

23 DAY KEA ADVENTURE

Auckland to Auckland Tour



**DAY
01**

Arrival Auckland

Kia ora, welcome to Aotearoa! Settle into your hostel, then explore. Stroll downhill to the vibrant waterfront, discovering why Auckland is the 'City of Sails.' Meet your guide at 6pm for an intro before an optional group dinner.

**DAY
02**

Auckland to Hahei

Haere rā Auckland! We head to Hahei Beach, a coastal gem. At low tide, we'll dig our own natural hot pool at Hot Water Beach. The day culminates with a classic Kiwi BBQ dinner at the resort.

**DAY
03**

Hahei Free Day

Enjoy a full free day in Hahei. Kayak at sunrise, walk to Cathedral Cove, or explore sea caves by boat. Relax on the beach or at the local pub. This is your day for total R&R in paradise.

**DAY
04**

Hahei to Rotorua

Start with a sunrise at Hahei Beach. We then journey south, stopping for a scenic walk through Karangahake Gorge. Experience Middle-earth on a Hobbiton movie set tour before arriving in Rotorua to explore the Whakarewarewa Redwood Forest.

**DAY
05**

Rotorua to Lake Aniwhenua

Choose your perfect Rotorua morning: thrilling ziplining or relaxing hot pools. This afternoon, we visit Lake Aniwhenua for a genuine Māori cultural experience. Learn traditions, witness a hāngi being unearthed, and share a feast that could be your best meal ever.

**DAY
06**

Lake Aniwhenua to Lake Taupō

Rise and shine! Keep your togs (swimwear) handy, because our first stop is Kerosene Creek - a naturally hot river and the perfect place for a morning soak. Then it's on to Taupō to see Australasia's largest lake and the mighty Huka Falls, grab lunch and explore or simply relax at your accommodation

**DAY
07**

Lake Taupō to Tongariro National Park

Tackle the epic Tongariro Alpine Crossing. Traverse an awe-inspiring volcanic plateau with emerald lakes. If weather prevents the crossing, fantastic shorter walks are available. Reward your efforts with a spa soak.

**DAY
08**

Tongariro National Park to Wellington

Onwards to Wellington, the 'coolest little capital in the world'! Fill your afternoon by browsing through the exhibits at Te Papa National Museum, climb to the top of Mt Victoria for panoramic views or take a stroll along the waterfront and Oriental Parade.

**DAY
09**

Wellington Free Day

Explore Wellington, our vibrant capital. Discover national treasures at Te Papa, savour a famous craft beer or coffee, and hike Mt Victoria for stunning views. The city's charm is yours to uncover at your own pace.

**DAY
10**

Wellington to Marahau (Abel Tasman)

Cross the Cook Strait by ferry, sailing through the stunning Marlborough Sounds. Watch for wildlife from the deck before we journey to Marahau. Our accommodation sits on the edge of the spectacular Abel Tasman National Park, your gateway to exploration.

**DAY
11**

Marahau (Abel Tasman)

Embark on a full-day Abel Tasman adventure. A water taxi transports you to Anchorage Bay, showcasing golden beaches and turquoise waters. Enjoy a picnic, discover Cleopatra's Pools, then hike the scenic coastal track back to Marahau, with ample opportunities for swimming and photos.



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12**

Marahau (Abel Tasman) to Franz Josef

Journey down the wild West Coast, a drive of untamed beauty named one of the top drives in the world by Lonely Planet. We'll stop at the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks before continuing on to Franz Josef.

**DAY
13**

Franz Josef

Experience this icon of the West Coast. Hike through native bush and across glacial streams to see the terminal face for spectacular photos or hang out and relax in one of NZ's largest spa pools.

**DAY
14**

Franz Josef to Queenstown

First up is the amazing Lake Matheson, known as the mirror-lake, for a short walk. Then through Haast Pass and alongside beautiful Lake Hawea and into Queenstown.

**DAY
15**

Queenstown Free Day

Yaaaasssss Queen(stown)! You've got 2 full days in the adventure capital. With awesome night life, beautiful mountain scenery and plenty of outdoor activities, it's easy to understand why so many backpackers refuse to leave this place!

**DAY
16**

Queenstown Free Day

Embrace your second day in Queenstown! Enjoy some of the vibrant local cafes and restaurants, hike Ben Lomond, the Queenstown Hill or Bob's Peak. You can also enjoy jet boating, skydiving, mountain biking, zipling and so much more!

**DAY
17**

Day Trip to Milford Sound

Enjoy the stunning, world famous Milford Sound. After a super scenic drive, you'll board the boat and cruise by the impressive Mitre Peak, lush rainforests and thundering waterfalls. You'll also have the opportunity to spot lots of amazing wildlife like fur seals, penguins and dolphins.

**DAY
18**

Queenstown to Lake Tekapo

We'll see an electric blue lake framed by the Southern Alps. Walk over to the famous Church of the Good Shepherd and then learn about Māori astronomy at the Dark Sky Project centre.

**DAY
19**

Lake Tekapo to Christchurch

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Lake Tekapo before discovering this rejuvenated city with the Avon River running through it, full of lush parks and cool laneway bars! Wander the city streets to discover creative street art and hidden eateries, visit the Botanic Gardens, do some shopping or hop on the tourist tram and see the sights!

**DAY
20**

Christchurch to Kaikoura

Depart early for Kaikoura, arriving by midday. This afternoon, explore the peninsula lookout and kekeno (fur seal) colony. For an unforgettable encounter, join a whale watching tour by boat or plane.

**DAY
21**

Kaikoura to Wellington (via Picton)

Travel north up the coast, catching the afternoon ferry back to Wellington. Enjoy a final evening exploring the city's vibrant nightlife at your leisure.

**DAY
22**

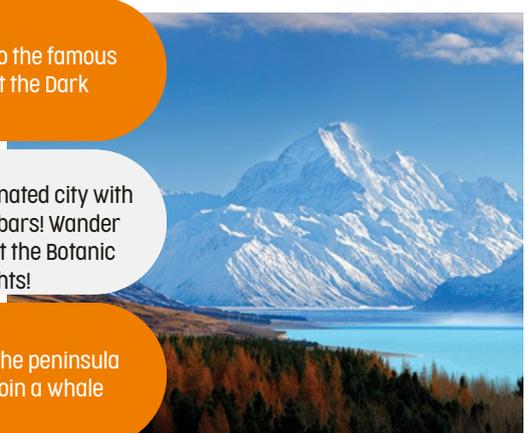
Wellington to Auckland

Embark on your final journey north to Auckland. It's a big travel day, so we'll keep the tunes playing and make rest stops. Arrive this afternoon for a last evening with your Stray family in the City of Sails.

**DAY
23**

Depart Auckland

Your New Zealand adventure concludes today. We hope the memories of Aotearoa's beauty and spirit stay with you forever. Haere rā, and keep in touch! We'd also love it if you left us a review :)



KEY

OVERNIGHT LOCATION
(NUMBER NIGHTS)

○ Hahei ②

PLACE OF INTEREST

● Hobbiton

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DESTINATIONS WHERE
WE STAY NORTH
AND SOUTHBOUND

🚢 FERRY / BOAT



What to Bring:

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

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