

3 Day Rotorua Reconnaissance

Depart from Auckland and head South towards the Waikato. Enjoy the countryside vista before you begin your expedition into the famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves where you can explore the wonder of the wildlife that dwells in these ancient caves and then hop back on your guided journey to Rotorua. Upon arrival check into your accommodation at the Sudima Hotel. Then it's time to head to the Polynesian Spa for some R&R in one of their five Geothermal pools. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before going up Skyline Rotorua where you can let the adrenaline flow as you zoom through the atmosphere by Luge. Take some time to catch your breath before attending dinner at New Zealand's most awarded cultural attraction; Te Pā Tū at Tamaki Maori Village. Make sure to grab breakfast from the Sudima before you begin your journey to the Hobbiton Movie Set. Explore the array of 44 Hobbit Holes, enjoy a complimentary brew at the Green Dragon Inn and then bask in the scenes of the Waikato farmland as you head back to Auckland.

Starts in: Auckland
Finishes in: Auckland
Length: 3days / 2nights
Accommodation: Hotel 3 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 activity: Auckland to Rotorua and Waitomo Caves with FlexiTours
Included activity: Deluxe Lake Spa General Admission at Polynesian Spa
Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course
Included activity: Rotorua Accommodation to Rotorua Skyline Gondola - Private Transfer
Included activity: Gondola and 5 Luge Rides with Skyline Rotorua
Included activity: Rotorua Skyline Gondola to Rotorua Accommodation - Private Transfer
Included activity: Te Pā Tū Evening Māori Cultural Experience - Dinner Included
Included activity: Private Transfer Rotorua Accommodation to Rotorua Intercity Depot with Xquizit
Included activity: Rotorua to Auckland via Hobbiton Movie Set with Bush and Beach

Day 1



Auckland to Rotorua and Waitomo Caves with FlexiTours

Travel from Auckland to Rotorua, stopping at the iconic Waitomo Glow Worm Caves along the way. Enjoy a guided tour of the world-famous Glowworm Caves, where you'll glide by boat through a magical grotto illuminated by thousands of tiny glowworms. This tour showcases some of the North Island's most iconic destinations, including Rotorua, renowned for its geothermal wonders and rich Māori heritage. Your unforgettable journey concludes in Rotorua.

Rotorua

Discover the geothermal, adventure, and cultural wonderland of Rotorua. As you explore, you may see steam rising from cracks in the road, bubbling and hissing water in pools along the lake's edge, and the unmistakable smell of Sulfur. Rotorua is rich in Māori culture and history, with many Māori inhabitants recognising the great potential of the volcanic land. For an outdoor adventure, head to The Redwoods and experience the rainforest treetops from high up. There are a few accessible trails for disabled hikers and great biking trails as well. If you're lucky, you might spot some of New Zealand's native birds, such as the Pīwakawaka (Fantail) and the Tūī. Alternatively, enjoy the Lake Tikitapu Blue Lake Walk or explore Kuirau Park, where you'll find bubbling mud pools and steaming lakes. Don't miss the private thermal reserves such as Te Puia and Wai-O-Tapu, where you can walk among bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers, and Sulfur ponds. Just a few minutes from the town centre, the Agrodome and National Kiwi Hatchery offer an insight into nature. Rotorua's rich Māori culture is a must-see. Spend an evening with Te Pā Tū, complete with a traditional-style dinner or stroll along the lake edge to reach one of the country's oldest Māori villages at Ohinemutu. When hunger strikes, visit Eat Street in Rotorua CBD, a vibrant street lined with delicious eateries and restaurants to satisfy any craving. No visit to Rotorua would be complete without experiencing Rotorua's original tourist attraction - a relaxing spa treatment. This town boasts an array of wellness experiences to unwind in. Whether you are seeking adventure, culture, or relaxation, Rotorua offers an unforgettable experience.

Polynesian Spa Deluxe Lake Spa

Rotorua's Polynesian Spa offers a unique thermal spa experience on the shore of Lake Rotorua. Enjoy tranquil bathing and lake views in four shallow alkaline rock pools, each with different temperatures (36°C to 42°C). Surrounded by revitalising native New Zealand flora, natural rocks, the sound of two waterfalls and a grotto. The pools are filled with soothing alkaline mineral water leaving your skin soft and supple. Unwind in either the indoor or outdoor relaxation area overlooking the four hot mineral pools and Lake Rotorua, here you can further decompress on the five geothermally heated recliners set in the stunning backdrop of New Zealand's lush and natural greenery. The Lake Spa is a unique thermal pool environment, where the atmosphere changes from day to night, and from winter steam to summer sparkle.

Your accommodation: Sudima Lake Rotorua

Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua boasts a location that is second-to-none, right on the shores of beautiful Lake Rotorua. Adjacent to the world-famous Polynesian Spa complex and just a short stroll to all the attractions in Rotorua.

Meals included: Dinner



Day 2



Rotorua Accommodation to Rotorua Skyline Gondola

Your private transfer will collect you from your accommodation and you will be transferred to Rotorua Skyline Gondola.

Skyline Gondola Rotorua and 5 Luge Rides

Take the Skyline Scenic Gondola ride up the side of the dormant volcano Mount Ngongotaha (487 metres above sea level) where you can experience spectacular views of the city and lake. At the top, you will find the INZPIRED Store, the Jelly Belly Store, and the Market Kitchen or Stratosfare Restaurant. As well as the famous Luge, here you can hurtle down a choice of 3 purpose built tracks.

Rotorua Skyline Gondola to Rotorua Accommodation

You will be collected from your Skyline Gondola and transferred to your accommodation.

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.

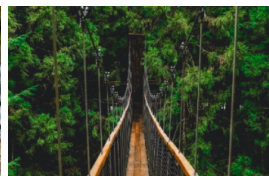
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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3



Private Transfer Rotorua Accommodation to Rotorua Intercity Depot with Xquizit

You will be collected from your accommodation and transferred to Rotorua Intercity Coach Depot.

Rotorua to Auckland via Hobbiton Movie Set

Departing from Rotorua in the morning, this is a wonderful way to get to Auckland and includes a magical journey through Middle-earth to the Hobbiton Movie Set from "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" films. On arrival at Shire's Rest, you embark on your Hobbiton movie set tour. You will get to see 44 hobbit holes, the Mill and double arch bridge, the party tree and visit the Green Dragon Inn. At this stunning location, you can take a photo at the door of Bilbo's house, Bag End and look out over the whole of Hobbiton to the hills in the distance.

Following the Hobbiton tour, enjoy lunch at either Shire's Rest or in the marquee beside the Green Dragon Inn. After lunch, there is time for some shopping before you leave to drive north through lush Waikato dairy farms and over the Bombay Hills arriving in Auckland where you will be transferred to your inner-city accommodation.

Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Independant Bus & Coach
Starts:	Auckland
Finishes:	Auckland
Tour length:	3
Accommodation:	Hotel 3 star
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary

Day 1	Sudima Lake Rotorua
Day 2	Sudima Lake Rotorua