



Highlights

Q Local Connection

The dairy industry is big business in New Zealand, as you'll discover on the O'Sullivan's Waikato farm. The stories they'll tell you about life on the land.

Cultural Immersion

Culture is at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, celebrating art, tradition and cuisine.

Sustainable Footprints

© Your visit to Te Puia not only reveals Rotorua's steamy history, but also supports up-and-coming Māori creatives.

Wildlife & Nature

If you want to be blown away by nature, Huka Falls is the place to go. This mighty waterfall sees 220,000 litres of water per second thunder over an 11-metre ridge. Prepare to get wet.

7 Included Experiences

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Departure Dates

2024	
Jan	02, 09, 16, 23, 30
Feb	06, 13, 20, 27
Mar	05, 12, 19, 26
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2023	
Jan	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
Feb	07, 14, 21, 28
Mar	07, 14, 21, 28
Apr	04, 11, 18, 25
Jun	06, 27
Sep	05, 12, 19
Oct	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
Nov	07, 14, 21, 28
Dec	05, 12, 19, 26

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 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

6 Full buffet breakfasts B 1 Highlight Dinner HD 1 Be My Guest Lunch BG 2 Dinners with wine DW

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive by 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart after 2.00pm from Wellington
Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

Welcome to Auckland

Meet your fellow travel companions for a few local tipples at a Welcome Reception and dinner, and share stories of your day-one wanderings. **Hotel: Cordis, 2 nights. DW**

2 Auckland

Those sails on the harbour? They come from a long and fascinating history of boat-building and sailing, as you'll discover on an America's Cup tour at the New Zealand Maritime Museum. The water is your backdrop as you skirt the harbour toward dreamy Mission Bay and Bastion Point. There's nothing like an epic view to set your soul soaring. If you want tips on how to spend your afternoon, we have a few ideas. **B**

3 Auckland - Tauranga

Lance and Bridgette O'Sullivan welcome you to their Waikato farm for lunch in the aptly-named Red Barn. Expect plenty of stories about horses – the couple are racing royalty, after all. Fuel up on this Be My Guest lunch, as there's an afternoon of activity ahead. Work up a sweat exploring the trails of Mount Mauao, or kick off your boots and wander barefoot along the sand. Hotel: Trinity Wharf. B BG DW

4 Tauranga – Rotorua

Te Puke is the kiwifruit capital of New Zealand. And these sweet treats don't get much tastier than when freshly picked straight from the orchard, **firstlighttravel.com**

handed to you by a farmer. In Rotorua, Indigenous heritage is celebrated at Te Puia cultural centre, where you can witness Māori artisans at work, and Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, an important hub keeping tradition, art and music alive. Oh, and nurturing Māori cuisine. Sit down to a hangi meal, cooked underground. Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B HD

5 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today. Nature lover? Visit the Waitomo Caves, where a galaxy of glowworms twinkle. Add on a visit to Hobbiton if you're a Lord of the Rings fanatic. Or explore Rotorua and its three lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. **B**

6 Rotorua – Wellington

You'll hear Huka Falls well before you see it — 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-metrehigh waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupo then the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington. Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B

7 Farewell from Wellington

Take in Wellington's distinctive architecture and cultural icons, not in the least waterside Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand – don't miss a visit to the Māori wharenui (meeting house). It's an eye-opening ending to an equally eye-opening tour. **B**

