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North Island Sample Itinerary

Arrival in Auckland

Arriving in Auckland, you will be greeted at Auckland International Airport by a 12 Face representative and your stress-free whirlwind tour of the North Island begins! Have a quick tour of the suburbs as you are taken to your hotel in a luxurious private vehicle where you enjoy some time to refresh and settle before the adventure begins.

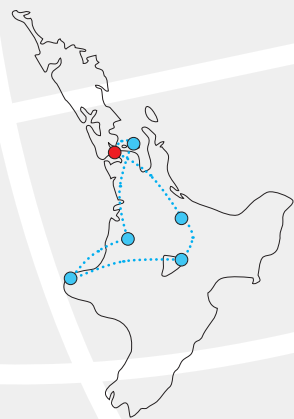
Your hotel is located in the heart of Auckland City – just a short walk to local boutiques, shops, restaurants and bars as well as Auckland’s viaduct harbour.

You also have time to visit the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Taking some time out here to enjoy the open-air environment will do you wonders in alleviating the effects of jet lag. While taking a walk around this unique garden with its distinctive garden designs and idyllic atmosphere you’ll be transported to paradise in the heart of a bustling city.

Your hotel, Hotel De Brett is located in the heart of Auckland City – a perfect spot to peruse the local boutiques, shops, restaurants and bars and Auckland’s viaduct harbour. Enjoy a relaxing night’s sleep in your plush and luxurious designer room.

Highlights

- Auckland Botanic Gardens
- Sights of central Auckland shopping precinct
- High Street boutique shopping area
- Viaduct Harbour and Downtown Auckland
- Hotel de Brett



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Day 1

Auckland - Waiheke Island - Auckland

Today we'll spend the day only a short distance from downtown Auckland however we will feel a world away from the bustle of the city. We depart by ferry from the Downtown Auckland Ferry terminal and everyone will want a window seat for this journey! Sit back and enjoy the scenic 40 minute cruise across the picturesque Hauraki Gulf to Waiheke Island. Arriving at Waiheke Ferry terminal, we collect you in a luxurious, air-conditioned private vehicle which transports us for a day of exploring the island.

Take in stunning coastal views and check out some of Waiheke's exclusive properties as we tour the island. Waiheke Island residents are known for their laid-back approach to living; spend some time visiting the township and check out the local stores and markets. You can also hire motorised bikes to get up close and explore - either leisurely or on more adventurous tracks.

Waiheke is best known for its impressive and award-winning vineyards. Wind-up the day by enjoying a tasting experience at widely acclaimed Stonyridge or Mudbrick vineyards. Take in the spectacular views overlooking the sparkling harbour and the beautiful countryside with a glass of the best wine on offer on the island. Before heading home, we'll enjoy a meal at the winery restaurant, with internationally-acclaimed chefs showcasing the best of locally-grown ingredients.

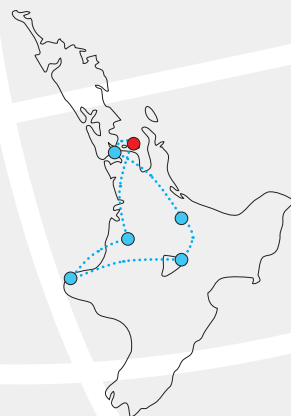
Head back to your accommodation at Mollies Boutique Hotel in Auckland and enjoy a delicious meal in their restaurant or visit nearby Ponsonby Road bars and eateries.

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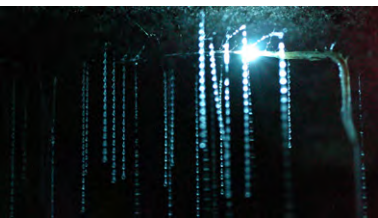
- Ferry trip across Auckland Harbour to Waiheke
- Oneroa township
- Palm Beach
- Coastal walkway
- Stonyridge and Mudbrick vineyards

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Day 2

Auckland - Waitomo

Today we leave Auckland behind and head south through the picturesque farmland of the Waikato region towards our destination: Waitomo.

