

10 DAY DISCOVERY TOUR

NZ NORTH ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS

\$2999

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

ROTORUA • WELLINGTON • COROMANDEL PENINSULA • RAGLAN • AUCKLAND

THE OFFER

Spectacular white and black sand beaches, towering redwoods, bubbling geothermal landscapes and so much in between; the New Zealand's north island is a wonderland of diverse natural beauty. From the harbour city of Auckland to the scenic Coromandel Peninsula, the surf mecca of Raglan to the majestic Tongariro National Park, this 10 day tour will showcase the island at its very best.

Begin with a journey along the Coromandel Peninsula, home to misty rainforest, a unique hot water beach, rugged limestone formations and more. Marvel at the stunning 55-metre cascade of Bridal Veil Falls, visit the laid-back surf town of Raglan, New Zealand's answer to Byron Bay; and stroll among the treetops at the famous Redwoods Treewalk. Learn Maori traditions and see powerful geysers at Te Puia Maori Cultural Centre, stay within the beautiful Tongariro National Park, soak up the sophistication of Wellington - and more! Want to get more out of your trip? Optional activities from a visit to Hobbiton from the Lord of the Rings to exploring the beautiful glow worm caves of Waitomo are also available. Package includes nine nights quality accommodation, 11 meals, A/C transportation and more.

DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM

\$2999

SOLO - SHARED ROOM

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SOLO - PRIVATE ROOM

\$3629

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Kia ora (hello!) and welcome to Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Make your own way to the accommodation and be ready for the 6pm pre-tour meeting. Here you will get to know your Tour Manager and be introduced to your new road trip friends.

Afterwards, the evening is yours to enjoy. A good night's sleep to be ready for tomorrow's early start is recommended, but you may want to experience Auckland's exciting nightlife.

Overnight: Haka Hotel Newmarket or similar, Auckland

Meals included: None

Day 2 Auckland to Coromandel

Rise and shine! After a continental breakfast this morning, it's time to board the comfortable air-conditioned vehicle and leave the big city behind. The Coromandel Peninsula is a paradise of beautiful beaches and misty rainforests. The drive here is truly spectacular – the road twists and turns dramatically round the coastline and the ocean gets clearer and more pristine before your eyes. Cameras ready – the views are magnificent. The Coromandel is home to famous Hot Water Beach – thousands visit each year to dig their own personal hot tub. If the tide times allow, grab a bucket and spade and get busy. Afterwards visit the picture perfect Cathedral Cove, a naturally formed archway deserves photographic attention. Afterwards arrive in Whitianga with plenty of time for your guide to show you around. Sample the sandy beaches, take a surf lesson with the locals, or simply enjoy the vibes.

Overnight: Beachside Resort or similar, Whitianga

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Coromandel to Raglan

Today's road trip to the arty surf mecca of Raglan will give you a first glimpse of the North Island's rolling tree-lined hills and valleys. Your guide has some great sights to show you en route, including the 55-metre high Bridal Veil Falls. If you have always wanted to try surfing, or if you're dying to get back on your board, Raglan is the perfect destination both for beginners and experienced surfers. Not keen on surfing? There's plenty to enjoy in this laid-back township. With an awesome blend of cafes, bars, surf shops and galleries, the streets here ooze character and creativity. Relax on the beach and leave any lingering jet-lag behind, or enjoy a variety of bush and coastal scenery on Raglan's walking trails. For dinner tonight, tuck into New Zealand's unofficial dish – fish and chips (or fush and chups, as it tends to sound in a Kiwi accent). And what better way to enjoy a tasty meal than on a sunset boat cruise of Raglan Harbour?

Overnight: Palm Beach Motel or similar, Raglan

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 4 Raglan to Rotorua

First stop of the day is the town of Waitomo, famous for its glow worm caves. For those who would like to take the opportunity, there are fantastic and informative walking tours of the caves where you can learn more about the history, geology and Maori mythology of this unique area of New Zealand. For those who prefer to stay above ground, exploring the tree-studded gorges and limestone arches of the nearby Ruakuri Forest Walk is highly recommended. This afternoon

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travel to Rotorua, famous for its geothermal activity and Maori culture. Start with The Redwoods Treewalk. This amazing included activity allows you to experience the majestic Redwood Forest from a series of suspension bridges and living decks (platforms), elevated from 9-metres to 12-metres at the highest point.

