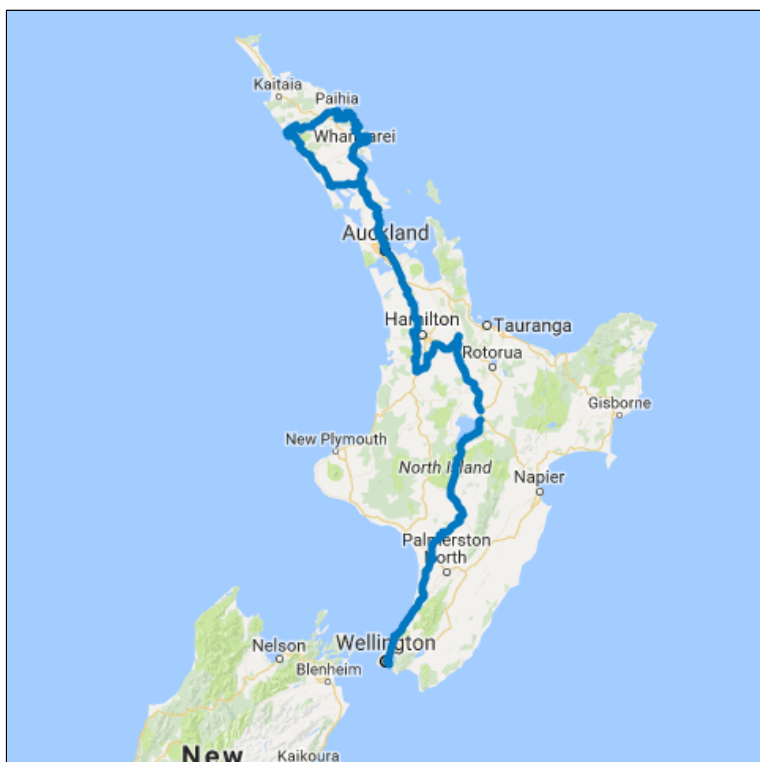


## Essential LOTR tour of the North Island - V3

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## Day 1 - Monday 10th July 2017

Welcome to Auckland City, Your tour documentation pack and support



### Collect your rental car - Toyota Highlander (PWAR) premium wagon or similar with GPS (Hertz)

Collect your rental car on arrival into Auckland Airport

Return your rental car at Wellington Airport before departing on your onward flight.

- 5 door AWD wagon
- Air con, CD, AWD
- Engine: 3.5 litre
- Automatic
- Passengers: 5 adults
- Luggage Space: 5 cases
- GPS included
- Max Excess: NZD\$0.00



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### Welcome to Auckland City

Auckland, New Zealand's self-proclaimed 'City of Sails' is the country's largest metro area. Resting between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea, this urban paradise has something for everyone. Surrounded by native bush, rainforests and an abundance of beaches, Auckland is a playground for both the city savvy and those with an eye for adventure. Explore the central city museums and galleries on foot, or take a drive through one of over 800 regional National Parks to see deserted beaches, waterfalls and native forest before your adventure begins.

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### INCLUDED - Your tour documentation pack and support

Your tour documentation pack will have been delivered to the accommodation or private address you are staying at for your first night in New Zealand. Please ensure you ask for this on arrival or check in. The pack contains all the documentation you will need for your tour including a printed and bound detailed version of your itinerary with driving instructions and maps for each leg and all the reservation details for your accommodation and activities. You'll also receive a wonderful New Zealand touring atlas and lots of relevant brochures and information on the destinations you'll be visiting.

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### Your accommodation: Heritage Hotel Auckland

The Heritage Auckland Hotel commands an elevated position in the centre of the city. With two distinctive accommodation wings, the hotel reflects the traditional style of the building's famous past, while The Tower is a contemporary design.

