

Trilogy Tour | Hobbits, Geysers and Glow-worms

13th-14th August

Day 1 Auckland to Rotorua



0700 Depart Auckland

1030 **Hobbiton:** is a real must-do for every Lord of the Rings fan travelling through New Zealand. Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque working sheep farm with spectacular views across the Kaimai Ranges. Your guide will explain how the Hobbiton set was created and tell stories about what went on during filming. The Hobbiton movie set was recently fully restored for filming of the Hobbit. There's no better time to visit.

1430 **Cable car and luge** (one ride included). The luge is an exciting ride for all ages. **A world 'first' proudly designed and built in Rotorua**, the luge is a fun filled ride on a three-wheeled cart. The unique braking and steering system provides the riders **full control** and allows them to travel as fast or slowly as they wish.

1630 **Tamaki Maori Village:** an evening at Tamaki Maori Village will give you an authentic introduction to Maori culture, including music and haka, and a traditional hangi meal.

Overnight Rotorua – Treks YHA



Day 2 Rotorua – Waitomo - Auckland



0900 **Te Puia:** Tour Rotorua's most spectacular geothermal park, location of New Zealand's biggest and most active geysers, as well as spectacular mud pools and boiling hot springs. See the famous kiwi bird and explore pre and post European Maori communities. Learn how Maori practise their traditional skills of woodcarving and flax weaving. Enjoy a Maori Cultural show and experience a glimpse of the way of life of Maori people before the arrival of the Europeans.

1400 **Visit Waitomo's famous glow worm cave** and enjoy the fascinating and beautiful limestone formations and glow worm gallery, as full of glow-worms as a clear night sky with stars. Glowworms are the larvae of fungus gnats, found mostly in caves and grottos, or sheltered places in forests. The larva spins a nest out of silk then suspends mucus covered threads of silk, 30 or 40 cm long from it. The larva glows to attract prey and a hungry larva glows brighter than one which has just eaten.

1500 depart for Tauranga, arriving back about 1730 to 1800.

Price

\$410 per person (includes transport and guide throughout, entry fees, hostel accommodation, dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning (subject to minimum numbers)

