

February 21 - 28, 2026

8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS

# NEW ZEALAND

(TRADITIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCE)

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## Traditional Travel with Sisters Traveling Solo

Sisters Traveling Solo traditional trip experiences are fun and experiential tours that are designed for those sisters wanting to visit popular tourist destinations. These tours are great for beginners to the most experienced travelers. Be sure to bring your camera, because we plan these trips to be packed with post worthy instagram moments.

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## Country Overview

New Zealand, a picturesque island nation in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, is renowned for its stunning natural landscapes, ranging from vast mountain ranges and volcanic plateaus to sprawling coastlines and lush rainforests. Its two main landmasses, the North and South Islands, are home to a diverse array of ecosystems and wildlife, including the iconic kiwi bird.



### **Auckland, New Zealand (4-nights)**

Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, is famous for its stunning harbors and vibrant cultural scene. Often called the "City of Sails," it's surrounded by beautiful beaches and volcanic landscapes, offering a perfect blend of nature and urban life.

### **Rotorua, New Zealand (3-nights)**

Rotorua, situated in New Zealand's North Island, is a geothermal wonderland known for its bubbling mud pools, shooting geysers, and natural hot springs. This city is a hub of Maori culture, offering visitors a deep dive into traditional performances, crafts, and hangi feasts.



## General Information:

<b>CURRENCY:</b>	New Zealand Dollar
<b>CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE:</b>	1 USD = 1.63 NZD
<b>AIRPORT CODE(S):</b>	<b>Arrival:</b> Auckland International Airport (AKL) <b>Depart:</b> Rotorua Airport (ROT)
<b>PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>Review passport requirements</b> <a href="https://travel.state.gov/">https://travel.state.gov/</a>
<b>VISA REQUIRED?</b>	Check <a href="http://www.visahunter.com">www.visahunter.com</a>
<b>HISTORICAL WEATHER TEMPERATURE</b>	68°F - 86°F

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## Tentative Itinerary



### **DAY 1 - ARRIVAL**

Upon arrival into Auckland International Airport (AKL), collect your bags then head to the arrivals areas to meet one of our drivers.

After check-in, take the rest of the afternoon at leisure rewinding from the long flight. In the evening, we will all get together for a welcome dinner. Over dinner, we will get to know each other.

**Meal(s) Included:** Dinner

**Hotel Check-In:** 3 PM local time.

### **DAY 2 - AUCKLAND CITY TOUR**

Start your Auckland city tour with a visit to a renowned observation point, offering breathtaking views of the city's skyline and the glistening harbor. Afterward, immerse yourself in the bustling waterfront district, where the blend of historic and modern architecture captivates every visitor. Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and the picturesque setting along the water's edge, perfect for leisurely exploration.

This half-day tour encapsulates the essence of Auckland, ensuring a memorable experience of the city's highlights.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch





### **DAY 3 - WINE TASTING**

Our New Zealand adventure takes us on an exquisite journey through the heart of Auckland's renowned wine country. We will visit three of the region's most distinguished wineries, each offering a unique glimpse into the local winemaking tradition. This day is designed to indulge the senses, starting with the scenic drive through rolling hills and picturesque vineyards that set the stage for our tastings. At each winery, we'll be greeted with a curated selection of wines, showcasing the depth and diversity of the local terroir. From crisp, aromatic whites to robust, complex reds, you'll have the opportunity to taste and learn about the wine-making process directly from the vintners.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch

### **DAY 4 - FREE DAY**

Today is yours to explore Auckland.

### **DAY 5 - HOBBITON MOVIE SET + MAORI CULTURAL DINNER**

This morning our adventure kicks off with a scenic 2.5-hour group transfer from Auckland to Rotorua. Along the way, we'll stop to visit the Hobbiton Movie Set, where the landscapes of the Shire from "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" come to life. After soaking in the fantastical sights, we'll enjoy a Māori cultural dinner experience in New Zealand as an opportunity to learn about Māori culture and enjoy a meal.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Dinner



## **DAY 6 - WAITOMO CAVES + GEOTHERMAL VALLEY**

Explore two of New Zealand's most stunning natural wonders in one day. Begin at the Waitomo Glowworm Caves, where a boat ride through the underground caverns reveals thousands of twinkling glowworms lighting up the darkness.

Then, journey to the Geothermal Valley, where steaming vents, bubbling mud pools, and erupting geysers showcase the Earth's raw power. This day is a perfect mix of adventure and nature's magic.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch

## **DAY 7 - HOT SPRINGS & RELAXATION**

Today is dedicated to relaxation and rejuvenation, anchored by a visit to Rotorua's renowned hot springs. The mineral-rich waters are known for their therapeutic properties, inviting you to unwind and soak in the serene ambiance. Adding to this tranquil experience is a 30-minute massage session, designed to soothe your muscles and enhance your relaxation.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure, providing a perfect opportunity to further explore Rotorua's unique offerings.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Dinner

## **DAY 8 - DEPARTURE**

Depending on flight schedules, there may be time for last-minute exploration or shopping in Wellington before heading to the airport for departure, marking the end of our New Zealand adventure.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

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## What's Included:

**4-Star Accommodations (Hotel):** Auckland (3-nights), Rotorua (3-nights), Wellington (3-nights)

**Maori Cultural Dinner Experience:** The Maori Culture Experience immerses you in the rich traditions and history of New Zealand's indigenous people, featuring a powerful Haka dance performance and the opportunity to learn about Maori ancestral stories.

**Auckland City Tour:** This half-day tour encapsulates the essence of Auckland, ensuring a memorable experience of the city's highlights. Visit to a renowned observation point, offering breathtaking views of the city's skyline and the glistening harbor.

**Hobbiton Movie Set:** The visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set is a magical journey into the heart of Middle-earth, where you'll step into the lush landscapes of the Shire as depicted in "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" film series.

**Waitomo Caves:** The Waitomo Caves tour is an awe-inspiring adventure into a subterranean wonderland, famous for its stunning limestone formations and the mesmerizing glow of thousands of tiny glow worms that illuminate the caves' ceilings like a starry night.

**Hot Springs Visit:** Surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the landscape, you'll have the opportunity to unwind and soak in the warmth, allowing the healing waters to soothe your body and mind.

**30-minute massage:** The 30-minute massage at the hot springs is a highlight of relaxation, designed to enhance your experience of natural rejuvenation.

**Wine Tour:** The Wine Tour, featuring visits to three wineries, is a curated exploration of the region's renowned viticulture. At each winery, you'll have the opportunity to taste a selection of wines, learning about the unique characteristics and flavors that the local terroir imparts to each vintage

**Geothermal Valley Experience:** Step into a surreal landscape where nature comes to life in the **Geothermal Valley**. Witness powerful geysers erupting, bubbling mud pools, and steaming vents creating a dramatic display of the Earth's energy. Walk among vibrant silica terraces and learn about the rich Māori history connected to this geothermal wonder.

**Meals Included** - Meals as listed in above itinerary.

**Tours & Activities** - Tours and activities as listed in the trip itinerary.

**What's NOT Included:** International flights, gratuity, travel visa, travel insurance, airport transfers, or any other cost not listed in the "what's included" section.