



The 15 day 'north island navigation'

NORTH ISLAND EXAMPLE ITINERARY

NORTHLAND to WELLINGTON

New Zealand



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Accommodation



HOTEL DE BRETT – AUCKLAND CITY

Hotel de Brett is a great little boutique hotel situated right in the heart of Auckland's CBD amongst the vibrant lanes and central shopping hub. Only a stone's throw away from the viaduct and the downtown ferry terminal, the hotel is a great base from which to explore Auckland, its harbour and its volcanic islands.

Fitted out with beautiful New Zealand furniture, contemporary local art and the chic luxurious 'minor details', you will feel right at home here relaxing in the atrium, winding down in the bar or dining in the superb restaurant.

The nearby lanes are teeming with great restaurants, shops and bars so walk out your door and get lost – that is after all the best way to get to know a place...



EAGLES NEST – BAY OF ISLANDS

This absolutely phenomenal property is located on the Tapeka peninsula overlooking the stunning Bay of Islands. Consisting of 5 luxurious, award-winning private villas each with their own Jacuzzi, home theatre systems, gourmet kitchens and nothing but the finest of amenities, seeing truly is believing.

When staying at Eagle's Nest, the birthplace of New Zealand and hugely historical town of Russell is a walk away allowing you to really take in your surroundings – the native birds, amazing native bush and unbelievable views will leave you wishing you were staying a lot longer.

Should you wish to just immerse yourself in luxury, your personal chef can whip up any speciality you desire, provided of course it has been caught fresh that day...

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DELAMORE LODGE - WAIHEKE ISLAND

Delamore Lodge is a stunning coastal property located on the beautiful island of Waiheke, only 40 minutes by ferry from downtown Auckland. Dotted with surrounding islands and incredible panoramic views out to the Coromandel Peninsula, Delamore Lodge is the perfect retreat for those wishing to get away from it all.

With Owhanake Bay below, the lodge has been built with the lie of the land in mind resulting in a spacious flow from one level down to the next. With 4 beautifully appointed suites and a hint of the Mediterranean, awake each morning to sumptuous cuisine and a sense of relaxation so deep that you may just need to do nothing.



TREETOPS LODGE AND ESTATE - ROTORUA

Hidden amongst 2,500 acres of 800-year-old native New Zealand forest, award-winning Treetops Lodge and Wilderness Estate is a life-long dream realised by owner and passionate fisherman and naturalist, John Sax.

The Treetops Estate consists of seven streams, on-site trout fishing, four lakes and over 70km of adventure trails. Whether it's the multitude of activities on offer or simply the birdcalls echoing through the valley, peace, tranquillity and relaxation are inevitable.

With stunning suites, impeccable dining and tradition imbued with the local Maori culture, Treetops is truly one of the world's most breathtaking visions with awards constantly streaming in. You will clearly see what the fuss is all about...

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GREENHILL LODGE – HAWKE’S BAY

In the heart of rural Hawke’s Bay, you will find Greenhill Lodge. A majestic and historical property with true pioneering roots, the sweeping views, farmland pastures and beautifully manicured gardens ensure you experience the real ‘Kiwi’ hospitality.

There are 3 luxurious style of suite, all within the main lodge grounds with the Villa Suite offering a little more privacy being totally separate from the main homestead – perfect for those honeymooning folk.

Your superb in-house chef will whip up the local culinary specialities and being in the heart of New Zealand’s first winemaking region, you will most definitely have the choice of some pretty good wine too...



WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE – PALLISER BAY

Perched on the cliff-tops above the thundering Palliser Bay waves, Wharekauhau Country Estate is comprised of over 5,500 acres of pristine coastal farmland. Situated on the southern coast of the North Island, this stunning property is one of New Zealand’s oldest Romney sheep studs, dating back to the 1800’s.

Wharekauhau, meaning ‘place of knowledge’ in Maori is to this day a working sheep and cattle farm, steeped in a rich agricultural history reflected in the lodge.

