

NEW ZEALAND NORTH

9 DAYS

100%
CARBON
NEUTRAL
TOURS

WORK & TRAVEL
ADD-ON

From the volcanic marvels of Rotorua to the lush charm of real-life Hobbiton, New Zealand's North Island is full of wilderness and wonder. We'll show you all the highlights of the North Island along with some off-the-beaten-path adventures. Wander the famous Hobbiton film set, experience traditional Māori culture, soak in thermal hot springs, explore underground caves, sail the stunning Lake Taupo, discover fascinating Wellington and so much more! If you choose the NZ Intro North work add-on, we will also help you sort all your essentials and help you find work in NZ. Oh, and did we mention you'll be doing all this with an awesome group leader and a new crew of mates? There's no better way to kick off your adventure in New Zealand!

AUCKLAND ➔ WELLINGTON

Transport: Minibus, Bus

Meals: 4B, 2D

Group size: 4 - 18

Age Range: 18 - 45

HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the world-famous Waitomo glowworm caves
- Explore the real Hobbiton film set and filming locations featured in the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit trilogies
- Experience New Zealand's incredible volcanic landscapes and thundering waterfalls
- Immerse yourself in Māori culture
- Sail across Lake Taupo
- Explore the cultural capital of Wellington
- Unlimited assistance securing a paid job in New Zealand with the NZ Intro North work add-on

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Transfer
- ✓ 8 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 6 Meals
- ✓ All Transport
- ✓ Help Before You Go
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Waitomo Glowworm Caves Boat Tour
- ✓ Hobbiton Film Set Tour
- ✓ Kerosene Creek
- ✓ Wai o Tapu
- ✓ Māori Experience
- ✓ Lake Taupo Sailing
- ✓ Huka Falls
- ✓ Wellington City Orientation
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel
- ✓ Unlimited Support

NZ INTRO NORTH ADD-ON INCLUSIONS

- ✓ NZ Sim Card
- ✓ NZ Bank Account Assistance
- ✓ IRD Number
- ✓ NZ Jobs Program Lifetime Membership

NOT INCLUDED:

Flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals



ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND

• **AUCKLAND** Kia ora! Touching down in New Zealand's largest city, we'll meet you at our centrally located hostel to settle in. This evening you'll meet up with the rest of your travel crew and get excited for all the adventures to come in Aotearoa.

DAY 2 - GLOWWORM CAVES & HOBBITON

• **ROTORUA** First up today we're stopping at Waitomo, home of the world-famous glowworm caves. We'll jump on a boat to explore this labyrinth of underground rivers and watch the wormies do their thing. This afternoon we tick off another highlight as we head to Hobbiton to wander the real-life lush pastures of the Shire as featured in The Lord Of The Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. After exploring the set and learning all about movie magic we'll enjoy a drink at the Green Dragon Inn before departing for Rotorua.

DAY 3 - EXPLORE ROTORUA

• **ROTORUA** Waking up to the whiff of sulphur, today you'll definitely know you're in Rotorua! Visit the naturally heated waters of Kerosene Creek as well one of New Zealand's most magnificent geothermal wonderlands – Wai o Tapu, featuring dramatic geysers & bubbling mud.

DAY 4 - MAORI CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

• **ROTORUA** This morning you'll have some free time to try some zorbing or the skyline luge. For those on the NZ Intro North work add-on, later that day, our team will help make sure you've got everything sorted for living and working in NZ, and get you signed up to our NZ Jobs Program. In the evening we'll go to the Mitai Māori village for an introduction to Māori culture. It doesn't get more authentic than this!

DAY 5 - TAUPO & SAIL

• **TAUPO** Have your cameras ready as we travel to Taupo, a lakefront town in the heart of the North Island. Later we'll treat you to something special - a sailing trip across the lake. Swoon over spectacular, no-filter-needed scenery. NZ, you've stolen our hearts.

DAY 6 - WATERFALLS & ADRENALINE

• **TAUPO** This morning we're off on a scenic walk to check out Huka Falls, a goose-bump inducing torrent of crystal water thundering down the Waikato River that you will hear before you see. After witnessing the raw power of Mother Nature, you'll then have some free time when you can do a skydive or the world's highest bungee jump!

DAY 7 - TRAVEL TO WELLINGTON

• **WELLINGTON** Today we'll head to New Zealand's capital city, Wellington! Dive into the city's energy by exploring its charming cafes, indulging in delicious bites at top-notch restaurants or kicking back and soaking up the laid-back vibes of the evening.

DAY 8 - EXPLORE WELLINGTON

• **WELLINGTON** Get ready to explore the best of Wellington with a city orientation tour! Hop aboard the iconic cable cars for stunning views, then dive into the rich history and vibrant culture at Te Papa Tongarewa Museum—ranked among the world's best museums.

