

# Topdeck

## SWEET AS NORTH



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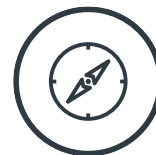
## Topdecker, MEET NEW ZEALAND

Mix with Maoris, make your way through Middle Earth and hike through the picturesque Tongariro National Park on your way to Wellington. Along the way, you'll get to see postcard-perfect waterfalls, lakes, mud pools and volcanoes. For the brave, there's all kinds of extreme sports to get that adrenalin going as well. Ready to visit New Zealand's North Island? Let's go!

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



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This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Stay overnight in a traditional Maori Marae
- + Take part in a Haka and Poi class
- + Visit Huka Falls
- + Visit Lake Taupo
- + Visit Tongariro National Park including Emerald Lakes and mud pools

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Marae Stay including cultural performance
- + Visit Pohutu Geyser
- + Traditional Maori Hangi buffet lunch
- + Visit Huka Falls
- + Visit Lake Taupo
- + Orientation tour in Wellington

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Auckland  
Australia/Pacific

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Wellington  
Australia/Pacific

## *Trip currencies*

- + New Zealand - NZD

# Your Itinerary

## DAY 1 | AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA

Today, we'll make our way to Waitomo Caves. There are plenty of optional activities on offer here like Black Water Rafting and a Glow Worm Cave tour. Tonight, Maori legends and mythology come alive with a cultural performance, storytelling and a home cooked dinner.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Marae Stay including cultural performance



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit the Waitomo Caves - Black Water Rafting or Glowworm Caves Tour

## DAY 2 | ROTORUA

While you're in Rotorua, you could head to the spa for a massage, jump into Tolkien's dreams at the Hobbiton movie set, take on the highest commercially-rafted waterfall in the world or roll down a hill inside a giant inflatable ball (all optional). When in New Zealand!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit a day spa
- + Visit the Hobbiton movie set
- + OGO Rotorua
- + Whitewater rafting

## DAY 3 | ROTORUA TO TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

Crank the heat up to the max – today we're off to check out the geothermal activity in Rotorua on an included tour. Enjoy a traditional Hangi lunch – a meal cooked in an underground oven pit. Then, after taking a look at some the Kiwi birds, we'll make tracks to the epic Huka Falls (you'll hear the rumble of the falls before you see them). Finally, we'll swing by beautiful Lake Taupo before settling in at our accommodation near Tongariro National Park.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Pohutu Geyser
- + Traditional Maori Hangi buffet lunch
- + Visit Huka Falls
- + Visit Lake Taupo

## DAY 4 | TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

Known as one of the best one-day hikes in the world, you'll get the chance to complete the Tongariro Alpine Crossing today (optional and weather dependent). With three volcanic peaks dominating the horizon and terrain that'll make you feel like you're on Mars, this hike is so worth the sore legs the next day. Look at you adventuring like a pro!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Hike the Tongariro Alpine Crossing
- + Shorter, local walks

## DAY 5 | TONGARIRO TO WELLINGTON

We'll hit up Wellington on our final day together. Get your bearings on an orientation tour, then go exploring. Our top tips? The incredible Te Papa Museum and the pretty botanical gardens. Don't miss the nightlife here either. With more bars and restaurants per capita than New York, what better way to end the trip than with a night out?



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation tour in Wellington



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Visit the Te Papa Museum  
+ Visit the botanical gardens

## Meals

Breakfasts are included each day (except on the first morning). A typical breakfast consists of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, a range of spreads, and fruit juice, tea or coffee. It is rare to get a hot breakfast, though on some occasions it may be available.

Included evening meals will be combination of those prepared by the Topdeck Road Crew, local restaurants and places in which we stay.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Topdeck Trip Consultant when you book. But please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

## Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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## Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy - you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

# OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**