Overnight: Ibis Rotorua or similar, Rotorua

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Rotorua

Rotorua has it all: natural beauty, unique geothermal landscapes, and iconic Lord of The Rings destinations. We stay here a full day to make the very most of it. This area is world-renowned for its geothermal activity, with neon blue and red lakes, steaming rivers, violent geysers, and bubbling mud pools galore. A popular optional tour (not included) is a visit to the nearby town of Matamata to visit the picturesque Hobbiton movie set. Even if you haven't seen the films, it's impossible not to be charmed by this gorgeous hobbit village set amongst the lush green hills of Matamata. Another optional tour option for a truly epic brush with nature, fly high through the lush ancient forest canopy on a zipline tour complete with swing bridges crossings and treetop platforms. What better way to get to know the native plants and birds – many of which are unique to New Zealand.

This evening we are welcomed to a Te Puia - A Maori Cultural Centre which celebrates New Zealand's Maori culture and geothermal wonders, which is also home to a Kiwi Conservation Centre and natural springs and geysers. Here you will enjoy an unmissable cultural experience featuring combat demonstrations and – of course – the breathtaking haka. This experience extends beyond the performance – you'll

have the chance to see magnificent geothermal activity in the form of geysers and get to spot kiwi birds up close at Te Puia's Kiwi conservation centre. Here you will also enjoy a traditional Maori hangi dinner cooked in a natural oven.

Overnight: Ibis Rotorua or similar, Rotorua

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 6 Rotorua - Taupo - Tongariro National Park

Rotorua is a spectacular whitewater rafting destination, and with expert guidance it can be experienced by first timers and pro-paddlers alike. For the ultimate thrill this morning you can raft the highest commercial waterfall drop in the world – the 7-metre Tutea Falls, on the Kaituna River. If that's not your cup of tea, spend the morning exploring Rotorua's many attractions such as the ultra-relaxing Polynesian Spa, or perhaps the naturally-impressive Kuirau Park full of steaming, hissing and boiling geothermal pools. There are also some fantastic cafes and bakeries in the area. Why not grab a sweet treat for the road – a ginger slice is as Kiwi as it gets!

From Rotorua it's a quick drive to Taupo; a beautiful lakeside town with a stunning mountain backdrop. It's a short drive but we'll take our time, checking out bubbling mud pools and thundering the Huka waterfall en route. We finish our day nestled in Tongariro National Park, where we'll spend the next 2 nights, home to one of the 10 best one-day walks in the world – the Tongariro Crossing.

Overnight: The Park Hotel or similar, National Park

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 National Park

Decision time – is today the day you brave the Tongariro

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Crossing? Considered one of the world's top 10 best one-day walks, this 19.4km mountain trek boasts emerald green lakes, venting steam, lava flows, craters and rich green bush. Not for the faint-hearted – it's a challenging day! But every step of the way the views are spectacular. The guides highly recommend this activity, it's definitely a highlight. If 19.4km is a little too far for you, there are plenty of shorter walks and hikes to enjoy. However you choose to spend today in this UNESCO World Heritage Area, we guarantee you won't forget it.

Overnight: The Park Hotel or similar, National Park

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 National Park to Wellington

Today head to the coolest little capital city in the world, the hip and happening Wellington. Perched on the edge of a spectacular harbour, encircled by green, towering hills, Wellington is a stunning and compact city. Vibrant, exciting and cultured, the nation's capital combines the stimulation and sophistication of a big city with the quirkiest and personality of a much smaller town. After a quick afternoon orientation from the guide, head up Mount Victoria for some of the best views in town. This evening, the city lights are yours to enjoy. Discover why Wellington is celebrated for its foodie culture – you are truly spoilt for dining choices tonight. Wellington is also widely regarded as the craft beer capital of New Zealand. Want to test this for yourself? Talk to the guide to find the hidden gems.

Overnight: Mercure Wellington Abel Tasman or similar, Wellington

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Wellington

Soak up the atmosphere of vibrant Wellington. Famous for being a bit on the windy side, be prepared to ditch the hairspray and go with the flow. As always, your guide will introduce you to the city with an orientation tour – including a drive around the bays through central Wellington to the Botanic Gardens and Parliament Buildings. You will also stop by Weta Studios, most famous for its creative contribution to all things Lord of the Rings. Take an optional tour (not included) to see prop-makers in action and learn about the immersive world of Filmmaking.

