

## 9D7n Highway Coasts

### DAY01 Singapore

#### DAY02 Auckland

On arrival in Auckland airport, pick up your car & make your way to the hotel. You are free to explore "The City of Sails". Walk around many shopping at famous Queen Street, Aotea Centre, Maritime Museum, Sky City Casino, Victoria Market, etc. Most accessible remains of pre-European Maori occupation are etched into the slopes of Auckland's volcanic cones. Climb One Tree Hill or Mt Eden, where defensive fortifications are clearly evident along with the rectangular pits the Maori dug to protect their harvests of kumara (sweet potato).

#### DAY03 Bay of Islands

Travel to the Bay of Islands takes you through spectacular scenery of native forests and sub-tropical bush to the foreshores of the National Maritime Park, arriving at your destination seaside town of Paihia. The rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure. There's no place in the world like the Bay of Islands a stunning region of 144 secluded islands, abundant in natural wonders and marine life.

Regarded as the birthplace of New Zealand as a bi-cultural nation, the Bay of Islands is rich in both Maori culture and early European history. Discover well-preserved Maori and European relics of the past, and learn more about the unique history that has shaped our country.

#### DAY04 Cape Reinga Day Tour

A visit to New Zealand is not complete without a journey to the top of the North Island – Cape Reinga. Uncover the wild beauty of this vast and untouched region that is rich in Maori culture and tradition.

This journey will take you to Cape Reinga, where according to Maori legend, this is the place of departing spirits on their journey to the homeland - Hawaiki. On your way, visit the ancient Puketi Kauri forest, with a 20 minute boardwalk past 1,000 year old Kauri trees and native bush. Stop at Taipa Beach Resort for morning tea (own expense) then later, enjoy a BBQ lunch (own expense) at Houhora. On arrival at Cape Reinga, stand on the windswept tip of New Zealand and watch the Pacific Ocean collide with the Tasman Sea.

#### DAY05 City of Sails & Option for Whale & Dolphin

Make your way via the Twin Coast discovery Highway provides the structure to experience the mystery, history & culture. Nearby the Auckland Harbour Bridge you will be able to capture many yachts. It's rumoured that Auckland has the highest number of boat per capita in the world, testament to its America's Cup victories. Auckland has perfected the style of cuisine called "Pacific Rim", blending Asian & Pacific flavours. Seafood features prominently on Auckland restaurant menus. Try New Zealand mussels, succulent Clevedon Coast oysters or the local lamb or venison. The historic inner city suburbs of Ponsonby, Herne Bay and Parnell offer dozens of dining options, or try a waterfront restaurant in the Viaduct Harbour or Mission Bay. A steaming parcel of fish and chips is best eaten at a peaceful beach or bay. Another quick picnic idea is some fresh bread and a selection of cheese from the Puhoi Valley, north of the city.

Suggest an *option for this trip* - Every excursion on the Whale & Dolphin Safari is different but all include: Dolphins viewed on over 90% of trips, whales viewed on 75% # Cruise and commentary on the culture and history of Auckland's Hauraki Gulf # Fully licensed bar & snacks available for purchase. Considered one of the most biologically and geographically diverse marine parks in the world, 22 species of marine mammal have been identified in the Hauraki Gulf, almost 1/3 of the entire world's population of species.

You will be spellbound by the spectacle of a feeding frenzy involving sea birds, whales and dolphins or see small pods of dolphins playing around the boat. Wherever the most exciting whale and dolphin activity is, we aim to find it for you, whilst showing you some of the most significant cultural and historical parts of this amazing maritime park.

With six years of continued scientific programmes undertaken onboard, our crew are probably New Zealand's most experienced and knowledgeable. On Auckland's Whale and Dolphin Safari you will experience the Hauraki Gulf from the most comfortable and stable whale watching vessel in New Zealand. Our luxury 20m high speed catamaran is designed specifically for the sea conditions of this unique area.

#### DAY06 Waitomo & Rotorua

This tour enables you to visit the Waitomo Glowworm Caves World renowned and a magnet for both local and overseas visitors, the Waitomo Glowworm Caves occupy a high placing in almost everyones New Zealand vacation wish-list.

The Waitomo glowworm, *Arachnocampa luminosa*, is unique to New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their unmistakable luminescent light as our expert guides provide informative commentary on the Caves' historical and geological significance.

Over your 45 minute guided tour, you'll take in the spectacular Glowworm Cave with its majestic and ornate cave decorations, the deep limestone shaft known as the Tomo and the equally magnificent Cathedral cavern where New Zealand's own opera diva Kiri Te Kanawa once performed. Your tour guide will deliver an informative and entertaining commentary, sharing stories, cultural legends and the natural wonders of this living masterpiece.

Your visit concludes with a brief, yet remarkably moving, boat trip through the Glowworm Grotto.

**DAY07 Rotorua tours**

Experience Te Puia, a place of Maori culture and a thermal wonderland of impressive geysers and boiling mud pools. Explore Trout Springs Nature Park, which showcases native flora and fauna as well as the New Zealand Kiwi. Then see NZ's agricultural industry in action with a sheep shearing display and sheep dog trials at the Farm Show.

**DAY08 LOTR**

Your day tours are available to visit the original Hobbiton village from The Lord of the Rings movie trilogy. Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre working sheep farm (there are 13,000 sheep and 300 beef cattle on the property) with spectacular views across the Kaimai Ranges.

Your tour guide will escort you through the ten acre site; recounting fascinating details on how the Hobbiton Movie Set was created and what went on during filming.

The Hobbiton movie set has been returned to its natural state, however hobbit holes and some structures from the film set are still present.

After visiting Bag End and the other fascinating Hobbiton Movie Set remains, you will be presented with an opportunity to pet and feed the hand-reared sheep and a demonstration by a professional sheep shearer, followed by hand bottle feeding of lambs in which you are invited to participate.

