



AUCKLAND, ROTORUA & 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 fine dining and sailing in New Zealand’s major gateway city of Auckland before travelling to Rotorua to experience the geothermal landscape and authentic Māori culture. Finish your trip in Queenstown to find pure inspiration among some of New Zealand’s most stunning scenery.

DAY ONE – AUCKLAND

Jump on a Harley Kick-start your trip to New Zealand with a scenic orientation tour of Auckland on the back of a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Tours cater for groups of all sizes and are a memorable way to see the city’s sights, from the buzzing downtown area and surrounding hills to the sparkling Waitemata Harbour.

Lunch on the waterfront Auckland’s Wynyard Quarter and Viaduct Harbour are ideal places to enjoy lunch. Located on Auckland’s waterfront, both offer a wide range of dining options for groups of all sizes. Enjoy views of the harbour while sampling some of New Zealand’s most delicious food and wine.

Get out on the water Spend the afternoon learning the ropes on an ex-America’s Cup racing yacht. Auckland hosted the prestigious America’s Cup yachting regatta in 2000 and 2003 and Explore Events now offers visitors the chance to experience sailing in one of the multi-million dollar yachts that took part.

Welcome dinner Complete your first day in Auckland with a sumptuous welcome dinner. There are dozens of venues for groups, from waterfront function centres to historic buildings and elegant hotel ballrooms.



Waitemata Harbour, Auckland

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. Tours to the island are fully commented and include tailored lunch options for groups. Soak up some sun, meet the laid back locals and savour world-class wine and fresh local produce.

Dinner and drinks Return to Auckland for dinner. The central city has restaurants catering to all tastes and group sizes, while Ponsonby is packed full of stylish bars, all within a stone’s throw of each other.



Waiheke Island, Auckland

DAY THREE - AUCKLAND, WAITOMO, ROTORUA

Discover the Waitomo Glowworm Caves Board a luxury coach in the morning and travel 200km south to the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. This subterranean labyrinth is full of ancient stalagmites, stalactites, and luminescent glowworms. You can discover the caves on a guided walking and boat tour or on a ‘black water rafting’ tour. Black water rafting involves navigating the underground rivers that flow through the cave system by inflatable rubber inner tube. From the caves, board your coach and travel onwards to the geothermal city of Rotorua for an evening of relaxation.

Rejuvenate at the Polynesian Spa Enjoy a leisurely dinner at one of Rotorua’s finest restaurants, before heading to the prestigious Polynesian Spa to relax and unwind. The spa offers a choice of 26 hot mineral bathing pools and an enticing array of spa therapies.



Waitomo Caves, Waikato

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. For a truly luxurious experience, arrange to be dropped off on the shores of Lake Rotoiti for a barbecue lunch lakeside followed by a cruise on the 53-foot catamaran, Tuia, and a soak in the Manipura Hot Springs - only accessible by boat.

Thermal culture Experience an evening cultural performance at the famous Māori art and craft school, Te Puia. Dine under the stars on indigenous cuisine in the midst of Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, with the Pōhutu Geyser and steam vents illuminated as a natural and spectacular backdrop.



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 International 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 Wakatipu. There's no better way to arrive in the adventure capital of the world.

Lunch among the vines Take a short trip to the nearby Gibbston Valley wine region to enjoy lunch at one of its renowned vineyards. The scenic, high altitude region is known for its Pinot Noir and its fine selection of tasty cheeses. Spend the afternoon sampling the local vintages on a boutique wine tour of the region.

Exclusive lakeside dining Return to Queenstown in the evening for dinner at an exclusive restaurant alongside Lake Wakatipu. 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 the lake towards the Remarkables mountain range.



DAY SIX - QUEENSTOWN

Wilderness Experience Experience a day of inspiring adventure on one of the South Island's most picturesque rivers. Join Dart River Jet Safaris for an exhilarating journey from the head of Lake Wakatipu into the pristine Dart River and spectacular Mount Aspiring National Park. The Funyak Safari offers both jet boating and drifting down the river in inflatable Funyak canoes. Along the way you will enjoy a delicious wilderness buffet lunch, stunning scenery and captivating Māori history.

Boutique shopping Return to Queenstown in the late afternoon to explore its boutique shopping scene. Queenstown's Mall is an ideal place to track down a gift for friends and offers a wide variety of restaurants and bars where you can spend the evening relaxing with your choice of delicious food and wine.

Dinner with a view Finish the day with a mouth watering dinner at a vineyard near Queenstown. Stoneridge Estate is ideal for incentive groups and offers unsurpassed panoramic lake and alpine mountain views.



DAY SEVEN - QUEENSTOWN

Scenic helicopter tour Begin the day with a scenic helicopter flight over Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown township, before landing on top of mile-high Cecil Peak. The relaxed and leisurely flight will leave you with a lasting appreciation of how Queenstown earned its name - a town literally "fit for a Queen". Continue the flight to Walter Peak Station situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. 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 Restaurant. 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.

