

7-day North Island Experience



Tuesday 12 January

Auckland - Rotorua

We meet in Auckland at noon and travel to Matamata 'Hobbiton' and take a tour of the movie site of both the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit. We walk through 'Middle Earth', explore the Hobbit Holes and have time for a juice at the Green Dragon (and maybe dance under the 'Party Tree'). Travelling on, we arrive in Rotorua - the geothermal capital of New Zealand. Tonight, we visit the Polynesian Mineral Pools for a soak. Dinner is a home-cooked meal at the hostel.

(Dinner)



Wednesday 13 January

Rotorua

We start the day with a visit to Te Puia Geothermal park. Here we can see steaming hot pools, spouting geysers, silica terraces and boiling mud where we see geysers erupting water. We also see kiwi, Maori carvers at work and women weaving flax. Get lunch in town, hang out by the lake and some free time to enjoy the city. Tonight, we travel to the Tamaki Maori Village for a cultural evening, experience a Maori concert, learn Maori games and enjoy a Hangi (food cooked in an earth oven).

(Breakfast/Dinner)

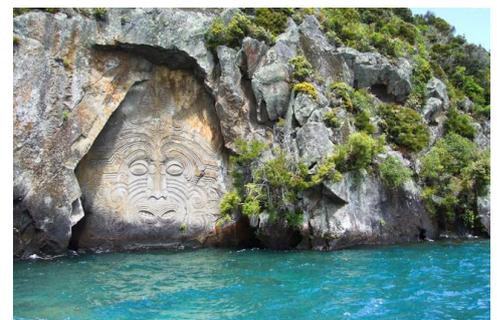


Thursday 14 January

Rotorua - Taupo

We say goodbye to Rotorua and travel south from here to Huka Falls, New Zealand's largest waterfall by volume. We then stop at Spa Park Taupo where you can dip your feet or soak in the natural hot springs which meet the crystal clear Waikato river and onto Taupo where you'll have time for lunch, explore the town and beautiful lakefront. After checking into our accommodation, we'll head out on a scenic lake cruise to see the beautiful Maori Carvings on the rock wall.

(Breakfast)



Friday 15 January

Taupo - Tongariro National Park

This morning we travel around the shores of Lake Taupo and arrive at the picturesque Tongariro National Park. We take a ride on the 'Sky Waka' Gondola up the North Island's highest mountain, Mount Ruapehu, for lunch up the top with stunning views all over the Central North Island. On the way down we take a short walk to view a beautiful waterfall before checking into our accommodation. Relax here in the afternoon with maybe a soak in the spa pools before enjoying a hearty dinner. ***(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)***



Saturday 16 January

Tongariro – Waitomo

This morning we head North to Waitomo (Wai= water Tomo=large opening or hole) known throughout the world for the Glow-worm caves. We first enjoy a sheep shearing experience and hot lunch before visiting the main cave. We enter the Waitomo Caves via a grand entrance, and then follow the narrow paths down deep into the earth, finishing with a boat trip in the dark under a canopy of sparking glow worms. Later we check out the Discovery Centre to find out more about this fascinating region. **(Breakfast /Lunch/Dinner)**



Sunday 17th January

Waitomo – Raglan

Today we head out to the beautiful black sand beaches of the West Coast of the North Island. First up we check out 'Manu Bay' and watch the surfers in action before walking on the black sand at Ocean beach. We will then have some free time in the town to grab some lunch and pictures on the wharf before checking into our accommodation. Tonight, is our final night together where we'll enjoy 'fish n chips' on the black sand beach next to our accommodation and get some photos of the magnificent west coast sunset over the water. We finish our tour with some group activities and presentations 😊
(Breakfast/Dinner)



Monday 18th January

Depart for Home

We say goodbye to Raglan and call into Hamilton to visit the world-famous Hamilton gardens, voted best gardens in the world in 2014. We stop in town to grab some lunch and some last-minute shopping before returning to Auckland about 4pm. **(Breakfast)**



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- Students: Quad share with shared facilities

Sightseeing and Entrances

- All activities highlighted in the itinerary

Meals

- All meals as listed on the itinerary

Extra

- NZET Educational Sightseeing Map

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