
Waitomo, Rotorua & Hobbiton Weekender

Set off on a memorable two-day adventure from Auckland to Rotorua via Waitomo. Begin your journey with a visit to the enchanting Waitomo Caves, renowned for their magical glowworms. Continue to Rotorua to experience authentic Māori culture, featuring a traditional welcome ceremony, captivating performances, and a delicious Hangi dinner. The following morning, explore the iconic Hobbiton Movie Set in Matamata, where you'll tour the charming Shire as seen in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* films. Wrap up your visit with a drink at the Green Dragon Inn before returning to Auckland.

Starts in: Auckland
Finishes in: Auckland
Length: 2days / 1nights
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: Electronic Travel Guide and In-Country Support App
Included activity: Auckland to Rotorua and Waitomo Caves with FlexiTours
Included activity: Te Pā Tū Evening Māori Cultural Experience - Dinner Included
Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course
Included activity: Rotorua to Auckland via Hobbiton Movie Set with Bush and Beach
1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 special dinner

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.

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: 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: Lunch, Speciality Dinner



Day 2



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.

Farewell from Aotearoa / New Zealand

Bid farewell to Aotearoa / New Zealand, taking with you unforgettable memories of its breathtaking landscapes and incredible adventures. In Māori, it is said mā te wā, which is not goodbye, it is see you soon!

Tour details

Departures: Daily
Tour type: Independant Bus & Coach
Starts: Auckland
Finishes: Auckland
Tour length: 2
Accommodation: Hotel 3 star
Car/transport type:

Accommodation summary

Day 1 Sudima Lake Rotorua