

# NORTH ISLAND

The North Island is home to vibrant cities, rolling hills, native forests and rich Maori influences to create a fascinating tapestry of landscape and culture. From the beaches and history of the Bay of Islands to the mudpools, geysers and rich Maori heritage of Rotorua; from the deserted beaches and Kauri forests of the Coromandel Peninsula to the world class wines of Hawke's Bay, accessed by the very different cities of Wellington and Auckland, you can't fail to be impressed with this rich and varied island.

## TOP EXPERIENCES

Cruise along Auckland Harbour to Waiheke Island and discover its laid back approach to life.

Immerse yourself in a natural spa bath on Hot Water Beach and discover amazing secluded beaches on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Explore geothermal mud pools, geysers and volcanic crater lakes in Rotorua.

## FACT FILE

**Climate:** The North Island enjoys a subtropical climate with seasons opposite to those of the UK. Summer is from December to February and Winter is from June to August.

**GMT:** + 12 hours (Mar - Oct)  
+ 13 hours (Oct - Mar)



# AUCKLAND

Auckland is the kind of city where most of the population live within half an hour of beautiful beaches, hiking trails and holiday islands. Known as the 'City of Sails' for its love of the water, there's much more than the city centre, visit Waiheke Island for its excellent wineries and beaches or the Waitekere Ranges for its wilderness forests.

## > AUCKLAND ESSENTIALS

4 Day Package from £229 per adult

Day 1: Transfer by shuttle to your hotel where the rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Bay of Islands day tour - Travel across Auckland Harbour Bridge via the Hibiscus Coast to beautiful uncrowded beaches and native forests, including a cruise to Cape Brett to sail through the famous 'Hole in the Rock' natural stone archway.

Day 3: On a day of leisure you may choose to head out west to the Waitakere Ranges, joining our Wilderness Experience tour to the wild and rugged West Coast.

Day 4: Transfer back to the airport for your onward flight.

Please note: Prices are per person based on twin share and include three nights accommodation, return airport transfers and one day tour. Supplements apply over special events and prices may vary with availability.





**Chifley Suites Auckland ★★★★★**

Chifley Suites Auckland is only 100 metres from the shops of Queen St, perfectly positioned to take advantage of the hustle and bustle of the central city while providing a peaceful retreat. There is a world of dining and entertainment right on your doorstep, and being close to buses, train and ferry, you can easily explore all that Auckland has to offer.

FROM £36 PER ADULT



**Copthorne Harbour City ★★★★★**

Situated in one of Auckland's finest locations, directly on the waterfront, stands the Copthorne Hotel Auckland Harbour City. Just a short walk away you will find the business district and a vast array of cosmopolitan restaurants, bars, shops and Auckland's famous 'Sky Tower'. All room types boast stunning views across the Waitemata Harbour.

FROM £35 PER ADULT



**SKYCITY Auckland ★★★★★**

Enjoy all the luxury and comfort of a first-class hotel with spacious rooms and all the facilities you'd expect of an international hotel. From the world-class Casino to a selection of restaurants, bars and cafes, live entertainment and the spectacular views across Auckland from the Sky Tower 328 metres high, there really is something for everyone.

**FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates**

FROM £48 PER ADULT



**Copthorne Hotel & Resort, Bay of Islands ★★★★★**

This waterfront hotel is situated in the Waitangi National Trust Reserve and shares sixty acres of sub-tropical parkland with the historic Waitangi Treaty House. In addition to sitting adjacent to a scenic golf course and native bush walks, this is an ideal location from which to explore the Bay of Islands.

**FREE UPGRADE - Selected dates**

FROM £35 PER ADULT



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**Day Tour**

**WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE: BUSH AND BEACH**

Head to the Waitakere Ranges, at the Arataki Centre admire the magnificent Maori carvings, before exploring the rugged west coast, home to giant tree ferns, native birds and Kauri trees.

