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8 Day Northern Discovery

Auckland → Wellington



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Highlights

- + Historic Bay of Islands
- + Thermal wonderland of Rotorua
- + Napier, the Art Deco capital of the World
- + Wellington, the nation's capital

Featured Experiences

- + Authentic Maori Village, Hangi & Cultural Performance

Iconic Sightseeing

- + City Tours of Auckland & Wellington
- + Cape Brett 'Hole in the Rock' Cruise
- + Tour of Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- + Entry to Auckland Sky Tower
- + Agrodome Farm Show
- + Rainbow Springs Park
- + Skyline Gondola & Luge
- + Locally guided Art Deco Walking Tour

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

"Haere Mai" Welcome to Auckland. A representative will greet you at the airport with transport waiting to take you to your downtown city hotel. Tonight, enjoy welcome drinks with your fellow travellers.

Stay: Rydges Hotel

Day 2 Auckland, Paihia (B,D)

Leaving the city behind, we travel across the Auckland Harbour Bridge and drive north to Paihia in the Bay of Islands, a seaside town nestled on the foreshore of the National Maritime Park. On arrival, meet your local Maori guide who will provide an insight into the local history before visiting Waitangi, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori people and the British. Enjoy a self-guided tour through the Treaty House, the Maori Meeting House and War Canoe. Later this afternoon, board your launch for the scenic cruise to the Cape Brett Lighthouse and the famous 'Hole in the Rock'.

Stay: Cophorne Bay of Islands (2 nights)

Day 3 Explore the Bay of Islands (B)

Enjoy a free day to explore and experience the beauty of the Bay of Islands. Your Coach Captain will happily assist with arranging optional activities for you. Why not try a full day tour to Cape Reinga, New Zealand's northern most point. Alternatively, explore the township of Russell, New Zealand's first settlement and visit its historic Church, Mission House and Museum.

Day 4 Auckland, Rotorua (B,D)

Leaving Paihia, travel south through Whangarei to Warkworth and on to Auckland. Visit the Sky Tower, at 328m the tallest free-standing structure in the Southern Hemisphere and enjoy panoramic 360 degree views across the city and its two majestic harbours. Later, cross the Bombay Hills to the lush farmlands of the Waikato then on to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua, the centre of Maori culture and famous for its geysers, boiling mud pools and steaming craters.

Stay: Sudima Lake Rotorua (2 nights)

Day 5 Rotorua sightseeing (B,D)

Today begins with a visit to the Agrodome to see a unique New Zealand farm show. Visit Rainbow Springs to learn about native flora and fauna, including the famous Kiwi bird. This is followed by the spectacular Skyline Gondola which offers superb views over the city, lake and mountains and for those wanting a little excitement, why not try a Luge ride with our compliments. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before visiting Tamaki Village for an evening of fun and culture. You will experience a traditionally prepared Maori Hangi (feast) followed by a cultural performance featuring Maori songs, chants and dance including the stirring haka.

Day 6 Taupo, Napier (B,D)

View the mighty Huka Falls and the Wairakei Geothermal project before stopping at Lake Taupo, the largest in New Zealand. Continue on to Napier, often regarded as the world's Art Deco capital. On arrival, enjoy a locally guided walking tour of the city.

Stay: Scenic Te Pania Hotel

Day 7 Wairarapa, Wellington (B,D)

Orchards and vineyards give way to farmland as you travel into the rural heartland of the Wairarapa region. Stop at historic Greytown to view excellent examples of Victorian colonial architecture before travelling over the Rimutaka Ranges to Wellington, the nation's capital, where you enjoy a city tour on arrival.

Stay: Ibis Wellington Hotel

Day 8 Depart Wellington (B)

It's time to bid farewell to your fellow travellers today. You will be transferred to the airport to join your onward flight.

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