



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. 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 all get to know each other at our welcome dinner.

Tour Start: 6pm

Includes: Welcome Dinner

Accommodation: Lylo Hostel (or Similar)

Day 2 | Auckland City Orientation & Free Day

Today you'll get to explore Auckland, New Zealand's largest and most vibrant city. Your Group Leader will take you on an orientation tour, introducing you to the city's must-see sights & local hotspots. Afterwards, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace - relax, explore the city further, or soak up Auckland's lively atmosphere.

Includes: Guided City Orientation

Accommodation: Lylo Hostel (or Similar)

Days 3 | Cathedral Cove & 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

Day 5 | Rotorua

Today we arrive in Rotorua, famous for its rich Māori culture and unique geothermal landscapes. Once settled in, you'll have free time to relax or explore the town at your own pace before tomorrow's activities begin.

For those looking for an adrenaline rush, there are activities available at an additional cost, including white water rafting and the chance to tackle the world's tallest commercially rafted waterfall.

Accommodation: Rock Solid Backpackers (or Similar)

Days 6 | Rotorua: Hell's Gate Geothermal Spa & Te Pā Tū

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!

Tonight you will 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:

Hell's Gate Geothermal Spa

Te Pā Tū Maori Village Experience with banquet dinner

Accommodation: Rock Solid Backpackers (or Similar)

Days 7 | Rotorua to 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 you on a guided walk to the Huka Falls Lookout.

Accommodation: Finlay Jack's Hostel (or Similar)

Days 8 | Taupo Catamaran Cruise

Today you'll experience the beauty of Lake Taupo on a private afternoon catamaran cruise. Relax onboard as you sail across the crystal-clear water, enjoy the chance to swim, take in the sunset, and cruise past the famous Māori Rock Carvings.

Includes:

Māori Rock Carvings Catamaran Cruise

Accommodation: Finlay Jack's Hostel (or Similar)

Day 9 | Taupo to Wellington

Today we journey south to Wellington, New Zealand's vibrant capital city. Known for its creative culture, waterfront setting, and lively atmosphere, Wellington is the perfect place to relax and unwind after the past few adventure-filled days.

Once we arrive, you'll have a free evening to explore the city's buzzing arts, food, and nightlife scene before joining the group for dinner together.

Includes:

Group Dinner

Accommodation: Little Drifter Wellington (or similar)

Day 10 | Wellington

Today is yours to explore Wellington at your own pace. Visit the famous Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, ride the iconic Wellington Cable Car to the Botanic Gardens, or take in panoramic views from Mount Victoria Lookout.

You can also explore the lively atmosphere of Cuba Street and Hannahs Laneway, known for their cafés, craft beer, local eats, and nightlife, or visit the famous Wētā Workshop to discover the magic behind some of New Zealand's biggest films.

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