

# 5 DAYS NORTH ISLAND TOUR (AUCKLAND)



## Day-01 Arrive in Auckland (D)

Arrive at Auckland International Airport. Meet & greet on arrival and airport seat-in-coach transfer to your hotel for check in. Tonight, walk along to a buffet dinner at Fortuna Restaurant (inside Sky City Auckland). Enjoy free time on own leisure. Overnight at hotel.

## Day-02: Auckland-Bay of Islands-Auckland (BL)

Starting in Auckland, travel north on one of GreatSights' comfortable and air-conditioned deluxe coaches on this Bay of Islands day tour. Sit back, relax and enjoy the informative commentary as you cross the iconic Harbour Bridge, and soak up New Zealand's spectacular scenery of rural countryside and sub-tropical bush en route to the beautiful Bay of Islands.

After arriving in Paihia, you'll board the Dolphin Seeker, our purpose built catamaran licensed by the Department of Conservation for dolphin and whale viewing. Enjoy the large outdoor viewing decks as we cruise past the islands of the Bay. Keep a look out for common and bottlenose dolphins, whales and other marine life as our experienced local skippers get you up close to the action.

Cruise past the Cape Brett Lighthouse, before arriving at the majestic Hole in the Rock. Admire the rock walls towering above you as the skipper navigates right through the narrow space (conditions permitting) before heading back into the inner islands of the Bay.

A picnic lunch is included on this tour.

## Day-03: Auckland-Waitomo-Rotorua (BD)

Enjoy a scenic tour from Auckland to Rotorua, including a guided tour of the Waitomo Glowworm Caves.

Leaving Auckland in the morning we travel through the Waikato and King Country regions, passing by flourishing farmland and picturesque countryside. Your experienced local driver guide will provide entertaining commentary and point out highlights along the way, such as Rangiriri, where in 1863 a major battle was fought between colonial forces and those loyal to the Māori King.

On arrival in the small town of Waitomo, take a trip underground with a 45-minute guided tour through the world famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves, a series of limestone caves formed over 30 million years ago. Learn all about stalagmites, stalactites and other intriguing rock formations as you walk through the caverns, and finish the tour with an enchanting boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto, illuminated by thousands of tiny glowworms. Your journey to Rotorua continues, passing through the beautiful Fitzgerald Glade where trees arch over the road to form a tunnel of natural greenery. A delicious picnic-style lunch can be pre-booked (optional extra) and is served on board the coach.

The tour concludes in Rotorua, a city where you can view geothermal activity, Māori culture, spectacular scenery and more.



Tonight, experience Maori Concert & Hangi Dinner. **Te Pō - Indigenous Evening Experience** (Enjoy a mouthwatering banquet of authentic Maori cuisine (kai) and marvel at the breathtaking beauty of our geothermal valley under lights. Includes a traditional welcoming ceremony (powhiri) and intimate concert performance. Te Pō begins at 6:15pm)

#### Day-04: Rotorua-Hobbiton-Auckland (B)

Your full-day tour begins with a morning sightseeing tour around three of Rotorua's iconic visitor attractions. Visit the cultural centre at Te Puia and gain an insight into Māori traditions and ways of life, before entering a geothermal wonderland of impressive geysers and boiling mud pools.

See New Zealand's agricultural industry in action with a sheep-shearing display and sheep dog trials at the Agrodome. Then visit Rainbow Springs, a nature park which showcases native flora and fauna including the famous New Zealand kiwi.

Following the show, enjoy a scenic drive across the Kaimai Ranges to the picturesque 1,250 acre farm near Matamata where scenes from the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies were filmed. Take a guided tour and learn how this working farm was transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth. Your guide will show you Hobbit holes, the Green Dragon Inn, the Mill and many other structures from the movies. After your Hobbiton Movie Set tour, continue your journey to Auckland.

#### Day-05: Depart Auckland (B)

Free time until check out from your hotel and transfer to Auckland International Airport for your flight bound for home, taking with you the unforgettable and fond memories of a wonderful of New Zealand.

#### 3 star

Twin: US\$ 1,430.00

Triple: US\$ 1,370.00

Single: US\$ 1,930.00

#### 4 star

US\$ 1,540.00

US\$ 1,480.00

US\$ 2,130.00

Valid: 01 Oct 2017 – 30 Apr 2018

Pax: 2 adults minimum

Note: Hotel is subject to availability. In case standard room is not available, an upgrade surcharge is additional fee or alternative hotel of the same category has to offer.

#### INCLUSIONS:

- New Zealand Good & Services Tax
- Accommodation with daily breakfast inside hotel
- Seat-in-touring coach with English speaking driver guide
- Meals as specified
- Round trip Airport Transfers based on seat-in-coach (In & Out AKL Apt)

#### EXCLUSIONS:

- All international air ticket
- Local guide(s)
- Any extra meals
- Drinks ordered during meals
- Optional tours and activities not mentioned on the brief itinerary.
- Australia Airport Departure Tax if any.
- Gratuities for drivers / guides / porters. (Min. of NZ\$ 5.00 per person per day depending on the level of satisfactions on the services rendered.)
- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, pay movies, room services, mini bars laundries or other expenditures during the tour.

#### Hotel Selections

##### 3 Star

Auckland City Hotel  
or similar

Ibis Hotel Rotorua  
or similar

##### 4 Star

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
or similar

Millennium Hotel Rotorua  
or similar

**Please note:** Information concerning tour inclusions and resort/hotel facilities has been compiled as accurately as possible. However there may be times when certain amenities, facilities and/or inclusions are not available. Such situations may be dictated by weather conditions, maintenance/refurbishment, local regulations and national or religious holidays. While we will endeavor to advise clients of any changes to itinerary inclusions, we cannot accept responsibility for any such situations which are outside our control.