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# 8 Day Spectacular North

Wellington → Auckland

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## Highlights

- + Wellington, the nation's capital
- + Boutique wine village of Martinborough
- + Stay in the Tongariro National Park
- + Thermal Wonderland of Rotorua
- + Auckland, the City of Sails

## Featured Experiences

- + Pukaha Mount Bruce Wildlife Centre
- + Exclusive Lake Rotoiti cruise
- + Authentic Maori Hangi & Cultural Performance

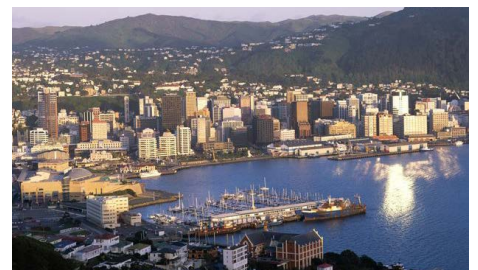
## Iconic Sightseeing

- + Wine tasting, Martinborough
- + Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- + Treetop eco-walk amongst the Redwoods
- + Hobbiton Movie Set & Farm Tour



thermal resort of Rotorua. This evening, enjoy a tour of Te Puia Thermal Reserve and experience a traditional Maori hangi (feast) and cultural performance featuring Maori songs, chants and dance including the stirring haka.

Stay: Millennium Rotorua (2 nights)



## Day 1 Arrive Wellington

On arrival at Wellington airport, a representative will greet you and transfer you to your city hotel.

Stay: *The Bolton Hotel*

## Day 2 Martinborough Wine Village (B,D)

The town of Martinborough is located at the centre of the Wairarapa wine region and because of its close proximity to Wellington, makes it a popular weekend destination for locals. Many boutique wineries are within an easy walk of the town square and the region is particularly well known for its production of Pinot Noir wines.

Stay: *The Martinborough Hotel*

## Day 3 Pukaha Mount Bruce, Tongariro National Park (B,D)

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of the Pukaha Mount Bruce Wildlife Centre, a captive-breeding sanctuary for some of the country's most threatened wildlife and home to the only white kiwi in captivity. Continue north along the Desert Road to Tongariro, New Zealand's oldest national park and a dual World Heritage area.

Stay: *Chateau Tongariro*

## Day 4 Taupo, Rotorua (B,D)

First stop today is Taupo where you will enjoy time to stroll around this popular lakeside resort. View the mighty Huka Falls and Wairakei Geothermal Project before arriving at the

## Day 5 Exclusive Lake Rotoiti Cruise & Redwood Treetop Walk (B)

Today's highlight is an exclusive cruise across the serene, clear waters of Lake Rotoiti. Explore native bays and coves of the lake under sail on our luxury catamaran and bathe in the thermal waters of the Manupirua hot springs, accessible only by boat. Later, enjoy a suspended treetop eco-walk amongst Rotorua's gentle giants in the Redwood Forest and get a unique bird's eye perspective of these 110 year old trees and the lush flora below.

## Day 6 Hobbiton, Auckland (B,L)

After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to Matamata and experience a guided tour of Hobbiton, the set used in the block-busting 'Lord of the Rings' and 'Hobbit' movies. This stunning location is the largest 'green set' in the world and you will see hobbit holes, the Mill and double arch bridge and the Party Tree. Be sure to take a photo at the gate to Bilbo Baggins house, "Bag End", looking out over the whole set to the hills in the distance. Having enjoyed lunch at The Green Dragon Inn, we continue on to Auckland, the 'City of Sails'.

Stay: *Pullman Hotel* (2 nights)

## Day 7 At leisure in Auckland (B,D)

Today is free to explore New Zealand's largest and most vibrant city. Perhaps take the ferry to Waiheke Island and enjoy lunch at one of the many superb vineyards, stroll around the trendy suburbs of Parnell and Ponsonby or sail Waitemata Harbour aboard a genuine America's Cup racing yacht. Your options are many. This evening, join your friends for a farewell dinner with drinks and relive the many great experiences shared.



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## Day 8 Depart Auckland (B)

Sadly, your holiday ends after breakfast this morning. Here we bid you farewell and hope you leave with many happy memories of your stay.

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