

# TOUCH OF NORTH ISLAND

## 7 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Explore a little of New Zealand landscape by exploring its unspoiled wilderness or walk through limestone caverns and chambers and be captivated by nature's power by watching hot water geysers and boiling mud pools all within North Island region between Auckland and Taupo.

### Package Costs:

Prices are valid from October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010

<u>Single:</u>	<u>Double:</u>	<u>Triple:</u>	<u>Child:</u>
\$1,799	\$1,275	\$1,175	\$470

### Day 1:

Arrive Auckland – known as the “City of Sails”

### Guanteed early check in on arrival

This afternoon, travel west to the Arataki Centre, doorway to the Waitakere Ranges and from its sweeping decks take in the breathtaking panoramic views extending from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean. Absorb the area's history and admire the magnificent traditional Maori carvings that stand guard there. Continue further west with our knowledgeable and highly experienced guides to the wild and rugged West Coast where you get to experience the power of nature. Feel the black sand beneath your feet as you stroll along one of the most awe-inspiring beaches the world has to offer. Unwind by a beautiful cascading waterfall. A short journey brings you to the lush rainforest where you walk the easy bush tracks amongst New Zealand's giant tree ferns and hear native birds. Visit a magnificent specimen of New Zealand's famous Kauri trees.

### Day 2:

This morning experience top attractions that are unique to Auckland all in the one day. You will be treated to a morning of city and historic sights, and then visit Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Encounter and Underwater World.

### Day 3:

(226 miles/363 kms) (lunch included) Travel to Waitomo Caves for lunch, a guided tour of the Glowworm Grotto and an underground boat ride. Continue to Rotorua the heart of the thermal region of New Zealand.

### Day 4:

A morning tour of Rotorua's leading attractions. Included in your half-day tour is a visit to Te Puia and the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute where you can view mighty geysers, boiling mud pools, and the traditional arts and culture of the Maori People; Rainbow Springs a unique showcase of New Zealand's flora and fauna including New Zealand's national icon, a kiwi bird; and a Farm Show a hands-on experience giving you an animated insight into New Zealand's farming history. Lunch included.

Afternoon at leisure.

This evening experience a magical evening immersed in pre-European Maori culture in a re-created village. You will be greeted in traditional fashion by a Maori warrior performing a "wero" challenge, followed by a "powhiri" welcome by the people of the village. Walk through a native forest and observe performers practising traditional arts such as poi, weaving and weaponry before enjoying a concert showcasing Maori music and lively performance. After the concert, you will dine on Maori "hangi" food cooked in a steam oven buried in the ground.

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ULTIMATE VACATIONS

**Day 5:**

Free day to pick up host of activities to choose from in the Rotorua area such as:

- Waimangu Thermal valley walk
- White water rafting
- Black water caving
- Visit to traditional Maori Marae
- Zorbing

**Day 6:**

Morning at leisure.

Transfer back to Auckland airport this afternoon and over night accommodations.

**Day 7:**

Continue your journey to your next destination, this concludes your touch of the North Island.