



Itinerary for Seventh Day Adventists Group March 2014

Some notes for Auckland/New Zealand

Money can be exchanged at the airport on arrival, or in the city – there is a number of banks and travel exchange locations around the city. All the major banks in New Zealand can also exchange currency. Credit cards are widely accepted, Visa, MasterCard and in some places, Amex. As an indication of cost, a cup of coffee will cost you between \$4 - \$5.50 depending on the type of coffee you want.

Please note that we have set aside the following budget:

\$30 for breakfast (hotel breakfast included where noted in the itinerary)

\$70 for dinner as a standard price

Any additional cost would have to be covered by the individual

Weather in Auckland – Auckland is prone to a 4-seasons-in-one-day weather change, so it's good to keep a small umbrella/raincoat or jacket with you even if the sun is shining.

Customs on entry - Certain quantities of cigarettes, tobacco and alcohol can also be brought in duty free. You need to be aware of the allowances otherwise you may find yourself liable for duty and other charges if you are over the permitted limits. Please check this before purchasing. Please do not use electronic devices in the customs/baggage area.

Customs officers and MPI Biosecurity officers may search the baggage of any passenger. Such a search might be just a simple inspection or it may involve using a detector dog or an x-ray machine. Please note that x-ray machines will not damage the contents of your bag, such as unexposed film. The only time x-ray machines might damage film or other material is after repeated exposure.

It is always better to declare items you are unsure about, rather than running the risk of getting caught with something which is prohibited. If you know you have something prohibited in your possession, or are in doubt about it, you have the option of getting rid of it before entering the Customs and Biosecurity areas. You will find Amnesty Bins for this purpose located at all New Zealand's international airports. They are there for the safe disposal of risk goods – such as the half eaten orange in your handbag.



It is illegal to import most foodstuffs. This could be something as simple as a piece of fruit, a sandwich, preserved sausage or a cheese snack. High risk items include fresh fruit and vegetables, egg cartons, all honey and bee products, straw, dried flowers, seeds, cane/bamboo/rattan items, pine cones, potpourri and other organic matter.

Restricted items you must declare include feathers, bones, tusks, furs, skins, hunting trophies, stuffed animals and reptiles, unprocessed wool and animal hair, items made from animal skin (eg, crocodile handbags) and equipment used on animals including riding equipment. You will not be allowed to bring into New Zealand coral, clam, turtle and tortoise shells, products of endangered species or ivory in any form, unless you have a [CITES](#) certificate to allow you to do so.

The list of prohibited items are noted on the arrival documentation you will fill in.

Itinerary

16 March		
8:00 & scattered	<p>Arrival and pickup from airport</p> <p>On arrival please make your way through luggage pickup and customs, the driver will meet the group outside in the arrivals hall (please look for the sign marked Seventh Day Adventist Educational Group)</p> <p>Accommodation: Auckland City Hotel</p>	<p>Auckland City Hotel 157 Hobson Street Tel: 09-9250777</p>
	<p>Drop luggage off at the hotel (no check-in until 2pm)</p> <p>Time to explore the city – there is a number of options available – some are a bit more energetic than others! Lunch at leisure. You can also wander down to the Viaduct and watch the boats sail by over a leisurely lunch.</p>	
6:45	Meet Wilna (from EventSmart) in reception for departure via coach to dinner	

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7:00	Dinner at Mikano, Mechanics Bay	Tamaki Drive
9:30/10:00	Return to the hotel	
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7:30	Depart for Breakfast at the Wintergarden Pavilion Cafe	
8:00-9:00	Breakfasts – Wintergarden Pavilion	Wintergarden Pavilion Auckland Domain
9:00-10:30	Welcome and Orientation (post breakfast) with some time to wander around the beautiful park.	
11:00-3:00	Visit Balmoral Elementary and Auckland Adventist High School (lunch location in Balmoral TBC)	Balmoral SDA School 10 Wiremu Street, Balmoral 09-638 7903 Auckland SDA High School 119 Mountain Rd, Mangere Bridge 09-275 9640
3:00-4:10	Depart Balmoral for Muriwai Beach	
4:10-5:00	Muriwai Beach and Gannet Colony	
5:00-6:00	Return to the city	
7:00	Meet in hotel reception for dinner We'll be walking down to the waterfront for dinner (10-15min walk). Please wear flat comfortable shoes Dinner: Location TBC Return at leisure	
18 March		
7:15	Meet in hotel lobby for departure	
7:30-8:30	Breakfast at Revel in Newton	146 Karangahape Road, Newton
9:00-11:00	Visit South Auckland Elementary	South Auckland SDA School 42A Puhinui Rd

