

AUCKLAND, ROTORUA AND QUEENSTOWN

7 day itinerary



Discover some of the best New Zealand has to offer with a seven-day visit to Auckland, Rotorua and Queenstown. Enjoy the urban sophistication of New Zealand's largest city, Auckland before travelling to Rotorua to experience the geothermal landscape and authentic Māori culture. Finish your trip in Queenstown to find pure inspiration and adventure amongst stunning scenery.

DAY ONE – AUCKLAND

Haka, heights & heritage Kick-start your trip to New Zealand with a visit to national stadium Eden Park. Pass through the players' tunnel for a VIP arrival and receive a traditional Māori cultural welcome. Next, enjoy a scenic rooftop walk, stadium tours and locker room experience with the opportunity for a branded shirt or signed memorabilia as a gift. Refuel with a Kiwi inspired BBQ lunch on the balcony of the World Cup Lounge. In the afternoon, learn and perform a rousing haka, a ceremonial war dance, with a Māori warrior guide. Learn more about Māori culture, empower your team, celebrate diversity and stimulate creativity.

Welcome dinner Complete your first day in Auckland with a visit to The Civic theatre. Built in 1929 as a 'movie palace', its sweeping double staircases, ornate bars and spectacular starry domed ceiling make it a dramatic setting for a welcome function.



DAY TWO - AUCKLAND

Island time Take the ferry or board a luxury super yacht and cruise to Waiheke Island for a full-day guided tour of the island's award-winning vineyards, olive groves and beautiful golden beaches. Split the group into activities on the island, with rotations between wine tasting at a local vineyard, olive oil tasting at an olive plantation, clay bird shooting and archery with Wild Estate, and admiring the view from high above the treetop canopy on the island's zipline attraction.

Beyond the screen Finish your Auckland visit on an immersive journey through the fantastic world of film FX with an out of this world dinner experience at Wētā Workshop Unleashed. This Academy Award-winning concept design studio provides the creativity and craftsmanship behind blockbuster films including The Lord of the Rings, King Kong and Avatar. Explore the exhibits then watch as the crew spill some movie magic secrets, design and sculpt realistic scars, chain maille, or transform humans into Orcs, Elves or Dwarves. Wine and dine with galactic robots in an epic fantasy world.



DAY THREE - AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA

The magic of Middle-earth Board luxury coaches for a transfer to rural Matamata, the magical home of the Hobbiton Movie Set, used in the filming of The Lord of The Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Take a guided tour of the set before soaking up the atmosphere of the on-site Marketplace, complete with themed entertainment and look-a-like movie stars. Feast on a banquet lunch of hearty hobbit fare.

Restorative journey - Enjoy a leisurely dinner at one of Rotorua's finest restaurants, before heading to Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. Restorative Journey (Wai Whakaora) is a two hour wellness experience, grounded in te ao Māori principles and Ngāti Whakaue culture, traditional healing practices and manaakitanga (hospitality). Here, you will follow a pathway of five, multi sensory, unforgettable spa experiences that move you from heat to cool, mud to water, air to steam to maximise therapeutic benefits.

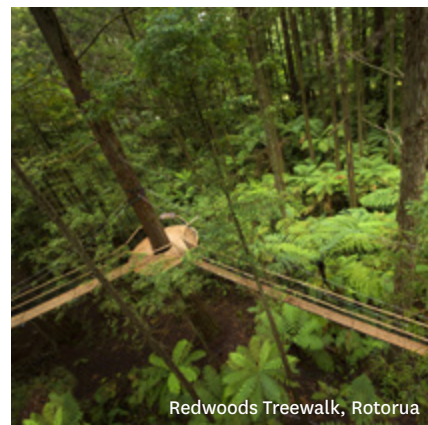


DAY FOUR - ROTORUA

Take to the skies Start the day with a helicopter tour to towering Mt Tarawera. Enjoy spectacular views of Rotorua's many lakes and geothermal hotspots before landing on the mountain for a close-up look at the craters and fissures caused by a massive volcanic eruption in 1886.

Redwoods Treewalk Walk high amongst giant 120-year-old redwood trees and open your eyes to the natural beauty of the forest. Discover a peaceful haven above the forest floor; surround yourself with gentle giants, native fauna and sweeping silver ferns.

A cultural feast Enjoy an evening of Māori culture and cuisine at Te Pā Tū. Evening experiences change with each season of the maramataka, the Māori lunar calendar. Dine out on song, drama, tradition, and divine seasonal kai (cuisine) within the forest.



DAY FIVE - QUEENSTOWN

Journey to Queenstown Now that you've experienced some of the best the North Island has to offer, it's time to find pure inspiration in the South Island city of Queenstown. Board a plane at Rotorua Airport for a morning flight via Christchurch. Don't miss the chance to travel from Queenstown Airport to your accommodation in style with a jet boat transfer across Lake Whakatipu. There's no better way to arrive in a destination where dramatic landscapes set the scene for unforgettable experiences.

Valley of the vines Start your Queenstown visit with a relaxing short trip to the nearby Gibbston wine region to enjoy lunch at one of its scenic vineyard restaurants. The region is set amongst dramatic mountains and renowned for its award-winning Pinot Noir. Spend the afternoon sampling the local vintages on a boutique wine tour.

Exclusive lakeside dining Return to Queenstown in the evening for dinner at an exclusive restaurant alongside Lake Whakatipu. World class restaurants on the waterfront serve some of the region's best fresh produce and wines. Relax with a meal as you look out over Queenstown's spectacular alpine landscape and the crystal clear water of Lake Whakatipu.



DAY SIX - QUEENSTOWN

Wilderness Experience Experience a day of inspiring adventure on one of the South Island's most picturesque rivers. Join Dart River Adventures for an exhilarating journey from the head of Lake Whakatipu into the pristine Dart River and spectacular Mount Aspiring National Park. Dart River Adventures offers both jet boating and drifting down the river on inflatables canoes. Along the way you will enjoy a delicious wilderness lunch.

Spring into dinner Once you are back in Queenstown, board chartered coaches for a scenic trip into the area's stunning natural surroundings. Stop off at the historic Kawarau Bridge, the site of the world's first commercial bungee jump, AJ Hackett Bungee. Watch people take the leap - or experience it for yourself - before a cocktail function on site.



DAY SEVEN - QUEENSTOWN

Scenic helicopter tour Begin the day with a scenic helicopter flight over Lake Whakatipu and Queenstown, before landing on a mountain peak to take in the epic views. Continue the flight to Walter Peak Station situated on the shores of Lake Whakatipu. The beautiful garden setting at the Colonel's Homestead, at the heart of the high country farm, is the perfect setting for a barbecue lunch. Join a walking tour to explore the property's extensive lakeside gardens and meet some of the station's many farm animals. Board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw for a cruise back across the lake to Queenstown.

Finish your trip in style No trip to Queenstown would be complete without dinner at Skyline's Stratosfare Restaurant & Bar. Situated on top of Bob's Peak and accessed by gondola, the restaurant serves a mouth-watering buffet including South Island salmon, seafood, salads, roast meats and delicious desserts. It's the ideal place for that special night out, and the best spot in Queenstown to watch the sun go down.

