



FIRSTLIGHTTRAVEL

NEW ZEALAND

2024-2025 GUIDED HOLIDAYS

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Northern Wonders

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

We're here to point you in the right direction when it comes to wining, dining and relaxing across Auckland, Wellington and Rotorua. Ask your Travel Director for tips.

📍 Iconic Sites

The Waitomo Caves are the stuff fairytales are made of. Illuminate your day cruising this limestone network, cast in the magical light of glowworms.

🌿 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER The Te Po Experience at Te Puia contributes to the success of the Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, committed to preserving, fostering, and promoting Māori arts and crafts.

🌋 Natural Wonders

Rotorua is hot, in more ways than one. Steaming geysers, bubbling mud pools and mineral-rich springs are the beating heart of this geothermal valley.



Te Puia Geothermal Reserve

8 DAYS
9 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 11	Jan 03, 10 , 17, 24, 31	Jan 01, 08 , 15, 22 , 29
Nov 01, 29	Feb 07, 14 , 21, 28	Feb 05 , 12, 19 , 26
Dec 06, 27	Mar 06 , 13 , 20, 27	Mar 05 , 12, 19 , 26
	Apr 03, 10, 17	
	Sep 11, 09, 23, 30	
	Oct 09, 23, 30	
	Nov 06 , 13, 27	
	Dec 04, 11, 18 , 25	

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit aatkings.com/lwba or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

7 Full buffet breakfasts B 1 Highlight Dinner HD
2 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Wellington Airport
Day 8 – flights to depart any time from Auckland Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

1 Welcome to Wellington

New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington is the kind of place you could easily lose yourself in for a day. Good thing you arrived early. Check out one of the city's oh-so-hip cafés before exploring Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, home to an extraordinary collection of artefacts, including an eye-opening exhibit dedicated to Māori history. Time to meet your fellow adventurers for a Welcome Reception... **Hotel: Travelodge.**

2 Wellington – Rotorua

The Kapiti Coast is the summer playground of Wellingtonians – for good reason. You'll follow in local footsteps as you make your way along a road that unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupō, the largest (and perhaps bluest) of its kind in the country. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

3 Rotorua Free Time

If there's a New Zealand city where you want free time, Rotorua is it. Go your own way today, perhaps blissing out in the Polynesian Spa's thermal springs (we recommend a mud wrap). Who knew nature was this relaxing? Or discovering endangered birds on a working kiwi nursery and hatchery. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. **B**

4 Rotorua – Auckland

The Waitomo Caves are radiant – quite literally. While cruising cavernous underground waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. It's a fairytale start to your day. One that only gets better as

you descend on Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. You'll discover how it got its moniker while gazing over its two yacht-studded harbours from the lookout at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B D**

5 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Your journey north to New Zealand's Bay of Islands is not short of drama – discover 140 droplets of land ringed by turquoise sea at the top of the country. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs. Your guide, perhaps a descendant of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B D**

6 Bay of Islands Free Time

Go as fast or as slow as you like today – there's no rush, and no agenda. Talk to your Travel Director to organise leisurely jaunts up to Cape Reinga, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, or a trip to the iconic Hole in the Rock. If you're a history buff, you may want to join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. The choice is yours. **B**

7 Bay of Islands – Auckland

You're about to reach the very tip of New Zealand, as your tour takes you to Whangarei – the county's northern-most city. This is a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. It's like the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your coach seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. Ask your Travel Director for tips on where to dine; Auckland is a bit of a culinary hotspot. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

8 Farewell from Auckland

The only bad day in your Auckland tour is the one where you have to bid farewell. On your journey home, just remember how much pleasure you have packed into this last week. **B**



Bay of Islands



Rotorua mud pool