		Papatoetoe
11.30-12.30	Lunch location TBC	
1:00-3:00	Visit Puhinui School	Puhinui School, 116 Puhinui Road, Papatoetoe
3:00-4:00	Return to hotel via the Auckland Waterfront (Drive via mission bay/Tamaki)	
4:00-7:00	Leisure time	
7:00	Meet in hotel reception for dinner	
7:30	Dinner at Ruan Thai, Mission Bay Afterwards time to explore or walk along the beach enjoying a coffee or ice cream	
10:00	Return to the city via coach transfer	
19 March		
6:00-9:00	Early departure – meet in the hotel lobby for departure to Palmerston North. Breakfast will be served on the coach in picnic style boxes to save time.	
9:00-9:45	Arrival at Otorohonga Kiwi House to view kiwi's in their natural habitat	Alex Telfer Dr, Otorohonga
9:45-10:00	Depart Otorohonga for the Waitomo caves	
10:00-1:00	Waitomo caves for the glow-worm and Ruakuri Cave tour	
1:00-1:30	Lunch at the Waitomo café site	
1:30-7:00	Transfer to Palmerston North	
7:30-	Meet in hotel lobby and walk to restaurant for dinner	
	Accommodation:	Palmerston North Millennium Hotel 1000 Hinemoa Street, Palmerston North Tel: 07-347 1234
20 March		
8:00-9:00	Breakfast in hotel at leisure	



9:00-11:00	Visit Palmerston North Elementary	25 Snelson Street Palmerston North 06-357 6256
11:00-1:00	Lunch at leisure	
1:00-3:00	Visit Longburn Adventist College, (Palmerston North)	100 Walkers Road, RD7 Palmerston North 06-354 1059
Free time	Optional visit : Manawatu Gorge Loop Track Time: 15-30 minute walk around the beautiful gorge, a short drive from Palmerston North. Te Manawa, museum of art, science and history Free admission.	326 Main Street, Palmerston North
7:00	Meet in the hotel reception for dinner (venue TBC)	
21 March		
7:00-8:00	Breakfast in the hotel at leisure	
9:00-12:00	Depart for Taupo	
12:00-1:15	Time at leisure in town and lunch before wandering down to the lake for the lake cruise.	
1:30-3:00	Chris Jolly Lake Cruise on Lake Taupo	
3:10	Check-in at accommodation	
3:30-5:00	Craters of the Moon and Huka Falls	
	Accommodation: Millennium Hotel	243 Lake Terrace Taupo Tel: 07-378 5110
6:30-10:00	Meet at hotel reception for dinner departure	
	Dinner venue TBC	

22 March		
7:00-	Breakfast in hotel	
Time TBC	Taupo Church Pr Phil Laws	Cnr Gillies & Hinnemoa Streets Taupo 07-7333 7305
12:30-1:30	Lunch (location TBC)	
1:30-2:30	Depart for Rotorua	
2:30-3:30 3:30-4:30	Te Puia Whakarewarewa Thermal Area	Hemo Rd, Tihiotonga, Rotorua 17 Tryon St, Whakarewarewa
4:30-6:15	Hotel check-in and leisure time Accommodation: Millennium Hotel	1000 Hinnemoa Street Rotorua Tel: 07-347 1234
Pickup between 6:15-6:50 TBC, show at 7:30	Tamaki Village Tour and dinner (hangi) – pickup from hotel arranged and a return coach included	
23 March		
Time TBC	Breakfast in hotel	
9:00-1.00 9:30 show	Agrodome visit (time to do one of the many activities on site, including Zorb!) Agrodome sheep show and farm tour Optional: Zorb (\$45) Return to town Optional: Rotorua duck tours (\$68) Optional: Buried village (\$32)	Western Rd, Ngongotaha
1:00	Return to town for those who wish to. The following tours can be done from town at leisure:	

