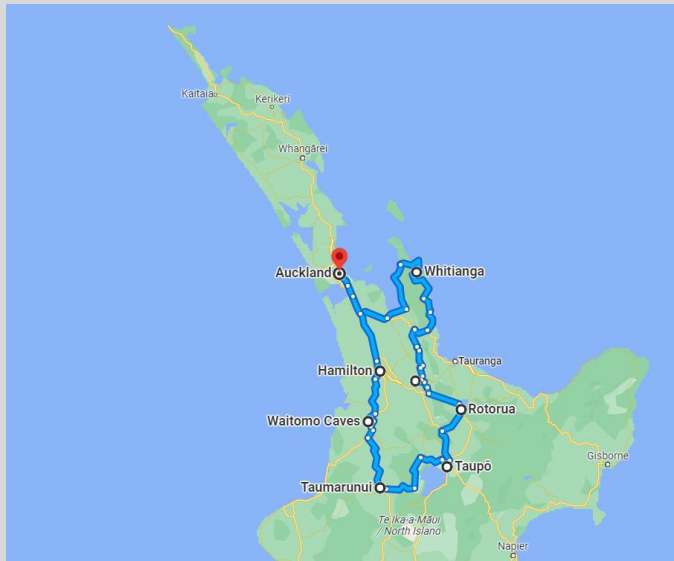
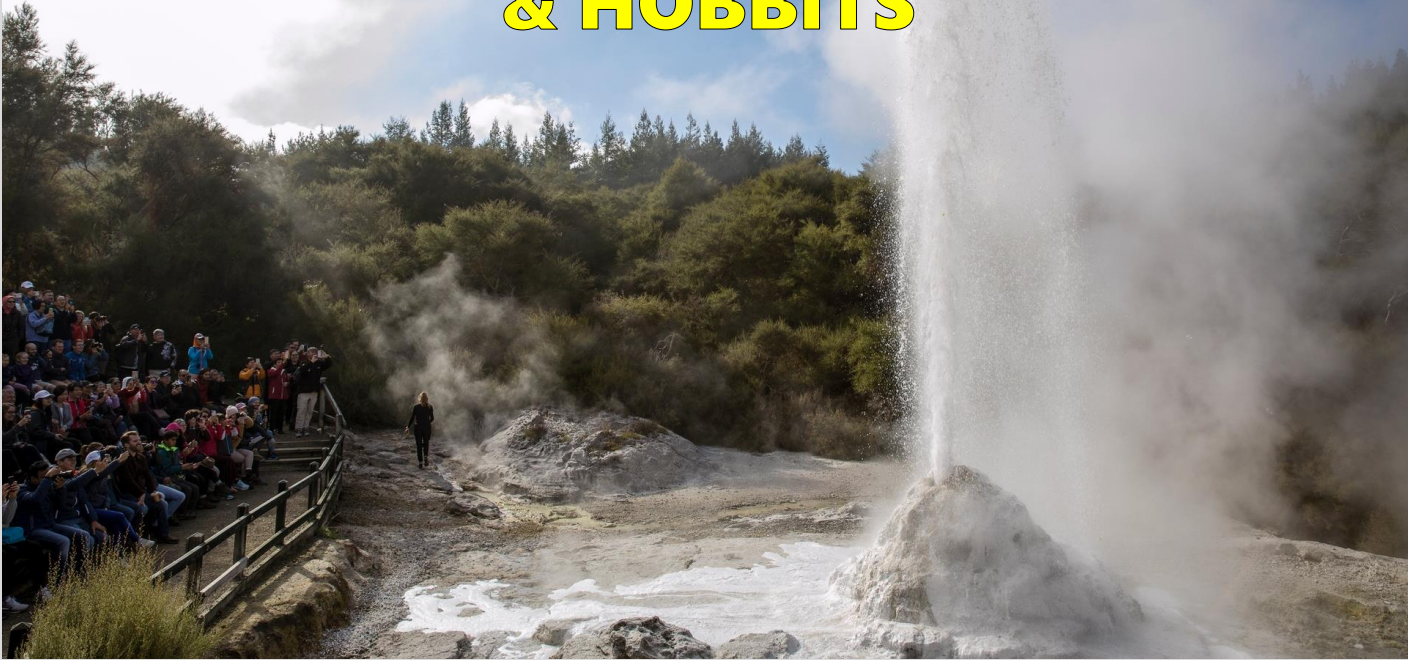


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Driving Times & Distances

- Auckland to Whitianga : 3¼ hour drive/215kms
- Whitianga to Rotorua via Matamata : 3¼ hour drive/250 kms
- Rotorua to Taupo : 1 hour drive/85kms
- Taupo to Taumarunui : 1½ hour drive/125kms
- Taumarunui to Hamilton : 2¼ hour drive/165 kms
- Hamilton to Auckland : 1½ hour drive/125kms

All driving times are approximate. We recommend you allow extra time to enjoy your journey with safety

