

# North Island, New Zealand

## My Itinerary

Follow along with the itinerary my husband and I took when we went in 2024. Some of these were planned and others were unplanned. I also included the the locations hours, cost and how long to plan for each major place.

Red Highlight-Food, Blue Highlight-Book Online

### DAY 1 (Flight)

- Depart from Las Vegas, Nevada to Vancouver (about 3 hour flight), Canada to Auckland, New Zealand (about 13 hour flight)

### DAY 2 (Arrival/Half Day)

- Stampede in Papakura, New Zealand (Sun-Wed 10am-9pm Thurs-Fri 10am-11pm Sat 10am-3am)
- Bridal Veils Falls in Te Mata, New Zealand (FREE)(0.25 Miles)(30-60 minutes)
- LDS Hamilton Temple in Hamilton, New Zealand (FREE walking ground and visitor center)(30 minutes)
- Nando's in Hamilton, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 10:30am-10pm)

### DAY 3 (Black Water Rafting Day)

- Te Kuiti Bakery in Te Kuiti, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 6am-5pm)
- Legendary Black Water Rafting Co. in Te Kuiti, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 8am-5:30pm)(\$115 per person)(3 hours)
- Mangapohue Natural Bridge Walk in Te Kuiti, New Zealand (FREE)(0.22 Miles)(30-60 minutes)
- Waitomo/Marokopa Falls in Te Kuiti, New Zealand (FREE)(0.26 Miles)(30-45 minutes)
- Stoked Eatery in Te Kuiti, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 11:30am-8:30pm)
- Tawhai Falls/Gollum's Pool in Tongariro National Park (FREE)(0.5 Miles)(30-60 minutes)
- Golden Crust Pizza in Turangi, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 11am-9:30pm)

### DAY 4 (Lake Taupō Day)

- Turangi Bakery & Cafe in Turangi, New Zealand (Sun 6am-4pm Mon 5am-3:30pm Tues-Fri 5am-4pm Sat 5:30am-4pm)
- Moari Rock Carving Scenic Cruise (Ernest Kemp) in Taupō, New Zealand (\$29 per person Book Online) (2 hours)
- Dixie Browns in Taupō, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 6am-10pm)
- Luna's Gelateria in Taupō, New Zealand (Sun-Thurs 11am-8:30pm Fri-Sat 11am-9pm)
- Huka Falls Lookout in Taupō, New Zealand (FREE)(30 minutes)
- CBK Craft Bar & Kitchen in Rotorua, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 9:30am-11:30pm)
- Redwood Treewalk in Rotorua, New Zealand (Sun-Fri 9am-10pm Sat 9am-10:30pm)(Adult \$40 Child \$25 )(1-2 hours)

### DAY 5 (Thermal Day)

- Guidough's in Rotorua, New Zealand (Sun Closed Mon-Fri 5am-3:30pm Sat 5am-2pm)
- Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland in Rotorua, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 8:30am-4:30pm)(Adult \$45 Child \$15)(2-3 hours)
- Kerosene Creek in Rotorua, New Zealand (FREE)(20 minutes just walking)(1-2 hours swimming)
- Grill N Roll in Rotorua, New Zealand (Sun 11am-3pm 5pm-9pm Mon Closed Tues-Sat 11am-3pm 5pm-9pm)
- Hell's Gate Mud Bath & Spas in Rotorua, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 10am-6pm) (Adult \$52 Child \$26)(1-2 hours)
- Kuirau Park in Rotorua, New Zealand (FREE)
- Colibries Steaks & Ribs in Rotorua, New Zealand (Mon-Sun 11:30am-10:30pm)

## DAY 6 (Sledging Day)

- [Guidough's in Rotorua, New Zealand \(Sun Closed Mon-Fri 5am-3:30pm Sat 5am-2pm\)](#)
- [Skyline Rotorua \(Gondola + 5 Luge Rides\) in Rotorua, New Zealand \(Mon-Sun 9am-10pm\)\(Adult \\$46 Tandem/Adult+Child \\$62 \)\(1-2 hours\)](#)
- [Wendy's in Rotorua, New Zealand \(Mon Closed Tues-Sun 11:30am-9pm\)](#)
- [Kaitiaki Adventures \(Sledging\) in Rotorua, New Zealand \(Mon-Sun 8:30am-6pm\)\(\\$88\)\(3 hours\)](#)
- [Tikitapu/Blue Lake in Bay of Plenty, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(30min-2hours\)](#)
- [El Mexicano Zapata Restaurant in Rotorua, New Zealand \(Mon-Sun 11:30am-9pm\)](#)
- [Wholly Smoked in Rotorua, New Zealand \(Mon-Sun 11:30am-2:30pm 5pm-10pm\)](#)

