**BEST OF THE NORTH TOUR**

**NEW ZEALAND TOUR 2020**

**PACKAGE PRICE NZ$4950**

**TOUR ORGANISED THROUGH GUIDES NZ**

DAY ONE

Sat 15 February 2020

Participants are met at Auckland airport and transferred to accommodation.

DAY TWO

Sun 16 Feb

A day to explore Auckland begins with a trip up the skytower for 360deg views of the “city of sails”. We then depart for an orientation drive around the city, the waterfront, and the viaduct harbour – home of the yachts for the America’s Cup. This afternoon we ferry to the little village of Devonport, free time here for shopping, swimming and afternoon tea.

DAY THREE

Mon 17 Feb

Today we begin our journey North up the western coastline stopping at the award-winning Matakohe Museum to learn how the early pioneers settled in New Zealand. We then travel through the Waipoua Forest with spectacular flora and fauna, a brief stop to see the largest native kauri tree in the land before driving through to the beautiful Hokianga Harbour where we will stay tonight with stunning views of the harbour and sand dunes.

DAY FOUR

Tues 18 Feb

This morning we continue our travel North, our first stop is the quaint village of Rawene, we then catch a vehicular ferry to cross the harbour travelling past many early Maori settlements before reaching the most northern town in New Zealand, Kaitaia.

DAY FIVE

Wed 19 Feb

We board the specially designed Caperunner with its local guide, takeing us the length of Ninety-Mile Beach. This is an adventure trip with the option of tobaggoning down sand dunes. On reaching the tip of the North Island we see where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean at the lighthouse at Cape Reinga. Later this afternoon we travel to Paihia in the Bay of Islands.

DAY SIX

Thurs 20 Feb

A day of leisure or the following option:

**Option 1**. The Cream Trip $160

Enjoy stunning views of the islands as we cruise on a large catamaran, making deliveries on our way. On arrival at Cape Brett lighthouse, the farthest post of the original cream trip we take you through the stunning Hole in the Rock. You will also see the impressive Black Rocks and Marsden Cross where the first Christian sermon in NZ was held in 1814.

See dolphins in their natural environment and if conditions are suitable, go swimming alongside these inquisitive creatures.

DAY SEVEN

Fri 21 Feb

This morning we visit Waitangi Treaty grounds where the treaty was signed between Maori chiefs and Queen Victoria’s representatives making New Zealand a Dominion of Great Britain. Wander through the grounds and visit the Maori meeting house, with stunning views overlooking the Bay of Islands, a maritime reserve of 144 islands.

DAY EIGHT

Sat 22 Feb

Leaving the Bay of Islands we travel down the eastern coastline stopping at the Whangarei basin and continuing on for our night’s stay in Hamilton.

DAY NINE

Sun 23 Feb

Today begins with a visit to a tea plantation where we have a guided tour on the whole process of tea production followed by a high tea lunch.

We arrive in Rotorua the cultural centre of New Zealand this afternoon.

DAY TEN

Mon 24 Feb

This morning we visit Te Puia a thermal wonderland of geysers and boiling mud pools - view the local Maori artisans weaving and carving.

**Option 2:**  Float plane over Mt Tarawera - $285

Departing our City Lakefront pier experience the thrill of a floatplane take off, before climbing above Mokoia Island on track to our hidden lakes district and the Volcanic Peaks of Mount Tarawera. At 3680 feet in elevation this majestic volcano dominates the surrounding landscape and plays centre piece to the stunning lakes which surrounds it.   
  
Above Tarawera views of cavernous craters reveal the power of what was the largest eruption in New Zealand’s living memory. The 1886 eruption devastated the local area including the famous Pink and White Terraces once claimed as the eighth wonder of the world. Included in the flight are stunning lake and aerial views of the Waimangu thermal Valley and its vibrant Inferno Crater and Frying Pan Lake. Returning to Rotorua the descent takes us pass the Whakarewarewa thermal reserve and over the city before landing on Lake Rotorua.  
  
(Flight time approx 30 minutes)

**Option 3**: Maori Village Evening including dinner (hangi)$150

Journey back to a time of proud warriors and ancient traditions with Tamaki Maori Village, the most award-winning cultural attraction in New Zealand. Experience ceremonial rituals, powerful performances and hangi feasting. Learn about the customs, protocols and stories that have been passed through the  generations of time.

DAY ELEVEN

Tues 25 Feb

This morning we walk through the beautiful Redwood Grove under the magnificent towering Californian Redwoods. We then board a heritage paddlesteamer for a relaxing cruise including a buffet lunch, perfect for exploring the geo-thermal features in this area with stunning views of the lake. We travel to Lake Taupo, a popular holiday destination for our evening stay tonight.

**Option 4**: Huka Jet ride $145

This half hour of thrills, fun and excitement takes you along a beautiful river environment, lined with native bush, sheer rock cliff face and hot water streams. Hold on tight as you'll be travelling in one of our state of the art jet boats at an incredible 80km an hour! Along the way 360 degree spins will leave you with a beaming smile and a heart pumping with adrenaline. And that's even before reaching the spectacular Huka Falls! From your unique vantage point on the jet boat you will have the best water level view of Huka Falls – New Zealand’s most visited natural attraction.

DAY TWELVE

Wed 26 Feb

We leave Lake Taupo and travel through the central plateau passed our majestic mountains through to the city of Palmerston North.

DAY THIRTEEN

Thurs 27 Feb

Today we travel via the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand’s capital city Wellington. We ride in the cable car for expansive views of the city and harbour then visit TE Papa our national interactive museum

Our tour finishes with a farewell dinner tonight.

DAY FOURTEEN

Fri 28 Feb

Transfers to Wellington Airport.

Land Tour Package $4950 Includes: Not included

Coach travel Flights to and from NZ.

Goods & Service Tax Travel Insurance (this must

Tour Escort be purchased prior to

8 Dinners in NZ)

All breakfasts apart from Day Fourteen

Accommodation 3.5 to 4.5 star

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR BEST OF THE NORTH TOUR FEB 2020**

NAME:

ADDRESS

PH NO: MOBILE & LANDLINE:

EMAIL:

TRAVELLING WITH:

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS OR ALLERGIES:

Guides NZ or its agents shall in no circumstances whatsoever be liable to the client or any person travelling on tour for

1. Any death, personal injury, sickness, accident, loss, delay, consequential loss or an misadventure howsoever caused
2. In this condition the expression “howsoever caused” includes negligence on the part of the person

The Itinerary may vary slightly depending on product availability.

A minimum number of passengers is required for the tour, as it will also be limited in numbers.

Insurance Company and Policy No:

Email: Ph No:

(this may be sent at a late date)

Please include your deposit of NZ$650 with this registration sheet along with the Options sheet. Final payment of NZ$4300 due 30 November 2019

The tour can be paid by either bankdraft made out to Guides NZ or by credit card. If paying by credit card there will be a 2.5% charge (visa and mastercard accepted)

OPTIONS must be paid for on arrival in New Zealand using NZ cash (no credit card facility)

DO NOT include any option money in your payments for the Tour

Signature: Date:

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**OPTIONS**

OPTION 1 Cream Trip $160

OPTION 2 Floatplane $285

OPTION 3 Maori Village $150

OPTION 4 Huka jet $145

Please circle the Options you wish to partake in and send with registration sheet

All options are payable in New Zealand with NZ cash

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