

## Grand Pacific 9 Day Signature North Island

If you're looking for a great tour of New Zealand's North Island this is it. Grand Pacific has years of experience showing guests around. They will make sure no one misses the best attractions and remove any travel concerns. Locations included on this journey are the Bay of Islands, Auckland, Rotorua, Napier and the capital city of Wellington.



Starts in: Auckland  
 Finishes in: Wellington  
 Length: 9days / 8nights  
 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: Auckland City Tour
- Included: Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Included: Napier City Tour
- Included: Te Papa, NZ's National Museum
- Included: Te Puia traditional Maori hangi & concert
- Included: Wellington City Tour
- Included: Professional Coach Captain

- Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations
- Included: Agrodome
- Included: Cape Brett and the famous Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Included: Kauri Museum
- Included: Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Included: Te Puia geothermal valley
- Included: Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Included: Complimentary pre-dinner welcome drink
- : 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners, 2 special dinners

## Day 1



On arrival into Auckland, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink when you meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

Staying in Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

- 4 Star Plus Accommodation

Nestled in the vibrant heart of downtown Auckland, Crowne Plaza Auckland offers a truly magnificent experience infused with kiwi charm. Explore the enchanting 'city of sails' from the inside out thanks to the great location. After an exciting day of sightseeing, retreat to the comfort of your spacious room, meticulously designed to cater for the modern traveller.

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## Day 2

Depart Auckland and travel to Matakohē for a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British Government in 1840.

Staying in Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

- 4 Star Accommodation

Any time of year is ideal for escaping to the Bay of Islands in the 'Winterless North', and this property, situated at the entrance to the seaside town of Paihia, is the perfect resort-style retreat.

The island-influenced architecture with expansive sub-tropical gardens, water features, extensive guest facilities and easy walking access to Paihia's main local attractions makes this 4-star Hotel a standout.

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## Day 3

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

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This morning cruise through the beautiful Bay of Islands to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over Piercy Island, or as it is popularly known, the 'Hole in the Rock'. Keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. Return to Paihia and travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This evening is free to explore the local eateries surrounding your hotel.

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## Day 5

This morning, enjoy a city sights tour before departing Auckland. Journey through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. A guided tour of the 12-acre set, will take you past whimsical Hobbit Holes, the Mill and into the Green Dragon Inn. You can now venture beyond the door and into an authentic Hobbit Hole interior for a fully immersive experience.

Staying in Hotel Pullman Rotorua (2 nights)

- 4 Star Plus Accommodation

Situated in the heart of the city and moments away from the lakefront, Pullman Rotorua is the perfect base to explore the region's geothermal paradise.

A Pullman stay is an entire experience with 130 luxurious rooms and suites, energising gym, vibrant dining and a chic bar. Pullman is surrounded by surreal scenery and iconic attractions. Discover shooting geysers, bubbling mud pools, natural hot springs and magical forests.

Experience a contemporary open-plan room design inspired by the region's geothermal origins. Windows let in the daylight and views overlooking the vibrant city. The room features a plush Pullman king-size bed and local artwork.

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## Day 6

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua where spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening enjoy a Hāngi feast, prepared in the traditional way, over hot coals and buried in the ground. This is followed by an entertaining Māori cultural performance which features the graceful poi dance and ferocious haka.

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Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where the most comprehensive collection of art deco buildings in the world can be found. Board the Hawke's Bay Express and hear informative commentary on the city's fascinating history. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city.

Staying in Hotel Scenic Hotel Te Pania

- 4 Star Accommodation

Hawke's Bay is one of the first places in the world to see the light each day and the Scenic Hotel Te Pania is one of the most recognisable hotels in Napier, boasting design awards for its style and service, situated on the premium waterfront location on Marine Parade. The hotel's slender curved form echoes the shape of the bay. A fresh, contemporary style hotel that is only a short stroll from Napier's main art deco style street and is located in close proximity to many of Napier's attractions.

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## Day 8

This morning, travel south to Wellington. Enjoy a city tour of New Zealand's capital, showcasing its rich history and vibrant culture. A highlight will be time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition at Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. This evening enjoy a pre-dinner drink

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and reminisce on memories shared with your new friends at the farewell dinner.

Staying in Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

- 4 Star Accommodation

The James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor presents an engaging selection of rooms, thoughtful amenities and gracious hospitality from the heart of Wellington's city centre. Recently refurbished this leading accommodation and venue provider is located on The Terrace in New Zealand's thriving capital city nearby to all major attractions. You will stay in rooms which are located on the higher floors and showcase contemporary furnishings, deluxe bathrooms with walk-in showers and Antipodes amenities.

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## Day 9

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

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## Tour details

Departures: Daily  
Tour type: Guided Coach Tour  
Starts: Auckland  
Finishes: Wellington  
Tour length: 9  
Accommodation: Hotel 4 star  
Car/transport type:

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## Accommodation summary