

Learning Journeys' Amazing North Island Tour

"...the best part of my stay (in New Zealand)"



Welcome to Learning Journeys' AWESOME North Island Tour

"I'll have great memories about this trip and I made awesome friends"

During your trip you will see the best that the North Island has to offer. You will make **new friends**, see fantastic scenery, enjoy delicious food and experience some of the most exciting adventure activities on offer. Each day is a new adventure as you are driven in comfort and shown around by experienced guides there to make your tour the best part of your stay in New Zealand.

The trip highlights are shown below, and those **marked** are included in our amazing value price of \$1,545 (early bird rate available if you pay by 5th April) or \$1595, if you pay later. This includes all **dinners** (mostly at restaurants) and **breakfasts**. Just let us know if you are vegetarian or glucose intolerant or similar. **Accommodation, including linen**, is at comfortable hostels.

Tour groups are small and very friendly, limited to a maximum size of 28 students. Your friendly guides will take **lots of photos and upload them to Facebook** for you to share with your family and friends.

[Contact us now for information or to make a booking](#) or visit us at



1st July

Auckland - Bay of Islands



We'll **collect you and your new friends** to be from the airport or city centre at 12 noon to begin our fantastic North Island tour. We travel first to the Bay of Islands and enjoy **a tour of Paihia** including the **Waitangi Treaty House and a fully-carved Maori Meeting House** while you get to know your new friends. Waitangi is the historic site where, in 1840, Maori and Europeans signed the Treaty of Waitangi, the charter that formed New Zealand's governing agreement. **Dinner is at a restaurant** near our accommodation.

Overnight Paihia

2nd July

Paihia - Cape Reinga



Today we'll journey to the far north of New Zealand and explore the history and uncover the legends of this varied and dramatic landscape. We'll visit **Kauri forest and lonely beaches on our way to Cape Reinga** which, according to Maori legend, is the departing place of souls on their journey to their homeland, Hawaiki. . On the way back you'll learn some quick sand surfing techniques before grabbing a boogie board to **surf down the massive sand dunes** at the Te Pahi Stream and the bus will take us along **90 Mile beach** a registered highway, believe it or not, including the 100km/h speed limit.

Fish and chips from one of the country's most highly rated fish and chip shops is your main course for dinner tonight, **with fruit and cheesecake** to fill you up if necessary!

Overnight Paihia

"I had a very great time..."

3rd July

Bay of Islands - Pakiri

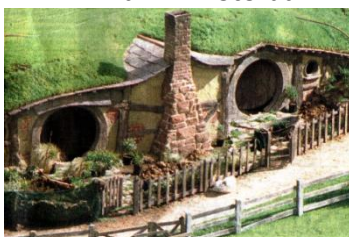


Enjoy some free time in Paihia this morning. You may choose to take a short **boat ride to historic Russell**, New Zealand's first capital and once described as "the hellhole of the Pacific. Or you may prefer to try dolphin watching (swimming) or to take a fast boat ride to the Hole in the Rock at Cape Brett. We'll then head south, stopping to explore Whangarei on the way to **Pakiri, one of our most stunning east coast beaches** with magnificent views of Little Barrier and the Hen and Chicken Islands. Our hosts at tonight's accommodation will provide an **all you can eat buffet**.

Overnight Pakiri Beach

4th July

Pakiri - Rotorua



We'll visit **Rangitoto Island** today, Auckland's newest and biggest volcano. Take a walk to the summit for fabulous views and explore the **lava caves**. On our way to Rotorua we'll stop for a **Hobbiton Movie Set Tour**. This is a real must-do for every Lord of the Rings fan t especially as the original set has been rebuilt for filming of the Hobbit at the end of last year. The set is on a working sheep farm, so **watch sheep shearing and feed lambs too**.

This evening in Rotorua, **dinner** will be an all you can eat buffet at one of the city's most popular restaurants.

Overnight Rotorua

5th July - Rotorua



We'll show you around some of **Rotorua's bizarre geothermal highlights**, right in the centre of the city before helping you organise your choice of a variety of adventure activities, include a Tandem Skydive, Zorb, Bungy, mountain biking or gondola and luge.

You'll spend this evening at **Mitai Maori Village** An evening at Mitai will give you an authentic **introduction to Maori culture, including music and haka , a traditional hangi meal** and your only opportunity in the Rotorua area to see **glow worms**

Overnight Rotorua

6th July Rotorua - Taupo



Our first stop today is **Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland**, New Zealand's most colourful natural volcanic environment including the Lady Knox geyser, the world famous Champagne Pool, bubbling mud, steaming ground, huge volcanic craters and silica terraces.

Next it's on to the famous **Huka falls** and **nearby honey centre**. Spend some time on the shore of **New Zealand's largest lake** then **watch** or participate in **bungy jumping**.

After a **delicious restaurant meal** relax in the hot pools or perhaps try the hydro-slide

Overnight Taupo

7th July Taupo - National Park



Today you have a choice of a white water rafting adventure on the Tongariro River which provides one of nature's finest, fun-filled roller coaster rides (60 rapids in three hours) Between the paddling and excitement, observe the native blue duck, the mystical ancient beech forest, the fantails and swallows chasing their insect meals. followed by a stunning but easy hike around beautiful crater lake Rotopounamu, **OR (snow-permitting, a day's skiing on** the slopes of Mt. Ruapehu, the North Island's highest mountain.

Dinner this evening will be in the fire-lit dining room/lounge at our accommodation.

Overnight National Park

8th July National Park - Wellington



It's off to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city and seat of government, today. After a scenic drive, we'll show you around the highlights including **Te Papa**, our national museum with a difference and a **cable car ride** to a fabulous view point. You can then take a **tour of Parliament** or enjoy some free time and perhaps some shopping in the city centre before we get together for our final evening meal at a **central city restaurant**.

Overnight Wellington

"That tour was AWESOME guys!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

9th July Wellington - Home



This morning we're going to show you **Zealandia**, the wildlife sanctuary in the middle of a city, a unique conservation attraction, giving visitors one of their best opportunities to see and hear our rare native animals in the wild. Then **we head for the airport** by 1400, where you exchange contact details with all your new friends and sadly, we say our good-byes.

Before you leave, your guides will make sure you have details of the Learning Journeys' Facebook page so that you can see all the trip photos. We will also give you a website link so that you can **download your favourite photos** at high resolution.

"I was so sad that it was all over this morning..."

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