

REAL NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURES

8 Day Auckland – Waitomo – Taranaki – Rotorua – Hiking Tour



OVERVIEW

See REAL New Zealand – specialising in Hiking and Nature

- Real New Zealand BBQ Experience
- Glowworm Tour
- Hobbit Film Location Tours
- Nature and Hiking
- Waterfalls
- Botanical Gardens
- Mountain Hiking
- Back Country Hiking
- Rail Cart Ride
- Wildlife Sanctuaries
- Jet Boat Tour
- Maori Experience
- Home-Cooked meals
- New Zealand Guides & Hosts

Day One – Waitomo Wonderland

Depart Auckland heading for Waitomo, famous for its magical glowworms, amazing limestone formations and abundance of native flora and fauna. Spend the day here enjoying its beauty with a real New Zealand BBQ experience to fuel your adventures.

You will see glowworms, Waterfalls, Native Forests and Limestone Formations as we travel and hike around the area.

A homely meal awaits you after your adventurous day and lodging nearby.

Day Two – Hobbit Film Location, Falls & Botanical Gardens

Depart for a Hobbit Film Location Set Tour. See primeval native forests, and massive rock formations at this location on a real working New Zealand farm which became the “Trollshaws Forest” for “An Unexpected Journey” Hobbit Film.

Next we make our way down to Taranaki, or more fondly known as “Taradise” a place like no other where you will do a short hike to one of the highest falls in the North Island as a warm up to the adventures ahead.

Then take a leisurely stroll around one of New Zealand’s founding botanical gardens of National Significance which began its story in 1876.

Day Three – Mountainous Adventures

A full day of mountain hiking adventure today as we head up to the magnificent 125,000 year old Mt Egmont in New Zealand’s second established National Park in 1900. Hike as far as 1966m on a challenging track that will take your breath away at the summit with views of South East Taranaki, the sea and also through to Mt Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe.

This hiking tour is weather dependent and other hiking options around lower parts of the mountain will be actioned in unsuitable weather conditions. Also tailored to customer fitness levels.

INCLUSIONS

Catering:

3 Square Meals + water and some snacks. Stops included for personal purchases.

Accommodation:

7 nights

A range of accommodation including lodges and family orientated lodging.

Activities:

All activity costs, guiding, travel fees and NZ taxes included.

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares, Airport Transfers and Airport Taxes not included.

Summary:

All-inclusive tour.

No hidden costs.

After your mountainous adventure a home-cooked meal is waiting for you at a family home in a remote area where you will spend a comfortable night in the countryside.

Day Four – Exploring the New Zealand Wilderness

A day of exploring! Penetrate deep into the wilderness of the Whanganui National Park on an old Maori trail and settlers' dray road. Enjoy a picnic lunch deep in the New Zealand undergrowth and get in touch with nature in all its glory.

Day Five – More Wilderness and a Rail Cart Adventure

Hike down a 17km paper road that was abandoned during the great depression in the 1930's. This is a great day to get your camera out for some stunning photos of some rugged New Zealand hill country. Then enjoy lunch at the most remote Country Hotel in New Zealand! Then go on a rail cart adventure and discover the Taranaki end of the abandoned Stratford Okahukura Railway Line. Learn about the line's rich history as the landscape slowly changes from gentle rolling plains to rugged hill-country.

Next we head further south to accommodation with a million dollar view of Mt Egmont. Here you will be able to see from a distance where you hiked on day three while you enjoy another home-cooked meal and a beverage while you relax and take in the beauty.

Day Six – Native Wildlife Reserves

Spend the morning hiking around a lake. The walkway meanders through some breathtaking lowland forest before heading deep into a swamp forest. You will see the great swamp forest giants (Kahikatea and pukatea) Spend time looking in the small streams feeding into the lake, you may spot some native New Zealand fish (banded kokopu) This wildlife sanctuary is a community-owned and community-driven project, and accommodates a wide variety of community interests including conservation and recreation.

Next a quick stop to see "Ratanui" a massive Rata native tree which is estimated to be between 500 and 1000 years old and is 43 meters in height and has a girth that exceeds 11 meters!

Tonight, stay in the wilderness, deep within the Whanganui National Park at a country lodge. Listen out when it gets dark, because you might just hear a Kiwi calling!

Day Seven – Jet Boat to a Historic place and Maori Hangi

Take a jetboat ride further inland to a walkway into the heart of the Whanganui National Park to see the Bridge to Nowhere! The bridge was constructed in the 1930's in anticipation of the forming roads but then abandoned in the great depression.

End your day in Rotorua with a Maori performance and traditional Maori Hangi (food cooked underground on hot stones) for dinner.

Day Eight – Hobbiton Tour

Head north and experience the magic of Hobbiton. Step into the lush pastures of the Shire™, as featured in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies before returning back to Auckland.

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