



Woolly Sheep 19/20

4-Day North Island

Mandarin Guided Tour

North Island, New Zealand



Woolly Sheep Itinerary

Start: Auckland

Finish: Auckland

Duration: 4 days/3 nights

2019 Departures: October 23rd; November 6th, 20th & 27th; December 4th 11th & 18th;

2020 Departures: January 1st, 8th, 15th, *22nd & 29th; February 5th, 12th, 19th; March 18th;
April 1st, 15th & 29th.

** For this departure, passengers stay overnight in Rotorua for both Days 2 & 3. There is a half day return trip to Taupo included. All the inclusions remain the same as the itineraries below.*

Standard Twin Pricing: \$995 NZD

Single Room Upgrade: +\$450 NZD

Pick Up Locations:

8:30am, Corner of Queen Street and Darby Street (The bus stop outside Westpac)

8:35am, Sky Tower (Bus stop on Victoria Street West at the tower side)

8:40am, YHA City (Go to the nearest bus stop on Queen Street)

Day 1: Auckland to Raglan



Haere mai (welcome)! Your Stray tour kicks off in New Zealand’s largest city, Auckland. From here we head south to our first overnight destination, Raglan. This laid-back West Coast town is world famous

for its perfect surf breaks and stunning black sand beaches. On the way into Raglan, we will visit Bridal Veil Falls, where a short walk through beautiful native bush leads to an impressive 55m cascading waterfall.

In the afternoon, you'll have the option to take a beginner's surf lesson or paddle around the harbour on a kayak or stand-up paddle board. In the evening, you'll have the chance to enjoy a beach/bush walk or witness a perfect sunset over the Tasman Sea – it's up to you!



Accommodation included: Raglan Sunset Motel or equivalent (3-4 star)

Activities included: Walk to Bridal Veil Falls

Optional paid activities: Surfing, Kayaking & Stand-up paddle boarding (minimum number required)

Day 2: Raglan to Rotorua (via Waitomo Caves)

Departing early, our first stop of the day is Waitomo, a small rural town where the main attraction is in fact underground. Take an included boat trip through Waitomo's magnificent cave network where you'll have the chance to see thousands of glow-worms up close. From here, we will head straight to Rotorua. Before arriving in the town centre, you will take a short walk in the Whakarewarewa Forest, where mighty Californian Redwoods (up to 72m high) mixed with native undergrowth give the park a sense of grandeur. There are several track options starting from the parking area, as well as the starting point for the spectacular Redwoods Treewalk.



This evening, you have the option to visit the Tamaki Maori Village or the Polynesian Spa. At the award-winning Tamaki Maori Village, you learn about Maori art, ancient rituals and traditions and experience

a delicious Hangi meal and interactive cultural performance. Alternatively, a relaxing soak in one of the many geothermal pools at the Polynesian Spa is a wonderful way to finish a busy day of adventure.

Accommodation included: Sudima Hotel or equivalent (3-4 star)

Activities included: Waitomo Spellbound glow-worm cave guided tour, Redwoods walk

Optional paid activities: Redwoods Treewalk, Tamaki Maori Village & Polynesian Spa

Meal included: Breakfast

Day 3: Rotorua to Taupo¹

Most will choose to start the day by discovering the place where the real Middle Earth story began, the Hobbiton Movie Set. Explore the hills, gardens and houses that were home to Frodo and Bilbo in Peter Jackson's epic trilogies. Those not interested in Hobbiton can opt to visit Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Wonderland, home to huge volcanic craters and a range of extensive geothermal activity, sign up for a show and tour at the Agrodome for a unique New Zealand farm experience or enjoy a free morning to wander around Rotorua's gorgeous lakeside and public parks.



Departing for Taupo in the early afternoon, we will stop at the lookout of thundering Huka Falls, NZ's most photographed natural attraction, on the way into town. Or you can take a 4km scenic walk alongside Waikato River from the Falls to Spa Thermal Park where Stray driver will pick you up. Next, we head to the town centre on the shores of Australasia's largest freshwater lake, the Great Lake Taupo. You have the rest of the afternoon free for activities. The most popular activity here is to jump out of a plane and skydive over the lake, but you can also test your bravery with a bungee jump or relax with a serene sailing trip on the lake.



Accommodation included: Acapulco Motor Inn or equivalent (3-4 star)

Activities included: Overview Huka Falls at the lookout

Optional paid activities: Rotorua - Hobbiton tour, Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Wonderland, Agrodome farm show & tour; Taupo - Skydiving, Barbary Sailing (recommended from November to March) & Bungee/Swing over the Waikato River

Optional free activities: 3-4km Huka Falls Walkway (ends at Spa Thermal Park)

Meal included: Breakfast

¹ *Passengers departing on 22nd January 2020 will stay overnight in Rotorua for both Days 2 & 3. There is a half day return trip to Taupo included. All the inclusions remain the same as the itinerary above.*

Day 4: Taupo to Auckland

It's time to say goodbye to Taupo/Rotorua this morning as we begin our journey north back to Auckland. We'll stop at the award-winning Hamilton Gardens. After lunch, we will have an ice cream stop in Pokeno before the final drive into Auckland. The first drop-off will be at Auckland Airport to drop off those people who are continuing their trip with Stray South Island Blue Bird tour.

For those staying in Auckland, you will be dropped off in the city centre and your tour officially comes to an end. There's still time to wander around the downtown, visit the waterfront, shop in some souvenir stores and hang out in some of Auckland's lively cafés and bars. We hope you had a blast on your Stray adventure!



Activities included: Hamilton Gardens

Meal included: Breakfast, Ice cream in Pokeno

What's Included:

- + Experienced Stray Mandarin-speaking driver guide
- + 3 nights' 3-4 star twin-shared accommodations
- + Touring as indicated
- + Meals: 3 x cooked breakfasts, 1 x special dessert
- + Raglan: Bridal Veil Falls walk
- + Waitomo: Spellbound glow-worm cave guided tour
- + Rotorua: Redwoods Forest walk
- + Taupo: Overview Huka Falls at the lookout
- + Hamilton: Take a walk in Hamilton Gardens

Optional Paid Activities:

- + Raglan: Surfing, SUP boarding & Kayaking (minimum number required)
- + Rotorua: Redwoods Treewalk, Tamaki Maori Village, Polynesian Spa, Hobbiton Movie Set tour, Waiotapu Geothermal Wonderland, Agrodome farm show & tour
- + Taupo: Skydiving, Barbary Sailing (recommended from November to March) & Bungy Jump/Swing over the Waikato River

What to Bring:

- + Camera

- + Water bottle
- + Sturdy walking shoes
- + Waterproof jacket
- + Warm layered clothing
- + Hat & sunscreen
- + Bathers/towel
- + Toiletries
- + Insect repellent
- + Motion sickness tablets