

**10**  
DAYS

# ULTIMATE NORTH ISLAND

● Auckland to Wellington



## Highlights of this trip:

- 9 nights accommodation in central hotels
- Dining inclusions - 9 Breakfast, 8 Dinners
- City Highlights Tours in Auckland & Wellington
- Discover the Bay of Islands
- Entry to Kauri Museum
- Entry to Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- 'Hole in the Rock' Cruise
- Entry to Skytower
- Yacht Sailing on Auckland Harbour
- Visit the Coromandel Peninsula
- Coromandel Guided Nature walk
- Explore Rotorua's Thermal Reserves
- Agrodome Sheep Show
- Skyline Skyrides & Luge Ride
- Rainbow Springs Park
- Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- Tamaki Village & Hangi, Rotorua
- Visit Lake Taupo & Huka Falls
- Tongariro National Park

See more online at:  
[www.rirratours.co.nz](http://www.rirratours.co.nz)

### Day 1 - Arrive Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand! A Kirra Tours representative will greet you at the airport, with transport waiting to take you to your hotel.

Overnight accommodation:  
1 Night - Rydges Hotel

### Day 2 - Auckland/Bay of Islands

Cross Auckland's Harbour Bridge and visit the Kauri Museum. Learn about the Kauri tree and the history of the region's early settlement. Continue north to Paihia where our local Maori guide, a descendant of the original settlers to the region, greets you. A self guided tour through the famous Treaty House, the Maori Meeting House and giant war canoe. (B,D)

Overnight accommodation:  
2 Nights - Tanoa Hotel Paihia

### Day 3 - Bay of Islands

Today is at your leisure. Take the time to relax and enjoy the beauty of the Bay of Islands. If you want to take advantage of your time here your Coach Captain will happily assist with arranging activities for you. (B,D)

Optional Bay of Islands  
Overnight Cruise on page 46

### + Optional: Cape Reinga Day Trip

One of most popular options is the Full Day Tour to Cape Reinga, New Zealand's northern most point. You travel along Ninety Mile Beach to reach the famous Cape Reinga Lighthouse.

### Day 4 - Bay of Islands/Auckland

Explore the Bay with a cruise to Cape Brett and the famous "Hole in the Rock". Returning to Paihia, board your Coach for the journey south to Auckland city. (B,D)

Overnight accommodation:  
1 Night - Rydges Hotel

### Day 5 - Auckland/Whangamata

A city tour of Auckland and a visit to Skytower, before heading to the Viaduct to board a 15m yacht on Auckland Harbour, all before heading south to the Coromandel Peninsula. (B,D)

Overnight accommodation:  
2 Nights - Breakers Motel

### Day 6 - Coromandel Peninsula

Today explore the Coromandel region with Kiwi Dundee Adventures. Visiting regenerating Kauri forest and lush fern groves, discover the old roads to Puketui an 1890's gold mining town and visit a goldmine studded with glowworms (B,D)

### Day 7 - Whangamata/Rotorua

Today starts with the Agrodome Sheep Show, then a Gondola ride to the top at Skyline Skyride for superb views over the region. Explore Rainbow Springs Park, spotting native birds

and animals including the Kiwi. Visit Te Puia, a geothermal reserve with boiling mud and Pohutu Geyser. This evening enjoy a Maori Hangi feast & concert featuring Maori songs, chants and the stirring haka (entire group). (B,D)

Overnight accommodation:  
1 Night - Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua

### Day 8 - Rotorua/Turangi

We head south to the Wairakei Geothermal Valley, visiting the powerful Huka Falls before arriving at Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake. (B,D)

Overnight accommodation:  
1 Night - Bridge Lodge

### + Optional: Tongariro White Water Rafting

This is a bucket list trip, experiencing the Tongariro River, grade 3 surrounded by volcanic cliffs. An easy rafting trip for the inexperienced, your guide will point out points of interest as you absorb your surroundings. We highly recommended this trip.

### Day 9 - Turangi/Wellington

As you travel south the volcanic mountains - Ruapehu, Tongariro and Ngauruhoe dominate the view. Stop for lunch at Pukaha, Mt Bruce for a chance to get up close with some of New Zealand's endangered species. Continuing south you head over the Rimutaka's before reaching the capital city Wellington. (B,D)

Overnight accommodation:  
1 Night - Bay Plaza Hotel

### Day 10 - Wellington

Today is goodbye to all your new found friends before you make your homeward journey. You will be transferred to Wellington Airport to join your flight home. (B)

## Departure and Prices

ALL YEAR ROUND \$2,825pp

TOUR	START	FINISH
XP21	7 Oct 11	16 Oct 11
XP25	4 Nov 11	13 Nov 11
XP29	2 Dec 11	11 Dec 11
XP31	16 Dec 11	25 Dec 11
XP34	6 Jan 12	15 Jan 12
XP36	20 Jan 12	29 Jan 12
XP37	27 Jan 12	5 Feb 12
XP38	3 Feb 12	12 Feb 12
XP40	17 Feb 12	26 Feb 12
XP41	24 Feb 12	4 Mar 12
XP42	2 Mar 12	11 Mar 12
XP44	16 Mar 12	25 Mar 12
XP46	30 Mar 12	8 Apr 12

### Supplements

Single room supp. add \$750

\*Tours begin on a Friday.