



Best of the North Deluxe Tour

Get ready to head north towards the sub-tropical Northland, where you'll cruise past dramatic sea caves and walk the powerful, historic grounds of Waitangi. Next, journey deep beneath the earth in the Waikato, where a silent boat ride reveals a universe of glittering glow worms, a truly spectacular, once-in-a-lifetime sight. Your adventure unfolds in Rotorua, a geothermal hotspot where you'll feel the earth's energy before enjoying an evening of exclusive Māori storytelling and delicious traditional cuisine. Top it all off by stepping directly into the movie magic of Hobbiton and raising a pint at the famous Green Dragon Inn.



Starts in: Auckland
 Finishes in: Auckland
 Length: 5days / 4nights
 Accommodation: Hotel 4 star
 Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport
 Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring
 Included activity: Paihia Central/Coach Stop to Paihia Accommodation with Haruru Cabs
 Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course
 Included activity: Hole in the Rock Cruise with Fullers GreatSights
 Included activity: Paihia, Bay of Islands to Rotorua by Intercity Coach

 Included activity: Hobbiton Day Tour from Rotorua with Gray Line / GreatSights - Lunch Included
 Included activity: Rotorua to Auckland via Waitomo with FlexiTours

Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations
 Included activity: Auckland to Paihia, Bay of Islands by InterCity Coach
 Included activity: Waitangi Treaty Grounds Guided Tour and Cultural Performance
 Included activity: Paihia Accommodation to Paihia central/coach stop with Haruru Cabs
 Included activity: Paihia Central/Coach Stop to Paihia Accommodation with Haruru Cabs
 Included activity: Private Transfer - Rotorua Intercity Bus Stop to Rotorua Accommodation with Ready2Roll
 Included activity: Te Pā Tū Evening Māori Cultural Experience - Dinner Included

 : 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 special dinner



Day 1



Auckland to Paihia, Bay of Islands by InterCity Coach

Leave Auckland and head North to the Bay of Islands. Taking you along the coast road past the seaside villages of Orewa and Waiwera. Then it's on to the township of Puhoi, New Zealand's only Bohemian settlement, then Warkworth and the harbourside city of Whangarei and the unique township of Kawakawa. Arriving into the subtropical Bay of Islands you are greeted with bush-clad hillsides dropping to golden sand beaches. Paihia is the main centre of the bay and has a great beachside atmosphere.

Paihia Central/Coach Stop to Paihia Accommodation with Haruru Cabs

On arrival to Paihia, you will be transferred from Paihia Central to your accommodation.

Waitangi Treaty Grounds Guided Tour and Cultural Performance

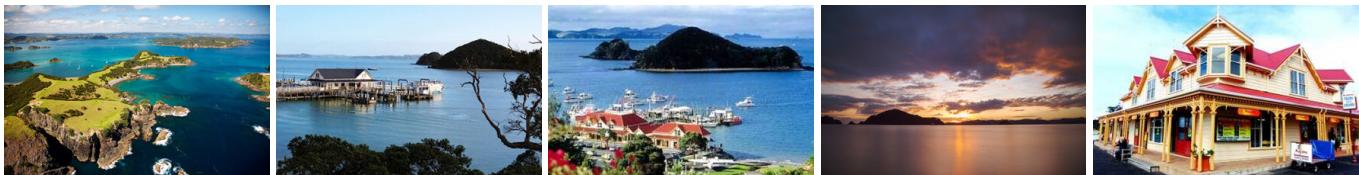
Waitangi is one of New Zealand's most historic sites where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840 between the Māori and the British Government. This two day pass allows you access to the Treaty of Waitangi Grounds and includes admission to the Te Kōngahu Museum and Te Rau Aroha Museum and a Maori Cultural performance. During your guided tour, learn about the history of the treaty and discover the stories and events that shaped New Zealand. The cultural performance inside the carved meeting house includes waiata (singing), poi and the haka - a war dance Aotearoa-New Zealand is well known for.

Your accommodation: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands

Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands is located within the Waitangi Treaty grounds, surrounded by native bush and the beautiful Bay of Islands Harbour.



Day 2



Paihia Accommodation to Paihia central/coach stop with Haruru Cabs

You will be transferred from your accommodation to Paihia Central.

Hole in the Rock Cruise 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 Piercy Island/Motukōkako, or as it is popularly known as 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 your cruise, and have your camera ready as you get up close to the action. Stop off at Otehei Bay on Urupukapuka Island where you have time to relax, take a walk, have a swim, or enjoy a bite to eat and drink from the on-site fully licensed café. The purpose-built catamaran is licensed by DOC (the Department of Conservation) for dolphin viewing and the crew has years of experience locating dolphins in these waters.

Paihia Central/Coach Stop to Paihia Accommodation with Haruru Cabs

On arrival to Paihia, you will be transferred from Paihia Central to your accommodation.

Your accommodation: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands

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Meals included: Breakfast



Day 3



Paihia, Bay of Islands to Rotorua by Intercity Coach

Your journey will take you past scenic native forests and sub-tropical bush, before crossing the Auckland Harbour Bridge to arrive into the spectacular city scene of Auckland. Continue south into the rich farmland of the Waikato and onto the cultural heart of the North Island and Rotorua City.

Private Transfer - Rotorua Intercity Bus Stop to Rotorua Accommodation with Ready2Roll

You will be collected from Rotorua Bus Stop and transferred to your city accommodation.

Your accommodation: Millennium Hotel Rotorua

Millennium Hotel is Rotorua's largest 4-star deluxe hotel. Perfectly situated in the heart of the city overlooking Lake Rotorua. Five levels of accommodation offer guests a wide variety of scenic views.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 4



Hobbiton Day Tour from Rotorua with Gray Line / GreatSights - Lunch Included

Take a journey from Rotorua to the famous Hobbiton Movie Set, located inside a picturesque 1,250-acre sheep and beef farm near Matamata. Here, take a guided tour of the village of Hobbiton, which was carefully created in amazing detail as a film location for the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movie trilogies. During your guided tour of this amazing location, you'll see sights like Hobbit holes, the Mill and the Green Dragon Inn, and learn how farmland was transformed into a living, breathing piece of Middle-earth. After exploring Hobbiton, enjoy a tasty lunch in the Party Marquee and then return to Rotorua.

Te Pā Tū Evening Māori Cultural Experience - Dinner Included

New Zealand's Most Awarded Cultural Attraction, presenting Te Pā Tū. Feast on song, drama, tradition, and divine seasonal kai (cuisine) within the forest Pā (village) blanketed by towering Tawa trees, blazing bonfires, and a forest-formed amphitheatre. Te Pā Tū shares Māori history, traditions, and cultural aspirations across 4-hours of celebration and feasting. These events change with each season of the Maramataka, the Māori lunar calendar.

Your accommodation: Millennium Hotel Rotorua

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Speciality Dinner



Day 5



Rotorua to Auckland via Waitomo with FlexiTours

Journey from Rotorua to Auckland, passing through New Zealand's iconic farmland and Waikato Dairy country in a comfortable and spacious mini-coach. Enjoy Waitomo Caves, one of the country's best natural attractions where you will take a boat ride through the darkness to see a spectacular glow worm grotto. Admire thousands of magical glow worms light up the caves, a sight which has been enjoyed for over 130 years.

Tour details

Departures: Daily
Tour type: Independant Bus & Coach
Starts: Auckland
Finishes: Auckland
Tour length: 5
Accomodation: Hotel 4 star
Car/transport type:

Accommodation summary

Day 1	Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands
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Day 3	Millennium Hotel Rotorua
Day 4	Millennium Hotel Rotorua