

Auckland to Wellington via Rotorua and Taupo 7 Day Private Tour

Experience the diverse and stunning natural landscapes that the North Island of New Zealand has to offer. There are plenty of adventure-filled and relaxing activities for you to choose from, so you can do as little or as much as you like. Enjoy learning about the interesting history and culture of New Zealand, topped off with beautiful and views combined with unique experiences for memories to last a lifetime.

7 Days, 6 Nights
Tour Code: P7ARTW

Day 1: Auckland to Rotorua

We pick you up in Auckland and drive south through some of our rich farmland in the Waikato region to the famous Waitomo Caves. You can experience the natural beauty of these caves and admire the Glowworms that light up these caves like stars. Take a guided cave tour where you walk through these magnificent caves and then float gently along on a small boat. Or how about jumping, abseiling, climbing and cave tubing through this Glowworm wonderland?

After enjoying the mighty Waitomo Caves, we continue on to a Lord of the Rings fan's dream location - the Hobbiton Movie Set - for your very own "Middle Earth" adventure. Learn about the movie scenes that were filmed here from both "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" trilogies. See Hobbit Holes and visit the Mill, the Party Tree and plenty of other structures built for the movies. Marvel at inside views of "Hobbiton" village including Hobbit Holes, Bag End, The Green Dragon Inn and astonishing facts about the film-making and landscape all around. At the end of the tour you can relax at the Green Dragon Inn with a drink.

We then continue to Rotorua, which is renowned for its geothermal activity and Maori culture. The city offers a range of different attractions for everyone from adrenaline junkies to those just looking to relax. We can advise you on many activities that best suit your interests.
Accommodation in Rotorua.



Day 2: Rotorua

Choose what you would like to see and do from the range of wonderful options that allow you to enjoy the best of what Rotorua has to offer. We recommend a visit to one of Rotorua's thermal parks, so you can experience the unique landscapes and volcanic activity. From bubbling mud pools, clouds of steam and natural hot springs you can relax in, you won't be disappointed.

There are a number of options, all with their own unique features and we can help suggest which one may suit you best. We recommend a Maori cultural experience and witnessing a cultural performance and enjoy a Hangi – a mouth-watering feast cooked underground on hot rocks.

We can visit the Government Gardens where you can explore the historic gardens and take in the views of all there is on offer. You have the option of visiting the Rotorua Museum if you want to discover Rotorua's rich culture, volatile landscape and dramatic history. After this you might want to unwind and relax at the Polynesian Spa, a world-leading, natural hot mineral bathing and luxury spa retreat.

You can take a leisurely uphill gondola ride at Skyline Rotorua to marvel at the beautiful views of Rotorua including the surrounding lakes and geothermal areas.

Enjoy the three luge tracks with differing skill levels as you speed downhill, twisting and turning with the stunning backdrop of a Redwood forest. Or you can zoom through the forest on a zipline.

There are plenty of rivers and lakes to explore which could be done either by jet boating, white water rafting or kayaking. The region is a fisherman's dream if you're after catching some trophy Trout. We can visit the Agrodome which provides a truly unique New Zealand farming experience with a display of interesting live farm shows.

If you're interested in mountain biking or hiking, there are several trails you can enjoy, including through the mighty Redwood Forest. You can take a helicopter or floatplane for spectacular views of Rotorua including its stunning lakes, geothermal reserves and remarkable volcanoes. You even have the option of landing on magnificent Mount Tarawera, Rotorua's iconic volcano that last erupted in 1886.

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Day 3: Rotorua to Taupo

We depart Rotorua and continue on our journey to Taupo, which sits on the edge of New Zealand's largest lake. Along the way, we can visit Waimangu Volcanic Valley, Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, Orakei Korako or Craters of the Moon, all of which are thermal areas created by the strong volcanic activity in this region. Further south and close to Taupo, you can view Huka Falls, New Zealand's most visited and photographed natural attraction. Lake Taupo, one of the largest crater lakes in the world, has plenty of enjoyable activities on offer.

One of Taupo's many wonders are the Maori Rock Carvings that you can see by taking a scenic cruise, a kayak tour or sailing, while getting to enjoy beautiful panoramic views of the lake. If you want to relax after a busy day exploring Taupo, you can visit a thermal hot pool, where you can enjoy the beautiful surroundings as you unwind. Or how about a round of Golf at internationally-acclaimed Wairakei Golf Course just north of Taupo? In any case, there are plenty of things for you to choose from to really enjoy this day.

Accommodation in Taupo.

Day 4: Taupo

You can spend today exploring the best of Taupo and there are many options for you to choose from. You can enjoy a fishing charter around Lake Taupo or experience the very best that New Zealand Trout and fly fishing has to offer in the Taupo and Turangi regions. Taupo offers plenty of delicious wine and cuisine, as well as boutique shopping if you are looking for a more relaxed afternoon. We can visit the Huka Prawn Park if you would like some mouth-watering Prawn dishes for lunch, as well as learn all about how this fascinating restaurant and tourist attraction came to be.

