

FIRST LIGHT TRAVEL



Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

NEW ZEALAND

2022-2023 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Northern Spotlight

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Golden sandy beaches, charming towns, fishing and boating all await in the Bay of Islands. Enjoy a full day here at your leisure.

📍 Iconic Sites

Huka Falls thunder over an escarpment into the Waikato River, leaving a lasting impression. Lake Tekapo is calmer, but equally memorable.

📷 Time For You

Free nights in Wellington and Auckland are well spent in the country's most innovative restaurants and bars. Hundreds of options await.

🌱 Sustainable Travel



Many Kiwi kids go to school hungry. We're helping Eat My Lunch ensure they're fed, donating a lunch for every guest lunch served.



1 Welcome to Auckland

After settling into your hotel, why not explore Auckland. Take a walk down Queen Street to the main shopping precinct or to the Viaduct Harbour and the Auckland Waterfront region. This recently developed area of central Auckland with cafés and restaurants galore. Take a seat in the sunshine, enjoy a glass of one of New Zealand's famous Sauvignon Blancs and watch the maritime activity on Waitemata Harbour. This evening, meet your fellow travelling companions and your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express.**

2 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and travel north over the Harbour Bridge past the sprawling suburbs of the North Shore. Your travels take you through Northland's lush farmland scenery to the beautiful Bay of Islands. This afternoon, discover the stories, people and events that shaped the past, present and future of Aotearoa New Zealand at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. You'll view the world's largest ceremonial war canoe, the historic Treaty House and carved Meeting House. Stand on the spot where New Zealand's founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi, was first signed in 1840. **Hotel: Copthorne Resort, Garden View, 2 nights. B D**

3 Bay of Islands Free Time

Today is a completely free day for you to experience the beauty of the Bay of Islands. Perhaps take a coach trip to Cape Reinga, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Experience a day of sailing aboard a historic tall ship, enjoy wine tasting on a wine tour of the region, or a tour of Russell to learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. Tonight, you are free to dine as you wish. **B**

4 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Enjoy a leisurely morning before your return to Auckland. Your journey takes you to Whangarei, the northern-most city in New Zealand, where you can wander around the art galleries and through the marina in the Town Basin, before arriving into Auckland. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

5 Auckland – Rotorua

A city sights tour will start your morning in Auckland. You'll stop at the Auckland War Memorial Museum for views across Auckland City and the Waitemata Harbour. Leaving Auckland, you'll follow the meandering trail of the Waikato River, New Zealand's longest river, past the lush farmlands of the Waikato Region, to the Waitomo Caves. Experience the natural beauty underground on a guided tour through the world-famous Waitomo Glowworm Grotto. Descend an illuminated staircase of curving limestone to caverns lit by twinkling blue and green glowworms. From here, you'll travel through the King Country region, which was at the centre of the New Zealand Wars in the 1860s. On arrival in Rotorua an orientation tour takes in views of Lake Rotorua. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

6 Rotorua Free Time

With a full free day in Rotorua, you'll have plenty of options of how to explore. If you'd like to adventure by land and water, see the area in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. These land and water vehicles used during the war will take you to three of Rotorua's most stunning lakes (splashdowns included!) for views and commentary on the beautiful scenery. Or see the area from above on an ancient forest zipline adventure, zipping through the trees while learning about local flora and fauna as well as New Zealand's conservation efforts. Lastly, Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of today's opportunity to tour the sights featured in the Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes offer not only a bucket list trip for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. Wherever you venture today, there's something for every traveller and plenty of memories to be made. **B**

7 Rotorua – Wellington

Journey through tall pine forests and verdant farmland today to spectacular Huka Falls and serene Lake Taupo. Head south over the Central Plateau, New Zealand's main volcanic area, and then travel along the Kapiti Coast to Wellington, the nation's capital. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**



View of Wellington from Mt. Victoria

Departure Dates

2022		2023	
Apr	16, 23	Jan	07, 14, 21, 28
May	28	Feb	04, 11, 18, 25
Jun	25	Mar	04, 11, 18, 25
Jul	23		
Aug	06		
Sep	03, 10, 24		
Oct	01, 08, 15, 22, 29		
Nov	05, 12, 26		
Dec	03, 10, 17, 24		

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your local travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2023 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

7 Full buffet breakfasts B 1 Highlight Dinner HD
 1 Lunch L 1 Dinner D

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
 Day 8 – flights to depart after 2.00pm from Wellington Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

8 Farewell from Wellington

Your special packed lunch today won't only be wholesome, it will also feed a Kiwi child who may otherwise go without, through the charity 'Eat My Lunch'. This morning enjoy a city tour of Wellington, taking in panoramic views from the summit of Mt. Victoria. There'll be 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. Your holiday ends in the early afternoon. **B L**



Glowworm Grotto

- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stop

