

## Tour Summary - New Zealand-North Island Encompassed

**Travel Style** ONNE  
**Physical Demands** Australia / Pacific  
**Dossier Code**  
**Continent** Pacific  
**Duration** 10 days



### Itinerary Notes

Please note that most 18-to-Thirtysomethings accommodation in New Zealand is multi-share. For more info, see our Trip Details.

### Description

New Zealand's North Island thoroughly engages the body and the spirit, often at the same time. This ten-day trip promises loads of both. Up here, you'll pick up some sustainable living tips on a conservation farm and learn Maori culture straight from the source while bunking in villages in the bush. Elsewhere, you'll sea kayak in a secluded harbour, get a surfing lesson from an expert, and overnight on a houseboat. There's much more, but we've gotta leave some surprises, right?

### What's Included

Hands-On: Surf Lessons, Raglan Big Night Out: Wellington. Overnight houseboat excursion with onboard activities including snorkelling, fishing, and kayaking (Bay of Islands). Conservation farm visit (Raglan). Sea kayaking excursion (Raglan). Maori cultural experience. Tongariro Alpine Crossing (seasonal). Orientation walk in Wellington. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

### Meals Included

9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

### Group Leader

Chief Experience Officer (CEO) throughout, local guides.

### Group Leader Details

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be responsible for ensuring the trip runs smoothly and that all participants have a great experience.

### Departure Dates

Wed, Jun 20 2018 - Fri, Jun 29 2018

More than 7 spaces available

(International flights not included)



Dates marked with a D are special discounted departures.

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### Price per Traveller

1 or more Traveller (Adult) **1599.00 CAD**

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### Optional Services

<b>Arrival Transfer:</b>	N/A
<b>Pre-Hotel:</b> (Per Room) (Per Night)	Standard - Multi Share 1 pax 45.00 CAD
<b>Post-Hotel:</b> (Per Room) (Per Night)	Standard - Multi Share 1 pax 40.00 CAD
<b>Auckland Sailing: America's Cup Experience (Pre Tour):</b>	164.00 CAD (20 available)

### Add to your Experience

- Why stop at the North Island? Consider adding on the South Island.
- Become part of the crew aboard a competitive yacht and sail around Auckland's Waitemata Harbour.
- Want to head north? Add on the "Auckland Express" and travel to Auckland with a CEO.

### Brief Itinerary

From Jan 01, 2018

#### Day 1 Auckland

Arrive at any time.

#### Day 2 Auckland/Bay of Islands (Breakfast | Dinner)

Travel north via backroads, stopping to see giant kauri trees, and go for an included snorkel at Goat Island Marine Reserve (seasonal). Board a large houseboat for an overnight trip through the beautiful Bay of Islands.

#### Day 3 Bay of Islands/Paihia (Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner)

Enjoy free time in the morning on the boat. Choose to do a number of included water activities like kayaking, snorkelling, fishing or visiting nearby islands. Disembark and explore Paihia before a Kiwi barbecue.

#### Day 4 Paihia/Auckland (Breakfast)

Enjoy a free morning to relax, or opt to swim with dolphins, go skydiving, or check out the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

#### Day 5 Auckland/Raglan (Breakfast | Lunch)

Visit a conservation farm to learn about their methods before sea kayaking to a harbour for a picnic lunch.

#### Day 6 Raglan (Breakfast | Dinner)

Enjoy an included surf lesson in one of the world's most famous surf areas, then opt to go mountain biking or rent a stand up paddle board.

#### Day 7 Raglan/Rotorua (Breakfast)

Opt to go caving in world famous Waitomo before heading to Rotorua, notable for its geothermal activity and culture. Visit a local village to gain insight into Maori culture.

#### Day 8 Rotorua/Taupo (Breakfast)

Take advantage of free time in the adrenaline capital of the North Island, and opt to go whitewater rafting, check out a geothermal park with technicolour pools, or hit up a nearby spa. Continue on to spend the night near the shores of Lake Taupo.

#### Day 9 Taupo/Wellington (Breakfast)

Take in the ever-changing scenery on the drive down to the nation's capital at the southern end of the North Island. Opt to take the cable car to the hills overlooking the

Experience Officer (CEO). The CEO will be the group manager, leader and driver - this person is experienced in the routes travelled and will organize and lead the meal preparations and has experience in cooking a variety of local and international dishes for large groups.

As the group coordinator and manager, the aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. While not being guides in the traditional sense, you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. They will also offer suggestions for things to do and to see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

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### **Transport**

Private vehicle, kayak, walking

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### **Solo Travellers**

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

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### **Accommodation**

Hostels (4 nts), houseboat (1 nt), basic lodges (3 nts), basic hotel (1 nt). Most nights are multi-share.

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### **Group Size**

Max 20, avg 16

city, visit the national museum, Te Papa, or stroll along Oriental Parade. Enjoy a Big Night Out with the group.

## **Day 10 Wellington (Breakfast)**

Depart at any time.