flight details: XXX

The flight details above are as per the information you have provided.

Please be aware that New Zealand has strict quarantine laws and any biological matter (fruit, nuts, soil etc) cannot be brought into the country. Please ensure if you are bringing any sports equipment or footwear that contains soil, mud etc. that these be thoroughly cleaned before entering New Zealand. This will avoid any delays by customs.

On arrival at Auckland Airport you will take a connecting charter flight to Kerikeri in the Bay of Islands, where you will be met and taken to Kauri Cliffs, your luxury accommodation for the next three nights.

The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs has its own EC130 helicopter.

The pilot will meet you at the Arrivals Hall and escort you to the helicopter, a mere 3 minute walk away.

Designed specifically for touring, the EC130 is a high performance helicopter with a strong emphasis on passenger comfort.



The spacious, air-conditioned cabin with raised rear seating offers breathtaking wraparound Views, while the unique fenestron tail rotor minimizes noise both inside and out.

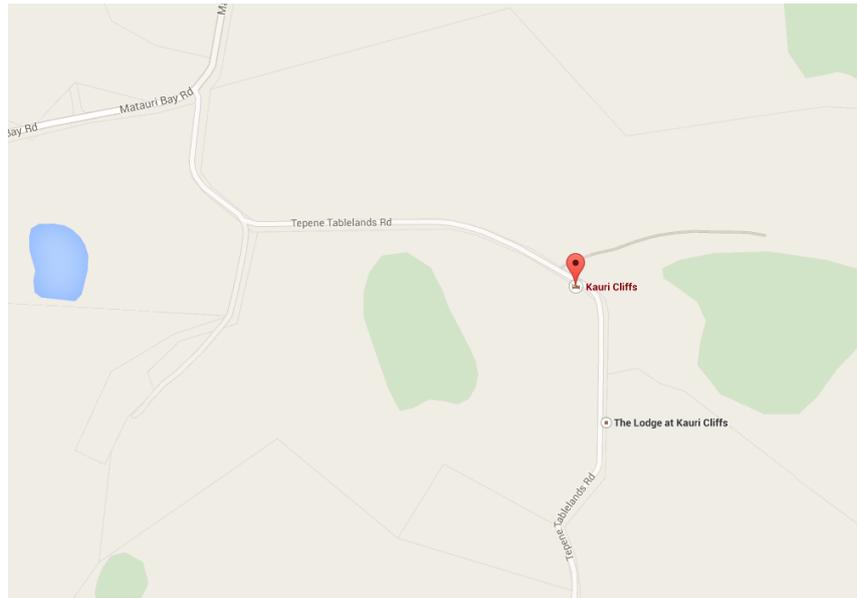
Each of Kauri Cliffs aircraft's have been further customised with a luxury leather interior, Bose noise cancelling headsets and additional avionics for enhanced safety.

The transfer to Kauri Cliffs is a scenic coastal flight lasting one hour and touching down directly on the helipad at the lodge.



Location Map and Accommodation Details for Kauri Cliffs

The Helicopter will land directly on the helipad at the lodge.



Kauri Cliffs

1 x Deluxe Suite

Host: Tatsio Franco

Address: Tepene Tablelands Road, Matauri Bay
Kerikeri

Phone: 09 407 0010

Reference: XXX

Check in: 02.00 PM

Check out: 11.00 AM



Monday 02 and Tuesday 03 February 2015

Kerikeri

Monday and Tuesday are days of leisure for you. Please refer to the activity options listed at the end of your itinerary as well as the brochures for Kerikeri included in your travel documents for options on what to do.



Kauri Cliffs offer on property activities that you may like to consider.

On Property:

Farm Tour

You can be treated to a special tour of the working farm with the farm manager, as your guide. He will take you around the stunning 6,000 acres of farmland and share his extensive knowledge on the different farm animals which are farmed here.

Pink Beach

Pink Beach is composed of minute pink shells and surrounded by magnificent Pohutukawa trees. This beach is perfect for shelling and picnicking.

Waiaua Beach

Waiaua Beach is the widest beach and is covered with fine, white sand. The beach is ideal for swimming, snorkelling, kayaking and fishing. There are tiny offshore islands close enough to explore.

Surfing

Surf some of New Zealand's most beautiful untouched scenery including Kauri Cliffs. It is as though nature designed the Northland coastline with surfers in mind. Tiny coves, long sandy beaches, river mouths, point breaks, sandbars and reefs.....all within a short drive across different surf beaches. Enjoy a two hour beginner's lesson at Kauri Cliffs or an all-day Surfari of Northland beaches.

Private Beach Barbeque

Combine one of the most beautiful beaches in the world with fresh grilled seafood or lamb, and local produce partnered with fine New Zealand cheese and wines. Your barbeque will include your own Kauri Cliffs chef. Transport to and from the beach will be provided. For those who opt to walk, the trek is 35 minutes via the golf course and trail near the 7th tee. Walking shoes or sneakers are advised.

Picnic Hampers

Kauri Cliffs three private beaches and the waterfall provide a beautiful and picturesque setting for a picnic. Walk or be driven from the Lodge. If you wish, you can drive part of the way to the beach and then continue with a brisk walk.

Land Based Fishing

Fishing is a religion around these parts. A local guide will take you to one of the beaches on the property. You may well hook snapper or kahawai (similar to a blue fish). Bring your catch back to the lodge and the chef will prepare it for your dinner. This is fresh fish at its best! A big part of this fishing experience is taking in the serenity and beauty of these spectacular surroundings.

Guided Bird Watching

Northland is home to many of New Zealand's native birds. Seasonally, the region also plays host to several international avian visitors. Expert guides will take you on a guided tour around the property to view unique bird life.

