

# GREAT WALKS



#### **Activity Level: 3-4**

#### Style

Enjoy the best hiking in the North Island and explore our National Parks and Great Walks in comfort and style. Enjoy adventure, culture and the best of the North Island.



#### The NZ Great Walk Adventure -North Island

The ultimate North Island hiking experience. Explore the best of our North Island or pair with any of our South Island trips to complete your New Zealand adventure.

# Day 1 – Arrive Auckland & Explore Matahuru Valley

After meeting your expert New Zealand guides and fellow travellers in Auckland, we'll head for the rolling greenery of The Waikato. Today we've gained exclusive access to the shared land of three private farms that make up the Matahuru Valley Walk. You'll have the choice of a full or halfday walk that epitomizes this lush fertile landscape.

Stay: Raglan

### Day 2 – Raglan, Bridal Veil Falls & Pureora Forest

This morning you'll have time to explore the the bustling local cafes and sunsoaked beach of Raglan before we set off on today's adventure. We'll explore the spectacular Bridal Veil Falls and native forest of Pureora.

Stay: Plateau Lodge

#### Day 3 – Hike the Tongariro Crossing

Tongariro is New Zealand's oldest National Park and boasts dual World Heritage site status, acknowledged for both its cultural and natural significance. As we explore this moon-like landscape dotted with turquoise and emerald lakes, you'll discover why the Tongariro Crossing is known as New Zealand's best day walk.

Stay: Plateau Lodge

# Day 4 – The Whanganui River Journey & Bridge to Nowhere

Today you're in for a treat as we step foot on our second Great Walk of the trip - or should I say aboard! Today we'll journey up the Whanganui River by jetboat before exploring on foot, experiencing some of New Zealand's most pristine native rainforest and discovering the Bridge to Nowhere.

Stay: Stratford







# Day 5 - Hike Egmont National Park & Waitomo Caves

This morning we'll enjoy our third National Park of the trip as we explore beneath the iconic peak of Mt Taranaki. This afternoon we'll venture North to Waitomo for an otherworldly experience in the famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves.

Stay: Waitomo

#### Day 6 – Kaniwhaniwha Reserve & Depart Auckland

As we depart Waitomo it may be the last day of our trip but it will certainly be one to remember. This morning we'll explore the Kaniwhaniwha Reserve and the incredible limestone formations of the Nikau and Kaniwhaniwha Caves walk. From there we'll make our way back to Auckland, alllowing plenty of time to reminisce on the past six incredible days.

