

8 DAY UPPER NORTH ISLAND ADVENTURE

DESTINATIONS

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AUCKLAND

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Auckland
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Private transfer Auckland airport to your accommodation On arrival, you will be met by a private driver and transferred to your Auckland accommodation.

DAY 2

Destination	Auckland 🚗 Paihia
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Auckland to Paihia including Waitangi and Russell with GreatSights (Includes Lunch) Starting in Auckland early, travel north to Paihia in the Bay of Islands. Visit neighbouring Waitangi for a guided tour of the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Explore the original Treaty House, one of New Zealand's oldest and most visited historic homes and the Te Whare Runanga, a fully carved Māori meeting house, which is representative of all iwi in New Zealand. After returning to Paihia, take a short ferry ride across the harbour to Russell. From here you will enjoy the Russell Mini Tour by coach. Learn about the features that make Russell so significant in New Zealand's history, and visits areas which cannot be easily covered on foot, like Flagstaff Hill (Te Maiki), which offers stunning 360-degree views of the whole Bay of Islands. After your tour ends you'll have time to wander the township before returning to Paihia. This tour includes a delicious picnic lunch pack.

DAY 3

Destination	Paihia 🚗 Cape Reinga 🚗 Paihia
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Dune Rider to Cape Reinga with Explore This full day tour in the unique Dune Rider vehicle is the best way to explore the Far North. Let the driver immerse you in the culture and history of the area, while taking in the amazing scenery. The Dune Rider vehicle is purpose built to go off-road in comfort with air conditioning, reclining seats, plenty of leg room and sloping floors for great viewing. Your full day tour begins with an early morning pick up at your accommodation, and includes a freshly prepared buffet style lunch, a visit to Cape Reinga lighthouse to view the meeting of the two oceans, a beach stop on 90 Mile Beach, boogie boarding down huge sand dunes at Te Paki stream and time at the Ancient Kauri Kingdom.

DAY 4

Destination	Paihia 🚗 Bay of Islands 🚗 Auckland
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Dolphin Cruise to Hole in the Rock with Fullers GreatSights Board your cruise and take in the stunning views as you glide out through the islands and along the Rakaumangamanga Peninsula to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over and Piery Island/Motukōkako, or as it is popularly known the 'Hole in the Rock'. According to Māori legend, local warriors used to paddle through the Hole in the Rock in their canoes before departing for battle. Drops of water from the cave roof above were a good omen. If conditions permit, your skipper will expertly guide the ship through the narrow space. Keep an eye out for common and bottlenose dolphins, whales and other marine life during

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your cruise, and have your camera ready as you get up close to the action. The purpose-built catamaran is licensed by DOC (the Department of Conservation) for dolphin viewing and the crew have years of experience locating dolphins in these waters. Dolphin Seeker has indoor and outdoor seating available, and the largest outdoor viewing decks in the Bay of Islands.

Paihia to Auckland with GreatSights Enjoy a relaxing sightseeing tour from Paihia to Auckland. The afternoon departure time allows you to spend a full day in the beautiful Bay of Islands before returning to Auckland. Your local driver guide will point out scenic highlights as you travel through farmland and past native forests. At the end of your journey, enjoy the spectacular views from the Auckland Harbour Bridge as you arrive in Auckland's central city by night.

DAY 5

Destination	Auckland 🚗 Rotorua
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Auckland to Rotorua via Hobbiton Movie Set Departing from Auckland city, this is a wonderful way to get to Rotorua and include a magical journey through Middle-earth to the Hobbiton Movie Set from "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" films. Travel south from Auckland over the Bombay Hills to the rich farmland of the Waikato region. Journey through the heritage town of Cambridge where tree-lined streets add to the English-style atmosphere. On arrival at Shire's Rest you embark on your Hobbiton movie set tour where you will see 44 hobbit holes, the Mill and double arch bridge, the party tree and visit the Green Dragon Inn (where a complimentary beer, cider or ginger ale is included). At this stunning location you can take a photo at the door of Bilbo's house, Bag End, looking out over the whole of Hobbiton to the hills in the distance. At the end of your Hobbiton movie set tour you will travel on to Rotorua.

