

9 DAY PUKEKO SELECT TOUR

Auckland to Wellington 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 Rata 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 to protect the rare whio (blue duck), before a home-cooked meal and relaxing around the 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. (Guide and gear may be required in icy conditions; weather-dependent with alternatives if needed.) After the trek, unwind in your accommodation's spa.

DAY 08

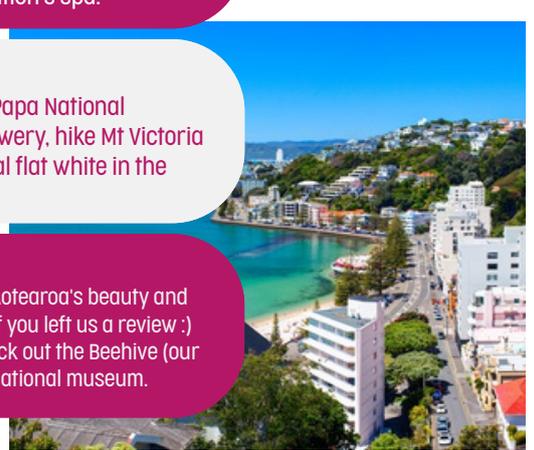
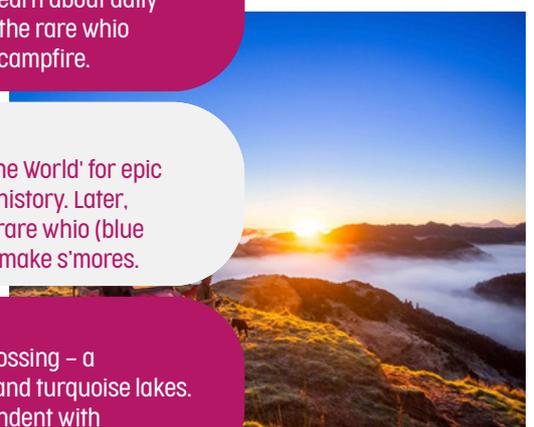
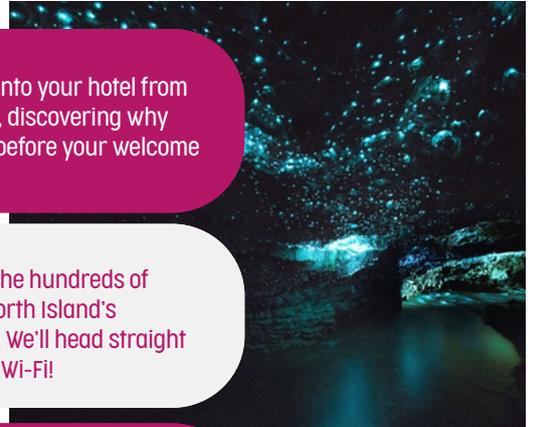
Tongariro National Park to Wellington

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

Depart Wellington

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 :) We highly recommend you make the most of being in our capital city! Check out the Beehive (our Parliament building), the lively arts scene, cafe culture and Te Papa, our national museum.



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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