Nature Walks

There are some beautiful walks on the 6000-acre property ranging from a 10-minute bush walk, which takes in the magnificent Kauri Tree (700-900 years old) to a two-hour walk that includes a visit to the waterfall, Waiaua Bay or Little Takou Beach. These are some magical spots to visit. The kitchen can provide you with a snack pack of light refreshments and other essentials if you like.

Night Hunt

Possoms and rabbits are a major pest in New Zealand and threaten native birds and flora. We invite you to join us in the eradication of pests while exploring the property by night. Departure time is just after dark. A 4WD vehicle will transport you to the hunting zone, where you will be provided with a gun and taken on a guided hunt. When the terrain permits, a vehicular mule or quad bike will be the mode of transport



Wednesday 04 February 2015

Auckland

Fine Art Tours Reconfirmation

At some stage today please call Fine Art Tours on 021 679 847 to reconfirm your booking for tomorrow.

Your reservation reference for this activity is **XXX**.

Today Kauri Cliffs will transfer you via car to Kerikeri airport where you will collect your rental vehicle. The drive to the airport will take approximately 25 minutes.

Once you have arrived at Kerikeri airport you will collect your rental vehicle.

Hertz Rental Car Collection - XXX

Prestige – Full Size BMW



Pick-up Time: XXX

Address: Wiroa Road, RD 3
Kerikeri 0293

Phone: 0800 654 321

Please proceed to the Hertz Car Rental Kerikeri depot for collection of your Prestige Full Size BMW. The total cost of your hire has been paid directly to Experience New Zealand Travel, however a remote location fee of NZ\$46.00 must be paid direct to Hertz Car Rental at the commencement of your hire.

Once you have collected your rental vehicle you will drive from Kerikeri to Auckland. This drive will take you approximately 3 hours 20 minutes (242km)

En route today, you might like to visit the following attractions:

Visit Kawakawa, a historic coal-mining town famous for its Public Toilets designed by the world renown artist Friensreich Hundertwasser

Located just a few km's south of Kawakawa is Kawiti Cave. This 200m long limestone cave attracts many visitors with its stalactite formations and spectacular glowworm display. The ceiling of the cave looks like the night sky – each glowworm is a blue-green coloured star.

The track to get to Waipu Caves is located south of Whangarei, off State Highway 1. The limestone caves are very impressive with ample headroom in the main cavern. You'll find stalagmites, stalagmites and glowworms near the entrance.

Visitors to the Ascension Wine Estate can enjoy Ascension wines alongside meals served in the vineyard restaurant, the Oak Grill Bistro. Life is too short to drink boring wine, and Ascension's philosophy has evolved to craft small quantities of distinctive and very unusual varieties. Open weekdays 11am – 4pm and weekends 11.30am – 5 pm. To get there, follow State Highway 1 to Warkworth and turn right at the third set of traffic lights into Sandspit Rd, and follow the curve left into Matakana Rd, following the signs to Leigh. About 3km later you'll drive past the Warkworth Golf Club on the right and then descend the hill to a wonderful aerial view of Ascension Wine Estate.

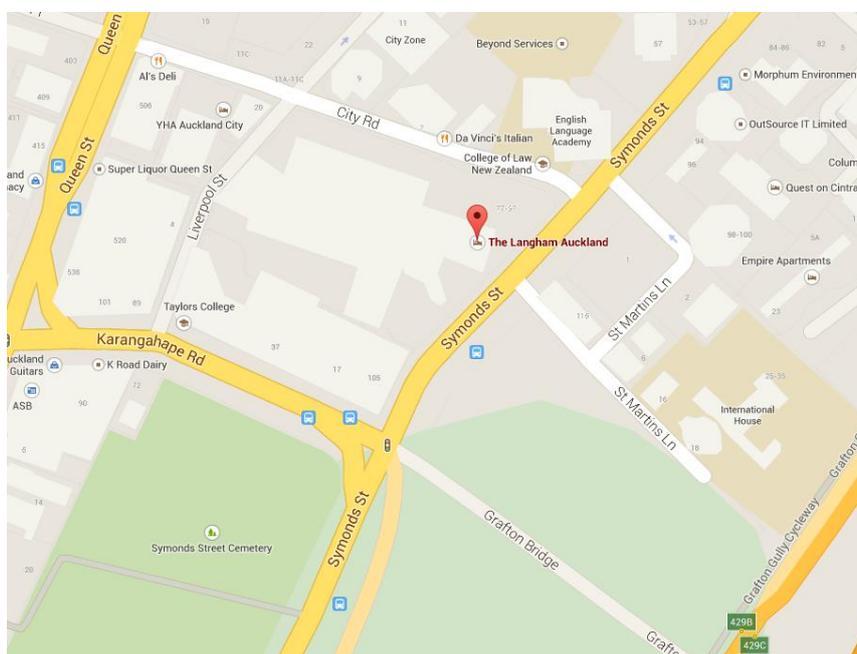
Visit the collection showroom at Morris & James Pottery to view a stunning collection of handcrafted pots, wall art, and sculptural pieces; the Matakana clay combined with the richness of high quality glazes create a distinctive look. You may also have an opportunity to watch the artists at work. Open daily 9am – 5 pm, free tour Monday to Friday at 11.30am (except on public holidays). To get to Morris & James Pottery, follow State Highway 1 to Warkworth, then take a right turn onto Matakana Rd. Travel 10kms to Matakana village. Drive on through the village (towards Leigh), over a bridge and take the first turn to the right into Tongue Farm Road and follow the signs.

Embark on a compelling outdoor gallery experience at Brick Bay Sculpture Trail and Winery, where an ever-changing exhibition of sculptures by leading contemporary New Zealand artists is sensitively sited along the 2km trail. Open daily 10am – 5 pm, please allow 1 hour to enjoy the Sculpture Trail. To get there, follow State Highway 1 to Warkworth. At the third set of traffic lights, turn right, then after 50m take the right fork to Sandspit/Snells Beach. After 8 km you will see the brown Brick Bay Wines & Sculpture Trail sign. After 1 km, turn left into Arabella Lane, then down the second driveway on the left.

