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Northern Wonders

8 DAYS

WELLINGTON → AUCKLAND

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Wellington

Wellington • Rotorua • Bay of Islands • Auckland

Journey through landscapes that blend magnificent beaches, sprawling farmlands and geothermal wonders, as you make your way to the Far North. Explore fertile heartland, showcasing lush forests, rugged mountains and steep gorges. Experience Māori culture through fascinating legends and embrace the energy of the haka.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Te Papa Museum of New Zealand in Wellington
- Journey through spectacular scenery of Tongariro National Park
- Visit the Agrodome Farm Show for an insight into local agriculture
- Immerse yourself in local culture at a Māori Concert and Hangi
- Glide silently through the Glowworm Grotto at the Waitomo Caves
- Cruise through the 'Hole in the Rock' in the spectacular Bay of Islands

Day 1 Welcome to Wellington

Settle into your hotel and then enjoy a sightseeing tour around the city. Stop at the Parliament buildings, home to New Zealand's politicians.

Visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand and explore the fascinating exhibits. This evening, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and dinner. **Hotel: Travelodge, Wellington. D**

Day 2 Wellington – Rotorua

From the Kapiti Coast head inland for views of Mt. Ruapehu and the plains of Tongariro National Park. Drive along the shore of Lake Taupo, and stop to view Huka Falls before continuing to Rotorua.

Hotel: Ibis Hotel, Rotorua, 2 nights. B

Day 3 Rotorua

Enjoy a morning at leisure. Perhaps visit Te Puia and view the geothermal mud pools and geysers. Later, visit the Agrodome Farm Show for a fun, interactive insight into Kiwi farm life. An evening of culture and traditions awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. Your Highlight Dinner is an authentic Māori Hangi, steamed underground in the traditional way. **B HD**

Day 4 Rotorua – Auckland

Explore the amazing Waitomo Caves. Tour through the magical caves and then glide silently through the starry Glowworm Grotto. Travel to Auckland for a city sights tour on arrival. **Hotel: VR Queen Street, Auckland. B D**

Day 5 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland via its impressive Harbour Bridge, travelling to Orewa and on to the scenic Hibiscus Coast, and then it's off to Paihia in the Bay of Islands. Cruise through game fishing waters to Cape Brett, and weather permitting, through the famous 'Hole in the Rock' formation. The return cruise to Paihia meanders through picturesque islands and past deserted and secluded bays.

Hotel: Cophthorne Resort, Garden View, Bay of Islands, 2 nights. B D

Day 6 Bay of Islands Free Time

Today you can experience the beauty of the Bay of Islands at your own pace. Take a coach trip to Cape Reinga via idyllic 90 Mile Beach, enjoy a day of sailing on a tall ship, or tour the historic town of Russell. Ask your Travel Director about other optional experiences. **B**

Day 7 Bay of Islands – Auckland

After time at leisure this morning, depart the Bay of Islands. Then, walk among the Kauri trees at Parry Kauri Park. Relax as you make your way down Northland's lush farmland scenery into Auckland. **Hotel: VR Queen Street, Auckland. B**

Day 8 Farewell from Auckland

Say farewell to your new-found friends when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **B**



Rotorua



Bay of Islands

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