FROM £71 PER ADULT

**IPIPIRI BAY OF ISLANDS OVERNIGHT CRUISE**

Your cruise will run a full commentary as you sail around the Bay of Islands' spectacular landmarks, crew members will delight in sharing their myths and stories of this historical Northland region. Whilst the ship anchors in the warm, calm waters, you will be taken to one of many small islands where you can enjoy snorkelling, kayaking and swimming.

OVERNIGHT TOUR FROM PAIHIA FROM £192 PER ADULT

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Skyline Gondola, Rotorua

## ROTORUA, TAUPO & TONGARIRO

Rotorua is the heartland of New Zealand’s Maori culture and is an astonishing land of spouting geysers, bubbling mud pools and steam vents. Further south, Lake Taupo is the adventure capital of the North Island, and the World Heritage Tongariro National Park is home to three volcanoes and is one of the finest day walks in the world.



### > FLOATPLANE TO Mt TARAWERA VOLCANO

From Lake Rotorua take to the skies in a floatplane and see the area from a different perspective. Head towards the Crater Lakes district, and wonder at Mount Tarawera, where a massive volcanic eruption changed the landscape in 1886. Continue south past the steaming cliffs and hot lakes of the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, before returning to Rotorua over the Blue and Green Lakes and the geysers of Whakarewarewa.

FROM £117 PER ADULT

### > HUKA FALLS JET BOAT & HELI FLIGHT

Perfect for thrillseekers – combine the exhilaration of a jetboat ride with a breathtaking flight over stunning countryside. Hold on tight and get ready for a 360 degree spin! Your ride takes you along a beautiful river environment, to the very base of the Huka Falls, before boarding a helicopter for a 10 minute flight over spectacular scenery.

FROM £162 PER ADULT

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Day Tour

### TAMAKI TOURS HANGI & CONCERT

Enjoy a night of truly authentic, traditional Maori culture and entertainment, where you'll be introduced to a world of ancient Maori and proud warriors. Journey back in time through the Maori village of 'Te Tawa Ngahere Pa' and experience pre-European lifestyle and customs with tribal songs, dances and activities. As the night unfolds share a Hangi feast, cooked the traditional way on hot stones in an earthen oven.

FROM £56 PER ADULT

### Rydges Rotorua ★★★★★

Located on the edge of Rotorua's Arawa Racecourse, Rydges Rotorua commands panoramic views across the city to Lake Rotorua and Mokoia Island. The hotel itself offers spacious accommodation and a wide range of facilities, including the Atrium Café which is set in a spectacular four storey central court area, where you literally dine under the stars.

FROM £35 PER ADULT



### Holiday Inn Rotorua ★★★★★

This hotel is positioned to offer unprecedented access to the cultural and geothermal wonders of New Zealand's most unique city. It is within walking distance of the famous Whakarewarewa Thermal area and Te Puia (Maori arts and crafts centre). The accommodation is founded on luxury and comfort, with a thermally heated outdoor pool and spa.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £35 PER ADULT



### Millennium Hotel Rotorua

★★★★★

Located on the shores of Lake Rotorua and just a short walk from the central business and shopping areas, the Millennium Rotorua is ideally situated to enjoy the many activities in this region including the Polynesian Spa. This impressive deluxe lakeside hotel offers well-appointed rooms and comfortable accommodation.

FREE UPGRADE - Selected dates

FROM £41 PER ADULT



### Beechtree Motel, Taupo ★★★★★

Situated within the heart of Taupo, you will find a selection of shops, bars, restaurant, nightlife and the lakefront, just a few steps from Beechtree Motel. With a choice of studio, one and two bedroom apartments, this is the perfect choice for a family stay in the adventure capital of the North Island.

FROM £44 PER ADULT



### Millennium Hotel & Resort Taupo

★★★★★

Situated on the shores of Lake Taupo, the Millennium Hotel and Resort is a Mediterranean style hotel which offers spectacular views of the lake and mountains. The lakefront rooms are tastefully decorated in French provincial style where you can step from your room onto the lake shore or a private balcony beside the heated swimming pool.