**Room type:** 1 x superior room (tower wing), 1 x extra adult (using rollaway)



## Day 2 - Tuesday 11th July 2017

### Explore Auckland City



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Perched on the edge of a large natural harbour, New Zealand's 'City of Sails' offers the best of both worlds. Sandy beaches, native bush and lush rainforests give way to a vibrant urban culture, humming with life. Spend time in the Viaduct Harbour - try your hand at sailing an America's Cup yacht - or take the ferry to nearby Waiheke Island for a gourmet food and wine experience. Walk (if you're that way inclined) to the top of Auckland's highest volcano, Mt Eden, and take in soaring views of the gulf. Pack a picnic lunch and lose yourself in one of the 800 regional national parks on offer or grab a book and relax on a deserted beach. Head up the Sky Tower, standing at just over 300m tall (about 1,000 feet) and have a meal in the 360 degree revolving restaurant. Scale the outermost perimeter of the Harbour Bridge - or test your stomach and bungy off both. To end your day, catch a cab to Ponsonby Road and sample some upmarket culinary delights.

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### Bush and Beach Coast and Rainforest Walk - suggested activity

Your full day excursion takes you first to the Arataki Visitor Centre – gateway to the Waitakere Ranges and a short drive from Auckland Central. Enjoy panoramic views - extending from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean - as you absorb the area's history and admire the magnificent traditional Maori carvings. Walk the regenerating rainforest where your experienced guide will detail local flora and fauna. Take in the giant tree ferns, bubbling streams and cascading waterfalls before venturing onto a wild west coast beach. Enjoy a picnic lunch before your eco-tour ends in an area of untamed original rainforest. Here, mature 1,000 year old kauri trees have developed separately from the rest of the world for millions of years and this part of the rainforest is particularly rich in bird life due to a successful programme to eradicate pests. A reasonable level of fitness is required as the total distance walked on the day is approximately 10km (6 miles), this is split up into several walks of up to 1 hour duration each.

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## Day 3 - Wednesday 12th July 2017

Enjoy a second day to explore Auckland City and surrounds



### Enjoy a second day to explore Auckland City and surrounds

Auckland straddles two natural harbours and is surrounded by a large area of natural wilderness. With a thriving urban culture, this cosmopolitan city has an endless amount of activities both in and outdoors. Even after yesterday's exploration there are many more things to do while you're here. Today go a little further afield to the rainforest and beaches of the Waitakere Ranges. Visit the vast black beach, Te Henga-Bethells, or iconic surf location Piha. Choose one of the many scenic walks in the area and see regenerating forest, mature kauri, waterfalls, rocky shores and black volcanic sand. Muriwai Beach is another popular West Coast destination and it is here at the Takapu Refuge you can see one of the world's only mainland breeding colonies of the Australasian Gannet. West Auckland is also home to some of New Zealand's oldest wineries around the Kumeu and Waimauku regions. And if gourmet food and wine is more your thing, then Waiheke Island, home to spectacular beaches and boutique vineyards is a must do.

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### Auckland Sky Tower Admission - suggested activity

Standing at 328 metres ( just over 1000 feet) the Sky Tower is the tallest man-made structure in New Zealand and offers panoramic views of the Auckland landscape. Travel in a glass-fronted lift to one of three spectacular viewing platforms, or for a little more excitement do a SkyWalk - an outside loop around the pergola 192 metres (just over 600 feet) above ground. If you're really bold, Take the quick way down and SkyJump off the Tower - a controlled free fall to the base. Inside, the Sky lounge offers coffee and light meals while the iconic Orbit Restaurant is Auckland's only 360 degree revolving dining experience.

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## Day 4 - Thursday 13th July 2017

### Auckland to Whangarei, Explore Whangarei, Whangarei to Paihia via Tutukaka and Old Russell Road



#### Auckland to Whangarei

Heading north to Whangarei normally takes around 2 hours but plan to take a little longer. The township of Puhoi, New Zealand's only Bohemian settlement is well worth a short detour the art stores and cafes of Warkworth make a great place to stop for coffee or lunch. Heading east from Warkworth takes you to Matakana famous for its vineyards. A little further is Tawharanui Marine reserve. The abundance of fish and edible plants in Tawharanui has provided food to its occupants for the last 1000 years. When Europeans purchased the land in 1873 the timber was milled and the land farmed as well as some parts of it quarried. The parks boundaries were extended in 1981 to create New Zealand's first Marine Protected Area. This prohibits the taking of any marine life from the region and provides a unique environment for snorkellers and divers to experience the many and varied forms of wildlife in this environment. The New Zealand dotterel nests in the sand dunes here and there are many other birds such as the coastal reef heron and spotless crane that also make this place home. Note - this route takes you via the Northern Gateway toll road. This costs NZ\$2.20 each way for a car. You can prepay this toll at the booths clearly signposted on the northern highway. If you miss the booths you can also pay by logging onto [www.tollroad.govt.nz](http://www.tollroad.govt.nz).