## DAY 7 (Lord of the Rings Day)

- [Le Café de Paris in Rotorua, New Zealand \(Sun-Mon Closed Tues-Fri 7:30am-3pm Sat 8am-3pm\)](#)
- [Raparapahoe Falls in Te Puke, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(0.6 Miles\)\(1-2 hours\)](#)
- [Te Rerekawau/Kaiate Falls in Waitao, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(0.5 Miles\)\(30 minutes\)](#)
- [Broom Tree Cafe & Kitchen in Tauranga, New Zealand \(Sun Closed Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm Sat 8am-2pm\)](#)
- [Hobbiton Movie Set Tours in Matamata, New Zealand \(Adult 18+ \\$78 Youth 11-17 \\$36 Child 0-10 FREE\)\(2-3 hours\)](#)
- [The Redoubt Bar and Eatery in Tauranga, New Zealand \(Sun-Thurs 11am-10pm Fri-Sat 11am-11pm\)](#)

## DAY 8 (Hiking Day)

- [Joe's Coffee & Bakery in Paeroa, New Zealand \(Sun-Mon 6:30am-3:30pm Tues-Fri 5:30am-3:30pm Sat 6am-3:30pm\)](#)
- [Karangahake Railroad Gorge/Tunnel in Paeroa, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(2 Miles\)\(1-2 hours\)](#)
- [Craig's Traditional Fish & Chips in Whangamatā, New Zealand \(Wed-Mon 11am-2pm 4pm-8pm Tues Closed\)](#)
- [Marine Reserve aka Hot Water Beach in Hahei, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(30minutes-2 hours\)](#)
- [Lone Star in Auckland, New Zealand \(Mon-Sun 4pm-9pm\)](#)

## DAY 9 (Lighthouse Day)

- [La Nonna Italian Bakery in Kaiwaka, New Zealand \(Sun 7am-4pm Mon Closed Tues-Sat 7am-4pm\)](#)
- [Manginangina Kauri Walk \(FREE\)\(0.3 Miles\)\(30-60min\)](#)
- [Waianiwaniwa/Rainbow Falls in Waipapa, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(0.25 Miles\)\(30-60min\)](#)
- [Beachcomber Restaurant in Kaitaia, New Zealand \(Sun Closed Mon-Fri 11am-2:30pm 5pm-9pm Sat 5pm-9pm\)](#)
- [Cape Reinga Lighthouse in Te Kao, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(Mon-Sun 6am-8pm\)\(1-2 hours\)](#)

## DAY 10 (Last Full Day)

- [Kaitaia Bakehouse Cafe & Roasts in Kaitaia, New Zealand \(Mon-Sun 5am-8pm\)](#)
- [Ninety Mile Beach in Northland, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(30min-2hours\)](#)
- [St. Paul's Rock Track in Whangaroa, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(0.9 Miles\)\(1 hour\)](#)
- [Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack and Craft Bar in Whangārei, New Zealand \(Sun 12pm-9pm Mon Closed Tues-Thurs 11:30am-9pm Fri 11:30am-9:30pm Sat 12pm-9:30pm\)](#)
- [Whangārei Falls in Whangārei, New Zealand \(FREE\)\(0.6 Miles\)\(30-60min\)](#)
- [Ship and Anchor in Orewa, New Zealand \(Sun-Thurs 11am-8:30pm Fri-Sat 11am-9:30pm\)](#)

## DAY 11 (Half Day/Flight)

- [Calliope Road Café in Auckland, New Zealand \(Fri-Sun 8am-3:30pm Mon-Thurs 8am-3pm\)](#)
- [Devonport Chocolates in Auckland, New Zealand \(Mon-Sun 9:30am-5pm\)](#)
- [Depart from Auckland, New Zealand to Vancouver \(about 13 hour flight\), Canada to Las Vegas, Nevada \(about 3 hour flight\)](#)

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## Cost Break Down

This trip is the cost for two people. Prices will change depending on the excursions you do, if more people go, different hotel, currency exchange rate (It was about \$1.63 when we went in February 2024) and so on. We did go with two other people so it did help out with the car rental and airbnb cost. This will just help you give a rough idea on how much to plan for your trip to the North Island of New Zealand.

