

8 Day North Island Escape

Inclusions & Highlights



ACCOMMODATION

- 7 nights in your chosen category



TRAVEL

- 7 days Budget rental car (CDAR)
- Total driving distance approx 1,245km (16 hr)



ICONIC SIGHTSEEING

- Entry into the Auckland Sky Tower
- Cape Brett Hole In The Rock Cruise
- Tamaki Hangi & Concert

Your package includes these 'must dos' in New Zealand's cultural north.



Auckland, Sky Tower Entry: The tallest free-standing structure in the Southern Hemisphere at 328 metres affords superb views of Auckland city, its two harbours and the volcanic cone of Rangitoto Island. Enjoy a high altitude lunch or snack (additional cost).



Cape Brett, Hole In The Rock Cruise: Cruise by luxury catamaran to Cape Brett Lighthouse, Motukohako Island and then make your passage through the 'Hole in the Rock' followed by Grand Cathedral Cave. Meander through the inner islands stopping at Otehei Bay for a swim or scenic walk.



Rotorua, Tamaki Cultural Hangi & Concert: Nestled in Rotorua forest, you will be welcomed into an authentic Maori village. Discover Maori art forms, ancient rituals and traditions such as song and dance and finish off with a 3 course traditional hangi.

Your Journey...

Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand's North Island! Collect your car rental on arrival from the Budget rental car office, located at the airport terminal. Make your way to the city and check into your accommodation for tonight. Visit the Auckland Sky Tower, then enjoy the evening at your leisure.

STANDARD - Hotel Grand Chancellor, 1 night
SUPERIOR - The Sebel Auckland Viaduct Harbour

Day 2 Auckland to Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland this morning and cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge. After passing through Auckland's northern suburbs, stop at Whangarei. This afternoon is at leisure to explore the Bay Of Islands region. We recommend a visit to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds or to the historic town of Russell.

230km by road (3 hr)
STANDARD - Bali Hai Motel, 2 nights
SUPERIOR - Waterfront Suites

Day 3 Bay of Islands

Enjoy a cruise to the Hole In The Rock this morning. Cruise past the islands of the Bay and see dolphins, whales and other marine life. Cruise past the Cape Brett lighthouse before arriving at the majestic Hole In The Rock. Take in the Grand Cathedral Cove before heading back to the sheltered waters of the Bay and stopping over at the historic Urupukapuka Island reserve. Relax on the sandy beach or join a Te Rawhiti guided walk.

Day 4 Bay of Islands to Rotorua

Depart Paihia this morning and drive to Rotorua, a geothermal wonderland. This afternoon is at leisure.

455km by road (5 hr 30 min)
STANDARD - Sudima Lake Rotorua, 2 nights
SUPERIOR - Novotel Rotorua Lakeside

Day 5 Rotorua

A full day in Rotorua has been included to explore the region. You may choose to visit the Agrodome this morning and see a fun, informative sheep show and shearing demonstration before travelling back to town to relax at the Polynesian Spa. Tonight, enjoy a delicious hangi as you experience Maori culture at the Tamaki Maori Village.

Day 6 Rotorua to Napier via Taupo

Leave Rotorua this morning, travelling south to Taupo. Stop at the Huka Falls viewing point along the way, before continuing through to Napier. Discover the town's history including the rebuilding of the town after the 1931 Hawke's Bay Earthquake.

230km by road (3 hr)
STANDARD - Bella Tuscany On Kennedy, 1 night
SUPERIOR - Crown Hotel

Day 7 Napier to Wellington via Martinborough

Depart Napier this morning and continue south to Wellington, travelling through the wine region of Martinborough. Visit one of the region's wineries or the Tui Brewery or both! On arrival in Wellington, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the city.

330km by road (4 hr 30 min)
STANDARD - Grand Mercure Central City, 1 night
SUPERIOR - Museum Art Hotel

Day 8 Depart Wellington

A day of leisure in Wellington before returning your rental car at the airport in time for your flight home.

From
\$918*
Per Person Twin Share

- ✈ Flights (own expense)
- Brief stop
- ② Overnights



*Prices will vary depending on seasonality, availability and special events. Contact Kirra for up to date pricing.

Car hire: A location fee of NZ\$46 is payable upon vehicle collection. An insurance excess of NZ\$3,450 (credit card imprint) and a security deposit will also be taken when you collect your car.

Explore some more...

Why not stay in Auckland a little longer and discover the surrounding region?

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Speak to one of our friendly New Zealand Specialists who can recommend various sightseeing options listed on [page 32](#).



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