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#### Explore Whangarei

Whangarei is the largest city in Northland with a population of around 50,000 people. Situated on a harbour the town now mainly derives the majority of its income from the large port, oil refining and agriculture. Many attractive parks and gardens can be found throughout the city including Caffer Park. The town basin is on the quayside in the centre of town and hosts many shops and restaurants. Whangarei Falls are just 5 kilometres out of town and are well worth a visit. To the east of Whangarei are the Poor Knights Islands and it is from Tutukaka harbour that most dive trips depart. The Poor Knights Islands were named by Jacques Cousteau as one of the top 10 dive sites in the world. Separated from mainland New Zealand, the Poor Knights Islands are influenced by a warm current that originates in the Coral Sea, north of Australia. Water temperature is higher, and visibility significantly greater than in nearby coastal waters.

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#### Whangarei to Paihia via Tutukaka and Old Russell Road

Heading north to the Bay of Islands normally takes around 1 ½ hours but plan to take longer and explore the coastline. As you leave Whangarei heading east toward Ngunguru you'll first reach Tikipunga where you can take a short side trip to Whangarei Falls, which plummet 25m over a lava bluff. Back on Ngunguru Rd you'll travel past the sheltered swimming waters of Ngunguru and the dive mecca of Tutukaka, jumping off point for dive trips to the Poor Knights Islands. Further north you reach a scenic stretch of bays, including Whale Bay which has some great walking track. Leaving the coast follow Matapouri Rd to Hikurangi and State Highway 1. A short drive north and you reach the winding Old Russell Road which follows Whangaruru Harbour. Along the way visit some of the small communities that dot the harbour including Ngawai Bay part of Helena Bay which is home to historic Maori Pa sites and Oakura Bay a popular holiday destination. As you follow the harbour keep an eye out for pods of dolphins and orca which often visit the harbour and coastline. Arriving into the sub-tropical Bay of Islands you are greeted with bush clad hillsides dropping to golden sand beaches. If time allows a side trip to the township of Russell offers a tranquil village atmosphere and a fascinating past. Continue to the end of Aucks Road to catch the Opuia Car Ferry across to Paihia.

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#### Your accommodation: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands expansive sub-tropical gardens and extensive guest facilities, enhances the welcoming atmosphere of this resort-style hotel. It's the perfect base from which to explore the beautiful and historic Bay of Islands.

**Room type:** 1 x superior room, 1 x extra adult



**Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is:** 293 kms / 182 miles : 4.5 hours

## Day 5 - Friday 14th July 2017

### Discover the Bay Hole in the Rock Cruise, Explore the Bay of Islands



#### **INCLUDED - Discover the Bay Hole in the Rock Cruise**

Please reconfirm your tour the day before on 09 402 8234

We recommend that you bring a warm jacket, sunglasses and a camera. Refreshments can be purchased on board the vessel.

Take in the bay's serenity as you cruise the 144 islands dotting the natural harbour. See the world renowned Piercy Island 'Hole in the Rock' and marvel at the abundant marine life through the underwater cameras - custom built for dolphin and whale watching. Have lunch in Otehi Bay on Urupukapuka Island - with the option to explore - before catching your ride back to the mainland.