DAY 9 - CHECK OUT & ONWARD TRAVEL

• **WELLINGTON** This morning your Northern Kiwi adventure comes to an end. You can either check out and journey home, stay on longer in Wellington or continue your travels in New Zealand. If you need any assistance planning onward travel, we're here to help every step of the way.

NZ JOBS PROGRAM

By doing the NZ Intro North work add-on you don't need to worry. We'll give you everything you need to find work in NZ. Work in NZ: We'll help sort all the important things you'll need before you start working in New Zealand. We'll assist you with opening up a local bank account with [Wise](#), along with a SIM card and IRD Number.

INTRO Jobs Website: You'll get exclusive access to our INTRO Jobs website, where we post lots of great job opportunities every day from our NZ wide network of employers. Unlimited Help & Advice: Your group leader will give you a comprehensive 'Work in NZ' presentation, as well as one on one advice and support on CV building, job finding, training courses, interview skills and anything else you may need!

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date, as that's when most people get in. While there are no activities on the first day, the group usually meets up for dinner around 7pm. If you do arrive early, you can book and pay for extra nights of the accommodation we use in the [Manage My Booking](#) area.

AFTER NZ NORTH

We'll make sure you're comfortable with what you're doing, where you're going and help you with everything you'll need to have the trip of a lifetime with the new friends you've made. Those on the NZ Intro North work add-on will get lots of help with finding work, accommodation and onward travel.

VISAS

If you're planning a short holiday and are from Australia, the UK, Canada, USA, or any of the [countries on this list](#), you do not need a visa to [enter but do require](#) an NZ ETA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority) which can be requested online. We can help organise this before you go.

If you are doing the NZ Intro North work add-on you will need a Working Holiday Visa. A WHV is usually available to those aged 18 - 30 and valid for 12 or 23 months.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise travel insurance [here](#) or contact us.



ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

AUCKLAND - HAKA HOUSE AUCKLAND CITY HOSTEL

1 NIGHT

Modern hostel in a great location.

Mixed Dorm Rooms

Shared Bathroom

WiFi

Kitchen, Dining Area & Laundry



AUCKLAND

ROTORUA - HAKA HOUSE ROTORUA HOSTEL

3 NIGHTS

Stylish centrally located hostel.

Mixed Dorm Rooms

Shared Bathroom

WiFi

Kitchen, Dining Area & Laundry



ROTORUA

TAUPO - YHA FINLAY JACKS HOSTEL

2 NIGHTS

Laid-back, homely hostel.

Mixed Dorm Rooms

Shared Bathroom

WiFi

Kitchen, Dining Area & Laundry



TAUPO

WELLINGTON - HAKA HOUSE WELLINGTON HOSTEL

2 NIGHTS

Located in the heart of the city.

Mixed Dorm Rooms

Shared Bathroom

WiFi

Kitchen, Dining Area & Laundry



WELLINGTON

IMPORTANT NOTE



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

#SMALLCHANGE

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do, and we are proud to say that every INTRO tour is 100% carbon neutral.

Small Change is our socially conscious initiative aimed at travelling responsibly and changing the world for the better!

[Find out more.](#)

FAQS



DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends!



IS IT EASY TO FIND WORK IN NEW ZEALAND?

By doing the NZ Intro North work add-on you'll get unlimited help & support to find a job in NZ. Not just during NZ Intro North but for the entire time you're in NZ. You'll also receive a lifetime membership to our NZ Jobs Program, which includes unlimited access to our network of employers all over NZ through our INTRO Jobs website, where we post jobs!



CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose [New Zealand](#).



HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

If you're going to be working in NZ, you'll need an NZ bank account. To open your bank account just go to the '[Manage My Booking](#)' section of our website. Your bank account will be set up with [Wise](#). NZ employers will be able to pay you through this. If you're on a tourist visa you'll be able to use the Wise travel currency card to pay for things and withdraw cash at ATM's. There are ATM's available throughout New Zealand so it's easy to access cash.



CAN I CHANGE MY START DATE?

Enjoy ultimate peace of mind and flexibility with INTRO. Should your travel plans change or be disrupted you can change your start date or tour for free up to 30 days before your start date.

Or simply transfer your booking to 100% travel credit that will never expire and can be used on any tour with us at any time in the future.



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND?

The country's rugged beauty and varied landscapes means it's always a good time to go backpacking in New Zealand! The summer months (December to March) bring long, sunny days perfect for spending outdoors, the winter months (June to September) bring snow to the South Island and parts of the North.



IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

All accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. New Zealand's Wi-Fi is generally good.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.

That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to Manage My Booking and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on New Zealand, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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