

7 DAY EXPLORER PACKAGE

# NORTH ISLAND DISCOVERY

\$2699

PER  
PERSON  
TWIN  
SHARE

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK • LAKE ANIWHENUA • MT RUAPEHU • WELLINGTON

## THE OFFER

There's more to New Zealand's North Island than beaches and wineries - it has an adventurous side too. Volcanoes in Tongariro National Park, prehistoric rainforest at Whirinaki, the wild and untamed power of Huka Falls and beyond... this amazing seven day tour is your ticket to discover it all.

Begin with a free night in central Auckland and then journey south into the spectacular Rotorua district. Enjoy a cruise on Lake Tarawera, including a visit to its unusual hot water beach (which is heated by an underground geothermal spring and hot enough to cook a hangi), followed by a short hike through scenic bushland and second cruise on nearby Lake Ōkātina. View sacred Maori rock carvings and experience local culture at Lake Āniwhenua, plus enjoy a tour through the rainforest of Whirinaki, learning of its wildlife and legends. Then, the volcanic wonders of Tongariro National Park await. Admire the rugged landscape of Mt Ruapehu with a ride up the SkyWaka Gondola, see powerful waterfalls and bubbling mud, and so much more. A 4WD tour of Blue Duck Station, and a stop at the 'Top of the World' for 360-degree views of the region, will be a highlight.

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Haere Mai and Welcome to Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland). Known as 'the City of Sails', it's the largest in New Zealand and home to over 2 million people. The magic of Auckland is in its diversity, from the culture to the environment. There are two harbours, one on the east coast and the other just 8kms away on the west coast, and over 44 volcanoes in the area. Take the afternoon or early evening to explore after you make your own way to the Quadrant Hotel in central Auckland.

**Overnight: Quadrant Hotel**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Auckland to Lake Ōkātina

This morning you will be heading for the Rotorua region to visit two unique lakes: Lake Tarawera and Lake Ōkātina. Cruise out on the pristine waters in the shadow of Mount Tarawera, once home to the renowned pink and white terraces before a violent eruption destroyed them in 1886. Visit Hot Water Beach, only accessible by boat or foot, before cruising across the lake where you will hike the short track through native bush to Lake Ōkātina. Here another boat will be waiting for you to embark on a scenic cruise around the secluded lake. Enjoy a picnic lunch on board and learn more about the area's history before arriving at the lodge. Settle in before joining the group in the dining room for a wild food extravaganza, an evening meal entirely sourced from local produce.

**Overnight: Lakes Lodge Okataina**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 3 Lake Āniwhenua & Whirinaki Rainforest

This morning is yours to enjoy breakfast and relax before we venture off the beaten track to the shores of Lake Āniwhenua in Murupara. Kohutapu Lodge is owned by a local Māori family who are passionate, not only about showcasing their Māori tribal heritage but also about making a difference in the local area. Murupara is an impoverished community that has been transformed for the better through tourism and commercial development. Through community-driven initiatives and a clear vision to provide more opportunities for the local youth, Kohutapu Lodge has paved the way for change in the area.

Begin the experience with a guided tour of the sacred Māori rock carvings before arriving at the Lodge to witness the preparation of a ground cooked hāngi and taste it for yourself! After lunch, you will depart for the lush, green Whirinaki rainforest for a guided tour along the Rongoa trail. Spot native endangered birds and ancient medicinal plants, and learn more about the history of the forest, including the myths and legends, before enjoying a hot kawakawa tea in the forest and a final karakia. This evening, return to Lake Ōkātina where you'll have the option to grab dinner (if you still have room after the hāngi feast, that is!).

**Overnight: Lakes Lodge Okataina**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 4 Lake Ōkātina to Tongariro National Park

Today is all about the pacific ring of fire. See bubbling mud, amazing waterfalls, volcanic lakes, and finish with New Zealand's highest cafe at 2000 metres above sea level. First stop is Taupo with stops at the Wairakei Steam Field Lookout

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and the spectacular Huka Falls. Here more than 22,000 litres of water per second thunders into the Waikato river - it's a must-see!

