

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 (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.

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

Continue coach journey to Rotorua.

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-03: ROTORUA SIGHTS & HOBBITON MOVIE SET (BD)

Discover two of Rotorua's best visitor attractions on this morning Rotorua sightseeing tour.

Then see our agricultural industry in action at the **Agrodome**, a working organic farm where you can find out all about farming life in New Zealand, watch a sheep shearing display and see sheep dog trials where the hard-working farm dogs show off their amazing skills.

Gain an insight into New Zealand's wildlife and natural scenery is on display at **Rainbow Springs Nature Park**, where you can get up close to all kinds of native flora and fauna including the famous kiwi, a flightless native bird. Wander through native forest and discover New Zealand birds, fish and lizards (including the ancient tuatara), as well as exotic animals from around the world.

Afternoon, take a half-day tour from **Rotorua** to the Hobbiton Movie Set and take a tour of the farm that was transformed into a Middle-earth filming location. Your Hobbiton tour starts with a scenic drive across the Kaimai Ranges to the small town of **Matamata**.

During your coach trip your local driver guide will entertain you with stories and information about the region and its history.

Just outside the town of Matamata is your destination: Middle-earth! Sir Peter Jackson and his team knew this private farm would make the perfect spot to build the village of **Hobbiton** for the award-winning **The Lord of the Rings** and **The Hobbit** movie trilogies. Take a guided tour and see the picturesque village you saw on screen in living colour before you.

See the **Hobbit holes**, the **Green Dragon Inn**, the **Party Tree**, the **Mill** and many other structures from the movies, while learning about how the set was built. You might even hear a few secrets from behind the scenes!

After visiting Hobbiton, journey coach back to Auckland.

Enjoy your Western Dinner at Orbit Restaurant inside New Zealand Sky Tower overlooking 360 degrees magnificent view of the city.

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

Rotorua

Ibis Hotel 3* or similar

Twin: US\$ 1,170
Triple: US\$ 1,120
Single: US\$ 1,570

Auckland

SkyCity Hotel 4* or similar

Rotorua

Millennium Hotel 4* or similar

Twin: US\$ 1,280
Triple: US\$ 1,210
Single: US\$ 1,770

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.