## **GLOWWORMS, HOBBITS, GEYSERS**

Otorohanga Kiwi House, Waitomo, Hobbiton, Rotorua, Taupo Volcanic Plateau option

3 days/2 nights. Depart Auckland every thursday year round (Minimum 2 passengers)

Option to end in Auckland, Rotorua, Taupo, or Wellington

## Day 1. Thursday AUCKLAND - WAITOMO - HOBBITON - ROTORUA (L) Depart Auckland 7.45am. Pickup from any inner city accommodation prior.

Drive south to visit the Otorohanga Kiwi house to see our native birds at feeding time then on to Waitomo Caves for a tour of the main limestone cave and cruise through the glowworm grotto. Enjoy a barbecue buffet lunch and visit beautiful Lake Karapiro en route to the Hobbiton Movie Set for a guided tour. Drive through part of the 500 hectare sheep and cattle farm. See the Hobbit Holes, Gardens, Bag End, Party Tree, Lake, Mill, and much more. Enjoy one cold drink at the Green Dragon Inn. Continue to Rotorua.

## Day 2. Friday ROTORUA (BD)

Visit the Waiotapu thermal area – most colourful in New Zealand. See Lady Knox geyser play and the largest boiling mud pool in New Zealand. Return to Rotorua and visit the world famed Te Puia thermal area for a guided tour of the thermal valley including the bubbling mud pools, famed Pohutu Geyser and the Maori carving and weaving school. Take a ride on the Skyline gondola for a panoramic view over Lake Rotorua, and luge if you wish – luge extra expense. Visit the lakefront and government gardens and Kuirau Park thermal area before enjoying the Agrodome farm show and farm tour. This evening enjoy an exciting presentation of Maori culture and hangi steam cooked dinner.

## Day 3. Saturday ROTORUA – TAUPO – AUCKLAND (B

Drive south through part of the Kaiangaroa forest to Lake Taupo. Visit the Aratiatia Rapids, Honey Hive, Huka Falls, Geothermal Discovery Centre, Craters of the Moon thermal area, town and lakefront. Time for an optional (extra expense) bungy jump, flight over the central North Island volcanoes of the Tongariro National Park, or an exciting jet boat ride to the Huka Falls before returning to Rotorua and Auckland.

Option to travel from Taupo to Wellington by scheduled coach arriving mid evening — no change in cost. Travel from Rotorua to Auckland may be by scheduled coach. Your Auckland driver may return to Auckland friday night.

**Tour cost per person** 2 per room \$1,160 3 per room \$1,120 Single \$1,290

#### Tour cost includes:

- \*\* All travel from Auckland back to Auckland (or end Taupo, Rotorua, or Wellington).
- \*\* 2 nights accommodation and breakfast. 1 barbecue lunch and 1 hangi dinner
- \*\* Sightseeing admissions to Otorohanga Kiwi House, Waitomo Glowworm Cave, Hobbiton Movie Set, Waiotapu, Skyline gondola, Agrodome farm show and tour, Maori concert and hangi. Craters of the Moon

### ADD TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK AND GRAND CHATEAU

Transfer to the Grand Chateau saturday afternoon for 1 night accommodation and breakfast and return to Auckland aboard the "Northern Explorer train sunday afternoon.

Extra cost per person 2 per room \$490 Triple Room \$470 Single room \$630

## **GLOWWORMS HOBBITS AND THERMAL HIGHLIGHTS**

2 days/1 night. Return to Auckland friday evening (excludes hangi and concert)
 Tour cost per person 2 per room \$890 3 per room \$770 Single room \$870
 1 Day. Return to Auckland from Hobbiton thursday night \$399



## **COROMANDEL PENINSULA**

Seabird Coast, Thames, Pohutukawa Coast, Coromandel,
"Driving Creek Railway", Whitianga, Cooks Cove, Cathedral Cove, Pauanui,
Waihi Gold Centre, Karangahake Gorge, Paeroa
3 days/2 nights, Depart Auckland 2nd Monday every month year round
(Minimum 2 passengers)

### Day 1. Monday AUCKLAND - COROMANDEL - MERCURY BAY

8am. Depart Auckland. Pickup from any inner city accommodation. Drive via Clevedon, Kawakawa Bay and the seabird coast which hosts over 49 species of migratory birds annually. Visit the Miranda Shorebird Centre then on to the historic gold mining centre of Thames. Visit the historic museum and drive along the Pohutukawa Coast to the beautiful and tranquil 20 hectare Rapaura Watergardens. Continue to Coromandel town. Enjoy a ride on the "Driving Creek Railway", among the regenerating native forest to the "Eyefull Tower". Driving Creek is the fulfillment of the passion of Barry Brickell, potter, rail enthusiast, and environmentalist. Cross the Peninsula to the charming town of Whitianga. 2 nights accommodation and breakfast in Whitianga, Tairua, or Pauanui.