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	Optional: Rotorua duck tours (\$68) Optional: Buried village (\$32) Optional: Polynesian Spa (from \$25 for general pools)	
6:30-10:00	Meet in hotel for transfer to Rotorua Gondola and dinner (there's an option here to do a luge down the track from the dinner location!)	
24 March		
8:00-9:00	Breakfast at leisure in hotel	
9:00-10:00	Visit Rotorua School	3 Tilsey Street Glenholme, Rotorua 07-348 4689
10.00-11.00	Depart for Tauranga via Kiwi 360	
11.00-12.00	Kiwi 360	26 Young Road, Te Puke
12.00-12.30	Lunch at Kiwi 360	
12.30-2.00	Depart for Tauranga	
2.00-4.00	Visit Tauranga Elementary	Tauranga Adventist School 19 Moffat Rd, Bethlehem Tauranga 07-579 2505
7.00-10.00	Meet in hotel lobby for short walk to dinner location (TBC)	
	Accommodation: Hotel on Devonport	72 Devonport Road Tauranga Tel: 07-578 2668
25 March		
7.00-8.00	Breakfast at leisure	
9:00-12:00	Visit Hobbiton – optional tours only	501 Buckland Rd, Matamata
12:00-1:00	Lunch at Hobbiton	

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1:00-1:45	Transfer from Hobbiton to Hamilton	
2:00-4:00	Visit Hamilton Elementary	Hamilton SDA School 46 Annebrook Rd RD3 Hamilton 07-856 4417
4:00-6:30	Depart for Auckland	
7:30-	Meet in hotel reception for dinner (location TBC) Final Discussion of Trip at dinner	
	Accommodation: Auckland City Hotel	Auckland City Hotel 157 Hobson Street Tel: 09-9250777
26 March		
	Depart for Sydney. Please check with Wilna on departure times/coach pickup for transfer.	



Tour Details

16 March

Optional tours (short tours)

On arrival the group is unable to check in until 2pm, so you have lots of time to explore Auckland leisurely!

Auckland Explorer Bus - \$40 for an all-day bus pass

A hop on hop off bus with commentary. The bus passes a number of Iconic Auckland areas, including the Auckland Zoo, Auckland Museum, Bastion Point, Parnell Villa, Eden Garden, Mt Eden Hill for a spectacular view over the city, and Eden Park.

Skytower visit - \$39

See Auckland from the skytower.

Auckland Bridge Climb - \$109

Your opportunity to climb this iconic bridge in Auckland.

Auckland Bridge Climb and Bungy Combo - \$120

A bridge climb and bungy combo.

Auckland Jetboat - \$98

A thrilling and unforgettable jet boating experience. It's a purpose built, 7.8m jet boat powered by a bio-fuel, Volvo, Twin 300HP engine with thrust delivered via two 213, Hamilton Jet Units. The boat can operate with 23 passengers and is capable of speeds up to 85 kph so she packs a serious whollop!

Auckland Jet Boat and Bungy Combo - \$210

Enjoy the Auckland Jet Boat tour and then throw yourself off the Waitemata's most famous landmark in Auckland Harbour Bridge



Auckland Jet Boat and 4-wheel adventure - \$210

Enjoy an Auckland Jet Boat tour and then off to a 4-wheeled adventure through Woodhill forest

Auckland Jet Boat and Scenic flight - \$280

Enjoy an Auckland jet boat tour on the water and then take a scenic flight around Auckland in the air with helicopter.

Auckland Jet Boat and Riverhead Pub - \$85

Enjoy and Auckland jet boat tour up the Waitemata to the iconic Riverhead Pub. Drop off and pickup only at the pub (min of 12 passengers for this tour so might be limited dates/times). At the riverhead pub you can have a lovely lunch or drink.

Waikehe Island options

There's a number of options with Waikehe Island. Waikehe Island is situated a 35min ferry ride away. Ferry tickets are \$37 return. There are about 20 departures daily from Pier 2, Ferry Terminal.

Waikehe Island Explorer Tour - \$52

See the best of Waikehe in this 1 ½ hour guided tour. A picturesque 35min boat trip followed by the 1.5hour scenic highlights tour of Waikehe's stunning locations. On arrival in Waikehe your guide will give you a taste of the views, culture and history that make up the diverse island of Waikehe. On conclusion of the tour, take advantage of the complimentary All Day Bus Pass allowing you to either return to a destination visited on the tour, or discover the island further on the scheduled public bus service.

Departures: 10am, 11am and 12:00 daily.

The tour includes a return ferry ticket, complimentary 1.5hour guided bus tour of the island and an All Day Bus Pass after the tour.

Whist on Waikehe, feel free to visit the new **EcoZip!** Adult charges of \$99

Included is 3 x 200m flying fox zipline rides, with a 1.5km interpretive forest walk. A FUN experience!

Waikehe offers a number of fantastic café's and shops or beaches for those who just want to leisurely explore.



Titititi Matangi Island - \$72

A world renowned bird sanctuary – surrender your senses to the beauty and magic of the Tiritiri Matangi Island, situated in the Hauraki Gulf and only a 75min ferry trip from Auckland. From the moment you step onto the island to the moment you leave, you will be entranced by the serenade of gentle birdsong and the lush native bush. Tiritiri Matangi is one of the world’s most successful volunteer conservation projects. It has been re-vegetated with around 300,000 native trees and consequently 12 of NZ’s endangered birds and tree reptile species have been re-introduced.

Departure every Wednesday to Sunday at 9am.

Return from Tiritiri Matangi Island – Wednesday to Sunday’s at 3.30pm

Departure location: Pier 4, Ferry Terminal

Rangitoto Island Ferry - \$29

The island of Rangitoto is an easy 25min cruise from Downtown Auckland via Devonport. This dormant volcano is possibly the most recognizable icon of the Auckland region and a “must do” day out for locals and visitors alike. Visitors can freedom walk to the summit in approximately one hour, taking time to pause at lookouts along the way. Alternatively you can book the Volcanic Explorer Road Train tour for an easy ride to the base of the summit.

Depart daily at 9:15, 10:30 and 12:15pm

Return from Rangitoto Wharf at 9:45, 12:45, 3:30

Depart from Pier 2, Ferry Terminal

Devonport - \$12 return

Just across the harbor from Downtown Auckland, the marine village of Devonport is one of the city’s oldest suburbs. With its picture postcard Victorian villas, pretty beaches and stylish shops, Devonport is a great place to spend a day or afternoon.

Visitors can climb to the top of the distinctive volcanic cones of Mount Victoria or North Head for fantastic views across the city and nearby islands of the Hauraki Gulf. Other options include taking a stroll along Cheltenham Beach or browsing the interesting art galleries and gift shops along Victoria Road. A trip to Devonport should also include a coffee or meal in one of the many attractive bars cafes and restaurants.



The ferry takes 21 minutes, allow for at least 2 hours there as there's plenty to do.
Ferry departure is every half an hour from Pier 1.

Urban Village Delights - \$189

Experience the cafe culture and gourmet delights of the charming urban village of historic Ponsonby. Well known for its delicious eateries, 19th century wooden buildings, arts and crafts, it's also a great place to shop. Within easy walking distance, your gourmet tour of Ponsonby will include tastings of fine produce, chocolates, exceptional coffee at an award winning café and classic baking treats. Meet some of the culinary and creative personalities who make up the diverse and original mix that attracts locals and visitors to this part of the city. A light two course lunch matched with a glass of premium New Zealand wine is also included.

Tour 9:30 am – 1:30pm

inclusive of all tastings, lunch & glass of wine. Departs from The old Post Office (now called *The Ponsonby*), cnr College Hill & Ponsonby Road (about 5 mins by taxi from the centre of the city or 20 minutes walking) Walking Time: Approx 30 mins, all weather.

Auckland City Tastes - \$149

We introduce you to three of the city's most vibrant inner city foodie locations. Surrounded by beautiful heritage buildings, the Britomart precinct is full of eclectic cafes, restaurants, cool bars and a fantastic city farmers market (Saturdays only), making it the hippest new district in town. The beautiful Viaduct Harbour features many award winning restaurants and the revitalized Wynyard Quarter shows off its new eateries and bars, open picnic spaces and Auckland's Seafood Market. Tastings include exceptional coffee, baking treats, chocolates, cheeses, ice cream, seafood and produce with premium NZ wine.

Tour 9:30 – 12:30pm for up to 10 guests. Inclusive of all tastings and glass of wine. Departs from the i-SITE visitors centre, 137 Quay Street, Princes Wharf

Walking time approx. 30minutes (all weather)

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Muriwai Beach and Gannet Colony (Included)



Muriwai's gannet colony is a one hour drive from the centre of Auckland. Next to the car park, a short walking track leads to a viewing platform right above the main colony area. Out to sea, the colony continues on two vertical-sided islands. About 1,200 pairs of gannets nest here from August to March each year. The nests are just centimeters apart. It's an air traffic controller's nightmare, but somehow the birds have it under control. Those coming in to land must glide over the squawking raised beaks of their neighbours - so getting it wrong can be painful. These two-and-a-half kilogram birds have a wingspan of two metres, and their mastery of the onshore updrafts is impressive to say the least. Each pair lays one egg and the parents take turns on the nest. The chicks hatch naked, but within a week they're covered with fluffy down. As they mature, they grow juvenile feathers and begin to exercise their wings in preparation for the one-shot jump off the cliff. Once airborne, the young gannets leave the colony and cross the Tasman Sea to Australia. A few years later, surviving birds return to secure a nest site at the colony. The views from the colony are very impressive. Muriwai Beach extends 60 kilometres to the north - a line of black sand between the thundering surf and the sand hills. Far below, enthusiastic surfers look like seals on the large ocean swells.

Otorohonga Kiwi House
Waitomo cave combo
Chris Jolly cruise
Tamaki dinner
Te Puia
Thermal area
Gondola & dinner
Te Puke kiwi farm

19 March (included tours)

Otorohonga Kiwi House \$20 p/person

Visit the Otorohonga Kiwi House & Native Bird Park – the best place in New Zealand to see a Kiwi!

Waitomo cave combo \$83 p/person



Take a guided tour through the world famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Be amazed by the thousands of magical glow worms above as you glide silently by boat and see ornate cave decorations. Become part of over 120 years of cultural and natural history. Allow 45minutes.

Ruakuri Cave is regarded as Waitomo's longest and most comprehensive guided underground walking tour. Recently re-opened after an 18 year hiatus, it takes its visitors on a 1.6 kilometre journey deep into the dark recesses of the earth. A caving experience that's up close and personal. Allow 2 hours.

20 March (optional)

Manawatu Gorge Track – an easy 15-30 minute stroll. This short, well-formed track is clearly sign-posted and is suitable for push-chairs. It provides an opportunity for people of all fitness levels to enjoy native bush and birdlife only a short distance from Palmerston North. Starting from the carpark, the track initially follows the longer Manawatu Gorge Track before veering left. Along the way are some small signs describing how students from College Street Normal School in Palmerston North view the bush. Continue on the track, returning to the carpark.

Te Manawa, museum of art, science and history

Te Manawa is the cultural heart of Palmerston North City and the Manawatu Region, where the community meets, gathers and exchanges experiences. Nau mai haere mai. Te Manawa is a place of ideas, exhibitions and collaboration. Te Manawa is a meeting place, a party venue, a performance space and more.

21 March

De Brett's Hot springs \$20 (optional)

Taupo is one of New Zealand's most active thermal regions, and DeBretts enjoys a prime location at a natural 'hot spot' – a geothermal spring known as Onekeneke. For more than a century, people have flocked here to enjoy its famous relaxation and medicinal benefits. At Taupo DeBretts, we cool the way-too-hot volcanic waters down to a far more inviting temperature range of 38 to 42°C (100 to 108°F), all the while preserving the abundance of health-enriching mineral components.

As well as the main pools (complete with waterfall and bubbling hydrotherapy spots) we also offer 12 private mineral pools – the perfect complement to our Living Waters Day Spa. And when the weather gets warmer, the Lake Taupo region comes alive with holidaymakers



seeking to cool off. Here again, Taupo DeBretts makes a splash with our fresh water pool and spa, interactive water play area, BBQ & picnic facilities, and our ever-popular Dragon Water Slide!

Craters of the Moon (donation, included)

A walk with a difference, and as it's name implies. Craters of the Moon is a unique and memorable experience for young and old.

Open 364 days a year (closed on Christmas Day) the walk is suited to people of all ages and fitness levels and is wheelchair accessible.

Allow approximately 45 minutes to complete the loop and an additional 20 minutes for the upper lookout (this section is steep and stepped in places but the view is well worth the effort and highly recommended)

Chris Jolly cruise \$44 p/person (included)

Cruise to the Maori Rock Carvings and around the picturesque bays of Lake Taupo. A full commentary is given on the volcanic history and Maori mythology surrounding Lake Taupo. Take in the fabulous views of secluded bays and the spectacular snow-capped mountain peaks of the World Heritage Tongariro National Park.

22 March

Te Puia, \$47 p/person (Included)

Te Puia is the premier Māori cultural centre in New Zealand - a place of gushing waters, steaming vents, boiling mud pools and spectacular geysers. Our Māori tradition lives on at Te Whakarewarewa, with our guided tours and attractions, our Māori culture, and our National Carving and Weaving Schools of New Zealand.

Whakarewarewa Thermal Area, \$47 p/person (included)

Join an hourly guided tour through Whakarewarewa Village and see how the Geothermal Activity is utilised for everyday use and hear the history of our unique village. Be entertained by Te Pakira Performance group in song and dance at our twice daily Maori Cultural Performances. Explore our Walking tracks and view beautiful hot lakes, mud pools and get a glimpse of our Geothermal Village from the top.



Tamaki Village visit and dinner, \$110 p/person (Included)

Be welcomed into an authentic Maori village nestled in Rotorua forest, discover Maori art forms, ancient rituals and traditions, experience thrilling song and dance, and then share in a 3 course meal with your Maori hosts.

Enroute to Tamaki Maori Village, nestled in the thick of an ancient Tawa forest, your guide will instruct you on the rules of entering a Marae and the protocol you must observe. The visiting tribe must appoint a Chief to accept the peace offering and to represent those on your coach. Representation of your group is considered an honourable task in Maoridom. As you make your way to the village, you'll learn about the great Maori migration - when Maori journeyed across the vast ocean in massive Waka (canoes) to New Zealand. You'll also enjoy some fascinating Maori legends and stories from our history.

23 March

Agrodome Farm Show, \$31 p/person (Included)

Get ready for a fun-packed hour of entertainment and education for the whole family... the legendary Agrodome Farm Show!

You'll hear amazing facts and have a few laughs as you're introduced to 19 breeds of sheep. Then, witness a live sheep shearing demonstration and a fun sheep auction with bidding from the floor and audience participation.

But our animal stars are not just sheep. Our remarkable farm dogs will amaze you, as they demonstrate their ability to respond to commands and keep those sheep (and ducks!) in line!

If a hands-on experience is what you want, jump up on stage for the opportunity to feed the baby lambs or even hand-milk a cow!

Your ticket to the show includes access to the Farmyard Nursery, home to the smallest, cutest animals at the Agrodome. Pet and have your photo taken with cute lambs and other baby farm animals. Then pop across to the herding area to watch a free live dog drial after the show!

Luge, \$48 p/person (Optional)

There is some time here for anyone to take the luge down the track – a very enjoyable experience! The luge Skyline Luge is a fun, fast-paced family activity that everyone of all ages will enjoy! Part go-cart, part toboggan, the Rotorua Luge offers a truly unique outdoor experience that should be on your list of things to do in Rotorua. Found in the heart of New Zealand's scenic volcanic wonderland, this is where the Lugging adventure all began in 1985. Rotorua Luge has three tracks of differing skill levels winding through beautiful forest.

Once you reach the Skyline Rotorua complex, select from one of the three exciting Luge trails. Take off downhill on your luge through twists and turns to a backdrop of dramatic scenery and down through our Redwood forest.



Once at the bottom, ride the scenic chairlift back to the top of the track.

Rotorua Duck Tours, \$68 for the 90min tour, \$75 for the 120min tour (Optional)

The Rotorua Duck Tours offers a unique Rotorua attraction offering amphibious sightseeing tours of Rotorua and its lakes area. On one of our Rotorua tours you will get a great introduction to Rotorua's rich history and view some of its most spectacular scenery. Rotorua Duck Tours is centrally located in Rotorua city, Central North Island, New Zealand.

The fun begins as soon as you climb aboard one of our amazing WWII Military Landing Craft (known as Ducks), where you will meet your legendary 'Conducttor' who is in charge of your guided tour. The 90 minute scheduled tour of Rotorua City & Lakes Tour or their "All New" 120 minute Tarawera & Lakes Tour. On both Rotorua tours you explore the most famous of Rotorua's lakes and its landmarks. The highlights include; informative commentary, 'splashdown' onto 2 or 3 lakes, geothermal activity, Maori Culture, history of Rotorua and views of Mount Tarawera, history of our authentic WWII Landing Crafts and much more! Tours depart 3 times a day in summer and twice daily in winter.

Buried Villa, \$32 (Optional)

The Buried Village with its award-winning museum, recreated pioneer cottage, Maori whare and excavated sites is a must-see attraction for anyone visiting Rotorua. The scenic nature trail, which includes a walk to the stunning Wairere waterfall, and Vi's Teahouse onsite are attractions in their own right.

The excavated village offers a first-hand insight into the chaos and mayhem that transpired the night Mount Tarawera erupted. It is an authentic appreciation of the people of Te Wairoa, both Maori and European, on how they lived... and died.

Rotorua offers numerous adrenaline-charged rides, cultural experiences and geothermal parks but the Buried Village of Te Wairoa is truly unique to Rotorua.

Established by the Christian missionary in 1848 as a model village, Te Wairoa survived for fewer than 40 years before it, and the nearby Pink and White Terraces were obliterated by the eruption of Mt Tarawera.

On June 10 1886, spewing rock, ash and mud killed more than 150 people, engulfed several settlements and destroyed the marble-like terraces at Lake Rotomahana, which were internationally regarded as "the eighth wonder of the world".

Polynesian Spa Pools, from \$25 (Optional)

The pools are walking distance from the hotel.



The pools offer a variety of packages – from private spa’s through to general, massage therapies etc.

Adult pool & Priest Spa (\$25)

Just for adults, this popular area offers seven hot mineral pools with views of Lake Rotorua.

The pools are fed with hot mineral spring water from two different springs!

Three cascading, marble-lined pools (38°C to 39°C), feature alkaline water. The smooth terraced walls provide a popular resting spot for bathers!

The large deeper alkaline pool (38°C) is an excellent place to stretch out for some light activity.

The three Priest Spa pools (39°C to 42°C), offer special thermal bathing in acidic water from the Radium hot spring, long renowned for its therapeutic properties. The Priest Spa was named after a catholic priest, who in the late 1800’s gained great relief from arthritis when bathing in the hot spring waters.

Spacious changing rooms are provided and a choice of storage tubs and pay-lockers are available for your belongings and valuables.

The Adult Pools & Priest Spa is a great area for socializing!

Rotorua Gondola and Dinner, \$50 (Included)

The Skyline Rotorua complex is situated just minutes from central Rotorua, high up Mt Ngongotaha.

To begin your Skyline Rotorua adventure, take a leisurely uphill Gondola ride and enjoy the extensive views of Rotorua, the surrounding lakes and geothermal areas.

At the top, the thrill of the Luge, our relaxing buffet and grill restaurant, beautiful nature walks and exciting adventure activities all await you.

For a casual dining experience visit our Food Market Kitchen, a marketplace style cafe that has something for everyone - from great coffee to real fruit ice cream.

The whole family will enjoy our fun Jelly Belly gallery and store or just for the adults our new Volcanic Hills winery and tasting room.

24 March

360 Kiwi Tour, \$20 (Included)

Climb aboard one of our KiwiKarts and experience a fun and fascinating 40-minute tour within our abundant landscape, through the Horticultural Theme Park and into our lush orchards.



Along the way, you'll gain a great insight into the complexities of the kiwifruit growing process, the dynamic Kiwifruit Industry, and just how it has become such a phenomenon in this area. Learn how this unique pocket of land is able to grow the world's healthiest fruit better than anywhere else in the world, and then taste the proof for yourself!

You'll also see the sought-after Gold Kiwifruit and Arguta Kiwiberry, plus more than fifty different varieties of delicious fruit and nuts growing on our grounds - demonstrating just how fertile this unique land is!

25 March

Hobbiton Tour, \$75 (optional)

Experience the real Middle-Earth with a visit to the Hobbiton™ Movie Set, the bucolic setting for The Shire™ that featured in the Peter Jackson directed films, *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* Trilogies.

Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Your guide will escort you through the twelve acre site recounting fascinating details of how the Hobbiton Movie set was created.

The Hobbit holes, Green Dragon™ Inn, Mill and other structures created for *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* films can be viewed and you will see how this beautiful piece of Waikato farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle-Earth.

Upon completion of your tour you will return to The Shires™ Rest.