


NEW ZEALAND

2020-2021



 **FIRST CHOICE**

3-18 day
Fully Guided Experiences

 **BEST BUYS**

8-21 day
Flexible Guided Experiences

 **Inspiring Journeys**

8-19 day
Small Group Journeys

Iconic North

7 DAYS AUCKLAND → WELLINGTON

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HIGHLIGHTS

- LOCAL CONNECTION**
Join Bridgette and Lance O'Sullivan on their lush Waikato dairy farm for lunch.
- INSIDER KNOWLEDGE**
Learn about the delicious, fascinating kiwifruit when you visit a kiwifruit orchard in Te Puke.
- CULTURAL IMMERSION**
A first-hand encounter with Māori culture and cuisine, where guests get to experience the centuries-old traditions of New Zealand's Indigenous people.
- SUSTAINABLE FOOTPRINTS**
When you visit amazing Te Puia Thermal Reserve, you help contribute to the Reserve's Māori Arts and Crafts institute.



- START
- END
- 1 Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



The Red Barn

CHOOSE THIS TRIP IF YOU'D LOVE TO:

- Enjoy relaxed starts and two leisurely two-night stops
- Take in local farm life over lunch in Waikato
- Experience New Zealand's best beach at Mount Maunganui
- Visit fascinating Tamaki Māori Village and Te Puia

1 Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, New Zealand's 'City of Sails'. You will be transferred to your Auckland hotel by private car. After you check in, you can head out and explore Auckland. This evening, meet your fellow travellers and your Travel Director at a Welcome Reception and dinner. **Hotel: Stamford Plaza, 2 nights. DW**

2 Auckland

A city sights tour will start your morning in Auckland. Travel around the waterfront from central city out to Mission Bay. Prepare your camera for the stop at Bastion Point and the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial, as you will get stunning shots of Auckland, the North Shore and the Waitemata. **B**

3 Auckland – Tauranga

You're invited to a Be My Guest lunch at the home of Lance and Bridgette O'Sullivan, New Zealand horse racing royalty. Enjoy a sumptuous country-style lunch at the Red Barn on their beautiful Waikato farm. Later, travel to the harbourside city of Tauranga, located in the Bay of Plenty region. A bridge over the harbour connects Tauranga to Mount Maunganui, where you'll have an afternoon at leisure. Why not walk up the extinct namesake volcano with winding walking paths or relax on the main beach, this glorious stretch of golden sand has been voted the best in the country. **Hotel: Trinity Wharf. B BG DW**

4 Tauranga – Rotorua

Travel through Te Puke, known as the kiwifruit capital of New Zealand with around 80% of all kiwifruit grown in New Zealand, grown here. You'll stop at Kiwifruit Country, a family owned business that is set amongst a 60-hectare orchard. Later, it's on to Rotorua for an orientation tour that takes in views of Lake Rotorua. This afternoon you'll visit Te Puia and tour through the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve. Tonight, an evening of culture, history and scrumptious food awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. Wander through the ancient forest village and learn about Māori art forms and traditions, followed by a concert featuring local performers. Experience an authentic Māori Hangi Highlight Dinner, steamed underground in the traditional way. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B HD**

5 Rotorua Included Choice

Today choose from a range of Included Choice sightseeing experiences. You could take a fascinating tour of the Hobbiton movie set, enjoy a guided tour through the long galleries and lofty chambers of the world-famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves or explore Rotorua and its lakes in an amphibious WWII era Duck. **B**

6 Rotorua – Wellington

Say Haere Ra (goodbye) to Rotorua this morning and journey out through pine forests and farmland to a little hidden spot, the turquoise torrent of rapids known as Huka Falls. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake. The stunningly blue fresh water of Lake Taupo is home to some of the best trout fishing in the world. You will then journey south over the Central Plateau, New Zealand's main volcanic area, and along the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's capital city, Wellington. Tonight, you are free to dine as you wish. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

7 Farewell from Wellington

Discover more of Wellington this morning. There's time to explore the Parliament buildings and the 'Beehive', home to New Zealand's politicians, as well as the many fascinating exhibits at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. Say farewell to your fellow travellers before you are transferred by private car to Wellington Airport for your onward flight. **B**

+ BAY OF ISLANDS ADD-ON



Jewels of the Bay

If you wish to make the most of your time in the North Island, time in the beautiful Bay of Islands will perfectly complement this holiday.

See full details on page 35.



Auckland



Tauranga



Lake Rotorua



Wellington



Te Puia Thermal Reserve

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