



ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND NORTH ISLAND

11-DAY / 10-NIGHT NEW ZEALAND NORTH ISLAND EXPLORER

Experience the very best of New Zealand's North Island with our ULTIMATE Highlights tour. This fast-paced adventure takes you from Auckland to Wellington, with stops at iconic locations like Hobbiton, Rotorua, and Taupō. Visit the famous Lord of the Rings movie set, experience a geothermal wonderland, explore a traditional Māori village, and take in some of the North Island's most stunning scenery—all in one unforgettable journey!

INCLUSIONS:

- ULTIMATE Group Leader
- Welcome Dinner + Drink
- 10 nights accommodation
- All coach & ferry travel
- Auckland City Tour
- Cathedral Cove & Hot Water Beach Day Trip
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Visit Rotorua's Famous Eat Street
- Iconic Wellington Cable Cart
- Visit Huka Falls
- Experience a traditional Maori Village at Te Pa Tu
- Visit Hell's Gate Geothermal Spa
- Enjoy an after Catamaran Cruise on Lake Taupo and discover the Maori Rock Carvings
- Optional activities available
- Select meals included

We recommend a budget of \$100 NZD per day for extra meals/additional activities.



Day 1 | Welcome to New Zealand



Kia Ora and welcome to New Zealand! Today our New Zealand Highlights Tour kicks off in Auckland. We will visit all the local sights and hotspots of New Zealand's largest and busiest city. Today you'll also meet all your new travel buddies and your group leader will give you a rundown on what's happening over the next few weeks! This evening we meet back again for our welcome dinner.

Tour Start: 6pm

Includes: Welcome Dinner

Accommodation: Lylo Hostel (or Similar)

Days 2 & 3 | Auckland & Hot Water Beach



You will head to the Coromandel Peninsula on a guided day trip. Known for its pristine beaches and volcanic springs, here you'll visit Cathedral Cove Beach which is one of New Zealand's most iconic photo spots, Cathedral Cove is renowned for its picture-perfect archway. That evening you'll arrive at Hot Water Beach, a natural geothermal hotspot where you can create your very own spa! Dig yourself a hole in the sand, the hole will fill with hot water and relax, watching the sunset.

Includes: Cathedral Cove & Hot Water Beach Day Trip

Accommodation: Lylo Hostel (or Similar)

Day 4 | Hobbiton



Get ready for another full day of adventure! Depart Auckland to The Shire for your guided Hobbiton Movie Set Tour. This award-winning attraction was made famous by the popular Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies. Here you'll see all the Hobbiton highlights including charming Hobbit holes, hear all the behind-the-scenes secrets and enjoy a complimentary drink at the iconic Green Dragon Inn. You will also have lunch included! At the end of the day you'll carry on your journey southbound to Rotorua.

Includes:

Hobbiton Movie Set Guided Day Trip

Days 5 & 6 | Rotorua: Te Pā Tū



Rotorua is the heart of both New Zealand's Māori culture and its geothermal activity. Experience a traditional Māori Village experience. Te Pā Tū presents culture and cuisine, while proudly sharing Māori history and traditions. In this unique and interactive experience, you will enjoy traditional maori performances, indulge in local activities and learn all about the rich history!

Includes:

Te Pā Tū Maori Village Experience with banquet dinner

Accommodation: Rock Solid Backpackers (or Similar)

Days 6 | Rotorua: Hell's Gate Geothermal Spa



Today you will also be given a day ticket to the famous Hell's Gate Geothermal Mud Spa, for a full Geothermal experience! This includes a guided bush walk around the geothermal wonderland followed by a 2 hour mud spa experience in the natural hot springs. Hell's Gate is nicknamed as the place where the centre of the Earth meets the sky! Your free time in Rotorua is where you can decide to tap into your adrenaline and book White Water Rafting, sailing down in the world's tallest commercial waterfall! (extra cost)

Includes:

Hell's Gate Geothermal Spa

Accommodation: Rock Solid Backpackers (or Similar)

Days 7 & 8 | Taupo



Your next stop is Taupo, home to Australasia's largest river! Lake Taupo is roughly the size of Singapore and not only that, it leads to Huka Falls, New Zealand's most powerful waterfall. Your Group Leader will take the group on a guided walk to the Huka Falls Lookout. You will also get to experience the river first hand with an afternoon private catamaran charter. Onboard you'll get to swim in the river, watch the sunset and sail past the famous Māori Rock Carvings.

Includes:

Māori Rock Carvings Catamaran Cruise

Accommodation: Finlay Jack's Hostel (or Similar)

Days 9 & 10 | Wellington



After a busy few days, you'll get to unwind in the nation's vibrant capital, Wellington. You can enjoy the vibrant art and nightlife scene of Wellington with a free evening and group dinner. On your free day you can ride the famous cable car or visit the historic Te Papa Museum if you wish!

Includes:

Ferry ticket

Kaikoura Whale Watching Experience

Accommodation: Little Drifter Wellington (or similar)

Tour End



Today our New Zealand Highlights Adventure comes to an end and we bid farewell to our new friends and this incredible country

Tour End: 10am