The small settlement of Puhoi is located approximately 50 km north of Auckland and home to the award winning Puhoi Cheese Factory. Look out for the Puhoi turn-off on State Highway 1.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for the Langham Hotel

The Langham is easy to find- located near the city centre of Auckland.



The Langham Hotel Auckland

1 x Executive Suite

Address: 83 Symonds Street
Auckland

Phone: 09 379 5132

Reference: XXX

Check in: 3:00 PM

Check out: 11:00 AM



Thursday 05 February 2015

Auckland

This morning you will be collected from the Langham Hotel for your tour with Fine Arts Tours.

Fine Art Tours NZ - NZ Art & Heritage

Address: 50 Seafield View Road
Grafton
Auckland

Phone: 021 679 847

Reference: XXX

Pick up: 9:00 AM



View public art and private collections housed in significant Heritage properties as well as Maori, Colonial & Contemporary Art.

This tour takes you to three grand, fully restored heritage properties in central Auckland housing some of the best contemporary art collections in New Zealand.

Tour highlights include:

Private, after hour's tour of the newly renovated Auckland Art Gallery featuring Maori, colonial and contemporary art.

Pah Homestead, TSB Bank Wallace Arts Centre, a grand colonial homestead with a rich and colourful history, now filled with leading New Zealand contemporary art.

The choice of one additional heritage property, including Auckland Museum (where the most extensive collection of Maori and Pacific arts & crafts in the world is housed), or Kinder House (important colonial arts and history).

Plated lunch served with premium New Zealand wine.

Diverse Public Art, including some "hidden gems" in the CBD.

After your tour you will be dropped back at The Langham at around 5.00PM.

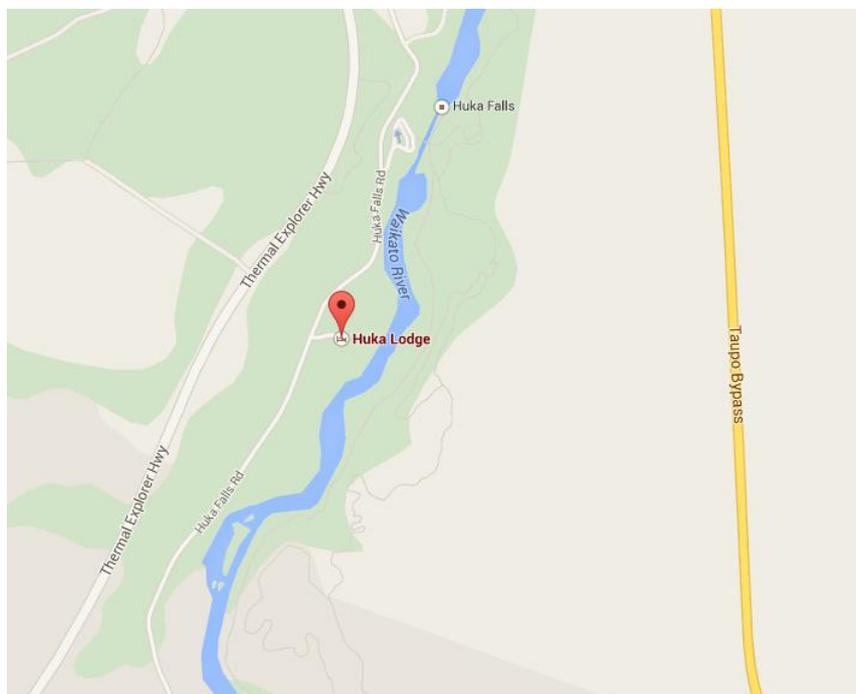
Friday 06 February 2015

Taupo

Today you will drive from Auckland to Taupo. This drive will take you approximately 3.5 hours. Please refer to the map included in your travel documents for the route we recommend you travel.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Huka Lodge

Huka Lodge is located off State Highway 1, just north of Taupo. Turn onto Huka Falls Road, also sign-posted "Huka Falls". The Lodge is located 500 metres south of the Huka Falls Entrance.



Huka Lodge

1 x Lodge Suite

Host: Willem Pentermann

Address: Huka Falls Road
Taupo

Phone: 07 378 5791

Reference: XXX

Check in: 2:00 PM

Check out: 11:00 AM



Saturday 07 February 2015

Taupo

This morning you will have a private fly casting tuition followed by half a day of fly fishing at Huka Lodge.

Huka Lodge was established in the 1920s as a simple fishing lodge and to this day, the size and fighting spirit of Taupo's famous Rainbow and Brown trout continues to draw anglers to the property.

After a full country breakfast, depart at 10.00am for private fly-casting tuition followed by a half-day of fly fishing on a beautiful river or stream nearby. A delicious picnic hamper will accompany you on your fishing adventure.