## Day 2. Tuesday MERCURY BAY AREA (B

Enjoy a leisurely day exploring Mercury Bay. Famous visitors include the great explorer Kupe around 950AD, and Captain Cook who observed the transit of Mercury on November 9, 1769 at Cooks Beach which we will visit. Enjoy time at Hotwater Beach at low tide where you can 'dig your own' hotwater pool in the sand, and swim in the summer. Enjoy a ninety minute round trip walk to Cathedral Cove and visit a boutique winery, herb garden, and craft centre.

## Options - extra expense:

- · Cathedral Cove Kayak Tour,
- Cruise along the beautiful coast with views of Cathedral Cove, spectacular cliffs and cruise into sea caves – weather permitting.
- · The Lost Spring geothermal pools and Spa

## Day 2. Wednesday MERCURY BAY – WAIHI - AUCKLAND

Visit the beautiful seaside town of Whangamata on the way to Waihi, Visit the Gold Discovery Centre for a guided tour of the modern working Gold Mine. Continue through the Karangahake Gorge with time to take a short walk on the rail trail. Continue through Paeroa, home of Lemon and Paeroa. Visit the site on the Waihou River at the furthermost point inland that Captain Cook came and return to Auckland late afternoon. Drop off at the airport by 6pm, or inner city.

## Tour cost per person 2 per room \$990 3 per room \$950 Single \$1,150 Tour cost includes:

- \*\* All travel from Auckland back to Auckland
- \*\* 2 nights accommodation and breakfast
- \*\* Sightseeing admissions to Miranda Shorebird Centre, Thames Museum, Rapaura Watergarden, Driving Creek Railway, Waihi Gold Mine tour.

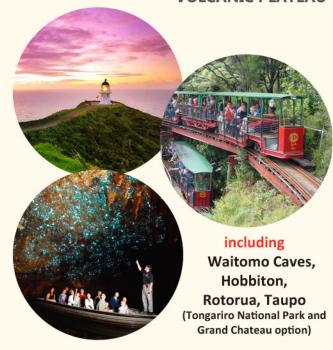
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NORTHLAND / COROMANDEL VOLCANIC PLATEAU



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- \*\* Dargaville
- \*\* Waipoua Forest including "Tane Ngahere" and "Tane Mahuta" giant kauri trees
- \*\* Hokianga Harbour, including Opononi
- \*\* Rawene (Clendon House exterior only)
- \*\* Te Waimate Mission Station
- \*\* Paihia (4 nights)
- \*\* Kerikeri Stone Store and Kemp House tour
- \*\* Haruru falls
- \*\* Waitangi Treaty Grounds including guided tour Maori cultural presentation and time in the excellent Museum portraying the events on the 6th February 1840
- \*\* Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach by special bus
- \*\* Bay of Islands 'Hole in the Rock' Cruise
- \*\* Russell tour including Flagstaff Hill and the oldest church in New Zealand
- \*\* Kawakawa (Hundertwasser toilets and Bay of Islands Vintage Railway)
- \*\* Kawiti Glowworm Caves
- \*\* Ruapekapeka battle site
- \*\* Whangarei Falls
- \*\* Whangarei Town basin including Claphams Clocks

## Day 1. Monday

## AUCKLAND- KAURI MUSEUM AND FOREST - DARGAVILLE - WAIPOUA FOREST - HOKIANGA - RAWENE - WAIMATE MISSION STATION - PAIHIA.

Pickup from any inner city accommodation prior to 8am. Drive north over the Harbour Bridge to the Otamatea Kauri and Early Settlers Museum, one of the best little museums in New Zealand. Learn of the importance of the kauri tree to the development of Northland and see the lifestyle of the early settlers. Continue through Ruawai "Kumara Capital of New Zealand" to Dargaville and on to Waipoua kauri forest. Visit "Tane Ngahere", "The Four Sisters," and "Tane Mahuta" (some 2,000 years old) giant kauri trees. Enjoy the views of the Hokianga Harbour and see the famous statue of 'Opo" the dolphin at Opononi. Visit historic Rawene and see Clendon House built in the 1860's (exterior only) and learn of Baron Du Thierry, self styled 'Sovereign Chief of New Zealand'. Continue to Te Waimate Mission Station established by the Missionaries as a model farm in 1830 and where Charles Darwin spent Christmas in 1835. It is also the scene of the 2nd signing of the Treaty on the 10th February 1840. Accommodation for 4 nights in Paihia, Bay of Islands.

## Day 2. Tuesday. KERI KERI - WAITANGI

(B)

Drive through the citrus orchards to beautiful Kerikeri to visit the Stone Store which opened for business in 1836 and is still trading and take a tour of Kemp House, built in 1822 and the oldest building in New Zealand. Visit Haruru Falls on the return with the option to walk to the Waitangi Bridge if you wish. Visit the Waitangi Treaty grounds for a guided tour, scintillating Maori cultural presentation in the meeting house, see the great war canoe, and enjoy an hour in the excellent Museum (opened 2016) portraying the events of 6th February, 1840.

## Day 3. Wednesday, CAPE REINGA EXCURSION (BL

Depart at 7.15 by special bus to Cape Reinga at the top of New Zealand travelling part way on the sands of Ninety Mile Beach. See the meeting of the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean and some of the beautiful beaches. Three Kings Islands can also be seen on a clear day. Lunch included. Enjoy the drive down the beautiful East Coast passing Doubtless Bay, Coopers Beach, and the beautiful Whangaroa Harbour to return to Paihia.