FROM £52 PER ADULT



### Bayview Chateau, Tongariro

★★★★★

Bayview Chateau Tongariro is situated at the foot of Mount Ruapehu within the Tongariro National Park. Retaining many of its original features dating back to 1929, this is a perfect retreat following a day walking in the Tongariro National Park. The hotel is approximately halfway between the North Island's two largest cities, Auckland and Wellington.

FROM £74 PER ADULT



Huka Falls Jet Boat





## COROMANDEL, BAY OF PLENTY & HAWKES BAY

The Coromandel Peninsula is one of New Zealand's best-loved holiday destinations and is a mixture of rainforest, volcanic hills and beaches, whilst further down the coast the Bay of Plenty is home to beautiful harbours, excellent surf and an easy going lifestyle. Combine this with a trip to Eastland – Hawkes Bay is a premier wine region with an abundance of fine wineries and rolling countryside, and Napier boasts stunning Art Deco architecture.



Day Tour

### ON YER BIKE WINE TOUR

With routes catering for all levels of fitness, pick up a bicycle, map, and packed lunch and head off to taste wines in the Hawkes Bay wine region.

FROM £34 PER ADULT



Day Tour

### GLASS BOTTOM BOAT WHITIANGA

Explore the breathtaking volcanic coastline of the Coromandel and watch the amazing marine life up close as your skipper takes you on an adventure through the Marine Reserve. Including a fun commentary enriched with local history and culture, spot dolphins, seals and penguins – with equipment provided if you fancy snorkelling!

FROM £49 PER ADULT

### > KIWI DUNDEE - NATURE & COAST FULL DAY WALK

Highlights of your day will be a leisurely walk through beautiful regenerating Kauri forest full of fern trees, glowworms in an old gold cave, a visit to Hotwater beach (tide permitting) or depending on fitness a walk down in to the famous Cathedral Cove.

FROM £132 PER ADULT

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## > TWILIGHT ODYSSEY TOUR

Experience Hawke's Bay at its best with this progressive three course meal across some of New Zealand's top winery restaurants. Start your evening at a boutique brewery before participating in a wine tasting, indulge in gourmet platters and enjoy a Champagne sunset on Te Mata Peak. Complete your meal at New Zealand's oldest winery, the Mission Estate.

WINE AND GOURMET ODYSSEY FROM £48 PER ADULT  
V.I.P. PLATINUM TWILIGHT ODYSSEY FROM £150 PER ADULT

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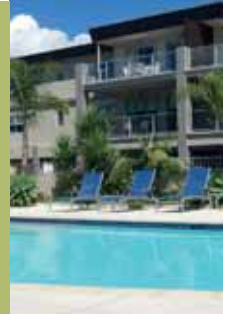
### Marina Park Apartments

★★★★☆

All 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments are of a modern design and are perfect for a luxury stay in the Coromandel region.

**FREE NIGHTS** - Selected dates

FROM £58 PER ADULT



### Pauanui Pines Motor Lodge

★★★★☆

Within easy walking distance of the beach, and spread amongst trees, gardens and open spaces, this is a lovely destination to relax and unwind.

FROM £46 PER ADULT



### Grand Mercure Puka Park

★★★★☆

Guests are accommodated in elegant and luxurious chalets, each with private balcony. Superb dining and a spectacular beach all add up to a very special experience.

**ROOM CREDIT** - Selected dates

FROM £66 PER ADULT



### Marine Reserved Apartments

★★★★☆

Just a stones throw from the golden sands of Whangamata beach, this offers contemporary self catering accommodation on the Coromandel Peninsula.

FROM £56 PER ADULT



### Scenic Hotel Te Pania

★★★★☆

The hotel enjoys a desirable, central waterfront location on Marine Parade, just two minutes from Napier's famous art deco style main street.