Itinerary Highlights

- In Thames, run off the calories from the Chocolate Shoppe by attacking the Rainbow Steps, a stunning paint job on what was formerly just a concrete set of stairs.
- East of Thames is the Kauaeranga Valley, a base for great walks and the site of a working Kauri Dam.
- The Rapaura Watergardens on the Tapu-Coroglen Rd is a worthwhile detour to Tranquility.
- The Marine Reserve at Hahei leads on to the coastal walk to majestic Cathedral Cove and then to Cooks Beach where the famous captain observed the Transit of Mercury.
- The visit to Hobbiton will drop you right into the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit Trilogies. This calls for a pint and a “second breakfast” at the Green Dragon Inn.
- In Rotorua, apart from the included attractions, take a walk through the Redwood Forest.
- Time your drive to Taupo to coincide with the opening of the dam gates on the Atiamuri Dam and rapids at 10am, 12pm, 2pm or 4pm (Summer). Look but don't swim as it's not safe.
- After your jetboat ride, stand over the bridge at the Huka Falls to be awed by the river's power.
- Taumarunui with the Forgotten World Highway, the Bridge to Nowhere and lunch at Lauren's Lavender Farm beside the Whanganui River will make you want to stay.
- You'll be richly rewarded after a 1¼ hour drive North of Taumarunui with Waitomo Caves Here you can explore the great range of caving attractions on offer, whether it's the slower-paced glowworm filled dry caves right through to the adrenaline-fueled black water rafting, zip-lining and abseiling adventures.

Hobbiton



Huka Falls Jetboat, Taupo



9 nights from NZ\$2699 per person share twin

Itinerary Inclusions

- ✓ 10 day car rental with all inclusive insurance.
- ✓ **2 nights Sovereign Pier on the Waterways, Whitianga** in a 1 Bedroom Apartment
- ✓ A full day Coromandel Nature & Coast Tour with lunch at a local café. This popular tour covers all the scenic highlights of the Coromandel Peninsula as well as visiting some special locations only known to locals. Enjoy the fascinating history of this area and learn about the flora and fauna within the magnificent forests. Visit stunning coastal scenery with white sand beaches, huge beach caves, old Maori Pa (village) sites and offshore islands. A visit to famous Hot Water beach is included (tide permitting).
- ✓ Fully guided walking tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set, where in the heart of the Waikato region, you can step into the lush pastures of the Shire™, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. You'll be escorted around the 12-acre set, showing the intricate detailing, pointing out the most famous locations and explaining how the movie magic was made.
- ✓ **2 nights at the Millennium Hotel Rotorua**, Superior Room including cooked breakfast daily.
- ✓ A Mitai Maori Village experience including a hangi. Learn about the history of the area which was once flourished in villages. See maori warriors in traditional dress paddle an ancient warrior canoe (waka) down the Wai-o-Whiro stream.
- ✓ A deluxe Lake Spa experience at the world renowned and top ten rated Polynesian Spa. Embrace nature's sanctuary and slip into five mineral hot pools overlooking Lake Rotorua. Try the cold plunge pool, lounge on geothermally heated recliners and enjoy deluxe changing rooms.
- ✓ **2 nights accommodation in Taupo at Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels** in a Standard Lakeview Queen Room including full cooked breakfast daily.
- ✓ A thrilling Huka Falls Jetboat ride. Experience the mighty power of the Waikato River at Taupo's most visited natural attraction. Huka Falls is an impressive sight made even more so by getting right up to its thundering base while on the Huka Jet experience! This 30 minute Taupo jet boating adventure combines thrilling 360 degree spins, slides and fishtails at breakneck speeds of up to 80km per hour.
- ✓ **2 nights** in Taumaranui near the Forgotten Highway at **The Inn at the Convent** in an Ensuite Room inclusive of continental breakfast daily.
- ✓ Entry and a guided tour of the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Enjoy a breath taking boat ride to see many thousands of glowworms light up the entire cave. As your eyes adjust, more and more glowworms appear around you
- ✓ **1 night VR Hamilton** in a Superior Room
- ✓ Enjoy a leisurely audio tour of Hamilton Gardens, located along the Waikato River. The audio tour takes you on a narrated journey through the gardens, full of entertaining stories, insights and observations that will enhance and deepen your experience. Multiple stopping points throughout each garden gives you control over where you want to linger and which gardens you wish to explore in depth.

Your journey ends at Auckland Airport when you return your rental car prior to checking in for your flight home.

\$2699 pp share twin for travel 01 June - 31 August 2023

\$2799 pp share twin for travel 01 April - 31 May 2023 and 01 September - 31 October 2023

Terms & Conditions

Price is per person share twin in New Zealand Dollars inclusive of 15% GST. A **\$100** per person deposit is required at time of booking. Final payment will be required 30 days prior to the start of your itinerary or as indicated on the invoice. If the booking is made within 30 days of departure then full payment is required at the time of booking. For full booking conditions refer to www.nz4discovery.nz

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