## Day 4. Thursday, BAY OF ISLANDS (BL)

This morning enjoy a cruise around the Bay of Islands and through the 'Hole in the Rock' - weather permitting. Cruise past the islands and into secluded bays and stopover at Urupukapuka Island for a barbecue buffet lunch and time to explore the island. Often Dolphins are to be seen during the cruise. Disembark at historic Russell, first permanent European settlement in New Zealand, for a tour of the town, including Flagstaff Hill and the oldest church in New Zealand, built in 1836. Enjoy a guided tour of Pompallier House Catholic Mission station built in 1842 including a 'hands on' introduction to tanning leather and bookmaking as done by the Catholic brothers 170 years ago.

Optional relaxing evening dinner cruise up the Waitangi River among the Mangroves to the Haruru Falls and return. Extra cost \$98

## Day 5. Friday, BAY OF ISLANDS - AUCKLAND (B)

Return to Auckland via Kawakawa with a visit to the famed Hundertwasser toilets and the Heritage Railway station opened in 1884. We take a ride to Taumarere on the Bay of Islands Vintage railway. Explore the Kawiti glowworm and limestone caves and visit the site of the Ruapekapeka Pa, scene of the last battle of the Northern Wars in 1846. Visit Whangarei Falls and the town basin with admission to Claphams Clocks included. Return to Auckland about 6pm. You will be taken back to your accommodation or to Auckland Airport. (Airport may be by shuttle . Please do not reserve flights departing before 8pm)

### Tour cost per person

2 per room \$1,590 3 per room \$1,490 Single room \$1,850

## Tour cost includes:

- \*\* All travel by mini bus from Auckland back to Auckland.
- \*\* Tour by special coach from Paihia to Cape Reinga including lunch
- \*\* 4 nights accommodation and breakfast. 2 lunches.
- \*\* Admissions to Otamatea Museum, Te Waimate Mission Station, Kemp House, Waitangi Treaty Grounds tour and concert, Bay of Islands cruise, Russell Tour, Pompallier House tour, Bay of Islands Vintage Railway ride, Kawiti glowworm caves, Claphams Clocks.

### 3 days/2 nights

Depart Auckland 8am every Monday (Minimum 2 passengers)
Also Wednesday and Friday for minimum of 4

## Day 1. Monday AUCKLAND – KAURI MUSEUM AND FOREST HOKIANGA – RAWENE – WAIMATE – BAY OF ISLANDS

8am. Depart Auckland. Pickup from any inner city accommodation prior to 8am. Drive north to the Matakohe Kauri and early Settlers Museum – one of the best in New Zealand. Learn of the importance of the kauri tree in the development of Northland and see the lifestyle of the early settlers. Continue through Ruawai, "Kumara Capital of New Zealand" and drive through Dargaville. Enter the Waipoua forest and visit "Tane Ngahere" "Four Sisters" and "Tane Mahuta" giant kauri trees. Continue along the shores of the Hokianga Harbour with a stop at Opononi to see the statue of "Opo" the dolphin then into historic Rawene. See Clendon House built by James Clendon in 1862 (exterior only) and learn of Baron Du Thierry, self styled 'Sovereign Chief of New Zealand'. Continue to Te Waimate Mission station built as a model farm in 1830 and where Charles Darwin spent christmas with the missionaries in 1835. It is also the scene of the 2nd signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, passing Doubtless Bay and Coopers Beach and return to Paihia.

## Day 2. Tuesday CAPE REINGA (BL)

Travel by special bus to Cape Reinga at the top of New Zealand travelling part way on the sands of Ninety Mile Beach and through the Te Paki stream with boogie boarding opportunities on the sand dunes. See the meeting of the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean and some of the beautiful beaches. Three Kings Islands can be seen on a clear day. Lunch is included. Travel along the beautiful East Coast passing Doubtless Bay and Coopers Beach. End of the day ,return to Paihia.

## Day 3. Wednesday CAPE BRETT – RUSSELL – AUCKLAND (BL)

Enjoy a cruise around the Bay of Islands to Cape Brett, and through the 'Hole in the Rock' – weather permitting. Stopover at Urupukapuka Island for a barbecue buffet lunch and time to explore the island. Often dolphins are to be seen during the cruise. Disembark at historic Russell (Kororareka), first European settlement in New Zealand, for a tour of the town, including Flagstaff Hill and the oldest church in New Zealand, built in 1836. Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds for a guided tour and time in the excellent museum to discover the history of the Treaty through displays and videos. Return to Auckland mid evening.

Return may be by scheduled coach terminating at city terminal.

Tour cost per person 2 per room \$990

3 per room \$950

Single \$1,090

#### Tour cost includes:

- \*\* All travel from Auckland back to Auckland
- \*\* 2 nights accommodation and breakfast, 2 lunches
- \*\* Sightseeing admissions to Kauri museum, Waimate Mission House, Cape Reinga special tour, Bay of Islands cruise, Russell tour, Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