**FREE UPGRADE** - Selected dates

FROM £46 PER ADULT



### The Crown Hotel, Napier

★★★★☆

Overlooking the waterfront in the village of Ahuriri, the hotel offers luxury boutique accommodation. The hotel has 43 stylish and unique guest suites.

**FREE NIGHTS** - Selected dates

FROM £56 PER ADULT



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# AROUND WELLINGTON

Wellington is New Zealand's capital city, with a laid back atmosphere and a vibrant café culture along with great shopping and live entertainment. Head to Mount Victoria for stunning views over the city and harbour. Within easy reach of the city you'll find Martinborough, home to numerous vineyards and Palliser Bay – an area of beautiful wild coastline.



## > ZEALANDIA: TWILIGHT KIWI SPOTTING

As dusk falls the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary comes alive with birdsong, join your guide as you endeavour to seek out the elusive New Zealand mascot, the kiwi.

FROM £47 PER ADULT

## > MARTINBOROUGH WINES

Step onboard a 90 minute train journey to the world-class wine region, Wairarapa. Lunch is included at one of the delightful cafés, before continuing to the remainder of the days selected wineries.

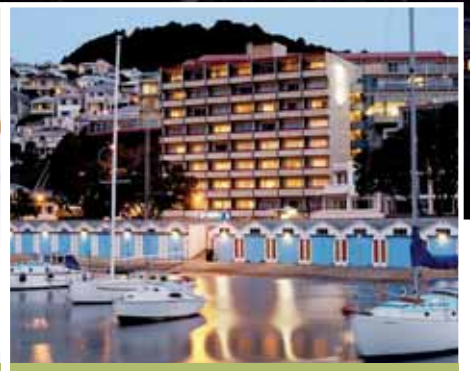
FROM £115 PER ADULT

## > CAPE PALLISER BAY

Visit Cape Palliser Bay to spot the largest fur seal colony on the North Island – a truly unique experience. Join a tour which also takes in the highlights of 'Middle Earth' from the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

FROM £101 PER ADULT

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### Mercure Wellington★★★★★

The prime location offers panoramic views of the city and is located just a short walk to the fashionable Cuba Quarter and many of the capital's famous attractions. The hotel has facilities including the Brasserie 345 Restaurant, Lobby Bar and a Business Centre.

**FREE BREAKFAST** - Selected dates

FROM £31 PER ADULT

### Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay★★★★★

Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay is situated in an enviable position right on the waterfront. Only two minutes walk from Te Papa Museum, the vibrant Courtney Place and theatre district.

**FREE UPGRADE** - Selected dates

FROM £54 PER ADULT





### Intercontinental Wellington

★★★★★

You will find all of the city's main attractions in close proximity, including coffee shops, restaurants and nightlife. Take a dip in the heated indoor swimming pool or relax in the spa, if you are looking for something more upbeat, take advantage of the gym.

**FREE CABLECAR TICKETS - Selected dates**  
FROM £77 PER ADULT



### Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park ★★★★★

Set amongst the vineyards, mountains and rural grasslands of the Wairarapa region, the hotel is nestled in 24 acres of stunning parklands near to Masterton. This is the ideal base from which to explore this famous wine region, just an hour drive from Wellington.

**FREE UPGRADE - Selected dates**  
FROM £43 PER ADULT



### Peppers Parea Country Estate, Martinborough

★★★★★

Little more than an hour by road from Wellington, past scenic vineyard vistas, is this grand estate on the outskirts of this historic village. Idle over a good book in the Pavilion with its comfy sofas or take pre-dinner drinks.

FROM £61 PER ADULT

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# DISCOVER NORTH ISLAND

## North Island Wanderer

9 Day Self Drive from £686 per adult



**AVIS**

**DAY 1: AUCKLAND – COROMANDEL PENINSULA**

Head south following the Seabird Coast, before arriving in Thames. Explore the dramatic coast before a stay in Pauanui or Whitianga.