Offering 10 impeccably decorated guest cottages and a private 3-bedroom house, you will find Wharekauhau the perfect place to unwind and recharge. Mouth-watering cuisine, luxurious facilities, rugged southern beach complete with uninterrupted views, you may never want to leave.

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Day by Day

DAY 1

Auckland – Hotel de Brett

DAY 2 - 4

Bay of Islands – Eagle's Nest

DAY 5 & 6

Waiheke Island – Delamore Lodge

DAY 7 - 9

Rotorua – Treetops Wilderness Estate

DAY 10 & 11

Hawke's Bay – Greenhill Lodge

DAY 12 - 14

Palliser Bay – Wharekauhau Estate

DAY 15

Departure Day



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Day 1 - Auckland arrival

HOTEL DE BRETT

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Arrive into Auckland off your international flight, meet your local Kiwi Does It representative and transfer to your hotel for the evening, Hotel de Brett – a lovely inner-city boutique hotel right in the heart of the action.

On your way into Auckland, you will no doubt head up a couple of the city's 48 volcanoes, giving you great perspective on this stunning, green and very expansive metropolis. Having seen some sights and taken the odd photo or two, arriving at the hotel is next on the agenda. With excellent service, stunning rooms and fantastic food and wine, tonight will be relaxing and fresh, no doubt just what you feel like after a long travelling day.

Tonight, simply walk out your door and explore the local lanes, vibrant streets and surrounding buzz that is downtown Auckland. Should you wish to dine out, a great local restaurant is Vivace, literally on the same road as the hotel on High Street, serving up fantastic Italian/NZ fusion. Their wine list is also worth having a look through should the need arise.

- Arrive into NZ and be met by your KDI representative
- Transfer into Auckland via local sights and viewing points
- Check-in and relax with a nice glass of NZ wine while checking out the map
- Dinner and unwind – welcome to New Zealand, your adventure begins



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Day 2 to 4 – Bay of Islands

EAGLE'S NEST

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Having had a great breakfast in the hotel's intimate atrium, checked out and perhaps taken that one last stroll around Vulcan Lane, you will start the 5hr (but hugely beautiful) drive north on SH1 through picturesque coastal regions, lush native forest and into the secluded Bay of Islands. Should you have a guide, learning about the local flora and fauna as you go is just one of the benefits as these local Kiwis are incredibly passionate about where they are from...

After some great stops along the way, pull up to paradise and check-in to your very own 'First Light Villa' – a secluded, private and completely luxurious home-away-from-home. Upon entering your villa with its sweeping ocean views and every luxury being thought of, open the doors, step outside and perhaps even take a dip in the pool (but don't do too much!)

With Russell being 'the birthplace of New Zealand' and only a 30min walk away you can easily immerse yourself in this country's history and people – there is an amazing and warm Maori culture up here that you will experience over the next couple of days.

Be sure to visit Waitangi, the small settlement where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed between the Maori and the European settlers on February 6, 1840. Since then and despite the clashing of both people there have been huge advances and a lot of respect, with the Treaty still being recognised to a large extent today. New Zealand is hugely proud of the Maori roots and has done more than most countries to put the wrongs to rights. With Maori seats in parliament, the current National government has a coalition with our native people which says a lot about how progressive New Zealand is...

- Check out, depart Auckland and drive north on SH1 to the wonderful Bay of Islands
- Check-in, breathe in, get your bearings and work out your next moves – exploring the local area, getting out on the ocean or just relaxing in absolute bliss
- Dinner can be had either in your own private villa or out in Russell



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Day 5 and 6 – Waiheke Is.

DELAMORE LODGE

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www.delamorelodge.com

Awake this morning to your stunning views, sumptuous breakfast and check out of the lodge in time to drive south to Auckland following SH1, and then SH16 from just outside Warkworth (off the beaten track with some lovely views). Be sure to stop in at Piha or Muriwai, the stunning West Coast beaches and have a walk along the beach – there's nothing like feeling the sand between your toes!