Sunday 08 February 2015

Hawkes Bay

Odyssey Tours Reconfirmation

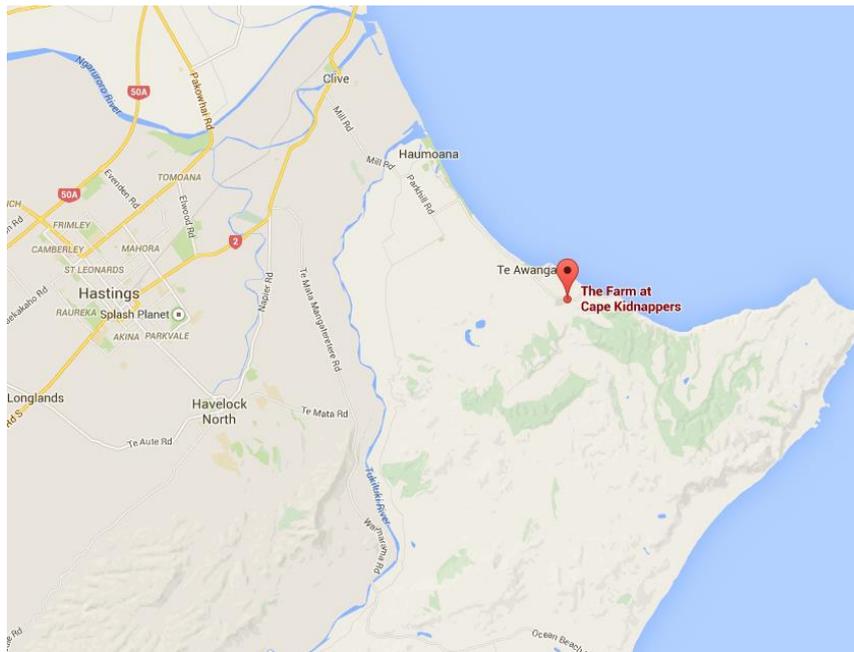
At some stage today please call Odyssey Tours on 06 211 3116 to reconfirm your booking for tomorrow.

Your reservation reference for this activity is **XXX**.

Today you will be driving from Taupo to Napier. The approximate time to travel this distance is 2 hrs (143 kms). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Cape Kidnappers

At Clive turn left into Mill Road then follow the signs to Cape Kidnappers.



Cape Kidnappers

1 x Hilltop Suite

- Host:** Julian H. Robertson
- Address:** 448 Clifton Road, Te Awanga
- Phone:** 06 875 1900
- Reference:** XXX
- Check in:** 02.00 PM
- Check out:** 11.00 AM



Monday 09 February 2015

Hawkes Bay

Today you will take part in an Exclusive Odyssey Tour.

Odyssey NZ – A Wine and Gourmet Odyssey

Phone: 021 679 847

Reference: XXX

Pick up: 9:00 AM



This morning you will be collected from Cape Kidnappers by Odyssey NZ for your exclusive tour. Please be ready and waiting in the reception area by 9:00am. Please hand you're your pre-paid voucher upon pick up.

Odyssey New Zealand is the leading provider of wine and gourmet experiences in New Zealand's premium wine growing districts Hawke's Bay.

Luxury Travel listed Odyssey New Zealand as one of the 101 must do's in New Zealand.

Built around Hawke's Bay's internationally acclaimed wine and food industry, Odyssey provide interactive experiences designed to awaken every sense. They encourage your input so they can cater the Odyssey experience to your own personal interest and desires.

Enjoy a complete action packed day highlighting the best Hawke's Bay has to offer. Start the day in the picturesque Esk Valley Region. Take a full behind the scenes tour of Church Road winery, theTom McDonald Cellar and NZ's only wine museum.

Enjoy lunch with wine at the country's oldest and grandest winery, the Mission Estate. After lunch visit one of Hawke's Bay's small boutique wineries and take another behind the scenes look at how wine evolves from the vine to the glass on a smaller scale. A great contrast to the larger production winery from the morning. Travel through NZ's most prestigious wine growing district the Gimblett Gravels from which we taste award winning wines throughout the day. Finish with a gourmet platter at award winning restaurant and winery Vidal. Indulge in the finest local produce including meat, seafood, cheese, marinated vegetables, olives, breads and dips.

Included today are:

- Wine Tasting 6-7 Wineries
- Exclusive Barrel Sampling (dependent on availability)
- Fully Guided Tour of the Church Road Winery, Wine Museum & McDonald Cellar
- Lunch with Wine @ Mission Estate
- Sightseeing with Fully Guided Scenery
- Vine to Glass Experience
- Gourmet Platter @ Top Winery Restaurant

After your Odyssey experience you will be dropped back at Cape Kidnappers.

Tuesday 10 February 2015

Wairarapa

Today you will drive from Napier to Wharekahu which is located near Featherston in the Wairarapa Region of New Zealand. The approximate time to travel this distance is 4 hours (263 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Wharekahu

Get on to SH50 sign for Fernhill/Taihape.

Turn right onto SH2 sign for Dannevirke/Wellington. Stay on SH2 turning left at the sign Masterton/Wellington

Continue on Paierau Road. Take Ngaumutawa Road to SH2 continue toward Carterton and Wellington. Travel through Carterton, Greytown and Featherston. After 32.6km, just before you leave Featherston, turn left onto Western Lake Road. (sign post will also say "Ocean Beach").

Follow along Western Lake Road for 43 km. Please note that the road will turn into gravel for a small portion. Stay on the road until you can see panoramic views of the bay. You will travel down a steep grade and over a bridge - you are nearly there! Just over the bridge there is a large wooden sign on the right hand side - "Wharekahu". Just past that you will see a yellow signpost - turn right and proceed up the driveway.



Wharekauhau Country Estate

1 x Cottage Suite

Address: Western Lake Road, Palliser Bay,
Featherston
Wharekauhau

Phone: 06 307 7581

Reference: XXX

Check in: 2:00 PM

Check out: 11:00 AM



Wednesday 11 February 2015

Wairarapa

Today is a day of leisure for you. Please refer to the activity options listed at the end of your itinerary as well as the brochures for the Wairarapa included in your travel documents for options on what to do.



Wharekauhau offer a variety of activities that you may like to consider participating in during your day of leisure.

With 5,500 acres of private land including ancient forests, peaceful lakes, rivers, and a wild and rugged coast, guests are spoilt for choice when it comes to a route for walking, mountain biking, horse riding or ATV quad bike adventures. You may want to consider booking activities with Wharekauhau on your day of leisure.