### FLIGHTS/HOTEL/CAR RENTAL \$4200

- Air Canada From Las Vegas, NV to Vancouver, Canada to Auckland, New Zealand round trip for 2 people
- Airbnb in Te Kuiti, New Zealand
- Airbnb in Tūrangi, New Zealand
- Airbnb in Rotorua, New Zealand
- Airbnb in Paeroa, New Zealand
- Airbnb in Kaitaia, New Zealand
- Airbnb in Silverdale, New Zealand
- Airbnb Kaiwaka, New Zealand
- Mode Rental in Auckland, New Zealand 9 days

### FOOD \$700

- Stampede in Papakura, New Zealand
- Nando's in Hamilton, New Zealand
- Te Kuiti Bakery in Te Kuiti, New Zealand
- Stoked Eatery in Te Kuiti, New Zealand
- Golden Crust Pizza in Turangi, New Zealand
- Turangi in Turangi, New Zealand
- Dixie Browns in Taupō, New Zealand
- Luna's Gelateria in Taupō, New Zealand
- CBK Craft Bar & Kitchen in Rotorua, New Zealand
- Guidough in Rotorua, New Zealand
- Grill N Roll in Rotorua, New Zealand
- Colibries Steaks & Ribs in Rotorua, New Zealand
- Wendy's in Rotorua, New Zealand
- El Mexicano Zapata Restaurant in Rotorua, New Zealand
- Wholly Smoked in Rotorua, New Zealand
- Le Café de Paris in Rotorua, New Zealand
- Broom Tree Cafe & Kitchen in Tauranga, New Zealand
- The Redoubt Bar & Eatery in Tauranga, New Zealand
- Joe's Coffee & Bakery in Paeroa, New Zealand
- Craig's Traditional Fish & Chips in Whangamatā, New Zealand
- Lone Star in Auckland, New Zealand
- La Nonna Italian Bakery in Kaiwaka, New Zealand
- Beachcomber Restaurant in Kaitaia, New Zealand
- Kaitaia Bakehouse Cafe & Roasts in Kaitaia, New Zealand
- Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack and Craft Bar in Whangārei, New Zealand
- Ship and Anchor in Orewa, New Zealand
- Calliope Road Café in Auckland, New Zealand

## EXCURSIONS \$1100

- Bridal Veil Falls (FREE)
- Hamilton New Zealand LDS Temple (FREE)
- Waitomo Cave/Black Water Rafting Adventure (Black Labyrinth Tour **\$230** for two)
- Mangapohue Natural Bridge (FREE)
- Waitomo/Marokopa Falls (FREE)
- Tawhai Falls aka Gollum's Pool (FREE)
- Maori Rock Carving Scenic Cruise Tour (**\$58** for two)
- Huka Falls (FREE)
- Redwood Treewalk (Nightlights General Admission **\$24** EACH)
- Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland & Lady Knox Geyser (**\$27** EACH)
- Hell's Gate Mud Bath & Spas (**\$53** EACH)
- Kuirau Park (FREE)
- Gondola + 5 Luge Rides (**\$92** for two)
- Kaituna Whitewater Sledging (**\$260** for two)
- Raparapahoe Walk (FREE)
- Kaiate Falls (FREE)
- Hobbiton Guide Day Tour (**\$150** for two)
- Karangahake Railroad Gorge/Tunnel (FREE)
- Manginangina Kauri Walk (FREE)
- Rainbow Falls (FREE)
- Cape Reinga Lighthouse (FREE)
- Ninety Mile Beach (FREE)
- St. Paul's Rock Track (FREE)
- Whangārei Falls (FREE)

## EXTRAS \$400

- Souvenirs

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## Top Suggestions

Here are some suggestions and ideas to make your trip the best.

[Blue Highlight-Book Online](#)

### ATTRACTIONS

1. Hobbiton Movie Set Tour ([\\$74+](#))
2. Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (Adult \$45 Child \$15)
3. Waitomo Glow Worm Caves ([\\$47+](#))
4. Sky Tower (\$18+)
5. Redwood Treewalk (Adult \$40 Child \$25)
6. Moari Rock Carvings ([\\$28+](#))
7. Hell's Gate Mud Bath & Spa ([\\$21+](#))
8. Egmont National Park (FREE)
9. Tongariro National Park (FREE)
10. Hamilton Garden's ([\\$10+](#))
11. Cape Reinga Lighthouse (FREE)
12. Cape Palliser Lighthouse (FREE)
13. Mitai Maori Village ([\\$55+](#))
14. Zorb Rotorua (\$28+)
15. Skyline Rotorua (\$28+)
16. Kaitiaki Adventures ([\\$82+](#))
17. The Lost Springs ([\\$60+](#))
18. Wellington's Lord of the Rings Tour ([\\$109+](#))
19. Kuirau Park (FREE)