Having had enough sand and surf, continue on into Auckland and make your way to the downtown ferry terminal, dropping off the rental car if you are doing this adventure solo. You will then catch the 40min Waiheke ferry and arrive over on the island where your host Aaron will meet you off the boat. Settle in to 'island time', have a drink and just take in the views out to the Hauraki Gulf islands and Coromandel beyond from your private suite...

Dinner tonight is at the lodge where Aaron doubles as a chef, no doubt whipping up another local feast of the season.

Tomorrow will also be a great day, with a superb Silver Service island tour on the cards. Our favourite folk from Ananda tours will be on hand at the lodge to pick you up and take you exploring. The island has some amazing wineries, great lunch spots, scenic coastal walks, war relics from days gone by and those all important galleries and shops if you feel like being around other people...

- Check-out and drive south along SH1 to Auckland via SH16 and the West Coast beaches
- Drop the car off and catch the Waiheke ferry over to the island
- Meet your host Aaron and transfer to Delamore - walk around the grounds and prepare for a beautiful dinner in the seclusion of the lodge



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Day 7 to 9 – Rotorua

TREETOPS WILDERNESS ESTATE

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Today it's off down the line to the beautiful and world-famous area of Rotorua, with its incredible geothermal activity – geysers, boiling mud, steam-filled lakes and that lovely smell of sulphur (don't worry, you will get used to it!). Combined with lush native forest, ancient volcanic remnants of the pink and white terraces and the Blue and Green Lakes, there really are amazing sights to see.

This morning you will check out of Delamore Lodge, take the ferry back to downtown Auckland and meet your airport transfer, getting you to the airport in time for your TBC flight down to Rotorua. Upon landing in the central North Island and after a short orientation you will be taken to the stunning Treetops Wilderness Estate, an incredible lodge in the middle of the bush with the most amazing streams, walks and wildlife right there on-site.

There is a very active Maori population around this area, with the central North Island tribal history dating back hundreds of years. Still a huge part of everyday life, the 'marae' (Maori meeting houses) are dotted all through this area and are places of utmost significance 'tapu' to the local people. 'Tangi' (Maori funerals lasting a few days) as well as varying religious ceremonies and commonplace family gatherings are all part of this fantastic regional culture, a culture you will for sure witness first-hand.

- Fuel up with some 'kai', check-out, catch the ferry back to Auckland and transfer to the domestic airport for your flight
- Arrive into Rotorua and be shown the sights before transferring to Treetops and the luxurious grounds that surround it
- Dinner will be handcrafted by the talented in-house chef with superb wines to match



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Day 10 & 11 – Hawke’s Bay

GREENHILL LODGE

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Having seen the boiling mud, bathed in the hot pools, inhaled the sulphur and got the t-shirt, you are now heading south-east to the fantastic wine region of the Hawke’s Bay. On the way there however you will pass through Lake Taupo, a small lakeside settlement with great trout fishing, lovely mountain views and the odd avid golfer trying his luck at the ‘Hole in One Challenge’.

Should the urge take you, getting out onto the lake for an excellent fishing and lunch experience is well worth it, as the trout in the lake are ‘this big...’

Continue on SH5 to Napier (via a stop at the Tarawera Tearooms and the hot springs walk) where the world of Art Deco, wine, beaches, gannets, golfing and more awaits. The region is very well known for its superior quality red wines, with over 80% of the country’s cabernet sauvignon, merlot and syrah being grown here. There are also those rich and complex chardonnays if a crisp white is your poison of choice...

With ample time to explore, drive towards Havelock North and locate Greenhill, an amazing country homestead boasting everything grand and colonial. With huge grounds, spacious suites, a talented and passionate chef as well as Neil and his staff taking great care of you, your stay here will epitomise tranquillity and absolute escape.

