Sweet North

THE TRUE NORTH ISLAND

Complete your New Zealand Adventure.

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5 *days*

NORTH ISLAND BASED

ACTIVITY LEVEL

FOOD
Home-Style Kiwi Cooking

ACCOMMODATION
Comfortable Kiwi-Style Lodging

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tongariro Crossing
- Waiheke Island
- Auckland
- Rotorua
- Waitomo Caves
- Geothermal Activity
- Lake Taupo
- Māori Feast
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Sea Kayaking
- Blackwater Rafting

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START *Auckland*

FINISH *Auckland*

Price
US$2,599 *+ tax*

Turn the page for the full itinerary.

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"We thoroughly enjoyed our Sweet North tour, especially the Marae visit and Rotorua! Dave did a great job with cooking breakfasts and we all enjoyed the last night barbecue!"

Linda and Joe Miller (Colorado, USA) November 2016

Tongariro Crossing

If you don't think you'll make it to Mars in this lifetime, hiking the famed Tongariro Crossing might be the next best thing.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrive Auckland and Cruise to Waiheke Island

Welcome to the North Island! New Zealand's cultural heart is up here, filled with active geothermal areas, volcanoes, white sandy beaches, impressive forests and enchanting caves; it's easy to see why most of our population live here. We'll spend our first night here in Auckland but after introductions, we'll head straight out on a ferry to Waiheke Island and leave the hustle and bustle of our largest city behind to truly appreciate 'The City of Sails' from the other side of the harbour for the day.

Day 2 – Rotorua's Thermal Wonderland & Māori Feast

We leave the big city this morning and make our way down to the heart of the North Island's geothermal wonderland, Rotorua. On the way, we'll stop for short walks and photos before a great introduction to Māori culture this afternoon. Tonight we're treated to a Māori feast cooked in the traditional way. Overnight Rotorua.

Day 3 – Lake Taupo Sea Kayak and Mountain Bike

Today we'll experience some of the best sea kayaking and mountain biking that the Bay of Plenty (as this area is so aptly known) has to offer. There are options for everyone, and a chance to join the locals and give something new a go. We're staying in Taupo for the next two nights and you'll have time to explore or get settled before dinner.

Day 4 – Hike The Tongariro Crossing

Tongariro is New Zealand's oldest national park and also boasts dual World Heritage site status, acknowledged for both its cultural and natural significance. Today we'll find out why the Tongariro Crossing is known as the "best day walk in New Zealand." Could this be what it would look like to walk on Mars?

Day 5 – Blackwater Rafting Waitomo Caves & Finish in Auckland

It's the final day of our Sweet North trip today, but we're not finished yet; we still have some underworld exploring to do. We'll delve into the depths of Waitomo Caves to see a galaxy of glowworms before we make our way back to Auckland for our farewells. ■

Mountain Biking

Give your feet a break as you explore the sights of Lake Taupo on a mountain bike.

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Give us a call if you need help converting into your own currency.

INCLUDES
4 nights' accommodation, services of two professional local guides, ground transportation, snacks and 13 meals, and all activities as described. Go to our website for tour dates, availability and to book.

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YOU'RE MISSING OUT!

You've got the Sweet North itinerary – great! This gives you a solid overview of the 5 days of exciting activities on offer. But if you need more inspiration, there is much, much more in our 84-page magazine.

So much more than a brochure, and you can read it in the bath!

- All five guided tour options with detailed itineraries and maps.
- Find out if small group travel is right for you.
- Hidden gems and the must-see destinations you won't find travelling on your own.
- A local's guide to New Zealand food, culture, and the lingo.
- Everything you need and want to know about New Zealand to plan your adventure.

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