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Hobbiton

Highlights

- + Wellington, the nation's capital
- + Thermal Wonderland of Rotorua
- + Stunning Coromandel Peninsula

Featured Experiences

- + Authentic Maori Village, Hangi & Cultural Performance
- + Hobbiton Movie Set & Farm Tour

Iconic Sightseeing

- + Agrodome Farm Show
- + Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- + Entry to Auckland Sky Tower
- + Auckland City Tour

Day 1 Arrive Wellington (D)

On arrival in Wellington, a representative will greet you at the airport with transport waiting to take you to your downtown city hotel. The rest of today is free to explore the nation's capital before meeting up with your fellow travellers at dinner this evening.

Stay: *Copthorne Oriental Bay Hotel*

Day 2 Taupo, Rotorua (B,D)

Leaving the city behind, we travel through rolling farmland as we enter the Tongariro National Park, dominated by the volcanic cone of Mt Ruapehu. Follow the Desert Road to the popular lakeside resort of Taupo, located on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake. Stop to view the mighty Huka Falls and travel past massive pine forests to reach Rotorua, centre of Maori culture and famous for its geysers, boiling mud pools and steaming craters.

Stay: *Sudima Lake Rotorua (2 nights)*

Day 3 Rotorua Sightseeing (B,D)

Today begins with a visit to the Agrodome to see a unique New Zealand farm show. This is followed by a visit to Te Puia, home to Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and the New Zealand Maori Arts & Crafts Centre. Here you will witness all of nature's thermal wonders including silica terraces and the famous Pohutu Geyser. Enjoy some free time this afternoon for optional activities before visiting Mitai 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 4 Hobbiton, Pauanui (B,D)

Travel across the Mamaku Ranges into the Waikato region, well known for its dairy farming, world famous horse studs and champion Rugby team! At Hobbiton, you will be joined by a local guide who will escort you through this stunning twelve-acre site, recounting fascinating details of how the Hobbiton Movie set was created for 'The Lord of the Rings' and 'The Hobbit' films. On to Pauanui, a favourite New Zealand holiday beach resort for our overnight stay.

Stay: *Grand Mercure Puka Park Lodge*

Day 5 Coromandel, Auckland (B,D)

The Coromandel Peninsula is a beautiful, rugged area fringed with dozens of excellent beaches and is a place where many kiwis choose to escape the hustle and hype of city life. After a leisurely breakfast, we travel north to Auckland, the 'City of Sails' and enjoy a comprehensive city tour on arrival. We include a visit to the Auckland Skytower, the tallest free-standing structure in the Southern Hemisphere where you will experience 360-degree panoramic views over the harbours, city and surrounds. This evening, join your new found friends for a farewell dinner at your hotel.

Stay: *Rydges Hotel*

Day 6 Depart Auckland (B)

Sadly, your holiday ends today and you will be transferred to Auckland airport to connect with your onward flight.

- Suggested arrival/departure
- Overnights

Maximum
35 Guests



Inclusions

- + Maximum group size 35 guests
- + 5 nights premium hotel accommodation
- + Full breakfasts daily (B) & 5 dinners (D)
- + Travel by 5-star luxury touring coach
- + Guided by a professional Driver Guide
- + All sightseeing, excursions and entrance fees as shown
- + Hotel portage
- + Complimentary airport transfers on arrival and departure

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Agrodome Farm Show