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GRAND PACIFIC TOURS

New Zealand **Coach Holidays** 2023 / 24



20 Seat Business Class or 32 Seat Premium Economy

Valid for Departures September 2023 - May 2024. New Zealand Dollars (NZD)



TOUR CODE UGPN19

STYLE Ultimate Small Group
COACH 20 seat Business Class
ACCOMMODATION 4.5 star

STARTS Auckland
FINISHES Wellington

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

2023	2024
Sep 24	Jan 2
Nov 3	Feb 8
	Mar 13
	Apr 7
	May 14



An unforgettable ultimate experience of New Zealand's cultural North Island

9 Day Ultimate 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 and Wellington

*Guided tour.

COACH FEATURES

- 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach
- 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder
- Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance

EXPERIENCE

- Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival
- Return airport transfers in New Zealand
- Professional Coach Captain
- 8 nights 4.5 star accommodation
- 2 two night stays
- Hotel portering
- 1 cruise
- All sightseeing and prepaid attractions
- Extensive Optional Activities
- Ultimate Documentation Pack

MEALS

- 8 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua
- 7 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 2 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Wellington
- 1 lunch: Hobbiton, Shire's buffet
- 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 enjoy a complimentary pre-dinner drink as you meet your travelling companions.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

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

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach, 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.

Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

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

Today is a free day to explore the Bay of Islands. Your Coach Captain will 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 of the Bay of Islands or you might be

interested to sail in a classic tall ship. This evening is also at leisure, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional) or try one of the waterfront restaurants.

DAY 4: Bay of Islands - Auckland (B,D)

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands including an island visit 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. On return to Paihia travel south via Whangarei before returning to Auckland.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

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

This morning enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to Sky Tower, one of New Zealand's most spectacular attractions. 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 Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)



Waitangi Treaty Grounds, New Zealand's most important historic site.

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 is 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 enjoy a Hāngi feast, prepared in the traditional way, over hot coals and buried in the ground. This is followed by an entertaining Māori cultural

performance which features the graceful poi dance and ferocious haka.

DAY 7: Rotorua - Napier (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 the most comprehensive collection of art deco buildings in the world can be found. Hear informative commentary of the city's fascinating history. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city, you might choose to do a guided walk (optional).

Hotel Scenic Hotel Te Pania

DAY 8: Napier - Wellington (B,SD)

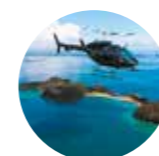
Travel south this morning into Wellington for a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your newfound friends.

Hotel InterContinental Wellington (Premium 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.

Optional Activities



SALT AIR

Fly by helicopter over the crystal-clear turquoise waters found in the world-famous Bay of Islands to the 'Hole in the Rock'. From above 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.