



Rotorua Package – 4 nights / 5 Days



Pictured: Mt Tarawera and Rotorua Lakefront

Day One Arrive Rotorua

On your arrival into Rotorua, you will be meet and transferred by private vehicle to your accommodation.

Experience a volcanic wonderland where the ground steams, mud and waters bubble and geysers erupt high into the sky. A place where the Earth's power is revered and history is carved in wood and tradition; surrounded by sparking lakes and native forest as far as the eye can see.

Dinner is included on first night at your accommodation.

Accommodation: Peppers on the Point, Lodge Suite with Breakfast

Peppers on the Point, a former 1930's mansion retains its distinct charm. Today, it offers guests a relaxed and tranquil ambiance, with lavish features and amazing views over the beautiful Mokoia Island. This lakeside accommodation, so lovingly preserved, is just 5 minutes from the heart of the city.



Or Upgrade to Solitaire Lodge, Executive Suite with Dinner, Breakfast & Light Lunch (complimentary mini bar with extensive selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, fruit and snacks are also at hand).

One of New Zealand's premiere luxury lodges, Solitaire Lodge enjoys breath-taking views over Lake Tarawera, with lush natural bush and volcanic landscape backdrop. The subtle design brings the outdoors in, inviting you to unwind and soak up the peace and quiet of this tranquil setting. From the resort you will discover a multitude of activities and the lodge is also the perfect place to simply relax, indulge and rejuvenate, left in the able hands of your warm, friendly New Zealand hosts.



Day Two Rotorua

Begin the morning with a private helicopter flight to the beautiful Lake Rotoiti via Mount Tarawera. Landing on Mount Tarawera offers a privileged view of spectacular craters and domes formed by the massive 1886 eruption. Here you will enjoy an interesting commentary based on the region's history, culture and geology. You will also take in expansive views of our stunning Lakes District, National Parks, and a view of Mount Tarawera from above.



On arrival to the Marae, at Lake Rotoiti, you will experience a genuine Maori welcome, known as a Powhiri. This ancient style of welcoming will be explained by your guide before you arrive to the village, along with any important protocols. Once the welcoming ritual has been completed you will be considered "Tangata Whenua" or people of the land. You essentially become one of the family, or whanau. Spend time in the Ancestral House or "Whare Tupuna" talking with locals about the rich history of this tribe. Enjoy morning tea and take in the Arts and Crafts and intimate time with the local Iwi and learn about their culture including stories, history, mythology and the performing arts of the Ngati Pikiao people. Following your experience, you will be transferred to Pure Cruise.

Optional Extra: Get involved in preparing and laying a traditional hangi and staying for lunch (feast). If this is preferred then I'd recommend moving Pure Cruise – Tiua Sailing Charter to Day 4.



Enjoy a genuine, personal New Zealand experience on board the luxury sailing catamaran Tiua on Lake Rotoiti near Rotorua. High levels of comfort and service are provided in the spacious saloon, cockpit and deck areas of our 53 foot yacht Tiua. Beautiful lake Rotoiti is a large freshwater lake with many stunning bays and coves to explore, it is steeped in cultural history and legend that the crew are happy to share.



You can be as relaxed or energetic as you wish by helping sail the yacht, swimming in the waters through caves, soaking in the lake edge thermal pools only accessible by boat or relaxing in the bean bags and watching the native scenery slip by under full sail. Then nestle into a cove as the BBQ is lit to prepare a delicious lunch complemented by classic local beverages. Unmistakably New Zealand served at a pace dictated by you. Return to your accommodation by private vehicle.

Note, fishing is also available from the catamaran – fishing equipment is included onboard but fishing licences are an additional cost.

Day Three Rotorua

Today, your nature and culture experience will start with a short walk in Otanewainuku forest (between Rotorua and Tauranga). This is a stunning forest, home to giant trees that has established a strong kiwi and kokako population in the forest.

Enjoy lunch at Mount Maunganui and take in Mount Drury, a favourite beach at the Mount. You will then proceed to the private studio of Todd Couper. Todd is a Contemporary Māori artist who specialises in wood carving and sculpture and has forged his own style and direction in carving, with commissioned pieces residing in collections both locally and internationally. Todd shares his story of how his culture inspires his art practise.



Day Four Rotorua at Leisure

Today is at leisure. Spend the day either relaxing at your lodge, lake access allows exploration of surrounding waters, secluded private bays with the use of the lodge dinghies and kayaks.

Or perhaps you feel like tackling the Kaituna river, home of the world's highest commercially rafted waterfall, Tutea, which stands at 7m tall. Your private guides will firstly gear you up with the latest NRS water wear before teaching you the skills needed to navigate this awesome piece of whitewater. While a short river run, the 45 minutes on the water sees you making our way down through the picturesque Kaituna Gorge.

After the thrills and spills of rafting, lunch is provided before heading out for a relaxing paddle on the picturesque Lake Rotoiti, or into the Redwood Forest for a mountain bike ride surrounded by beautiful native and pine forests. (all levels can be catered for).

Or take a guided walk in the beautiful and world famous Whirinaki Forest, a primordial rainforest and arguably NZ's finest. The walk offers stunning scenery, waterfalls, rare birdlife and giant 1000-year old trees. Whirinaki is regarded as NZ's most complete canopy and ranks as one of the world's great rainforests. Or enjoy an gentle alternative to the Tongariro Crossing, our walk options offer the same stunning scenery but without the crowds allowing you to enjoy New Zealand's first National Park and learn about the unique alpine flora and fauna of the park.



Take a day trip to Waitomo & Hobbiton. At Caveworld, your experienced private guide reveals the rich history of Waitomo before taking a short walk through native bush to the cave entrance, where candles set the scene for an intimate cave experience. You will see glowworms and cave formations up close and appreciate the beauty of Footwhistle Cave. The guide tells the stories of the insect life that live here - titiwai, the glow worm, and tuna, the eel.



Continue to Hobbiton Movie Set to experience the real Middle-earth. With your private guide step into the lush pastures of the Shire, as seen in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies and fall in love with the Alexander family sheep farm, just as acclaimed director Sir Peter Jackson did. Your guide will escort you around the set, showing the intricate detailing, pointing out the most famous locations and explaining how the movie magic was made. Finish up at the Green Dragon Inn for an exclusive Hobbit Southfarthing beverage to conclude your own Middle-earth adventure.

Otherwise, simply choose to relax – visit Polynesian Spa Pools or Hells Gate for a hot soak and spa treatment.



All tour options listed today are an additional cost and will be priced on application.

Day Five Depart Rotorua

Today, you will be transferred to Rotorua Airport, where you will connect with your flight home (flight not included).