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NORTHERN LIGHT

5 Days

Tour price – NZ \$1,105

includes food, transport, shared tent accommodation, entry into Wai-o-Tapu Geothermal Wonderland & much more...

Discover NZ's finest "Hot Spots"

with remarkable contrast from Auckland to Wellington



"The only NZ operator top rated in National Geographic's Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth and the World Travel Awards."

Discover New Zealand's hot spots and the remarkable contrasting northern landscapes on this quick thermal blast! It's a short trip from Auckland to Wellington but it's packed with some of the best parts of New Zealand.

DAY 1: AUCKLAND – HOT WATER BEACH

Leaving Auckland at 10am we travel to the Coromandel, renowned for its natural beauty, misty rainforests and pristine white, sandy beaches. Marvel at the views on a beautiful coastal walk or take in the coastline from the water by kayak. Visit the unique and famous Hot Water Beach to dig, then relax, in your own thermal pool! Soak up the breath-taking scenery and cameras ready for spectacular sunsets at our beachside camp.

- meals included:** dinner
- walks:** stunning coastal walk with views over the Pacific
- bike rides:** 8km scenic road cycling
- activities (own cost):** sea kayaking
- cabin upgrades:** yes – subject to availability

DAY 2: HOT WATER BEACH - ROTORUA

The morning is filled with activity as we make our way south into the thermal wonderland of Rotorua. On the way, those visiting Hobbiton leave us in Matamata as we continue to the cultural and geological heart of the North Island and the perfect place to experience and learn about Maori culture and the dramatic natural thermals, Rotorua. There is plenty of action to choose from such as Zip Lining, OGO and the Luge or go biking in the Whakarewarewa forest. We recommend finishing your day with a Maori cultural experience at the Tamaki Maori Village, there really is something for everyone!

- meals included:** breakfast & lunch
- walks:** stroll through towering, ancient forests & unique thermal landscapes
- bike rides:** Hauraki Rail Trail, Te Ara ahi trail to Redwoods, Whakarewarewa Forest
- activities (own cost):** Hobbiton, Tamaki Maori Village, OGO, Luge, hot pools, Zipline canopy tour
- cabin upgrades:** yes – subject to availability

DAY 3: ROTORUA - TURANGI

Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before we check out the geysers & mud pools at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. First, we visit the Lady Knox Geyser before exploring one of New Zealand's most extensive geothermal networks, a unique landscape with colourful sulphur lakes and diverse volcanic vistas. We then take time to explore the impressive Huka Falls before arriving into Taupo, considered the North Island's adrenalin capital. Test your fear of heights on the giant swing, bungee or go skydiving, the scenery is well worth it! We finish the day with a beautiful drive around the edge of Lake Taupo on our way into camp at Turangi.

- meals included:** breakfast & dinner
- walks:** walks of various distances past dramatic waterfalls and around Lake Taupo
- bike rides:** ride through the Redwood Forest or take the Lion's Track cycle path around the lake
- activities (own cost):** skydive, bungee, giant swing, Wai-O-Tapu (free – this one is on us 😊)
- cabin upgrades:** yes – subject to availability

DAY 4: TURANGI - KAPITI COAST

Today you have the chance to experience the Tongariro Alpine Crossing - considered NZ's best day hike, offering a remarkable journey across volcanic landscapes. Lava flows, emerald-coloured lakes, magnificent views and steaming vents combine to make this an unforgettable hike. For those who aren't keen on hiking you can enjoy short local walks or cycle the Tongariro river track. After the hike, we make our way south and stay on the Kapiti coast in a quiet little place called Paekakariki.

- meals included:** breakfast, lunch & dinner
- walks:** Tongariro Alpine Crossing, Tongariro river track
- bike rides:** Tongariro river track
- activities (own cost):** Tongariro Alpine Crossing, white water rafting (grade 3 rapids)
- cabin upgrades:** yes – subject to availability

Departs:

Auckland
you can take extended breaks anywhere along the way

Finishes:

Wellington
but contact us if it doesn't quite fit - we are flexible!