Horse Riding: Ride horseback over one of the most spectacular farms on earth. Enjoy a picnic, carefully prepared by the Lodge kitchen, and stop along the way to eat lunch by a babbling brook, or overlooking the rugged and dramatic coastline of Palliser Bay.

ATV Quad Bikes: Ideal for the adventurous, these bikes are loads of fun. After 20 minutes of tuition and you can enjoy a great way to travel along the black sand beaches, over scenic riverbanks and along open fields in the company of an experienced guide. Protective clothing provided.

Clay Target Shooting: Clay shooting tests the reflexes like no other sport and what better place to enjoy a shoot than Wharekauhau's own clay-target field. Small calibre guns and rifles are available: .22, .22 magnum, .410 shotgun, 20 gauge and 12 gauge shotguns. Firearms, ammunition, targets and instruction are provided.

Archery: The ancient sport of archery has enjoyed a resurgence in popularity on the back of The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit films. Full instruction and a range of archery equipment are available at Wharekauhau such as: recurve bows, left and right handed and compound bows.

Surfcasting: The bountiful coastline along Palliser Bay offers a variety of interesting and edible fish. Discover the best spots to fish with professional instruction. Alternatively there is complimentary use of fishing equipment for those wishing to fish without a guide.

Wine Tasting: No less than 29 boutique wineries are situated in close proximity to Wharekauhau. Discover the pleasures of the local wineries, tasting some of the world's best Pinot Noir. International wine experts rate Martinborough as one of the finest wine growing regions in New Zealand and its Pinot Noir equal to anything that Burgundy has on offer.

Your personal guide will chauffeur you around the best vineyards and introduce you to the wine-makers for a behind the scenes tour. Included with this tour will be lunch at one of the vineyard cafes or at one of the excellent cafes in the village where you will also have the opportunity to visit the boutique shops.

Thursday 12 February 2015

Depart New Zealand

Unfortunately today marks the end of your New Zealand holiday. Please make your way to the airport to drop off your rental car and check in for your onward flight.

Today you will drive from Wharekauahu to Wellington. This drive will approximately take you 1 hr 50 mins (106km)

Hertz Rental Car Drop Off



Drop off Time: XXX

Address: Wellington Airport
Stewart Duff Drive
Mirimar

Phone: 0800 654 321

Please proceed to the Hertz Wellington Airport depot for the drop-off of your rental vehicle. Please remember that your rental vehicle must be returned with a full tank of fuel.

Departure Flight Information

Airline: XXX

Flight details: XXX

The flight details above are as per the information you have provided. Please check your tickets and ensure you arrive at XXX Airport with plenty of time to drop off your rental vehicle and check-in for your international flight to XXX.

We hope you had a great time in New Zealand! Have a good trip home and we look forward to hearing how everything went!



Additional Activities in Northland

Waitangi Treaty Grounds

The Waitangi Treaty Grounds is New Zealand's most historic site where our Treaty was signed between the Maori Chiefs and the British Crown. Set in park like grounds on a headland overlooking the Bay of Islands the Treaty Grounds is rich in heritage and culture. Waitangi – 09 402 7437

The Kauri Museum

Located in Matakohe on Church Road, visit this informative centre for the history and background of the Kauri Forests. Alternatively, if you are more of a fan of the real thing, the swamp Kauri can be seen from main highway to Kaihu, and also at the spectacular Trounson Kauri Park where there is a 40 minute walk well worth taking.

Ninety Mile beach

The ideal location for a relaxing stroll on the beach, try your luck at fishing or enjoy the waves crashing onto the beach. There are many tour companies operating tours to this region if you are not keen to take your vehicle down the roads to remote beaches.

Mack Attack

Take an exhilarating 1 hr 45 min trip through the Bay of Islands on Mack Attack, the fastest, most spectacular way to see the famous Hole in the Rock. Paihia Wharf Building – 0800 622 528

R. Tucker Thompson

If you want to go sailing in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand, then welcome on board the R.Tucker Thompson! Have a unique and unforgettable Tall Ship experience. Operated by a not-for-profit charitable trust, this iconic Northland tall ship provides a range of experiences for all ages and all nationalities. Maritime Building, Marsden Road, Paihia – 09 402 8430

Explore Group - Dolphin Discoveries

Dolphin Discoveries pioneered eco-marine cruises in the Bay. Cruise among the 144 stunning islands, including the famous 'Hole in the Rock', or swim with dolphins, a once in a lifetime experience. Paihia and Russell departures – Ph 0800 365 744

Explore Group - Sail NZ

Experience an exhilarating sailing adventure on New Zealand's fastest commercial sailing catamaran. Day sail includes island stopover, nature walks, snorkelling, kayaking, a delicious lunch or just relax. Paihia and Russell departures – Ph 0800 365 744

Explore Group - Dune Rider

Discover scenic Northland on a purpose-built off-road vehicle. Visit ancient Kauri Kingdom, Gumdiggers Park, spiritual Cape Reinga, drive along 90 Mile Beach, boogy board down massive sand dunes then stop at Mangonui fish and chip shop. Paihia and Russell departures – Ph 0800 365 744

The Bay of Islands Farmer's Market

Held in Kerikeri, every Sunday morning, is a much more leisurely affair. It began in October 2004 and is one of the country's largest markets of its type. As well as fresh regional grown vegetables, it attracts speciality produce and gourmet goods including locally roasted coffee. Subtropical fruit abounds, whether in preserves, jams or jellies.