Here we can find one of the most unforgettable attractions in this area, the famous Waitomo Caves. These caves are so well-known because of their unique inhabitants - Glow worms. Board a boat for a totally unforgettable experience as you glide through the caves under a sky of thousands of twinkling glow worms and be mesmerised by their magical luminescent glow.

You have the option to include Ruakuri Cave (longest underground guided walking tour) and Aranui Cave (collection of spectacular cave formations) tours which can also be combined with cave tubing, abseiling, rappelling and waterfall climbs.

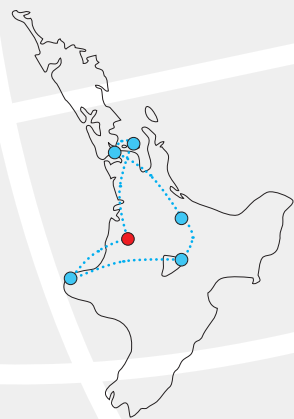
We finish up the day at Altura Park, which is where we spend the night in their farm stay accommodation. All guests get entry to the gardens and wildlife park so take some time to explore before you head to bed in your fully-equipped unit.

Highlights

- Sights of the Waikato countryside
- Beautiful and unique glow worm caves
- See exquisite natural cave formations
- Be adventurous and go abseiling or tubing

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Day 3

Waitomo - New Plymouth

Leaving Waitomo behind, we journey to New Plymouth, the biggest city in the Taranaki Region on the west coast of the North Island. See the towering snow-topped Mount Taranaki which holds pride of place overlooking the region. Our visit here would not be complete without a memorable helicopter flight experience to view this spectacular region by air.

Back on land, pay a visit to Pukekura Park - you will recognise this large park after seeing it from your aerial view, now take the time to explore the 128 acres of varying landscape by foot, encompassing exotic trees, gardens, lakes and walking trails which lead us through stunning native bush.

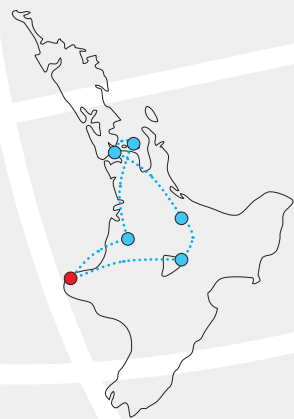
Make sure you have some comfy walking shoes because after lunch we head to New Plymouth's stunning Coastal Walkway - a 7km path which stretches almost from one end of the city to the other. From this walkway we can enjoy spectacular views of the west coast. Beaches, playgrounds cafes and local shops are also easily accessed from the Coastal Walkway.

Experience life on a deer farm with our accommodation at Egmont Deer Farmstay. During our stay, spend time around the farm with various animals including quiet, hand-reared lambs, calves and hinds. Your accommodation is modern, self-contained quarters which include a bathroom and kitchen.

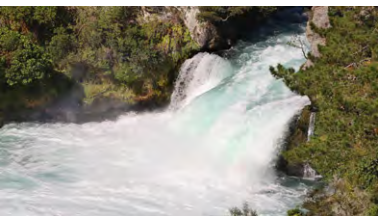
Highlights

- Visit Pukekura Park
- Meander along the Coastal walkway with amazing west coast views
- Farm stay experience

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Day 4

New Plymouth - Taupo (through the Forgotten World Highway)

Today we'll have a fascinating journey to an unforgettable destination. We start the day travelling towards Taupo on the remote and mysterious Forgotten World Highway. Along the way we'll see evidence of communities that once existed in this land and glimpses of 'the way it was'.

Taupo is located in the heart of the North Island alongside Lake Taupo, the largest freshwater lake in Australasia, and undoubtedly one of the most spectacular areas of the country.

On our visit to Taupo, we spend time at Huka Falls, an amazing natural spectacle with breath-taking power. You'll have the best view in the house from your seat on a purpose-built riverboat. Take in the glistening crystal clear water, the birdlife, and native bush which lines the riverbanks. At Aratiatia Rapids, the dam gates open and turn the quiet water into turbulent rapids in an impressive display of nature's power.