Groups:

Average around 18 per trip, max group size 26. You will be well looked after with 2 great guides on every trip

Fitness Level:

Suitable for all levels

Accommodation:

Camping in a carefully chosen selection of commercial sites. You can upgrade to a cabin or private room for a small fee (subject to availability)

Food:

We enjoy good food and supply tasty & healthy meals suitable for all diets + hot drinks - details on itinerary

Included:

4 x breakfasts, 2 x lunches, 3 x dinners, all travel, shared tent accommodation (2 people per tent), entry into Wai-o-tapu Geothermal Wonderland, Tongariro Crossing (transfer payable), side trips to remote areas & walking tracks, use of sports equipment on board, & much more (see website for details)

Activities:

Bikes are available to hire. We enjoy great, free walks most days (the only payable one is transfer fee to the start of the Tongariro Crossing). Optional activities listed are not included but we do get some great group discounts + there are always free alternatives.

Tour price & optional upgrades:

Northern Light tour 2019.20	\$1105
Cycle hire for entire trip	\$115
Bring your own bike	\$50
Single tent upgrade	\$75
Sleeping bag hire	\$50

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DAY 5: KAPITI COAST - WELLINGTON

Your tour ends in Wellington with our early arrival at New Zealand's beautiful capital city by 9am. Our nation's capital offers great cafes and bars, along with plenty to see and do including the celebrated Te Papa Museum & the botanical gardens.

meals included: breakfast



Have more time?

Extend your trip to Auckland by connecting with our Northern Express tour or continue your travels south with our Southern Light or Summer Blast tours.
- contact one of our friendly team with any questions

Northern Light Route Map



our trips give you.....

- ✓ **More national parks**
- ✓ **More activities, hikes & bike rides**
- ✓ **More value for money**
- ✓ **More time in the best locations**
- ✓ **More chances to get off the beaten track**
- ✓ **Guaranteed departures**

All images we use are taken by passengers – so what you see is what you get!

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frequently asked questions

Do I need to book my own accommodation?

No, all of your camping needs are booked for your tour.

How do I upgrade to cabins?

Cabin upgrades can be pre-booked prior to your trip or each day on arrival into camp. If travelling during Dec, Jan, Feb we recommend pre-booking with us prior to travel as all cabin upgrades are subject to availability. To pre-book cabin upgrades there is an administration fee which is 10% of the total upgrade cost. There are 3 types of upgrades and approximate costs are:

Dorm bed / shared room

\$10 - \$20 per night (can only be booked on tour)

Private room with shared bathroom

\$45 per night (average cost for single room)

Private room with en-suite

\$95 per night (average cost for single room)

Can I hop-on and off the bus?

It is possible to take extended breaks at any point – buses go past every 9 days in the summer season, so you can hop off for any increment of 9 (9, 18, 27 days etc).

What is the average age of travellers on Flying Kiwi?

Flying Kiwi appeals to people of all ages. The majority of people are between the age of 20 and 40 but we happily welcome travellers of all ages over the age of 10yrs.

How fit do I have to be?

You don't have to be super-fit to travel with Flying Kiwi – all walks, bike rides and activities are optional and they range from light strolls to full day hikes in Alpine terrain. Your driver or guide will discuss the level of fitness required.

Is it ok to travel alone on Flying Kiwi?

Flying Kiwi is perfect for people travelling by themselves.

I'm a vegetarian or have other dietary requirements – is that a problem? No problem. As we cook for ourselves we can generally accommodate for most dietary requirements. Just let us know when you book.

Where can I charge my camera, phone, batteries, i-pod or MP3 player?

Charging facilities are available at the commercial campgrounds (most nights) and some buses are also able to charge appliances.

Is there mobile phone / wi-fi coverage?

Most of our north island camps have network coverage available. For many people a highlight of our trips is the remote overnight locations and escaping connectivity!