Stop for lunch in Taupo before heading to Tongariro National Park, where we'll visit Mt Ruapehu for a ride up the fabulous SkyWaka Gondola. Witness incredible views of neighbouring volcanoes as you travel over waterfalls and ancient lava flows - a truly unforgettable experience. Finally, arrive at The Park Hotel where you can get settled in and then join the group for dinner.

**Overnight: The Park Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 5 Blue Duck Station

Today head to Blue Duck Station - a 7,200-acre high country farm on the banks of the Whanganui River. Jump on a 4WD farm tour to learn more about the conservation work taking place to preserve the station's namesake, the Whio Blue Duck, and the unbelievable local history. Deep in the heart of the station, you'll discover the Kaiwhakauka waterfall where you may even be able to spot a rare blue duck in the flesh. The grand finale is the journey up to the 'Top of the World', with 360-degree views that will take your breath away. From here you can see the three peaks of Tongariro, Ngāuruhoe and Taranaki and endless miles of verdant native bush. Enjoy a delicious lunch before heading back to Tongariro National Park for the evening.

**Overnight: The Park Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 6 Tongariro National Park to Wellington

Today journey through Tongariro National Park, with its three spectacular volcanic mountains – Tongariro, Ngāuruhoe and Ruapehu. It's a place of extremes and ancient lava flows. You'll cruise straight through Ohakune and off the central plateau to Wellington, the sparkling capital city, where modern business style blends with a cultured, bohemian, spirit. With a population of fewer than 200,000 people, there is no capital city on earth that marries relaxed and refined better than Wellington. The afternoon is free but it is highly recommended to visit the national museum Te Papa (entrance fee is included).

**Overnight: Distinction Wellington or similar**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 7 Wellington Departure Day

All good things must come to an end. Enjoy breakfast at leisure before checking out of your hotel and make your own onward travel or continue your stay in Wellington.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the wild side of the North Island ex Auckland
- Enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Tarawera and Lake Ōkataina
- Visit a hot water beach on the shores of Lake Tarawera
- Discover traditional Maori culture at Lake Āniwhenua
- Feel the ancient power of Whirinaki Rainforest
- Marvel at the 3 volcanoes of Tongariro National Park
- Admire the rugged landscape of Mt Ruapeha from the SkyWaka Gondola
- Witness the powerful cascade of Huka Falls
- Experience a 4WD tour of Blue Duck Station, a 7,200-acre high country farm
- Enjoy 360-degree view from the 'Top of the World' lookout
- See beautiful Kaiwhakauka Waterfall
- Visit Te Papa Museum, New Zealand's national museum

## ACCOMMODATION

- 6 nights quality accommodation

## DINING

- Enjoy 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 4 dinners
- Includes 1 traditional Maori hangi lunch

## TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Experienced Tour Guide

## TRANSPORT

- Luxury Coach



# 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 10 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.*

### \*Book With Confidence

If your stay is affected by Government travel restrictions as a result of COVID-19, a one off date change will be permitted free of charge. For any changes not associated with COVID-19, please refer to the Schedule of Fees.

- Please note: Date change requests need to be made at least 31 days prior to the original date of travel and are subject to availability.

*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 27th March 2022.

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

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$800 applies.

### Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Please note: See checkout for live dates and availability.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 4-4.5 Star (self-rated)

- Quadrant Hotel & Suites Auckland or similar
- Wellington: Distinction Wellington or similar

#### 3 Star (self-rated)

- Lakes Lodge Ōkātina, Rotorua or similar
- The Park Hotel, Tongariro or similar

*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.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

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

### Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

*Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.*

### Bedding Configuration

Double or Twin bedding with a rollaway bed for 3rd person (subject to availability).

## Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

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

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 28 per vehicle.

## EXCLUSIONS

- International Flights / Transfers
- Domestic Flights / Transfers
- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required if travelling on an Australian passport)
- 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



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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

Average daytime temperatures during spring range between 19 degrees Celsius (°C) in the north to 16°C in the south. Expect a mixture of weather – crisp, sunny days can briskly change to cooler temperatures with spring showers. Spring in New Zealand spans September, October and November.

## Passport Validity

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days prior to the departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches (1 specialty), 4 Dinners are included in the tour, for all other meals; 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 general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

## Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion.

## 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 similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## VISAS

### New Zealand

A tourist visa is not required if travelling 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.*

## 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.

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

## 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.

