

# 4 DAYS NORTH ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS



## DAY-01: WELCOME TO AUCKLAND. (BD)

Arrive at Sydney International or Domestic Airport. Your airport seat-in-coach transfer will take you to your hotel in Auckland.

Enjoy your buffet dinner at Fortuna Restaurant. A relaxed start and a day completely at leisure.

## DAY-02: AUCKLAND – WAITOMO – ROTORUA – AUCKLAND (B)

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.

Continue coach journey to **Rotorua**, a city where you can view geothermal activity, Māori culture, spectacular scenery and more.

Gain an insight into New Zealand's Māori culture at Te Puia, then experience Rotorua's famous geothermal activity with a tour of the neighbouring Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley - a place where mud pools bubble and boil and geysers shoot steam high into the air. You'll also see Te Puia's woodcarving and weaving schools and see how these ancient Māori art forms are being passed on to a new generation of master artists. Journey back to Auckland arriving in the evening.

## DAY-03: AUCKLAND CITY TOUR & SKY TOWER (BD)

Experience the best of Auckland's city highlights with a half-day scenic tour, followed by a trip up the famous Auckland **Sky Tower**.

Travel around the city centre and over the **Auckland Harbour Bridge** with its stunning views of the harbour and city skyline. Visit the **Viaduct Harbour** and Auckland's famous Queen Street, and enjoy the lush grounds of the **Auckland Domain**, the city's oldest park.

Your tour will pause for morning tea (own expense) in charming **Parnell Village**, where historic buildings house an interesting range of boutique shops. The tour continues along the waterfront to the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park, named after a much-respected Prime Minister of New Zealand. With panoramic views of the harbour and beautiful formal gardens, it's a great spot to take photos.

After a scenic trip back along **Tamaki Drive** to the city, arrive at Auckland's Sky Tower, the tallest man-made structure in New Zealand at 328 metres high. Prepare yourself for breathtaking 360 degree views from the **observation deck** of this Auckland landmark. On a clear day you'll be able to gaze as far as 80 kilometres in all directions – it's the perfect way to get to know the city of Auckland and its surroundings. **Useful info:** Please note there is no hotel drop-off service following the Sky Tower. You are at leisure to spend as much time at the Sky Tower as you wish.

Enjoy your Western Dinner at The Orbit Restaurant inside Sky Tower.

## DAY-04: DEPART AUCKLAND (B)

Your journey comes to an end after your breakfast this morning. Departure transfers arrive at Melbourne International or Domestic Airport.

## 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 AKL & 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.
- New Zealand Airport Departure Tax if any.
- Tipping for drivers / guides / porters. (Min. of NZ\$ 6.00 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:

### Auckland

**Auckland City Hotel 3\*** or similar

<b>Twin:</b>	<b>US\$ 990</b>
<b>Triple:</b>	<b>US\$ 950</b>
<b>Single:</b>	<b>US\$ 1,430</b>

### Auckland

**Sky City Hotel 4\*** or similar

<b>Twin:</b>	<b>US\$ 1,090</b>
<b>Triple:</b>	<b>US\$ 1,030</b>
<b>Single:</b>	<b>US\$ 1,640</b>

**Valid:** 01 Jan – 30 Sep 2019

**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.*

*Rates excluding:*

*During Chinese New Year (01-10 Feb 2019)*

*During Easter (14-20 April 2019)*

*International Conventions, Sporting & Entertainment Events*

**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.