

DISCOVER AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND-7 NIGHTS/ 8 DAYS

Kia Ora – welcome to New Zealand, land of the long white cloud. In 8 days you will visit spectacular destinations such as the underground Glow Worm Grotto, the Bay of Islands where you will have a day of free time to dolphin watch, catch a ferry to Russell or experience a sailing or sea kayaking trip. Enjoy a champagne breakfast cruise on Lake Rotorua onboard the historic Lakeland Queen.

Day 1 Arrive Wellington

On arrival in New Zealand's capital, be met and transferred to your hotel. In afternoon explore Wellington on a sightseeing tour including views from Mount Victoria and free time at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Te Papa allows you to experience the warmth and vibrancy of Maori culture. Enjoy the magnificent contemporary Marae (meeting house) and explore interactive displays depicting modern New Zealand and pre European history. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 Rotorua

After breakfast, travel to Taupo and see the thundering Huka Falls before continuing to Rotorua. Tonight enjoy a special evening of entertainment featuring The Realm of Tāne, an extraordinary journey through Maori culture, mythology and our story of creation, which is followed a Maori concert and Hangi feast including traditional dances, music and entertainment. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 Rotorua

The day begins with a breakfast cruise and sparkling wine on Lake Rotorua onboard the historic Lakeland Queen. We then take an entertaining look at farm life at the Agrodome Sheep Show. Later tour Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve where a local Maori guide escorts us past pools of boiling mud and geysers. Afternoon is free at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4 Auckland

After breakfast, explore the famous Waitomo Caves on a guided tour and a boat trip through the incredible Glow Worm Grotto then journey north to Auckland. This evening is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 Bay of Islands

Breakfast at the hotel. Cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge, then take in the amazing scenery of the Hibiscus Coast. Walk amongst the Kauri trees at Parry Kauri Park then journey to the Bay of Islands. This afternoon take a scenic cruise through game fishing waters to Cape Brett and, weather permitting, through the famous 'Hole in the Rock' formation. The return cruise to Paihia meanders through picturesque islands - see deserted sandy beaches and secluded bays and keep your eyes out for marine life. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 6 Bay of Islands (Free at leisure)

After breakfast, the day is free for you to experience the beauty of the Bay of Islands at your own pace - perhaps take a coach trip to Cape Reinga, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach; enjoy a guided sea-kayaking trip or a day of sailing. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 7 Auckland:

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a visit to the Waitangi Treaty Reserve, which is of great historical importance, as this is where New Zealand's founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi, was

signed. You will have time to explore the Reserve and take in highlights such as the magnificent Maori War Canoe and traditional meeting house. This afternoon enjoy the lush farmland scenery as you return to Auckland.

Day 8 Depart Auckland

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Auckland Airport for your flight back home or onward destination.

Preferred Hotel

| Destination | 3 star | 4 star | 5 Star |
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| Wellingtons | Bay Plaza | James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel | Duxton Wellington |
| Rotorua | Ibis Rotorua | Heritage Rotorua | Novotel Rotorua Lakeside |
| Auckland | Copthorne Harbourcity | Rydges Hotel | Rendezvous Hotel |
| Bay of Islands | Tanoa Pahia Hotel | Scenic Circle Bay of Islands Hotel | Copthorne Bay of Islands |