

FIRST LIGHT TRAVEL



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# NEW ZEALAND

2022-2023 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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# Northern Wonders

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Soaking in thermal waters at Rotorua's Polynesian Spa? Not a bad way to enjoy downtime. More active pursuits include forest ziplining.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

The North Island sparkles in the Waitomo Caves, where glow-worms light your journey and an insect fanatic reveals their magic.

### 📷 Time For You

Wellington and Auckland are home to some of NZ's most innovative restaurants, galleries and museums. Explore at ease.

### 🌱 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE When we give you lunch, we donate another to Eat my Lunch, ensuring kids around the country go to school well fed.

## 1 Welcome to Wellington

Settle into your hotel and then head out on a city tour of Wellington, taking in New Zealand's parliament buildings, and a visit to Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. Discover New Zealand's nature, history, art and heritage, and then enjoy some time at leisure. Perhaps indulge in Wellington's renowned coffee culture or take a walk along Lambton Quay. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Travelodge.**

## 2 Wellington – Rotorua

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'. 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. A very entertaining cultural experience awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. Experience a powerful Haka challenge, witness a concert showcasing Māori culture, and dine at a traditional Māori Hangi feast Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B L HD**

## 3 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**

## 4 Rotorua – Auckland

This morning you'll travel through the King Country region, which was at the centre of the New Zealand Wars in the 1860s, 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. This afternoon you'll follow the meandering trail of the Waikato River, New Zealand's longest river, past the lush farmlands of the Waikato Region. As you journey over the Bombay Hills, the landscape changes from green, grassy meadowlands to the edges of suburbia. As you make your way into the heart of New Zealand's largest city, you will stop at the Auckland War Memorial Museum for views across Auckland City and the Waitemata Harbour. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B D**

## 5 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland travelling north over the Harbour Bridge and past the sprawling suburbs of the North Shore. Your journey takes 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**

## 6 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 or experience a day of sailing aboard a historic tall ship. Enjoy wine tasting in Kerikeri 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**





Bay of Islands

### Departure Dates

2022		2023	
Apr	13, 20	Jan	04, 11, 18, 25
May	11	Feb	01, 08, 15, 22
Sep	14	Mar	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
Oct	12, 26	Apr	05
Nov	02, 09, 16, 30		
Dec	07, 14, 21, 28		

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 [aatkings.com](http://aatkings.com). Or contact your local travel agent.

### Dining

7 Full buffet breakfasts B      1 Highlight Dinner HD  
 1 Lunch L                              2 Dinners D

### Flight Information

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

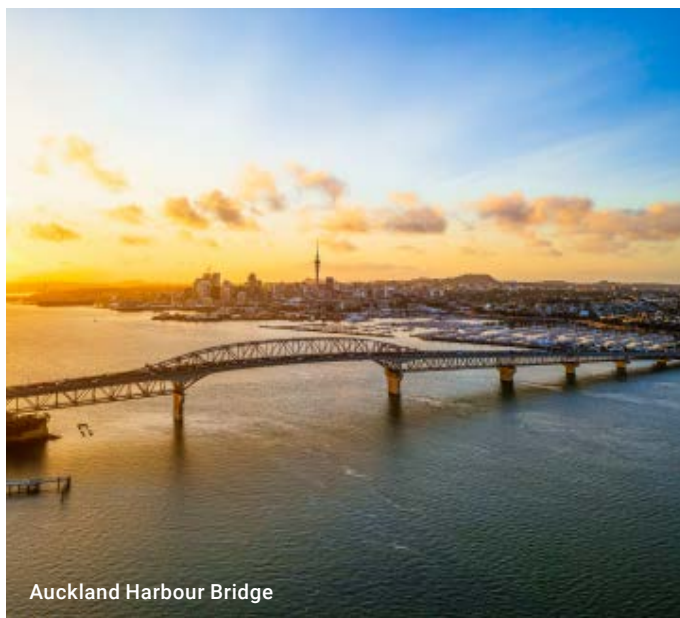
#### 7 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Enjoy a leisurely morning in the Bay of Islands before you travel back to Auckland. Your journey south 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. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Rodney District before arriving into Auckland late afternoon.

**Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

#### 8 Farewell from Auckland

Your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **B**



Auckland Harbour Bridge

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

