

FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL



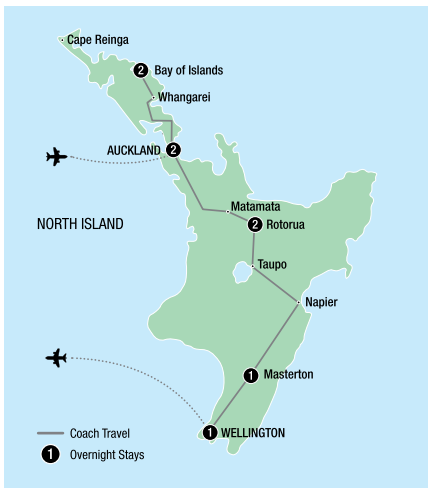
Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

New Zealand
Coach Holidays
2022 / 23



3 Ways to Travel. 4 Styles of Touring

Valid for Departures September 2022 - May 2023



TOUR CODE CGPS9

STYLE Classic Group
COACH 48 seat Classic
ACCOMMODATION 4 star

STARTS Auckland
FINISHES Wellington

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2022	2023
Sep 12	Jan 22
Oct 5, 18	Feb 9, 14, 27
Nov 5, 14	Mar 4, 14, 27
	Apr 14, 25
	May 2



Presenting the North Island's history and cultural icons

9 Day Classic North Island

No hidden extras

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS

- Kauri Museum
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise
- Sky Tower
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch
- Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride
- Agrodome
- Thermal mud pools and geysers*
- Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert
- City sights tour of Auckland, Napier, Wellington

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 48 seats on a Classic touring coach
- 2 door access; overhead travel bag storage
- Restroom; panoramic viewing

EXPERIENCE

- Return airfares from your homeport
- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- Tour Leader
- 8 nights 4 star accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portage
- 1 cruise
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Tours Programme
- Classic Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 8 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 6 sumptuous dinners including a specialty dinner: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua
- 1 Shire's buffet lunch: Hobbiton
- Enjoy GPT Hotel Wine Time (discounted drinks)

Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

Itinerary and Hotels

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. (SD) Specialty Dinner.

DAY 1: Arrive Auckland (D)

On arrival into Auckland, you will be met by a Grand Pacific Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening meet your Tour Leader and travelling companions for dinner.

Hotel SkyCity Hotel

DAY 2: Auckland - Bay of Islands (B,D)

Depart Auckland and travel to the Parry Kauri Park to see a magnificent example of a Kauri Tree. Enjoy a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum in Matakoho, then travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Māori tribes and the British Government in 1840.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

DAY 3: Bay of Islands (Free Day) (B)

Today is a free day to explore the stunning Bay of Islands. Your Coach Captain and Tour Leader will be on hand to assist with the many optional activities available including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach, a spectacular scenic flight over the crystal-clear turquoise waters found in the Bay of Islands or a tour of historic Russell. This evening is also free, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B)

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands aboard a luxury catamaran. Cruise to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock', keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. Return to Paihia and travel south via Whangarei to Auckland. This afternoon includes a visit to Sky Tower at leisure, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. This evening is also free to explore the many eateries surrounding your hotel.

Hotel SkyCity Hotel



Take a walk along Wellington's waterfront.

Optional Activities



BAY OF ISLANDS HELICOPTER FLIGHT

Fly by helicopter over the crystal clear turquoise waters over the Bay of Islands to the 'Hole in the Rock'. From up above you will explore the townships of Russell, Paihia and Waitangi.



ART DECO GUIDED WALK

In Napier take a guided walking tour and hear how the town was transformed from the 1931 earthquake devastation to world renowned Art Deco architecture.

DAY 5: Auckland - Rotorua (B,L,D)

Today enjoy a city sights tour of Auckland. Continue through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. This is followed by a guided tour of the Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Your guide will recount details of how this beautiful piece of farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle Earth.

Hotel Distinction Rotorua (Deluxe Room. 2 nights)

DAY 6: Rotorua (B,SD)

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua where spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that's unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening you will experience an entertaining Māori cultural performance which features the graceful poi dance and ferocious haka. This is followed by a Hāngi feast prepared in the traditional way, over hot coals and buried in the ground.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Napier - Masterton (B,D)

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where a city tour will showcase an impressive collection of art deco buildings. Enjoy some free time to explore the fascinating architecture before travelling through the Wairarapa, an emerging cool-climate wine region.

Hotel Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park Wairarapa

DAY 8: Masterton - Greytown - Wellington (B,D)

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day before travelling to Greytown to see the most complete example of original Victorian

wooden architecture. Drive through the scenic Rimutaka Mountain Range into Wellington, enjoy a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Hotel James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Executive Room)

DAY 9: Depart Wellington (B)

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.



"Well worthwhile. Good value for money. Excellent service."

- A. R. - Past Traveller