Makana Confections

A visit to the Makana Boutique Chocolate Factory is an experience not to be missed. Makana is the ultimate chocolate experience. Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri – 0800 625 262

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Recommended Cafes and Restaurants

Kamakura, Waterfront, Russel
exquisite food and fine wines
Ph: 09 403 7771

Marsden Estate, Wiroa Road, Keikeri
excellent vineyard restaurant with a tropical setting
Ph: 09 407 9398 **Website:** www.marsdenestate.co.nz

Pure Tastes, 116 Marsden Road, Paihia
elegant fusion of contemporary
Ph: 09 402 0003

A Deco, 70 Kamo Road, Whangarei
Four time finalist in the Cuisine restaurant of the year
Ph: 09 459 4957

Alfescos Restaurant Bar, 6 Marsden Road, Paihia
fantastic food, great coffee and delicious desserts
Ph: 09 402 6797 **Website:** www.alfrescosrestaurantpaihia.com

Waterfront Restaurant and Bar, 48 Marsden Road, Paihia
relax & enjoy the local wines , seafood & prime beef
Ph: 09 402 6701 **Website:** www.waterfront-restaurant-paihia.co.nz

Additional Activities in Auckland

Auckland iPhone Application

iPhone and iPod Touch users can now access Auckland travel information while on the move, via an innovative, electronic guidebook. This user-friendly iPhone application has more than 100 listings for Auckland events, attractions, activities, culture and heritage experiences, tours and i-SITE Visitor Centres. You can browse the 'A to Z' list by category or search by keyword. Each listing has a short description, contact details and a Google map to show the exact location. A key feature of the application is the 'near me' function which uses the phone's GPS system to locate what is closest to you, along with the nearest i-SITE Visitor centre. You can download the free application from www.aucklandnz.com/iphone.

Sky City

Standing 328 metres tall, located on Federal and Victoria Streets, the tower is one of the most popular entertainment destinations in the city. With free entertainment, two casinos, ten restaurants, bars and theatre you can't go wrong for a decent night out. As an alternative visit during the day and take part in a SkyJump or SkyWalk. For more information, phone 09 368 1835.

Victoria Park Market

Right in the heart of Auckland, this market is a mixture of stalls, shops, restaurants, and street performers. A wide range of unique arts and crafts can be found, while you wander the cobblestone courtyard. The market operates 7 days a week from 9am to 6 pm.

One Tree Hill

In terms of area covered, One Tree Hill is one of the largest volcanoes in the Auckland Volcanic Field, with great views of the Auckland City region from the summit. Of cultural significance to the Maori people, with three Maori pa's (fort's) of archaeological significance in the area, the hill has been a reserve since the 1840's. One Tree Hill was originally named after the single totara which grew at its summit. The totara is the most significant tree to the Maori people as it is a very solid, tall, straight tree and its roots deep and far reaching; pillars of Maori society are often referred to as totara. This tree was chopped down by vandals in 1852. Twenty eight years later Sir John Campbell planted a replacement, however he unfortunately chose an exotic pine as the replacement tree. This remained a bone of contention within Maori blood until 1994 when a local took a chainsaw to the tree - hence One Tree Hill is currently a no tree hill. Sir John Campbell is buried at the summit. Auckland's oldest building - Acacia Cottage - can also be found in this 120 hectare reserve.

Auckland Museum

Auckland War Memorial Museum tells the story of New Zealand, from our unique flora and fauna and our history at war, to our priceless collection of Maori and Pacific treasures. The Museum's galleries showcase the natural, cultural, and social history of New Zealand. For kids, two award-winning Discovery Centres provide hands-on fun and exploration of the natural world and human culture. Housed in one of the nation's finest heritage buildings and with spectacular views of Auckland City and the harbour, Auckland Museum is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. The Museum is located in Domain Drive, The Domain, Parnell. Phone 09 309 0443.

Auckland Whale and Dolphin Safari

Considered one of the most biologically and geographically diverse marine parks in the world, 22 species of marine mammal have been identified in the Hauraki Gulf, almost 1/3 of the entire world's population of species. You will be spellbound by the spectacle of a feeding frenzy involving sea birds, whales and dolphins or see small pods of dolphins playing around the boat. Trip is approximately 4.5 hours. For bookings please phone 0508 365 744.

Recommended Restaurants and Cafes

O'Connell Street Bistro, 3 O'Connell Street

New Zealand Cuisine

Ph: 09 377 1884 **Website:** www.oconnellstbistro.com/index.html

Clooney, 33 Sale Street, Freemans Bay
Classical Cuisine with a contemporary approach to ingredients and technique
Ph: 09 358 1702 **Website:** www.clooney.co.nz

The French Café, 210 Symonds Street
French cuisine with a contemporary approach to ingredients and technique
Ph: 09 377 1911 **Website:** www.thefrenchcafe.co.nz/#mailing-list

FISH Restaurant at Hilton Auckland, Princes Wharf, 147 Quay Street
Local seafood specialties with harbour views
Ph: 09 978 2020 **Website:** www.fishrestaurant.co.nz

Orbit Revolving Restaurant, Sky Tower, Corner Victoria and Federal Streets
New Zealand Cuisine with 360-degree views of Auckland City
Ph: 09 363 6000 **Website:** www.skycityauckland.co.nz/restaurants/orbit

Euro, Shed 22, Princes Wharf
Celebrates the freshest and finest local and imported ingredients
Ph: 09 309 9866 **Website:** www.eurobar.co.nz/euro/about-euro

Sale St Bar, 7 Sale Street, Freemans Bay
Kiwi cuisine, featuring a large bar
Ph: 09 307 8148 **Website:** www.salest.co.nz

Mecca Café, Esplanade Hotel, 1 Victoria Road, Devonport
Modern cuisine with a strong Mediterranean influence
Ph: 09 445 1291 **Website:** www.meccacafe.com

Additional Activities in Taupo

Huka Falls

This is the major waterfall on the Waikato River; famous for the volume of water (62,000 gallons per second) that hurtles through its narrow chasm. Situated off State Highway 1, north in the Wairakei Tourist Park. Entry is free of charge.