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#### **Explore the Bay of Islands**

Commonly known as the 'winterless north' New Zealand's Bay of Islands is made up of over 140 subtropical atolls. Renowned for its untouched beaches, abundant marine life and idyllic climate, this tropical paradise ticks all the boxes. Spend some time sunbathing on one of many remote beaches and swim with some of the locals on an ocean safari - we recommend the Fullers Dolphin Eco Experience. If you prefer the sights of the deep, strap on a tank and explore one of two real live shipwrecks - Greenpeace flagship the Rainbow Warrior or HMNZS The Canterbury. Sunk by french saboteurs in 1985, the Rainbow Warrior marks a particularly poignant chapter in New Zealand history and is a must see for anyone wanting a unique experience. Wander through the streets of Russell, the first european settlement and whaling port founded in 1843. Have a drink at the first licensed hotel In NZ The Duke of Marlborough, or wander up Flagstaff Hill to view the iconic flagpole - ordered chopped down three times by Maori Chief Hone Heke. Take a short drive to neighbouring town, Waitangi, and learn about its historic Treaty - a contract signed in 1840 between the local Maori and European settlers dictating the terms by which New Zealand would become a british colony. Finish your time in the Bay of Islands with a trip to Cape Reinga, the very top of the North Island. See the spectacular 90 Mile Beach, New Zealand's only 'sand highway', by bus tour, as rental car companies don't allow you to drive along the beach.

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## Day 6 - Saturday 15th July 2017

### Bay of Islands via Waipoua Forest to Auckland



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Today you will leave the Bay of Islands for a scenic return trip to Auckland. Head west, leaving the Pacific Ocean for the wilder seas of the Tasman and Hokianga. Go through the small townships of Omapere and Opononi, each with a great seaside feel. Your route now goes south through Waipoua Forest, home to the largest and oldest Kauri trees in the country. Make sure you allow time for several of the signposted short walks as you pass - not to be missed is the five minute loop to view the largest of all the trees - Tane Mahuta. As you make your way back down the country you'll pass the Matakohe Kauri Museum with extensive displays on the region's logging, farming and social history. Continuing on, go through Warkworth and the bohemian settlement of Puhoi before crossing the harbour bridge to arrive in Auckland city.

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**Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is:** 343 kms / 213 miles : 4.4 hours

## Day 7 - Sunday 16th July 2017

### Auckland to Waitomo, Hairy Feet Scenic Film Location Tour, Waitomo to Matamata



#### Auckland to Waitomo

The drive south from Auckland takes you past the Bombay Hills and into the rolling farmland and rich dairy pastures of the Waikato - before arriving in the limestone hills of the Waitomo countryside, home to a huge underground network of caves. There are many ways to experience the magic below ground - enjoy a gentle boat trip under a ceiling of glowworms, take the longest underground walking tour in Ruakuri Cave or for a slight more thrilling adventure try black water rafting – an underground caving and rafting trip of a lifetime.

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#### INCLUDED - Hairy Feet Scenic Film Location Tour

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your tour departure time.

Ensure you drive to the village of Piopio and follow signage from the Southern end of town, as some GPS units can instruct drivers on a much longer route via gravel roads.

Visit the stunning farm location at Mangaotaki Rocks Piopio, near Waitomo, where the troll and campfire scenes in *"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"* were filmed. Towering limestone cliffs, massive rock formations and a primeval forest on the Denize family farm became the location for Staddle Farm and Trollshaws... and the home of "Sting"! You can also have your photo taken in the exact spot where Bilbo received his magical sword "Sting", from Gandalf. You'll enjoy a short drive to the film sites in a comfortable mini-van before walking around the places used in extensive location filming by Sir Peter Jackson. The tours are fully guided with genuine King Country pride - a mixture of fun and fact!

Walking tracks are on well formed gravel tracks over slightly uneven ground. Please wear suitable, comfortable footwear. Tours run in all weather, so please bring appropriate clothing for the weather.

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#### Waitomo to Matamata

The lush farmland of the Waikato and the limestone hills of the Waitomo region provide some great scenery as you head north. Visit the Otorohanga Kiwi House en route for a great look at some of New Zealand's native birds in particular our famous flightless namesake. Centred around a traditional English Village Green, Victoria Square, Cambridge has the real feel of an English country town. A host of cafes and antique stores can help you while away an afternoon. Buildings worthy of mention are St. Andrew's church (1881), the old water tower, hotels, the courthouse and the post office. Once you reach Matamata you are in hobbit country and the route takes you to the town of Matamata where you can still visit the film locations made famous in the Lord of the Rings trilogy at Hobbiton Movie Set and Farm Tours.