Tonight we stay at world-renowned Huka Lodge, an iconic New Zealand retreat which offers an unrivalled location on the edge of the Waikato River. There are several accommodation suites for you to choose from, set on 17-acres of manicured grounds.

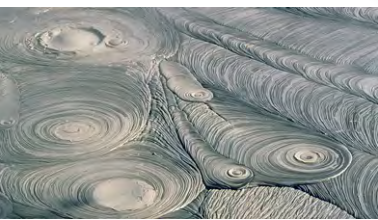
Highlights

- See the sights of the local town
- Visit the shores of beautiful Lake Taupo
- Take a trip to the spectacular Huka Falls
- Stay at Huka Lodge overnight

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Day 5

Taupo - Rotorua

Leaving Taupo we head to Rotorua which is unlike anywhere else in the world, with deep-rooted Maori culture and fascinating natural sights such as exploding geysers, steaming lakes, and the Pink and White terraces - not to mention its distinctive sulphur smell. (Don't worry, you eventually get used to it!).

Just 20 minutes south of Rotorua is Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. Wai-O-Tapu stands for 'sacred waters' and you'll certainly feel like you are somewhere special as you walk at your own pace through the unique natural features of this park which have been sculptured out of thermal activity - thousands of years in the making - including the naturally coloured hot and cold pools, the world famous Champagne Pool, bubbling mud and steaming craters. Be sure to check out the Lady Knox geyser which erupts daily - a rare opportunity to see volcanic activity up close.

Take some time to relax and unwind at the Polynesian Spa, one of New Zealand's oldest and most well-known spas internationally. Indulge your senses on the shores of Lake Rotorua in the unique hot mineral pools with stunning views over the lake. Go all out and experience ultimate relaxation with a spa therapy in the Lake Spa Retreat and afterwards enjoy culinary delights at the cafe.

Feel at home at the Tumbledown Hill bed and breakfast, our accommodation for the night. Take some time out on the peaceful farm retreat located in scenic Paradise Valley. Paradise Valley is a beautiful valley located between Ngongotaha and Rotorua city.

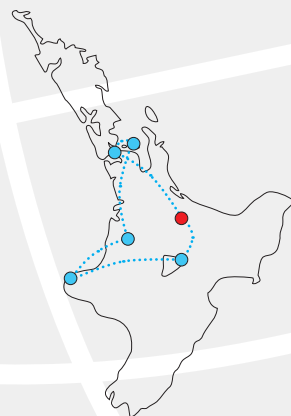
Tomorrow we leave behind the sights - and distinctive smells - of Rotorua to head back to Auckland.

Highlights

- Relax at the Polynesian Spa
- Visit the Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. See volcanic activity in action
- Paradise Valley Road
- Tumbledown Hill farm retreat

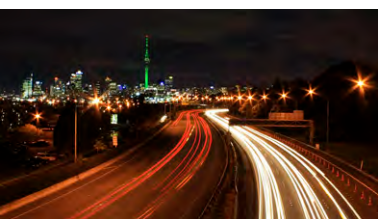
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Return to Auckland for departure

We hope you have enjoyed your tour of the beautiful North Island. Spend some time relaxing and preparing yourself for your flight. Then have one last chance to take in the surroundings on the trip back to Auckland Airport- a journey which encompasses countryside, native bush and city sights. Come back and visit us again soon!

Accommodation

Accommodation will vary depending on availability, number of guests and seasonal variations. All packages include the following services:

- Airport and local transfers
- Accommodation
- Three main course meals
- Activities
- 12 Face gift pack

Approximate rates for each person per night of the trip are as follows:

Minimum number of persons	1 persons	2 persons	4 persons	8 persons or more
Estimated cost /Person each night NZ\$ +15% Tax	800	700	600	500

Note: the final cost will be calculated and based on the following:

- Number of persons travelling
- Accommodation chosen
- Activities
- Duration of trip
- Selected numbers of cities
- Self-guided or guided tour