Mitai Maori Village An evening at Mitai will give you an awe-inspiring introduction to the indigenous Maori culture. Marvel at the beautiful bush setting and see warriors in traditional dress who paddle an ancient warrior canoe (waka) down the Wai-o-whiro stream while trout and eels swim beneath the surface. Enjoy a traditionally cooked hangi meal and round your evening off with a spectacular cultural performance that tells the story of the Maori people, their past, carvings, and ta Moko -Tattoo art. Be captivated by the displays of weaponry and combat and be amazed by the spine tingling Haka finale. Truly an experience to remember.

DAY 6

Destination	Rotorua
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Explore Rotorua Peppered with natural hot springs, boiling mud pools and steaming geysers, Rotorua sits within one of the worlds most active volcanic regions. Geothermal landmarks aside, this city of sulphur has a rich indigenous history. Home to several prominent Maori tribes, a visit to one of the Maori Villages should be high on your agenda, as should an excursion to the Polynesian Spa for an invigorating soak in its natural mineral hot springs. Spike your adrenaline at Velocity Valley Adventure Park on stomach-dropping attractions such as static skydiving, or a giant swing reaching 130 km per hour. Alternatively, head up the Rotorua Gondola for soaring lake views, and ride the luge at night for an extra thrill. Fans of Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit should drive to nearby Matamata and experience the actual movie set 'Hobbiton'. Make the most of your time in Rotorua with an excursion through the Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, one of the area's most colourful volcanic attractions.

Rotorua Sights and Skyline Gondola with GreatSights (Includes Lunch) Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Rotorua. Visit Te Puia and get an insight into Maori culture and traditions. Take a tour of workshops where master weavers and carvers are passing on their skills, then enter Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley, learn about rural life in New Zealand at

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the Agrodome, a working farm on the outskirts of the city. Get close to a wide range of native and exotic wildlife at Rainbow Springs Nature Park, including New Zealand's famous flightless bird, the kiwi. Finally, travel on the Skyline Gondola up the side of Mount Ngongotaha. Enjoy a tasty buffet lunch while you take in the stunning panoramic views. Following your gondola experience, a transfer shuttle will take you back to your hotel.

DAY 7

Destination	Rotorua 🚗 Auckland
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Rotorua to Auckland including Waitomo Caves with GreatSights (Includes Picnic Lunch) Enjoy this tour from Rotorua to Auckland including a guided tour of the fascinating Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Leaving Rotorua in the morning you travel through lush farmland to the small town of Waitomo. Take a guided tour through the world famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves and enjoy a silent boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto - a subterranean cavern lit up by the lights of thousands of tiny glowworms. At the conclusion of the Glowworm Cave tour we take a break at the magnificent Waitomo Caves visitor complex and enjoy a delicious picnic lunch. You continue this afternoon by driving to Auckland, through the beautiful King Country and Waikato regions.

DAY 8

Destination	Auckland
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Private transfer accommodation to Auckland airport You will be collected from your Auckland accommodation and transferred to the airport to meet your departing flight.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights in 3 star hotel accommodation
All coach tour transport as specified in this tour package
All breakfasts
Private airport transfers
Discover the Bay Hole in the Rock cruise
Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach day tour
Russell Mini Tour
Hobbiton Movie Set Tour, Matamata
Entrance to Agrodome and show
Te Puia Maori Arts & Crafts
Rotorua Skyline Gondola with buffet lunch
Entrance to Rainbow Springs
Mitai Maori Village Concert & Buffet Dinner, Rotorua
Waitomo Glow Worm Caves
Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
Tipping/Gratuities

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$1229 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

HOTEL LIST

Auckland: Heritage Hotel Auckland or similar

Paihia: Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge or similar

Rotorua: Sudima Lake Rotorua

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$250 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$536 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)

Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected

Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!