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#### Your accommodation: Woodlyn Park Waitomo

Experience an exceptional farm stay motel near Waitomo Caves at the most unique Waikato Accommodation available. The World renowned Waitomo Motels include a Train motel, a Plane Motel and the Hobbit motels.

**Room type:** 1 x hobbit unit, 1 x extra adult



**Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is:** 265 kms / 165 miles : 3.2 hours

## Day 8 - Monday 17th July 2017

### Hobbiton Movie Set Tour, Matamata to Taupo



#### **INCLUDED - Hobbiton Movie Set Tour**

Check in at The Shires Rest (501 Buckland Road) 15 minutes prior to your tour time.

Wear suitable clothing and footwear to walk the Hobbiton paths (around 1 hour of easy walking)

Allow 2.5hrs for this tour

Become immersed in the The Lord of the Rings and Hobbit films when you visit the actual Hobbiton movie set. Located just outside of Matamata - in the heart the lush Waikato farming region, your two hour tour will begin with a drive through a picturesque sheep farm. You'll then be taken through Hobbit Holes, The Green Dragon Inn, The Mill and the Party Tree while your guide shares behind-the-scenes tales and facinating insight into the making of the films.

Tours leave daily from the Matamata I-Site every 45 minutes. Allow three hours from start to finish.

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### **Matamata to Taupo**

Just south of Matamata is the township of Tirau, home to the largest tin sheep and sheepdog, but it also offers a surprising number of bric-a-brac, art, craft and antique stores if you feel like browsing. Further south and you reach Putaruru, the nearby Te Waihou Walkway will take you to the Blue Spring, the water is so pristine that it is the source of much of New Zealand's bottled water. Continue south and you pass through the mill town of Tokoroa. Just north of the Taupo are the Huka Falls and a short detour to view is highly recommended. The Huka Jet can get you much closer with a thrilling jet boat ride also if you wish. Craters of the Moon is a nearby geothermal reserve with good walking tracks around its many pools and steaming vents. Lake Taupo is actually a volcanic caldera formed following a massive eruption in the year 186 and is considered to be one of the most massive and violent eruptions known. The town itself is a lively place with many shops, bars and cafes all catering for the traveller and visitor. A whole host of activities can be undertaken here such as bungee jumping, sky diving, fishing for trout in the lake and rivers, kayaking, sailing, horse riding and walking and hiking to name but a few.

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### **Your accommodation: Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuel Taupo**

Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels Taupo enjoys a magnificent location right on the shores of Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake.

**Room type:** 1 x superior lakeview room, 1 x extra adult



**Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is:** 110 kms / 68 miles : 1.3 hours

## Day 9 - Tuesday 18th July 2017

### Taupo to Wellington



### Taupo to Wellington

The drive around the edge of New Zealand largest lake leads you to Turangi, the self proclaimed Trout Fishing Capital. You can view the Department of Conservations' National Trout Centre and Hatchery here. You then climb up onto the central plateau and the high country Rangipo Desert. Skirting Tongariro National Park, one of New Zealand's three world heritage sites and clouds permitting you can see the 2,500 metre peak of the still volcanically active Mt. Ruapehu. You might recognise the symmetrical shape of Mt. Ngauruhoe as this was used as the scenery of Mt. Doom in the Lord of the Rings Trilogy. A little further the military town of Waiouru also hosts the Army Museum, an incredible collection of New Zealand's military history and a memorial to its servicemen. Heading south you pass through the rural towns of Taihape, Mangaweka and Bulls before arriving on the Kapiti Coast. The coastal seaside towns of Paraparaumu, Paekakariki and Plimmerton are worth a short detour before arriving into the capital city of Wellington. Plan to take most of the day for this drive. Wellington City is New Zealand's capital. It sits on a wonderful deep natural harbour and is surrounded by bush clad hills. The city centre itself is quite compact (only around 1 square kilometre) and so exploring on foot is relatively easy. From your city centre accommodation you can easily stroll the cafes and restaurants around Courtenay Place and if you arrive early enough New Zealand's national museum, Te Papa, is also close by.