Wellington has a feast of cultural attractions and its crowning glory is Te Papa, the national museum of New Zealand. Situated on Wellington's magnificent waterfront, this internationally acclaimed museum combines leading edge technology with traditional exhibits to tell the stories of New Zealand's land and people. The museum is free for all. If being outdoors is more your thing, head off to Kapiti Island for an optional nature tour. Here you can see endangered birds up close and learn more about New Zealand's unique flora and fauna.

Overnight: Mercure Wellington Abel Tasman or similar, Wellington

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Wellington

Today is the final day of tour – so prepare to bid farewell to all your new friends before you head in your own direction. You'll all have some incredible shared memories to take with you on your next adventure!

Meals included: Breakfast

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Open your eyes to the wonders of NZ's North Island
- Explore the spectacular Coromandel Peninsula
- Dig your own natural bath at Hot Water Beach
- Enjoy a kodak moment at the picturesque Cathedral Cove
- Marvel at the 55-metre high Bridal Veil Falls
- Enjoy free time in the laid-back surf town of Raglan, NZ's answer to Byron Bay
- Experience a sunset boat cruise and fish & chip dinner in Raglan harbour
- Visit Waitomo, home to the famous glow worm caves
- Experience a nature walk suspended 9m from the ground on the Redwoods Treewalk
- Enjoy free time in the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua
- Learn about Maori traditions and culture at Te Puia Maori Cultural Centre
- Witness the amazing geysers of Te Puia Springs
- Stay within the awe-inspiring Tongariro National Park
- Soak up the sophistication of Wellington, New Zealand's vibrant capital

ACCOMMODATION

9 nights quality hotel and lodge accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy 11 meals including daily breakfast
- Experience a traditional Maori hangi dinner in Rotorua

TOUR ESSENTIALS

English speaking tour leader

TRANSPORT

Private A/C transportation

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 8 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 60 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 3rd May 2021.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

- Solo travellers have the option of selecting a 'Solo Traveller - Share Room' option when checking out. With this option solo travellers of the same sex will be paired to share accommodation throughout the tour. This does not incur an additional charge.

- For solo travellers who wish to have private accommodation throughout the tour please select the 'Solo Traveller - Private Room' option when checking out. This incurs a single supplement cost of \$700.00

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

- Auckland: Haka Hotel Newmarket
- Whitianga: Beachside Resort
- Raglan: Palm Beach Motel
- Rotorua: Ibis Rotorua
- National Park: The Park Hotel
- Wellington: Mercure Wellington Abel Tasman

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

- Auckland (Pre Tour): \$150.00 per room not including breakfast
- Wellington (Post Tour): Unavailable.

Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 People.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

2 x Single or 1 x King (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 8, maximum group size 16 per vehicle.

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Optional Tours / Activities

Coromandel

- Cathedral Cove Kayaking - \$125.00 NZD per person

Raglan

- Kayak or Paddle Board - \$45.00 NZD per person

Waitomo



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- Footwhistle Glow Worm Cave Tour - \$64.00 NZD per person

Rotorua

- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour (Matamata) - \$119.00 NZD per person

- Skyline Gondola - \$32.00 NZD per person

- Rotorua Zip-lining Canopy Tour - \$149.00 NZD per person

National Park

- Tongariro Alpine Crossing - \$49.00 NZD per person

Wellington

- Weta Workshop Tour - \$28.00 NZD per person

- Te Papa Museum Tour - \$20.00 NZD per person

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)

- International flights/transfers

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

- Optional gratuities/tipping

- Optional activities/tours

- Personal expenses

- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Rotorua:

The Rotorua region enjoys a mild temperate climate. Rotorua is situated inland from the coast and is sheltered by high country to the south and east of the city, resulting in less wind than many other places in New Zealand. During the winter months June – August temperatures can drop below 0 °C.

Frost is common in Rotorua during its winter months, with an average of 57 ground frosts annually, and 20 nights per year below 0 °C. Snowfall in Rotorua is rare and since the 1970s has only been recorded twice. On 15 August 2011 and 13 July 2017 snowflakes fell in the town centre, and during the July 2017 snowfall, snow accumulated in the nearby Mamaku ranges and in the outer reaches of the district, where snowfall occurs on average once every three years.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Some meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Gratuities / Tipping:

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- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customer's discretion.

- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

A tourist visa is not required if travelling to New Zealand on an Australian passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the

respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00

per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