Honey Hive

See bees in glass hives, sample honey products and watch educational videos. Honey products can be purchased here. Open daily 9am-5pm. Situated off State Highway 1 north of Wairakei Tourist Park. Entry is free of charge.

Huka Jet

Marvel at the incredible water level views of the spectacular Huka Falls, and enjoy the sensation as you slide past cliffs and trees at 80km per hour. Then get ready for a 360 degree spin, as the boat turns on its own length! Located in Wairakei Park, off State Highway 1.

Taupo Tandem Skydiving

Skydive over Lake Taupo, the beautiful volcanic plateau, in the Tongariro National Park. Choose to freefall 15000ft or 12000ft. Prices vary on types of jumps. Located at Taupo Airport. Ph: 0800 285 934

Prawn Farm

Experience the World's Only Geothermal heated Prawn Farm, a true New Zealand success story based on Kiwi ingenuity on a grand scale and real Kiwi hospitality. Take a tour and be introduced to "Grumpy", the largest prawn in captivity and have the chance to hand feed juvenile prawns. Tours operate hourly from 11.00am-4.00pm everyday. Situated off State Highway 1, north in the Wairakei Tourist Park. Ph: 07 374 8474

Recommended Cafes and Restaurants

Replete Cafe, 45 Heuheu Street

Tasty cabinet food

Ph: 07 378 0606 **Website:** www.replete.co.nz

The Branty Restaurant, 45 Rifle Range Road

Top quality New Zealand cuisine

Ph: 07 378 0484 **Website:** www.thebrantry.co.nz

Thai Delight Restaurant, 19 Tamautu Street

Thai cuisine

Ph: 07 378 9554

Bistro Lago, 80-100 Napier-Taupo Highway

Menu emphasis on quality, internationally sourced ingredients

Ph: 07 378 7080 **Website:** www.bistolago.co.nz

Additional Activities in Hawke's Bay

Te Mata Peak

Above the township of Napier is Te Mata Peak which according to local legend is the body of the Maori chief Te Mata O Rongokako. It is a very steep drive up, at nearly 400m above sea level, but the peak offers wonderful panoramic views of Hawke's Bay countryside. A well-maintained walking track leads through bush areas to fossil-rich limestone cliffs.

Art Deco Guided Walks

The town of Napier, New Zealand was rebuilt in the early 1930's after an earthquake and has many Art Deco buildings, some with Maori motifs.

Join the 16,000 plus people who take a guided Art Deco Walk each year. Your accredited guide will bring Napier's fascinating architecture to life for you as you take an easy stroll through the compact Art Deco Quarter in the vibrant city centre. Walks are held twice daily year-round (except Christmas Day), and are held rain or shine. No bookings are necessary. All walkers receive an Art Deco booklet.

Guided Morning Walks

Compact Morning Walks last one hour and are ideal for people with limited time. Meet your guide at the Napier i-Site Visitors' Centre, Marine Parade (next to the Sound Shell) at 9.45am ready for a 10.00am start. The walk ends at the Art Deco Trust, 163 Tennyson Street, Napier.

Guided Afternoon Walks

Comprehensive Afternoon Walks last two hours and include an audio visual presentation and some interior visits. At the end of the walk there is an optional 30 minute movie screening. Walks start and finish at the Art Deco Trust, meet your guide at 1.45pm ready for a 2.00pm start.

Guided Evening Walks

(22 October -31 March only), departs 5:00pm. Evening Walks last 1 1/2 hours and are a great option for the spring and summer months. They start and finish at the Napier i-Site on Marine Parade where you purchase your tickets before you start. They are as comprehensive as the afternoon walks, but do not include the audio-visual presentation, or interior visits.

If you can't take a Guided Walking Tour, stroll through the streets of downtown Napier using the Art Deco Trust's Self Guided booklet. The walk is 1.5 kilometers and takes a leisurely one and a half to two hours. A popular option for those with very limited time. The Self Guided Tour is available for \$7.50 at the Art Deco Trust, 163 Tennyson Street, Napier.

Visit the Local Wineries

Hawke's Bay is the second largest wine producing region in New Zealand. The region has a fascinating spread of microclimates and soil types, ideal for selected grape varieties. Craggy Range and Te Mata Estate are both excellent wineries to visit.

Farmers Markets

You could pick up locally produced artisan food at Black Barn and the Hawke's Bay Farmers Markets. The Black Barn Market runs through summer on Saturdays from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Phone 06 877 7985 for further details. The Hawke's Bay Farmers Market runs on Sundays, from 8:30am until 12.30pm. This is located at the Hawke's Bay A&P Showgrounds in Hastings. If you are not visiting the Hawke's Bay over a weekend, you may like to visit Bellatino's, a real food lovers market. This is open 7 days a week and you can find them at 9 Napier Rd, Havelock North. Phone 06 875 8103 for further details.

Paper-works Art Gallery

Based in the heart of Napier, Paper-works brings together works on paper from established artists and those who are on their way. The limited edition works range from simple pencil drawings, watercolours, prints (engravings, etchings, mezzotints and lithographs) and photographs. Located upstairs at 27 Tennyson Street. Phone 06 835 3859 for further details.

Lunch at Black Barn Bistro

Open for lunches, Black Barn Bistro is the perfect place to spend an hour or two absorbing the atmosphere of Wine Country. It is in the heart of the vineyard surrounded by vines and a table on the large generous veranda lets you look right out across the region. In warmer weather a courtyard covered by a canopy of grapes is also a perfect place to enjoy lunch and a glass of wine. The menu is light, fresh and delicious. There is an emphasis on freshly grown Hawke's Bay produce and the selection changes with the seasons.

