

# 8 Day Northern Discovery

Auckland → Wellington



Waitangi Treaty Grounds

## Highlights

- + Historic Bay of Islands
- + Thermal wonderland of Rotorua
- + Napier, the Art Deco capital of the World
- + Wellington, the nation's capital

## Featured Experiences

- + Authentic Maori Village, Hangi & Cultural Performance

## Iconic Sightseeing

- + City Tours of Auckland & Wellington
- + Cape Brett 'Hole in the Rock' Cruise
- + Tour of Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- + Entry to Auckland Sky Tower
- + Agrodome Farm Show
- + Rainbow Springs Park
- + Skyline Gondola & Luge
- + Locally guided Art Deco Walking Tour

## Day 1 Arrive Auckland (D)

"Haere Mai" ... Welcome to New Zealand. A Kirra Tours representative will greet you at the airport with transport waiting to take you to your downtown city hotel. We include a visit to the Auckland Skytower, the tallest free-standing structure in the Southern Hemisphere where you will experience 360-degree panoramic views over the harbours, city and surrounds. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and drinks with your fellow travellers.

Stay: Rydges Hotel

## Day 2 Auckland, Paihia (B,D)

Leaving the city behind, we travel across the Auckland Harbour Bridge and drive north to Paihia in the Bay of Islands, a seaside town nestled on the foreshore of the National Maritime Park. On arrival, meet your local Maori guide who will provide an insight into the local history before visiting Waitangi, the location of the signing of the treaty between the Maori people and the British. Enjoy a self-guided tour through the Treaty House, the Maori Meeting House and War Canoe. Later this afternoon, board your launch for the scenic cruise to the Cape Brett Lighthouse and the famous 'Hole in the Rock'.

Stay: Copthorne Bay of Islands (2 nights)

## Day 3 Explore the Bay of Islands (B)

Enjoy a free day to explore and experience the beauty of the Bay of Islands. Your Guide will happily assist with arranging optional activities for you. Why not try a full day tour to Cape Reinga, New Zealand's northern most point. Alternatively, explore the township of Russell, New Zealand's first settlement and visit its historic Church, Mission House and Museum.

## Day 4 Auckland, Rotorua (B,D)

Leaving Paihia, travel south through Whangarei to Warkworth and on to Auckland. Cross the Bombay Hills to the lush farmlands of the Waikato then on to the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua, the centre of Maori culture and famous for its geysers, boiling mud pools and steaming craters.

Stay: Sudima Lake Rotorua (2 nights)

## Day 5 Rotorua sightseeing (B,D)

Today begins with a visit to the Agrodome to see a unique New Zealand farm show. Visit Rainbow Springs to learn about native flora and fauna, including the famous Kiwi bird. This is followed by the spectacular Skyline Gondola which offers superb views over the city, lake and mountains and for those wanting a little excitement, why not try a Luge ride with our compliments. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before visiting Tamaki Village for an evening of fun and culture. You will experience a traditionally prepared Maori Hangi (feast) followed by a cultural performance featuring Maori songs, chants and dance including the stirring haka.

## Day 6 Taupo, Napier (B,D)

View the mighty Huka Falls and the Wairakei Geothermal project before stopping at Lake Taupo, the largest in New Zealand. Continue on to Napier, often regarded as the world's Art Deco capital. On arrival, enjoy a locally guided walking tour of the city.

Stay: Scenic Te Pania Hotel

## Day 7 Wairarapa, Wellington (B,D)

Orchards and vineyards give way to farmland as you travel into the rural heartland of the Wairarapa region. Stop at historic Greytown to view excellent examples of Victorian colonial architecture before travelling over the Rimutaka Ranges to Wellington, the nation's capital, where you enjoy a city tour on arrival.

Stay: Ibis Wellington Hotel

## Day 8 Depart Wellington (B)

It's time to bid farewell to your fellow travellers today. You will be transferred to the airport to join your onward flight.

🕒 Suggested arrival/departure

🛏 Overnights

On Board Concierge

8 days from \$3,009

Per Person  
Twin Share

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Inclusions

- + 7 nights premium hotel accommodation
- + Full breakfast daily (B) & 6 dinners (D)
- + Travel by 5-star luxury touring coach
- + Guided by a professional Driver Guide
- + Welcome dinner and drinks on arrival
- + All sightseeing, excursions and entrance fees as shown
- + Hotel portage
- + Complimentary airport transfers on arrival and departure

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Tour Dates 2019/2020

Start	Finish	Code
Tue 10 Sep 19	+ Tue 17 Sep 19	AP924
Tue 22 Oct 19	+ Tue 29 Oct 19	AP930
Tue 26 Nov 19	+ Tue 03 Dec 19	AP936
Wed 11 Dec 19	+ Wed 18 Dec 19	AP938
Tue 14 Jan 20	+ Tue 21 Jan 20	AP002
Tue 28 Jan 20	+ Tue 04 Feb 20	AP004
Tue 11 Feb 20	+ Tue 18 Feb 20	AP008
Tue 18 Feb 20	+ Tue 25 Feb 20	AP010
Tue 10 Mar 20	+ Tue 17 Mar 20	AP016
Tue 24 Mar 20	+ Tue 31 Mar 20	AP018
Tue 05 May 20	+ Tue 12 May 20	AP022

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Pricing

	Twin	Single
Shoulder Season (Sep & May)	\$3,009	\$4,129
High Season (Oct - Apr)	\$3,235	\$4,439

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Early Bird Discounts

Save up to **\$480** per couple

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