



## AAT Kings: Jewels of the Bay 25/26

This adventure may be short, but it's certainly sweet. Think of it as a travel amuse bouche - a taster to inspire further trips to New Zealand. In just 72 hours on this NZ holiday you pack in a lot of attractions, from Auckland's windswept harbour, dotted with yacht sails, to the gem-like Bay of Islands, its archipelago of subtropical islets ideally explored on a cruise. Wherever this NZ tour takes you, expect a dose of heritage and Māori culture. Discover how and where New Zealand became a member of the Commonwealth and explore the streets of the country's first European settlement and seaport.

Starts in: Auckland  
 Finishes in: Auckland  
 Length: 4days / 3nights  
 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: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations  
 Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring  
 Included: Waitangi Treaty Grounds  
 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners

## Day 1

Auckland never fails to turn on the charm, as you'll discover while exploring the city at your leisure before meeting your Travel Director and fellow adventure seekers for a welcome drink tonight.

Staying in:

- Adina Apartment Hotel Britomart (1 night)
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## Day 2

Hit the road this morning for a scenic sojourn to the Bay of Islands. This pocket of the country deserves its name – there are more than 140 subtropical islets off the coast here, lined with blissful undeveloped and unpeopled beaches. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs, officially denoting New Zealand as a member of the Commonwealth, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Your local specialist at the Treaty Grounds, quite possibly a descendant of one of the original signatories, will explain the importance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. These are just some of the Māori artefacts that characterise this part of the north coast.

Staying in:

- Copthorne Hotel and Resort (1 night)
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## Day 3

If there's a travel destination that inspires wanderlust, the Bay of Islands is it. Today, trip the light fantastic and head off on an optional experience in whatever direction you please. Perhaps, cruise through the Bay of Islands, glass of New Zealand wine in hand. Or maybe on a mini jaunt around the romantic town of Russell, the country's first permanent European settlement and seaport (both own expense). Fun fact: the town's streets retain their original names and layout from 1843. Ask your Travel Director for touring tips – and places to wine and dine in between. Wherever your NZ holiday takes you today, we recommend finding somewhere special to salute the end of the day – this part of the country is known for its blazing sunsets.

Staying in:

- Copthorne Hotel and Resort (1 night)
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## Day 4

If you've never heard of Whangarei, you're probably not alone. But today, New Zealand's most northerly city is well and truly on your radar. A place where galleries meet museums, Whangarei is the country in a tantalizing snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Stroll the picturesque Town Basin – before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerizing commute back to Auckland.

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## Tour details

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

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## Accommodation summary