



Experience New Zealand's cultural heart

Sweet North

5
days

North
Island



Activity Level: 2-3

Style

Indulge in traditional and local delicacies, relax in comfortable, perfectly placed lodgings. Enjoy adventure, culture and the best of the North Island.



Start
Auckland



Finish
Auckland

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Designed as a standalone North Island trip, the Sweet North is also the perfect complement to any of our South Island trips.

Pair this itinerary with one of our South Island trips for the complete New Zealand experience.

Day 1 – Arrive Auckland & Explore Karangahake Gorge

After meeting your guide and fellow travellers in Auckland, we'll head east to the Coromandel region. We'll explore the Karangahake Windows Walk, enjoying the striking natural landscape and learning about the area's gold mining past. You'll have the chance to learn from your guides and get to know your fellow travellers.

Stay: Coromandel

Day 2 – Kayak Cathedral Cove

This morning we'll travel to Hahei, where we'll paddle out in kayaks to Cathedral Cove. Accessible only by foot, boat or kayak, this picturesque natural rock archway joins two secluded coves in the Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve area.

Stay: Coromandel

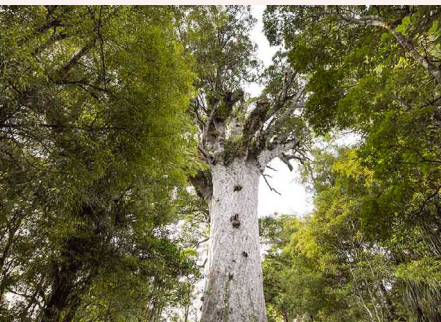
Day 3 – Hike Mauao Summit Walk & Māori Culture Experience

This morning we'll take in sweeping views of the Bay of Plenty as we hike the Mauao Summit Track before we journey to Kohutapu Lodge for an authentic Māori experience hosted by the local Toe Toe whānau (family). Be welcomed onto a marae, learn traditional weaving or the haka, and enjoy a hangi feast and storytelling by Lake Aniwhenua. This rare and personal connection to Māori culture is a true privilege to share with you.

Stay: Kohutapu Lodge

Day 4 – Hike & Explore Tongariro National Park

Tongariro is New Zealand's oldest National Park and boasts dual World Heritage site status, acknowledged for both its cultural and natural significance. Today we'll explore



one of our favourite sections of the Tongariro Crossing, Soda Springs Walk.

Stay: Tongariro National Park

Day 5 – Discover the Waitomo Caves & finish in Auckland

The last day, but one to remember! Explore the hidden depths of Waitomo, marvelling at the limestone formations, crystal tapestries and glow-worms that illuminate the cave system. We'll then make our way back to Auckland to say our farewells. If you're heading to the South Island to join us on another trip, we'll help with a smooth transition.

CALL US NOW TO PLAN YOUR ADVENTURE!

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