**DAY 2: COROMANDEL**

Enjoy the day at your leisure visiting the area's attractions, such as Hot Water Beach and Cathedral Cove. One option is to take a guided Nature & Coastal tour, which includes walks through Kauri forests.

**DAY 3: COROMANDEL (VIA TAURANGA) – ROTORUA**

In the Bay of Plenty there is chance to see, or even swim with dolphins. The evening is spent in Rotorua, where you will enjoy a traditional Maori concert and Hangi meal.

**DAY 4: ROTORUA – LAKE TAUPO**

Spend the morning in Rotorua before travelling to Lake Taupo. Stop at Orakei Korako thermal area, before continuing on to Taupo.

**DAY 5: LAKE TAUPO - NAPIER**

Depart Taupo and head for the Hawke's Bay region, famous for its wine, food and scenery.

**DAY 6: NAPIER**

Today is free to enjoy this Art Deco and wine region – why not sample the delights of the region on the Twilight Odyssey tour?

**DAY 7: NAPIER – MARTINBOROUGH**

Head south and onwards to Martinborough, well known for its vineyards. Spend the afternoon on a wine trail, either by foot or bicycle.

**DAY 8: MARTINBOROUGH – WELLINGTON**

Drive over the beautiful Rimutaka Hills to Wellington, the nation's capital - don't miss Te Papa, the interactive Museum of New Zealand.

**DAY 9: WELLINGTON**

Today is time to return your hire car and continue on your journey. Austravel recommends spending an extra couple of nights in the nation's capital, why not participate in a food lovers walking tour.

**Please Note:** Itinerary valid from 1st April 2013 and may alter prior to this. Prices are per person and include eight nights twin share accommodation, an information pack and are based on a Group B car hire. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on some properties on certain dates. Driving times and distances are approximate. (AK7)

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Coromandel Peninsula





## Follow The Grapevine



6 Day Self Drive  
from £571 per adult

**AVIS**

### DAY 1: AUCKLAND - TAUPO

Drive via the geothermal region of Rotorua, famous for its mud pools and geysers before arriving at Taupo, the main centre of the region.

### DAY 2: TAUPO – NAPIER

Continue on your gourmet trail to the Hawke's Bay region, renowned for its vineyards and orchards.

### DAY 3: NAPIER AT LEISURE

Spend the day at leisure in Napier enjoying the many vineyards and wonderful restaurants in the area.

### DAY 4: NAPIER – MARTINBOROUGH

Travel south to the picturesque village of Martinborough, via the small country towns of Carterton, Greytown and Featherston. Here you can walk or cycle to the numerous vineyards nearby and enjoy fine dining in what has become an increasingly popular gourmet destination.

