

12 DAY KERERU SELECT TOUR

Auckland to Christchurch Tour



**DAY
01**

Arrival Auckland

Kia ora (hello), welcome to Aotearoa New Zealand! You can check into your hotel from 3pm, then feel free to explore. Stroll over to the vibrant waterfront, discovering why Auckland is the 'City of Sails.' Meet your guide at 6pm for an intro before your welcome dinner.

**DAY
02**

Auckland to Rotorua via Waitomo Caves

First stop today is Waitomo, where you have the option to gaze at the hundreds of glittering glowworms above you. Then we'll head to Rotorua, the North Island's geothermal hotspot and a great place to experience Māori culture. We'll head straight to our hotel, which is home to a spa, swimming pool and unlimited Wi-Fi!

**DAY
03**

Rotorua

Today it's all about the Roto (Māori for 'Lake'). Travel past the vibrant Blue and Green Lakes on our way to Lake Tarawera. Take an aqua taxi to Te Rapa Bay, home to Hot Water Beach. Spend the afternoon rafting, ziplining or relaxing at a geothermal spa.

**DAY
04**

Rotorua to Lake Aniwhenua

Travel to Lake Aniwhenua and Kohutapu Lodge for an authentic Māori cultural experience. Receive a traditional welcome on tribal lands, watch 'hangi' preparation, enjoy afternoon tea with fried bread, practice weaving and haka skills, then feast on the ground-cooked hangi (traditional meal) in the evening.

**DAY
05**

Lake Aniwhenua to Blue Duck Station

Today we visit Taupo to see New Zealand's largest lake and the powerful Huka Falls. Then head inland to Blue Duck Station for an off-grid experience. Learn about daily station life, settlement history, and conservation efforts, before a home-cooked meal and campfire.

**DAY
06**

Blue Duck Station

This morning, take a 4WD tour through native bush to the 'Top of the World' for epic views of Mount Ruapehu, Tongariro, and Ngauruhoe, plus station history. Later, explore on your own: hike to Kaiwhakauka waterfall and spot the rare whio (blue duck). Evening: play games at the lodge, relax by the campfire, or make s'mores.

**DAY
07**

Blue Duck Station to Tongariro National Park

This morning, rise early for the world-famous Tongariro Alpine Crossing – a challenging 19 km one-day hike through volcanic peaks, craters, and turquoise lakes. (Weather-dependent with alternatives if needed.) After the trek, unwind in your accommodation's spa.

**DAY
08**

Tongariro National Park to Wellington

After breakfast, head to Wellington, New Zealand's capital. Visit Te Papa National Museum (own cost), then explore freely: enjoy a craft beer at a brewery, hike Mt Victoria for panoramic views, stroll the waterfront, or savour an exceptional flat white in the city's renowned coffee scene.

**DAY
09**

Wellington to Marahau (Abel Tasman)

Catch the ferry across the Cook Strait to the South Island. Arrive in Picton, then travel through the picturesque Marlborough region to Marahau on the edge of Abel Tasman National Park. Spend the evening relaxing around the campfire!

**DAY
10**

Marahau (Abel Tasman) Free Day

Hike directly from our accommodation into the park (no water taxi needed) along the Abel Tasman Coastal Track to Anchorage Bay. Enjoy lush bush, golden sand beaches, and brilliant blue waters for swimming. The walk is about 4 hours each way, or take a water taxi back for more time to relax and explore.

**DAY
11**

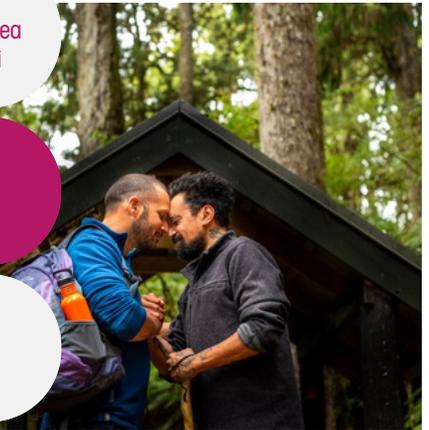
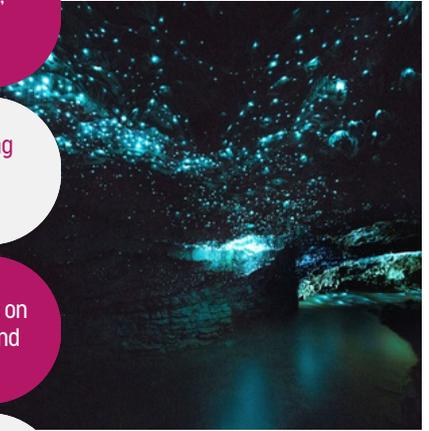
Marahau to Christchurch (TranzAlpine Train)

Today, drive the wild West Coast – Lonely Planet's top route with beaches, rainforest, and epic views. Stop at Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and blowholes, then continue to Greymouth. Farewell your guide and some mates, board the scenic TranzAlpine train to Christchurch.

**DAY
12**

Depart Christchurch

This morning, wander creative street art laneways, check out the modern shopping district, enjoy a beer at a quirky pub, punt down the Avon River, visit the stunning Botanic Gardens, or ride the historic tourist tram. As our final day, say goodbye for now to your Stray mates!



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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