We will explain all about sheep farming and answer any questions you might have. This is your chance to get a real taste of New Zealand farming.

Get off the beaten tourist track on this tour of amazing scenic diversity. From world famous Lord of the Rings film locations, to wondrous mountain ranges, elegant villages, boutique wineries, rural farmlands, and rugged and untamed Palliser Bay - this tour has it all!

Visiting only the most breathtakingly scenic Lord of the Rings film sites, we venture along: The Great River Anduin that flowed through Middle Earth between the Misty Mountains and Mirkwood, Hobbiton Woods, where the Hobbits hid from the Nazgul while fleeing the Shire. This film site located on Mount Victoria also offers spectacular 360-degree views of Wellington City, harbour, and hills. Helms Deep where the Orcs battled King Theodore of Rohan to overtake his stronghold, Rivendell where the room and the bed for Frodo's recovery from the Sword attack by the Ring Wraiths was staged



**DAY09 Singapore**

Return the car to airport.

**Total cost**

01 Oct 2009 – 30 Apr 2010 / 01 Oct 2010 – 30 Apr 2011 # Breakfast Add NZD326					
Standard Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	1729	1659	1499	NA	NA
Intermediate	1779	1729	1619	NA	NA
Full Size	1829	1769	1659	1499	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	1739	1669	1559

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011# Breakfast Add NZD313					
Standard Hotels	TWN	TRP	TWN x 2	TWN + TRP	TRP + TRP
Compact	1669	1599	1469	NA	NA
Intermediate	1719	1659	1499	NA	NA
Full Size	1759	1699	1539	1459	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	1669	1589	1429

*Note: Rates is in NZD and Subject to our In-House Ex-change Rates. Are rates are subject to changes without prior notice.*

*## For reservation, **please call for appointment** – Depart Nov to Mar please book early (less then one month is **Urgent Booking** – Admin Charge may apply!!)*

01 Oct 2009 – 30 Apr 2010 / 01 Oct 2010 – 30 Apr 2011# Breakfast Add NZD308					
Motels	TWN	TRP	2 Bedroom-4pax	2 Bedroom-5pax	2 Bedroom-6pax
Compact	1569	1519	1439	NA	NA
Intermediate	1599	1539	1399	NA	NA
Full Size	1639	1569	1459	1339	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	1559	1439	1329

*Note: If ANY City 2 bedroom unit / Motels is Not Available, Higher Cost APPLY!*

01 May 2010 – 30 Sep 2010 / 01 May 2011 – 30 Sep 2011# Breakfast Add NZD298					
Motels	TWN	TRP	2 Bedroom-4pax	2 Bedroom-5pax	2 Bedroom-6pax
Compact	1529	1469	1399	NA	NA

Intermediate	1559	1499	1369	NA	NA
Full Size	1599	1539	1419	1229	NA
8 Seater	NA	NA	1509	1419	1289

**Package Inclusion:**

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 days rental car
- Tours – Waitomo Caves, Te Puai, Trout Spring, Farmshow, Hobbiton, Hot Spring & Jet boat, Skyline Skyride & Buffet Dinner, Maori Concert Dinner Show.
- Children (2-12 years old) cost 80% of adult twin (with 2 adult travel) – share existing bedding.

**Tour Payment:**

Payment will be required as follows:

- Non refundable deposit of \$500 per pax for reservation
- Balance required 30 days before date of departure.

**Amendments:**

Once confirmation advise, Any Amendments instigated by the client may incur a \$75.00 per amendment fee to cover administration and communication costs.

**Cancellation & Refund Policy:**

Cancellations by the client must be in writing and are subject to the following forfeit of cost per person:

- Cancellation 45 days or more before departure date No Refund of Deposit
- Cancellation between 45 days and 30 days before departure date: 50% of the package value lost
- Cancellation less than 30 days before departure date: 100% of the package value lost

No refunds will be made once travel has commenced: nor will any refund be available in respect of any tours, accommodation, hires, services or inclusions not utilized. Weather interruptions to itineraries/tour packages and rounds of golf are beyond our control. We will do all possible to rearrange services in such event, but cannot be held financially responsible for interruption under such circumstances.

Payments unused are non-refundable unless cancelled by the operator of the service. Unfortunately there can be no exceptions to this.

**Rental Car** (Different car company may have different policy & rates):

Your rental will require at NZ\$150 security bond to be paid to Budget Rent a Car at the commencement of the rental.

An Airport & Ferry collection fee of NZ\$31.75 is payable on all rentals, PICKED UP or DROPPED OFF at any commercial New Zealand airport and from the inter-island ferry terminals in Wellington and Picton.

This is to be paid direct by you to Budget Rent a Car at the commencement of the hire, and is only payable once for each rental.

Motor Vehicle insurance is included with your Budget Rent a Car. This insurance is subject to an insurance excess of NZ\$2812.50 which means in case of an accident you are liable for the amount of the insurance excess.

For a fee of NZ\$31.50 per day you may purchase the Budget Protection Plan. This reduces the vehicle excess from NZ\$2812.50 to NZ\$253.12. A decision you can make at the time of collecting your car.

Low Cost Car Rates Valid FROM 01Nov 2009 till further notice & <i>Subject to Changes without prior notice.</i>	Youth Hostels Multi Share
Compact	1238
Intermediate	1268
Full Size	1318
<i># FULL Cancellation Charge once confirm – Reservation Full Payment! Every Amendment NZD 75 per file.</i>	

<i>Compact 1.3 Manual</i>	<i>Intermediate 1.8 Auto</i>	<i>Full Size 2 &amp; above Auto</i>	<i>8 seater 2.4 Auto</i>
			