

Day 1

Arrive Auckland 226 kms (140 miles) 3 hours

Collect your rental car and travel through lush Waikato pasture lands to the Waitomo area. Visit the Waitomo Caves or perhaps travel to Hobbiton for a tour of the film set from Lord of the Rings Trilogy (optional). Continue to Rotorua, famous for its spouting Geysers, bubbling mud pools and warm geothermal pools.

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Regent of Rotorua

Day 2

Rotorua Sightseeing

The day is free for Rotorua Sightseeing. Perhaps join a morning city tour or a Steambox lunch tour at Te Puia.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Day 3

Rotorua to Napier 219 kms (136 miles) 2.5 hours

Depart for the art deco city of Napier, enjoy the architecture, tree lined waterfront location and many fountains and gardens.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Greenmeadows On Gloucester

Day 4

Napier

The day is free to spend as you wish. We suggest an Art Deco Walk around Napier. This afternoon why not enjoy a wine and gourmet food experience. Learn from a local wine maker, learn about wine and food at one of NZ's top winery restaurants.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Day 5

Napier to Wellington 315 kms (195 miles) 4 hours

Depart Napier and head towards Martinborough. Discover a host of top-class vineyards in and around the area, (famed for its internationally award-winning Pinot Noir).

Meal Plan Breakfast

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Wellesley Boutique Hotel

Day 6

Wellington

Known as the 'coolest little capital' Wellington offers a diverse range of sight-seeing options. Perhaps enjoy a guided tour of Te Papa Museum of Wellington, New Zealand's National Museum.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Day 7

Wellington to Queenstown

Return your car in time for your onward flight (airfare not included). On arrival, collect your rental vehicle and make your way into town. The day is free to explore this quaint Alpine village.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Queenstown Park Boutique Hotel

Day 8

Queenstown

At leisure to explore the adventure capital of New Zealand. Optional tours include a Milford Sound Day Excursion, where you take a cruise past mile-high Mitre Peak, through glacially carved fiords and out into the open sea. Perhaps take a short drive to the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown or the town of Wanaka.

Meal Plan Breakfast

Day 9

Depart Queenstown

The morning is at leisure until you return your vehicle and depart Queenstown.

Meal Plan Breakfast