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### Your accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay

Located just 2 minutes walk to Te Papa Museum, the vibrant Courtney Place and local Theatres the Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay is in a superb location to enjoy Wellington.

**Room type:** 1 x superior harbour view room, 1 x extra adult



**Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is:** 363 kms / 225 miles : 4.5 hours

## Day 10 - Wednesday 19th July 2017

Explore Wellington City, Middle Earth Film Locations Half Day Tour, Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary Night Tour



### Explore Wellington City

New Zealand's capital, Wellington, sits on a large natural harbour at the bottom of the North Island. This proximity to Cook Strait which separates the two islands is responsible for the nickname "Windy Wellington" due to the strong winds whipped up in the Strait that occasionally batter the city. Despite the sometimes wild weather Wellington is a beautiful city to explore. The mix of modern high rise, colonial historic and wonderful timber villas that cling to the hillsides give the city a true diversity and a fitting mix for a capital with a rich history. Parliament's executive offices are an iconic Wellington landmark and the nickname "The Beehive" is very apt. Wellington is also home to a selection of great museums such as Te Papa - New Zealand's national museum (not to be missed), The National Library and the Museum of Wellington City and Sea. For great views of the city and the harbour take the Cable Car from Lambton Quay up into the hills of Kelburn, 130 metres above the city. The ride finishes at the botanic gardens, a 26 hectare park with rose gardens, exotic trees and native forest displays. Wellington is home to a range of quirky shopping and creative theatres and also some of most awarded fine dining restaurants in New Zealand. The Walking Gourmet Food Tour will introduce you to the local flavours of the city and help uncover the delights of this compact city. A great way to see the highlights is on a Flat Earth half day sightseeing tour. Wellington also featured in the Lord of the Rings movies, the Lord of the Rings tour will take you to the key filming locations in the region and you can visit Weta Cave for a glimpse behind the scenes. A Seal Coast Safari or Zealandia Night Tour will get you up close to the local wildlife or venture further afield to the windswept and striking Cape Palliser coastline home to the largest New Zealand fur seal colony. Wellington is also perfectly placed to explore the boutique wine growing area of Martinborough for a day.

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### INCLUDED - Middle Earth Film Locations Half Day Tour

You will be collected from your accommodation at 9am, please be ready and waiting at reception 10 minutes prior.

The duration of this tour is approximately 4 hours.

Morning or afternoon tea is included.

On this half-day tour explore key Lord of the Rings filming locations all within an hour of central Wellington. Highlights include the outskirts of the Shire, the Gardens of Isengard, the River Anduin and the sites of Helm's Deep and Minas Tirith. Stroll where the hobbits raced to the Buckleberry Ferry and see where the infamous 'get off the road' scene was shot. You'll also stop and overlook the site of the Dunharrow Rohirrim encampment.

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### INCLUDED - Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary Night Tour

A night tour at Zealandia is a unique experience you will never forget. Zealandia was the world's first fully-fenced urban ecosanctuary – a conservation success and safe haven for some of New Zealand's rarest native animals. Remarkable species of birds, reptiles, insects and more are living wild within a beautiful 225ha (one square mile) valley – just 10 minutes from central Wellington.

Your tour begins with a guided tour of the interactive exhibition, before you walk through the gates of Zealandia's predator-exclusion fence to the sanctuary where you will hear evening birdsong that was absent on the mainland for more than a century. Your guide will then lead you on a torch-light walk through the valley in search of the distinctive sights and sounds of New Zealand bush.

Possible sights include Kiwi foraging on the forest floor, tuatara hunting for food, glow-worms shining, tiny Maud Island frogs in their enclosure, pateke (brown teal) ducks feeding at night, kaka (parrots) coming in to roost. Zealandia is one of the best places to see kiwi in the wild in New Zealand. Over 100 of these nocturnal birds live freely in their natural environment inside the safety of the sanctuary valley – so your chances of finding one are good and your guide will help you.