### DAY 5: MARTINBOROUGH AT LEISURE

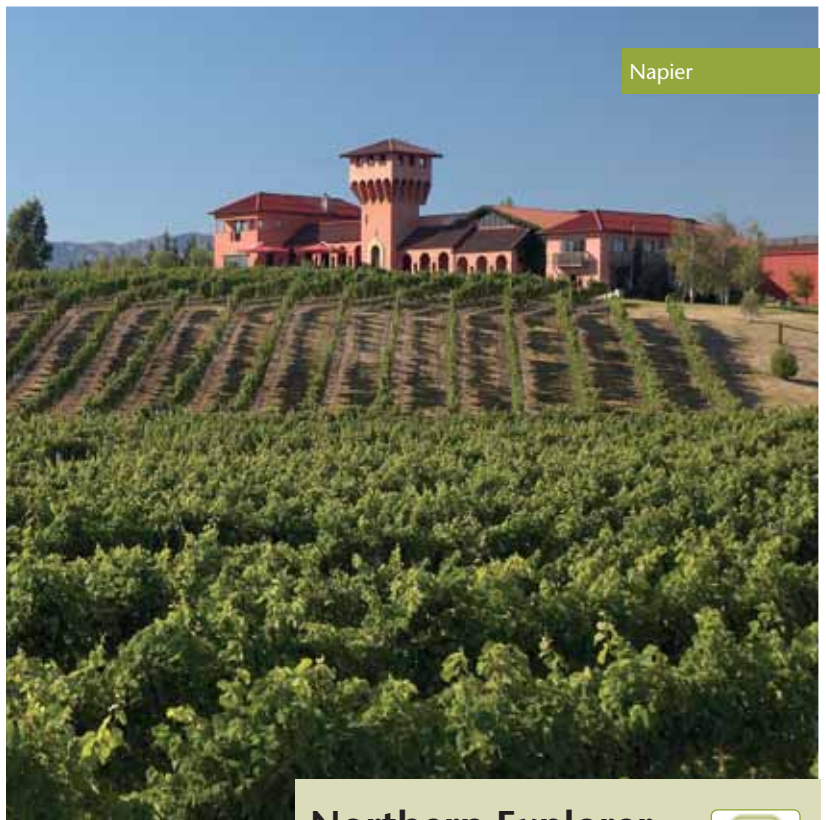
With a day free why not join a Gourmet Wine Escape Tour, where you can enjoy tastings at four Martinborough vineyards and lunch in a vineyard café, with sample tastings of the world famous Pinot Noir.

### DAY 6: MARTINBOROUGH – WELLINGTON

Drive to the capital city Wellington through beautiful rolling hills; head up to the botanical gardens via the cable car or join a Gourmet walking tour where you will visit a boutique coffee roaster and food stores.

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Napier

## Northern Explorer



7 Day Independent Itinerary  
from £537 per adult

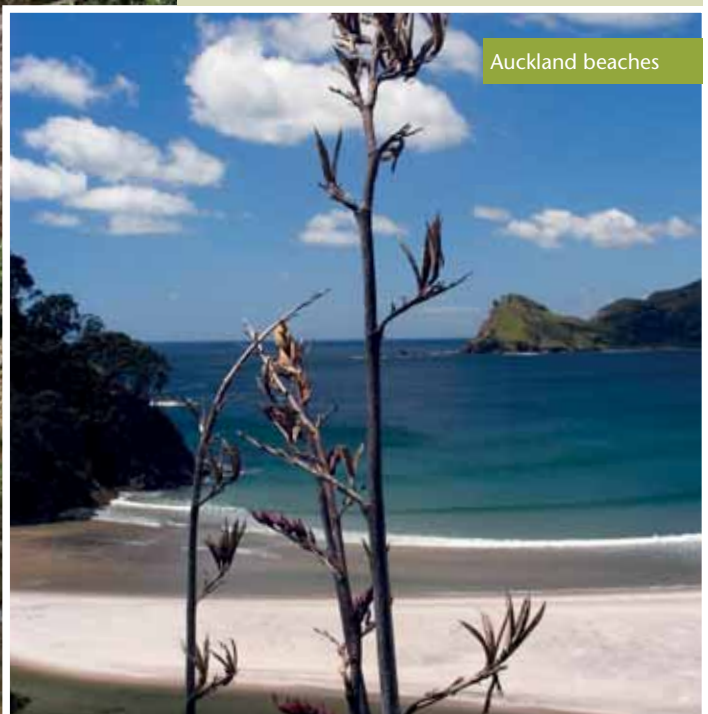
What better way to savour the New Zealand countryside than to travel by rail. Explore the city of Auckland with beautiful beaches and holiday islands. Then take the strain out of a longer journey and travel from Auckland to Wellington on the Northern Explorer train, stopping off in the World Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park for one of the finest day walks in the world.

**Please Note:** Price includes 2 nights in Auckland, 2 nights in Tongariro National Park, 2 nights in Wellington, plus train journey from Auckland to Wellington and a Tongariro Crossing day tour.

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Tongariro National Park



Auckland beaches