### WATERFALLS

1. Huka Falls 1.7 Miles/Viewpoint
2. Whangarei Falls 0.6 Miles
3. Rainbow Falls 0.25 Miles
4. Bridal Veils Falls 0.25 Miles
5. McLaren Falls Park 3.1 Miles
6. Marakopa Falls 0.5 Miles
7. Haruru Falls 3.7 Miles
8. Wairere Falls 3.4 Miles
9. Shine Falls 2.6 Miles
10. Kaiate Falls 1.25 Miles
11. Tawhai Falls 0.3 Miles
12. Rere Falls 64 Miles/Viewpoint
13. Piroa Falls 0.2 Miles
14. Mount Damper Falls 1.2 Miles
15. Waiau Falls 0.1 Miles
16. Owharoa Falls 0.2 Miles
17. Okere Falls 0.75 Miles
18. Mangawhero Falls 0.1 Miles
19. Dawson Falls 2.3 Miles

### HIKING TRAILS

1. [Mangapohue Natural Bridge](#) 0.2 Miles
2. Karangahake Railroad Gorge/Tunnel 2 Miles
3. Pouakai Crossing 11.80 Miles
4. Tongariro Alpine Crossing 12 Miles
5. Mount Maunganui 2.1 Miles
6. Cathedral Cove 3.1 Miles
7. Te Werahi Beach Track 1-3 Miles
8. Kahami Loop Track 0.3 Miles
9. St. Pauls Rock 1 Mile
10. Karioi Summit 7.5 Miles
11. Sunrise Track 3.7 Miles
12. Pinnacles Lookout 9.9 Miles
13. Waimangu Volcanic Valley 2.8 Miles
14. Lake Waikaremoana Track 28.6 Miles

### LAKES

1. Lake Taupō in Taupō
2. Lake Mangamahoe in New Plymouth
3. Lake Waikaremoana in Hawke's Bay
4. Lake Rotorua in Bay of Plenty
5. Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake) in Bay of Plenty
6. Lake Okareka in Rotorua
7. Emerald Lakes in Tongariro National Park
8. Upper Tama in Waikato
9. Inferno Crater Lake in Bay of Plenty
10. Lake Rotokawau in Bay of Plenty
11. Lake Wairarapa in Featherston
12. Lake Te Ko Utu in Waikato
13. Lake Otamangakau in Whanganui
14. Lake Kaiwi in Northland

### RESTAURANTS

1. Stampede in Papakura
2. Nando's in Hamilton
3. Stoked Eatery in Te Kuiti *VG, V and GF options*
4. Dixie Browns in Taupō *V and GF options*
5. CBK Craft Bar & Kitchen in Rotorua *VG, V and GF options*
6. Colibries Steaks & Ribs in Rotorua *VG, V and GF options*
7. Wholly Smoked in Rotorua *VG, V and GF options*
8. Le Café de Paris in Rotorua *V options*
9. The Redoubt Bar and Eatery in Tauranga *VG and GF options*
10. Craig's Traditional Fish & Chips in Whangamatā
11. Beachcomber Restaurant in Kaitiaki *V options*
12. Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack and Craft Bar in Whangārei *GF options*
13. Shed 5 in Wellington *V and GF options*
14. Cassia in Auckland *V options*
15. HUHU Cafe in Waitomo *V and GF options*
16. Sails Restaurant in Auckland *V options*
17. Ortega Fish Shack in Wellington *VG options*
18. Baduzzi in Auckland *V options*
19. Tony's Original Steak & Seafood Restaurant in Auckland *V options*
20. Master of India in Taupō *V options*
21. El Mexicano Zapata in Rotorua *V options*

*VG (Vegan) V (Vegetarian) P (Pescatarian) GF (Gluten Free)*

### BEACHES

1. Mt Maunganui Beach Bay of Plenty
2. Piha Beach Auckland
3. Hot Water Beach Coromandel Peninsula
4. Ninety Mile Beach Northland
5. Cathedral Cove Coromandel Peninsula
6. Oke Bay Bay of Island
7. Langs Beach Waipu
8. Tapuae Beach New Plymouth
9. Sandy Bay Beach Northland
10. Waipatiki Beach Napier
11. Whale Bay Northland
12. Rarawa Beach Northland
13. Browns Bay Beach Auckland
14. Bethells Beach Auckland
15. Hahei Beach Coromandel Peninsula
16. Opito Bay Whitianga
17. Maitai Bay Karikari Peninsula
18. Tairua Beach Tairua
19. Onetangi Beach Waiheke Island
20. Bay View Napier
21. Waihi Beach Bay of Plenty
22. Muriwai Beach Auckland
23. Ngarunui Beach Raglan

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## Plan Your Itinerary

Customized your trip here to fit your needs and adventures. Feel free to adjust some of these to make this your perfect trip to the North Island of New Zealand.

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