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### Your accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay

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**Room type:** 1 x superior harbour view room, 1 x extra adult



## Day 11 - Thursday 20th July 2017

### Wellington



### Wellington

Wellington, home to New Zealand's centre of government has a largely cosmopolitan feel. Often referred to as 'mini-Melbourne', this (self described) windy city is a melting pot of art, culture, food and fashion. Quirky laneway bars, underground art shows, and hipster eateries make up its inner city vibe, while a host of sandy beaches outside the urban bustle bring a cheerful holiday feel. Head to Te Papa Museum for a history lesson and a ticket to one of its many international exhibitions or jump aboard the Wellington Cable Car at Lambton Quay - the only running funicular railway in the country. For those with an eye for boutique fashion wander through Cuba St to sample some of the city's best vintage stores. Break for coffee at a hipster cafe and be sure to snap a pic outside the 'Beehive,' New Zealand's parliamentary debate chamber. Go behind the scenes at Weta Workshop, the Oscar Award Winning design studio behind Lord Of The Rings, The Hobbit, and Avatar. We recommend a 45 minute guided tour through both the Workshop and Weta Cave. If you're a foodie at heart, a two hour round trip to Martinborough is a must do. Take your time as you wind through spectacular wine country, and be sure to stop in at Martinborough Wines or Ata Rangi Martinborough. For an educational day out, learn about New Zealand's native species at Zealandia - the world's first fully fenced eco-sanctuary and home to over 40 types of endangered and native birds. Finally before you collapse in bed, search metro eats for some gourmet dinner inspiration.

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## Day 12 - Friday 21st July 2017

Depart Wellington today

### Depart Wellington today

Explore more of Wellington's sights before dropping your rental car at the airport depot and continuing your onward journey. Please remember to fill up your car with fuel before returning it.

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**Driving distance and time (approximate) for this leg is:** 6 kms / 4 miles : 0.1 hours

## Your tour quote details

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## Additional arrangements:

Added an extra night in Wellington with one additional day car hire	USD280
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## Total

**USD6,287**

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## Tour inclusions and information - self drive tours

As well as the specified accommodation, activity, car and other arrangements detailed in your itinerary the following are also included with our self drive tours.

- Expert planning and tour management services
- Highly detailed itinerary with driving instructions
- Phone help line available
- New Zealand goods and services tax (GST)

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## Included accommodation summary

**Day 1** - Heritage Hotel Auckland - 1 x superior room (tower wing), 1 x extra adult (using rollaway)

**Day 2** - Heritage Hotel Auckland - 1 x superior room (tower wing), 1 x extra adult (using rollaway)

**Day 3** - Heritage Hotel Auckland - 1 x superior room (tower wing), 1 x extra adult (using rollaway)

**Day 4** - Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands - 1 x superior room, 1 x extra adult

**Day 5** - Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands - 1 x superior room, 1 x extra adult

**Day 6** - Heritage Hotel Auckland - 1 x superior room (tower wing), 1 x extra adult (using rollaway)

**Day 7** - Woodlyn Park Waitomo - 1 x hobbit unit, 1 x extra adult

**Day 8** - Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuel Taupo - 1 x superior lakeview room, 1 x extra adult

**Day 9** - Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay - 1 x superior harbour view room, 1 x extra adult

**Day 10** - Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay - 1 x superior harbour view room, 1 x extra adult

**Day 11** - Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay - 1 x superior harbour view room, 1 x extra adult

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## Other inclusions

The following items are included in this itinerary and cost.

**Day 1** - Collect your rental car - Toyota Highlander (PWAR) premium wagon or similar with GPS

**Day 1** - Your tour documentation pack and support

**Day 5** - Discover the Bay Hole in the Rock Cruise

**Day 7** - Hairy Feet Scenic Film Location Tour

**Day 8** - Hobbiton Movie Set Tour

**Day 10** - Middle Earth Film Locations Half Day Tour

**Day 10** - Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary Night Tour

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