There are some world-class mountain biking tracks you could spend the day exploring or for the adventurous, there is also bungy jumping, skydiving and quad biking. You can take a scenic flight on a helicopter or floatplane for a spectacular viewing experience. For Golf players there are a range of courses for you to play on, such as Wairakei, one of the best golf courses in New Zealand.

Accommodation in Taupo.

Day 5: Taupo to Wellington

We depart Taupo and make our way to Wellington, New Zealand's capital. Along the way, we can visit Tongariro National Park, which incorporates three active volcanoes Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe (since "The Lord of the Rings" also known as "Mount Doom") and Tongariro. Tongariro NP has been acknowledged by UNESCO as a dual World Heritage Site for both its natural and cultural values.

Tongariro NP is home to the famous Tongariro Alpine Crossing, one of the best one-day walks in New Zealand. This walk features volcanic scenery, where you will walk across a landscape of craters, lava flows, active volcanoes, mountain springs and emerald lakes and in good weather marvel at the stunning views of Lake Taupo and Mt Taranaki. If you choose this option, best would be for us to incorporate into your itinerary for the previous full day in Taupo and we can arrange a transfer to the start and end of this amazing walk.

The park also offers shorter walks to waterfalls and volcanic features, which may be more suitable. You can also take a scenic flight over Tongariro National Park that will allow you to see breathtaking views of the national park's dramatic landscape including coloured mineral lakes that are situated in the mountains. During the winter months, you also have the option of skiing or snowboarding at any of three ski fields that Mount Ruapehu has to offer.

We then continue on to Wellington, which is known for its arts, culture, heritage and natural beauty. There's plenty to see along the way in addition to when we arrive in Wellington itself.

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Day 6: Wellington

Today you will have the opportunity to explore the very best Wellington has to offer. We can drive to the summit of Mount Victoria for you to enjoy the spectacular 360° views of Wellington, Cook Strait and across to the South Island.

We can explore the waterfront a number of ways including by bike, roller skate or simply have a wander and explore the many unique shops. Take your pick from a range of cafes, restaurants and bars for a bite to eat or a refreshing drink. Keep your eyes peeled for inspiring artworks dotted along the waterfront.

We can also visit Te Papa, our innovative national museum where you can enjoy the interactive displays showcasing New Zealand's fascinating history, art, and indigenous people. If you want to get out and paddle around in the harbour instead, you can hire a kayak, stand up paddle board or even a pedal boat.

There is plenty of time for us to visit New Zealand's 'coolest street' - Cuba Street which provides an inner city slice of Bohemia with plenty of culinary and creative soul and provides a unique place to shop or dine.

We can take a ride up the Wellington Cable Car, which climbs from the city centre to the Botanic Garden and provides incredible views of the city and harbour. We can explore key parts of Parliament's buildings including the Beehive and learn about New Zealand's parliamentary processes. You'll also be able to see New Zealand's largest and grandest wooden building, the beautiful Old St Paul's. This is an 1866 wooden cathedral which is one of New Zealand's greatest heritage buildings and is one of the best examples of Gothic Revival architecture in the world.

A must-visit for Lord of the Rings fans is Weta Workshop for a unique behind the scenes look at how they help craft some of the world's most well-known movies. You can get up close to props, vehicles, armour and weapons that were crafted for movies like The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, King Kong, The Chronicles of Narnia and more. We can also visit Zealandia, home to some of New Zealand's rarest and most extraordinary wildlife, which is thriving in a protected sanctuary set around a picturesque reservoir.

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Day 7: Wellington

This morning we say our "Ka Kite Ano" (see you again soon) in Wellington. We can also drop you off at Wellington Airport or the Interislander Ferry before our guide starts the long 10 hour journey back to Auckland.



Inclusions:

- Fully guided Private Tour in Mercedes luxury vehicle.
- Pick-up/drop-off in Auckland incl airport/cruise terminal.
- Tour times flexible to work in with your requirements.
- Complimentary snacks & water.
- All guide expenses (e.g. guide accommodation & meals).
- All tours support local eco-cultural initiatives.

Exclusions:

- Potential entry fees.
- Guest accommodation and meals.
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the itinerary.

Retail rates p.p. for 7 days in NZ\$ valid to 31 March 2025:

2 pax NZ\$6,415 p.p.

3 pax NZ\$4,615 p.p.

4 pax NZ\$3,715 p.p.

5+ pax NZ\$3,245 p.p.

Please note all rates include GST and are commissionable.

Age Information:

- Adults are from 12 years
- Children's age is between 4 and 11 years
- Infants age is 0-3 years

Children 4 – 11 years 50% off adult price, Infants FOC.

Cancellation Policy:

After booking has been confirmed: 20%.

From 30 to 59 days: 50%. Less than 30 days: 100%.