

Birthplace of the Nation

Tour Highlights

*10 Breakfasts
1 Morning tea
7 Lunches
9 Dinners
Art of Cheese factory tour
Kauri Museum
Ferry to Russell
Ascension Winery wine tasting
Waitomo & Ruakuri caves
Te Puia Maori Experience & Hangi dinner
Lunch cruise on Lake Taupo
Seleni Wine Estate cooking demonstration
Tastings at 2 Martinborough wineries
Boomrock Lodge experience
Zest Walking Gourmet Tour (optional)
Complimentary airport transfers by limousine*

Our 10 day, 11 night all inclusive tour of the North Island.

New Zealand's North Island is home to Waitangi; birthplace of the nation, in the Bay of Islands, geothermal Rotorua, the wine regions of Matakana, Hawkes Bay and Wairarapa, plus cosmopolitan Wellington and the country's largest city; Auckland. You will see and experience it all.

DAY 1

Auckland – Bay of Islands

Travelling north to the seaside township of Paihia, via the West Coast, including Puhoi cheese factory experience, visit to the Kauri Museum, followed by lunch at the Hokianga Harbour before arriving into the Bay of Islands. An evening cruise to Russell and dinner in a 5 star restaurant.

Accom: Paihia Beach Resort – 1 Bedroom Superior

DAY 2

Bay of Islands

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the Bay of Islands. A Cape Brett Hole in the rock cruise, a trip up 90 mile beach to Cape Reinga, a Dolphin encounter cruise, golf at Kauri Cliffs are just a few of the many optional activities on offer. Dinner at Paihia Beach Resort's award winning Pure Taste's restaurant.

Accom: Paihia Beach Resort – 1 Bedroom Superior

DAY 3

Bay of Islands - Matakana - Mangatawhiri Valley

Travelling via the towns of Ruakaka, Waipu, Kaiwaka towards the Ascension Winery in renowned Matakana winery region for wine tasting and lunch then onto the Mangatawhiri Valley where you will be greeted with wine and canapés at Hotel & Spa du Vin before a 3 course dinner.

Accom: Heritage Hotel & Spa du Vin – 'Selection' rooms

DAY 4

Mangatawhiri Valley – Waitomo - Rotorua

The breathtaking Waitomo and Ruakuri Caves await you today before lunch at a country home and farm, travelling onto to the unique volcanic region of Rotorua and dinner at Peppers on the Point.

Accom: Millennium Hotel Rotorua – Club Rooms

DAY 5

Rotorua

A day of leisure to enjoy the selection of optional activities that only Rotorua has to offer. Why not try New Zealand's premier sheep shearing and farm show at the Agrodome or The Kawarau Jet boat experience. In the evening a short trip to Te Puia to experience a unique meal and unforgettable Maori cultural evening.

Accom: Millennium Hotel Rotorua – Club Rooms

DAY 6

Rotorua - Taupo - Napier

Heading west you will stop to view the magnificent Huka Falls then embark on a luncheon cruise on Lake Taupo before the scenic drive to Napier and the culinary delights of the Seleni Wine Estate to round off the day.

Accom: The Crown Hotel – Studio Rooms

DAY 7

Napier - Martinborough - Wellington

A visit to Napier's art deco township starts the day before travelling through the beautiful Wairarapa district, stopping in Martinborough, for lunch, followed by a visit to a number of the region's award winning vineyards for wine tasting, then onto to New Zealand's capital city, Wellington.

Accom: Duxton Hotel Wellington – Club Rooms

DAY 8

Wellington

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the cosmopolitan city of Wellington. The renowned Zest Walking Gourmet Tour, a visit to the national museum Te Papa or the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary are just some of the many optional activities available. Dinner at the spectacular Boomrock Lodge awaits you this evening.

Accom: Duxton Hotel Wellington – Club Rooms

DAY 9

Wellington - Tongariro

The country's diverse and spectacular landscape fills the morning with lunch at a river side setting before turning inland towards the Central Plateau and the Tongariro National Park, staying at the magnificent Bayview Chateau Tongariro, where dinner will be in the hotel restaurant.

Accom: Bayview Chateau Tongariro – Run of House

DAY 10

Tongariro - Taupo – Cambridge - Auckland

Travel through the towns of Taupo, Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tirau you will stop at Cambridge' historic GPO restaurant for lunch before returning to the vibrant city of sails, Auckland. A very special final night's dinner awaits at one of Auckland's most awarded restaurants.

Accommodation: The Westin Hotel – Harbour View ROH Room

DAY 11

Depart Auckland

After waking to a full breakfast your limousine awaits at your leisure to transfer you to the Auckland International Airport.