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- + Maximum group size 24 guests
- + 7 nights luxury hotel and boutique accommodation
- + Full breakfast daily (B) 1 lunch (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- + Travel by purpose built, luxury Platinum Touring coach
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Lake Rotoiti

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

- + Guided Tour of Te Papa Museum
- + Wine tasting, Martinborough
- + Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Reserve
- + Treetop eco-walk amongst the Redwoods
- + Hobbiton Movie Set & Farm Tour

Day 1 Arrive Wellington

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

Stay: Bolton Hotel

Day 2 Martinborough Wine Village (B,D)

Today begins with a guided tour of Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Travel on to Martinborough, located at the centre of the Wairarapa wine region and 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. Enjoy a wine tasting at the award-winning Palliser Estate vineyard before checking into your accommodation.

Stay: Peppers Parihua Country Estate

Day 3 Pukaha Mt Bruce, Taupo (B,D)

Enjoy a tour of the Pukaha Mount Bruce Wildlife Centre, a captive-breeding sanctuary for some of the country's most threatened birds and home to the only white kiwi in captivity. Travel along Desert Road, skirting Tongariro National Park to arrive at Taupo, a popular lakeside resort.

Stay: Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels

Day 4 Wai-O-Tapu, Rotorua (B,D)

Stop to view the mighty Huka Falls and fascinating Wairakei Geothermal Project before arriving at the thermal wonderland of Wai-O-Tapu. Sculptured out of volcanic activity and thousands of years in the making, this uniquely different natural landscape is considered to be New Zealand's most colourful and diverse geothermal sightseeing attraction. Tonight, visit the award winning Tamaki Village and enjoy a traditional Maori hangi (feast) and cultural performance featuring Maori songs, chants and dance, including the stirring haka.

Stay: Millennium Hotel (2 nights)

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 and drinks while reliving the many great experiences shared.

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.