- Check-out and drive through Lake Taupo to Napier and Hawke’s Bay – be sure to stop along the way at Tarawera
- Locate the lodge and check-in – talk to Neil about options for tomorrow
- Wineries, eateries, gannet colony, white-sand beaches and more...



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Day 12 to 15 - Palliser Bay

WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE

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Despite the onward journey being highly exciting, prying you away from Greenhill Lodge will be a challenge... The smells, the sounds, the quiet will all be missed but only until you arrive at the next lodge of choice, the amazing Wharekauhau Country Estate (more on that later...)

On leaving 'the Bay,' continue south along SH2 and pass through the small country farming settlements of Waipukurau, Dannevirke and Woodville. You will see hints of the agricultural significance around which these towns were built with some wineries now popping up in some of the surrounding valleys, more of which you will see when you arrive into Martinborough.

The Wairarapa region is rich in this agricultural history, with the first European sheep farm being set up on the plains south of Martinborough (basically next door to your lodge) and the towns of Greytown and Masterton were the first planned inland towns in New Zealand. Named after Joseph Masters who was the 'main man' behind the establishment of the Small Farms Association, Retimana Te Korou was the Rangitane tribal chief also involved in the sale, convinced selling his land would benefit his people.

The drive in to the lodge is stunning as you will head past Lake Wairarapa, through private farmland and out onto the coast. With sheep and cattle grazing quietly nearby, pull up to the grand entrance and let it all go as the peace and quiet takes hold. Your hosts Nico and Kristi together with their excellent staff will ensure everything about your stay is taken care of - ATV tours, beach walks, Greytown visits, all right down to that hard-to-get bottle of wine you heard about in Hawke's Bay.

- Drive south through the Wairarapa, Martinborough and on into the lodge
- Check-in and relax in your very own private, cliff-top cottage
- Meander up to the lodge for dinner and work out the next few days events



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Day 15 – Departure Day

OHTEL - WELLINGTON

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Despite not wanting to leave, your helicopter will be waiting to whisk you over the Rimutaka's and around the southern coast into the country's capital city, Wellington. Everything about Wellington is inviting with its cultural roots firmly embedded in the city itself – this is after all the seat of Government where the big decisions are made!

Make sure you pay a visit to Te Papa, our national museum boasting incredible overseas exhibitions, stunning New Zealand displays and extremely informative local fact and mythology - a must for solidifying all that you have learnt from your North Island wanderings. Depending on your flight, we will arrange your airport transfer.

It has been a real pleasure creating this itinerary for you and we do hope you have loved our little slice of South Pacific paradise... Make sure you stay in touch, talk us up and come on back to do the South Island – it is so incredibly different and only a 25minute flight from Wellington!

Until then, Ka Kite Ano and thanks again!



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Trip Summary

Dates: TBC
Duration: 15 days
Pick-up: Auckland, New Zealand
Drop-off: Wellington, New Zealand

Estimated Cost: NZD \$1500 per couple, per day

Additional Itinerary Creation Fee (ICF) -

* 0 – 9 days	\$750 + GST
* 10 – 19 days	\$1100 + GST
* 20 – 29 days	\$1450 + GST
* 30+ days	\$1800 + GST

(NB – NZ Goods and Services Tax is 15%)

NB – This is a rough estimate and is subject to change on refinement and confirmation of the itinerary, including all associated bookings and reservations. No reservations will be made on behalf of the client prior to Kiwi Does It Ltd receiving the non-refundable Itinerary Creation Fee (ICF) and 25% of the confirmed trip cost.

Guide Fees are additional.

- What's included:** (2 pax)
- KDI services, administration and Itinerary Creation Fee (ICF)
 - Goods and Services Tax (GST) 15%
 - All accommodation
 - Vehicle rental TBC
 - Airport transfers TBC
 - Internal Air NZ flights TBC
 - Tours TBC
 - Activities TBC

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