Golf at Cape Kidnappers

Cape Kidnappers Golf Course overlooking Hawke's Bay has been named among the Top 100 Golf Courses in the World by the sport's recognized authority Golf Magazine. To book a tee time at Cape Kidnappers, phone 06 873 1018. Please note, all players and spectators at Cape Kidnappers Golf Course must be dressed in appropriate golf attire. Attire must be neat and tidy at all times, with collared shirts, dress trousers, or shorts. Please no jeans, track pants, sandals or boots. Please also note Cape Kidnappers are a Soft Spike only New Zealand golf course. All Metal-Spiked golf shoes are not permitted. The Cape Kidnappers Pro Shop has golf shoes for sale or for rent.

Visit Waimarama

Take a day trip out to Waimarama and spend a day on a quiet, white sand Pacific Ocean beaches. Take a bush walk in the Mohi Bush or play in the rock pools, located at the southern end of the beach. The local store in Waimarama is a colourful general store which has most provisions needed by the day tripper. The store frontage has plenty of tables where you can indulge in fish and chips from the takeaways, a coffee or an ice cream. Surf board hireage is also available. Jarks café is located on the edge of the village offering an excellent seafood menu selection, fully licenced bar with indoor or outdoor dining for a relaxed, coastal feel.

The National Aquarium of New Zealand

The aquarium, with its unique position on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, has a wider range of species than any other similar facility in New Zealand. The National Aquarium has a reef tank, a travelator which spirals its way beneath the enormous Oceanarium, creating the impression of a true underwater experience, and a typical New Zealand rocky shore environment. There are sharks, stingray and hundreds of fish species, many of them representative of the catches from along the East Coast. There are eels, trout, sea horse, turtles, octopus, tropical marine fish, kiwi, tuatara, water dragons, native frogs and crocodile also on display. Open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm. Last entry is at 4:30pm. Closed Christmas Day.

Recommended Cafes and Restaurants

Pacifica Restaurant, 209 Marine Parade, Napier

Seafood specialists

Ph: 06 833 6335 **Website:** www.pacificarestaurant.co.nz

Milk and Honey, Hardinge Road, Napier

Italian-influenced

Ph: 06 833 6099 **Website:** www.themilkandhoney.co.nz

Opera Kitchen, 312 Eastbourne Street, Hastings

Cool daytime café

Ph: 06 870 6020 **Website:** www.operakitchen.co.nz

Taste Cornucopia, 221 Heretaunga Street, Hastings

Outstanding organic café

Ph: 06 878 8730

Pipi's, 16 Joll Road, Havelock North

Perfect pink pizzeria

Ph: 06 877 8993

Terroir at Craggy Range, 253 Waimarama Road, Havelock North

French country cuisine

Ph: 06 873 0143 **Website:** www.craggyrange.com/Experience-Craggy-Range/Terroir-Restaurant.aspx

Te Awa Winery, 2375 State highway50, Hastings

Gimblett Gravels gem

Ph: 06 879 7602 **Website:** www.teawa.com

Bay Espresso, 19 Middle Road, Havelock North

Casual café, open for brunch and lunch

Ph: 06 877 9230 **Website:** www.bayespresso.co.nz

Elephant Hill Restaurant, 86 Clifton Road, Hawkes Bay

Restaurant and Winery

Ph: 06 873 0400 **Website:** www.elephanthill.co.nz

Additional Activities in Wairarapa

Olivio Tours

This is the first commercial olive grove established in the Wairarapa, located on Hinakura Road, just three kilometres from the Martinborough Town Square. Olivio is a great place for a visit to taste the delicious oil and to wander around in their tranquil gardens. Tours on introduction to olive oil and a guided oil tasting operate for \$10 per person, with a minimum of four people.

Mount Bruce Wildlife Sanctuary

Mount Bruce is a captive-breeding sanctuary for some of the country's most threatened birds, and a conservation education centre for all. Tranquil bush walks and interactive displays highlight our natural heritage and visitors can see some of New Zealand's most rare and exciting native birds beneath a primeval rainforest canopy. The centre is located 30km north of Masterton, directly on State Highway 2. Standard driving times are about 90 minutes from Wellington, or two hours from Napier. Admission for Adults is \$8, and children under 17 are free.

Cape Palliser

Remote and romantic Palliser Bay, with a wild sea coastline rich in Maori and early European history, is a location where the fur seals are so common you may even find them residing in the grass on the roadside. First find a cosy local pub then get ready to explore this off-the-beaten-track corner located on the southernmost point of the North Island. You can climb up the 250 steps of the historic, candy-striped Cape Palliser lighthouse and take in the remoteness and stunning coastal views that extend to the South Island on a clear day. The sight of the weird rock formations of the Putangirua Pinnacles and their bizarre weathered organ pipes. Visit these ancient gravel deposits and absorb the eerie stillness of the 'middle earth' setting.

Wineries in the Region

There are many wineries in the Wairarapa area. Alana Estate on Puruatanga Road, and Murdoch James on Dry River Road, are both in Martinborough, with many more in the surrounding area. If time is short then head perhaps to the Martinborough Wine Centre with a wide selection of wines from the region. They are experienced in wine tasting procedures, as well as the general process of wine making. They are in touch with all the vineyards represented, giving the centre a personal touch with their service. They are keen to share their knowledge to help you make an informed decision to suit your own palate and budget. Most wineries tend to be open from 11am to 4 pm for tasting every day.

Recommended Cafes and Restaurants

Cafe Ole, 55 Hight Street, Carterton

Cafe style cuisine

Ph: 06 379 8715

The French Bistro, Kitchener Street, Martinborough

French cuisine

Ph: 06 306 8863

Salute and the French Baker, 81 Main Street, Greytown

French cafe with delicious desserts and bakery goods

Ph: 06 304 8873

The Martinborough Restaurant, The Square, Martinborough

contemporary cuisine using classical French techniques & flavour combinations

Ph: 06 306 9350 **Website:** www.martinboroughhotel.co.nz/food-and-wine