

February 14 - 23, 2025

10 DAYS, 9 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 (3-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.

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

Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand, is nestled between rolling hills and a rugged coastline at the southern tip of the North Island. Known for its vibrant arts scene, Wellington is home to the national museum Te Papa, numerous theaters, and galleries. The city's compact downtown area is filled with cafes, restaurants, and bars, making it a lively place to explore on foot.





## 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> Wellington International Airport (WLG)
<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 - FREE DAY**

On your free day in Auckland, you have the chance to personalize your adventure in New Zealand's largest city. Dive into Auckland's rich tapestry of experiences at your own pace.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

### **DAY 4 - WAITOMO CAVES & HOBBITON MOVIE SET**

This morning our adventure kicks off with a scenic 2.5-hour group transfer from Auckland to Rotorua. Along the way, we'll explore the magical Waitomo Caves, famed for their glowworm-lit caverns, followed by a visit to 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 local lunch before heading to our accommodation in Rotorua to settle in for the evening.

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

### **DAY 5 - MAORI CULTURE**

Our second day in Rotorua is dedicated to discovering the rich Maori culture with a visit to a traditional village. This immersive experience includes learning about the Maori customs, history, and the iconic Haka dance.

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

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## **DAY 6 - FLY TO WELLINGTON**

We'll transition from Rotorua to Wellington, catching a flight to New Zealand's capital city. Upon arrival, there's free time to explore Wellington's highlights, from its vibrant culinary scene to its picturesque landscapes, with an evening at leisure in the city.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast



## **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

## **DAY 8 - WINE TASTING**

Our New Zealand adventure takes us on an exquisite journey through the heart of Wellington'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 9 - FREE DAY**

The final full day is open for personal exploration in Wellington, whether it's visiting museums, enjoying the waterfront, or shopping.

The day caps off with a farewell dinner, a chance to reflect on our journey and celebrate the experiences shared.

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

## **DAY 10 - 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 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.

**Domestic Flight:** One-way flight from Rotorua to Wellington in economy class

**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

**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.