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Bay of Islands Escape

Immerse yourself in the birthplace of New Zealand, where ancient kauri forests meet the sparkling turquoise waters of the Bay of Islands. You will spend your days standing before the majestic Tane Mahuta, exploring the storied grounds of the Waitangi Treaty, and cruising through the iconic limestone arches of the Cape Brett Peninsula. This is an invitation to witness the legendary landscapes and deep cultural heritage of Northland.

While this itinerary serves as a great starting point, we invite you to connect with our travel specialists, who can help tailor these experiences into a larger New Zealand journey personalised to your interests.

Starts in:	Auckland
Finishes in:	Auckland
Length:	3days / 2nights
Accommodation:	Hotel 4 star
Can be customised:	Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

Includes: All coach transport

Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations

Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring

Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course

plus much more...

Day 1




Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, known in Māori as Tāmaki Makaurau. Auckland is New Zealand's vibrant "City of Sails," and the country's largest metropolitan area. Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea. Surrounded by native bush, lush rainforests, and pristine beaches, Auckland is a haven for both adventurers and urban explorers. Wander through world-class museums and galleries in the city centre or enjoy a peaceful retreat at the Auckland Gardens, where stunning landscapes showcase New Zealand's diverse flora. Stroll along the lively waterfront to savour fresh seafood and international cuisine at Viaduct restaurants. For an unforgettable perspective, ascend the iconic SkyTower, New Zealand's tallest structure, and take in panoramic views of the city and its picturesque islands.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Dinner at the Sky Tower Orbit Restaurant

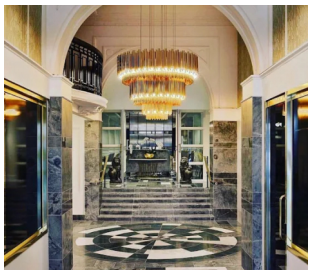
Soaring high above Auckland you'll discover Orbit, a truly iconic New Zealand brasserie offering diners sensational views - and food to match. Situated at the top of Auckland's Sky Tower, the dining room rotates once every hour, providing a truly unique experience with amazing 360-degree panoramas of the city, the Hauraki Gulf and beyond. Orbit offers a modern dining experience in a relaxed, open atmosphere with a delicious kiwi-inspired a la carte menu that features the best local and seasonal produce. As New Zealand's only rotating restaurant offering 360-degree views, it's an unforgettable experience that never ceases to delight.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Harbour Sailing Dinner Cruise with Explore

This unique on-water sailing and dining experience is not to be missed while you're in Auckland. Enjoy smooth sailing on the Waitemata Harbour - then watch this photogenic city come alive with twinkling lights. Enjoy your meal as you sail around the beautiful Auckland Harbour taking in the view as the sun slowly sets. You'll be treated to canapes and a drink as you set off towards Westhaven Marina. To finish the evening off, savour your dessert course as you leisurely sail back to Auckland's vibrant Viaduct Harbour.

Your accommodation: Fable Auckland

Located right on Queen Street the Fable Auckland is boutique and stylish property with an ideal location to enjoy and explore the vibrant heart of the 'City of Sails'.



Day 2




Bay of Islands 2-Day Tour & Cruise with Cheeky Kiwi Travel

Journey on a two-day adventure through the subtropical beauty and cultural heart of Northland. Explore the birthplace of New Zealand, marvel at ancient kauri forests, and cruise the pristine waters of the Bay of Islands on this small group, fully guided tour. With comfortable Mercedes-Benz transport, expert local guides, and handpicked experiences, this adventure perfectly blends history, nature, and relaxation for an unforgettable getaway.

Auckland to Paihia - Day 1

Leaving the Auckland skyline behind, you’ll journey north into the heart of New Zealand’s kauri country. Your first stop is the fascinating Kauri Museum, where the stories of pioneer settlers and these forest giants come to life. The highlight of the day is standing before the majestic Tane Mahuta, the "Lord of the Forest," in the Waipoua Forest, an ancient kauri tree that is a true natural wonder. After a relaxing lunch in the coastal town of Opononi, you’ll travel to the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds for a guided tour and a powerful Māori cultural performance, before checking into your seaside accommodation in Paihia.

Your accommodation: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands

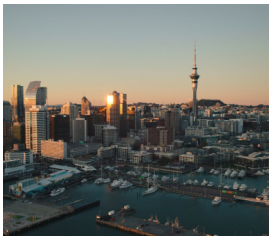
Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands is located within the Waitangi Treaty grounds, surrounded by native bush and the beautiful Bay of Islands Harbour.

Meals included: Breakfast



Day 3





Pahia to Auckland - Day 2

Start your day with a delightful breakfast at your hotel or a cozy local café in Paihia, setting the tone for another day of exploration and wonder. After breakfast, embark on a magical cruise that will take you deep into the heart of the Bay of Islands, one of New Zealand’s most breathtaking regions. As you set sail, the knowledgeable guides will share the rich history and stunning natural beauty of this subtropical paradise. Keep your eyes peeled for the playful dolphins and majestic whales that often grace these waters. If luck is on your side, you might witness these incredible creatures in their natural habitat, a sight that will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of your trip. The 4.5-hour cruise will take you on a scenic journey through the Bay of Islands, weaving through its 144 islands and along the ruggedly beautiful Cape Brett Peninsula. One of the tour's highlights is a visit to the iconic **Hole in the Rock** at Cape Brett, a massive ocean archway that has thrilled visitors for generations. Weather permitting, the boat will pass through this natural wonder, providing a truly exhilarating experience. No Bay of Islands adventure would be complete without spending time on one of its pristine islands. We’ll make a stop at Otehei Bay on Urupukapuka Island, where you can choose your own adventure. Whether you want to swim in the crystal-clear waters, stroll along the powdery white sand beach, hike to the hilltop for panoramic views of the entire Bay of Islands, or simply unwind at the island’s fully licensed bar and café, this slice of paradise offers something for everyone. Reluctantly, you'll leave this idyllic setting behind and begin the journey south. But the day is far from over—your guide has a few secret stops planned along the way, ensuring that your return trip to Auckland is as memorable as the rest of your adventure. As you arrive back in Auckland, your guide will drop you off at your hotel, marking the end of your unforgettable Bay of Islands tour. Please note: Only snacks and water are included, you will be responsible for your breakfast and lunch meals which can be purchased at the local cafes and restaurants.

Farewell from Auckland

Farewell Auckland today. If there is more of New Zealand you would like to explore, talk to your sales consultant about planning your next stop!

Tour details

Departures:	Daily
Tour type:	Self-Guided Coach Tours
Starts:	Auckland
Finishes:	Auckland
Tour length:	3
Accomodation:	Hotel 4 star
Car/transport type:	

Accommodation summary

Day 1	Fable Auckland
Day 2	Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands