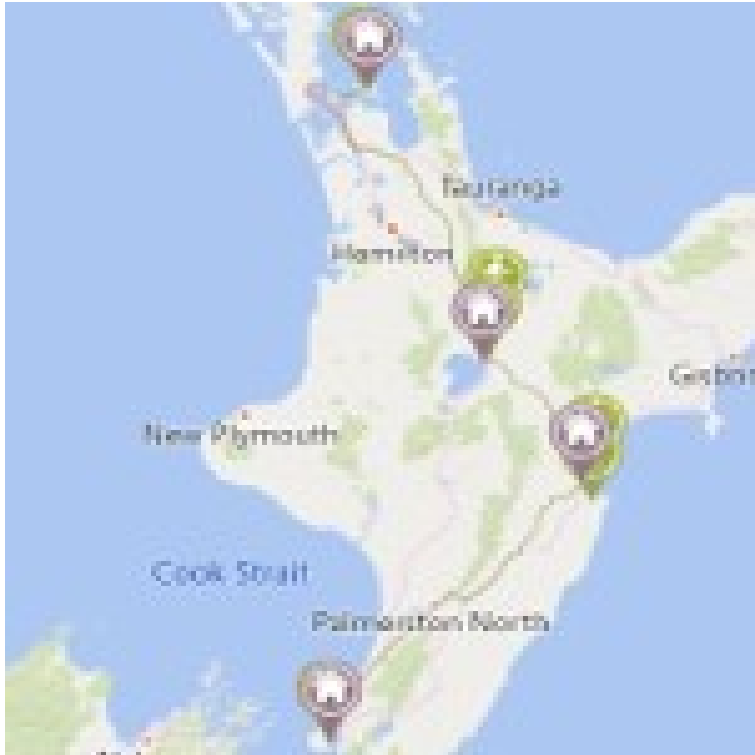


Our North Island Gourmet Journey provides an opportunity to explore and indulge in New Zealand's best food and wine regions, whilst enjoying local fare and a high standard of cuisine at specially chosen accommodations along the way. Several lodges are hosted by professional chefs who will cook for you personally and offer an insider's guide to their local wine and food providers. BoutiqueTravel.nz Journeys also allow you insights into our history and Maori culture. On this itinerary you start from Auckland, catching the short ferry ride out to the glorious and relaxing haven of Waiheke Island for your first two nights. Visit Taupo, Hawkes Bay wineries and orchards and end your journey in vibrant Wellington.

We recommend slow travel, add extra nights or extra stops along the way if you have more time.



At a glance

Duration: 9 days, 8 nights

Connection points:

Auckland airport
Wellington airport or Inter Islander ferry

Activity level: easy

Best season: year-round

Driving times

Auckland - Waiheke: 40 mins by ferry
Waiheke - Taupo: 4 hours
Taupo - Napier: 2 hours
Napier - Wellington: 4 hours 15 minutes

Indicative Price from \$5,440

Price is for accommodation only and excludes meals, ground or air transport unless stated. [Contact one of our Travel Agents](#) or use [My Holiday](#) to contact the operators and book direct.



NORTHERN GOURMET

Local Flavour

NORTH ISLAND





Day 1 - Waiheke Island, Auckland

Stay [The Boatshed](#)

Day 2 - Waiheke Island, Auckland

Stay [The Boatshed](#)

Day 3 - Taupo, Central Plateau

Stay [Acacia Cliffs Lodge](#)

Day 4 - Taupo, Central Plateau

Stay [Acacia Cliffs Lodge](#)

Day 5 - Napier, Hawke's Bay

Stay [Breckenridge Lodge](#)

Day 6 - Napier, Hawke's Bay

Stay [Breckenridge Lodge](#)

Day 7 - Wellington

Stay [Ohtel](#)

Day 8 - Wellington

Stay [Ohtel](#)

Day 9 - Journey's End

You can fly out of Wellington Airport or cross on the Cook Strait Ferry to Picton on the South Island by the Inter Island ferry. Your hotel is centrally located so you may like to return your rental car when you arrive in the city.