



real adventure
small prices

HOT ROCKS

9 or 10 Days

\$1395
includes food, transport,
camp fees and shared tent

Enjoy the heat of the thermal North on these loops around the North Island from Wellington or Auckland

This itinerary shows a trip starting from Auckland and heading north first (9 days). You can also start your loop in Auckland and head south first (point 4) or Wellington, both of which take 10 days.

point 1: Depart Auckland 10am. Leave the city for the golden beaches and warm waters of the Bay of Islands. Visit the historic **Treaty House**. Enjoy the mangrove walk to thundering Haruru waterfalls. Cycle scenic route. Star-gazing around camp fire. L/D U

point 2: Delicious pancake breakfast. Spend the day in the Bay of Islands' clear turquoise waters, relaxing at the beach or using the free boogie boards. Cycle scenic loop to Russell visiting Kauri Grove on the way. Options include **Cape Reinga**, sail the Bay of Islands, dolphin swimming, **Waka paddle and village tour** or dive the **Rainbow Warrior**. In the evening enjoy an optional **Maori Concert** and Haka! A second night at same camp. B/D U

point 3: A day full of adventure. Great cycle routes and walk options, then on to the dunes of Opononi for beach fun and optional **sand boarding**. Cycle or bus to Waipoua Forest to explore the giant Kauri trees. Travel Hibiscus Coast and camp near **Waiwera hot pools** for a relaxing dip. B/L/D U

point 4: Return to the "City of Sails". Depart Auckland at 10am. The beautiful Coromandel Peninsula awaits us so bring your swimming gear. A relaxing afternoon at Cathedral Cove beach, if the tide is right, dig pools and bathe in the thermal springs of Hot Water Beach. Optional **sea kayak** around dramatic coastlines. Scenic rides on wonderful coastline. Camp near the beach tonight. B/D U



point 5: Drive or cycle to stunning Whiritoa beach for a swim or forest walk amongst the massive Pohutukawa trees. We continue to Rotorua and its thermal wonders. Optional activities like the head spinning **Zorb**, **Agroventures**, or **Luge** or the relaxed **Polynesian Pools**. Cycle ride from camp around Lake Rerewhakaaitu nestled below the dormant but dramatic Mount Tarawera. B/L/D

point 6: A relaxed start at our lake side camp. We visit **Wai-O-Tapu thermal resort**, mud pools. Drive on to the impressive Huka Falls. Walk or cycle to the lakeside setting of Taupo. Optional **skydiving**, **bungy**. Mts Ngauruhoe, Tongariro & Ruapehu dominate the skyline as we travel by one of the largest crater lakes in the world. Wonderful camp in Turangi. B/L/D

point 7: Chance to try one of the World's greatest one day walks - the "**Tongariro Alpine Crossing**". Alternatively, relax or cycle in this beautiful area with an inspiring mountain backdrop. After some serious exploring we head to our accommodation for recharging and refuelling. B/L/D U

point 8 & 26 Arrive in Wellington by 10am. The capital offers café culture, good bars, the celebrated **Te Papa Museum** and the botanical gardens. If you fancy shopping for souvenirs the capital is ideal. Those joining in Wellington start their loop here (depart Wellington at noon and on to Taranaki) B U

point 27: Leave early and head to Waitomo Caves - a limestone wonderland created by erosion over millions of years. Optional **blackwater rafting** or some excellent walks. Arrive in buzzing Auckland by 6pm for a taste of big city life "kiwi style". For those who started their trip in Wellington or from Auckland heading South first we don't provide accommodation but can help arrange an excellent hostel. B/L

B = BREAKFAST L = LUNCH D = DINNER
BLUE TEXT = OPTIONAL ACTIVITY
U = UPGRADE AVAILABLE

.....I'm sure it cost half what i'd have spent travelling alone..... Lindsey, UK



Departs: Auckland or Wellington. You can take extended breaks anywhere along the way.

Finishes: Auckland or Wellington but contact us if it doesn't quite fit - we are flexible!

Groups: average group size around 26-28 per trip

Fitness Level: all levels

Accommodation: camping in commercial and department of conservation camps. Most nights you can upgrade to a cabin for a small fee

Food: Tasty and healthy meals 3 times a day most days (check itinerary). Snacks & hot & cold drinks

Included: all travel, side trips to remote areas & walking tracks, sports equipment on board, food & drinks, camp fees, amazing memories and plenty more

Optional hires:

Cycle hire (for full trip)	\$175
Private cycle handling (for full trip)	\$55
Tent single (inc. mattress)	\$40
Sleeping bag	\$40

