

# Outdoors & Active

## Volcanic Heartland



This trip includes one of the North Island's beach paradises, the Coromandel, with its Hot Water Beach and distinctive rock formations as well as the dramatic volcanic centre of the North Island that is Rotorua, Lake Taupo and Tongariro National Park, and finishing beneath the conical Mount Taranaki. These regions all offer a plenitude of outdoor activities, hiking, biking, kayaking and rafting. However their volcanic landscapes are very different. In the Coromandel, White and Mayor Islands lie far out to sea, their activity a distant and occasional plume. In Rotorua sulphur is in the air and in the Tongariro National Park you get close to the active craters of Ngarahoe, Tongariro and Ruapehu. In New Plymouth and Whanganui, the volcano is ever-present as a backdrop.

We recommend slow travel, if you have time, add extra nights or additional stops on this itinerary.



### At a glance

**Duration:** 9 days, 8 nights

**Connection Points:**  
Auckland or Rotorua, Wellington

**Activity Level:** Active

**Best Season:** November - April

### Driving times

Auckland - The Coromandel: 3 hours  
The Coromandel - Rotorua: 2 hours 30 minutes  
Rotorua - Ohakune: 2 hours 30 minutes  
Ohakune - Whanganui: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Indicative Price from \$1,660

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.



## VOLCANIC HEARTLAND

Steam, mud & hot water

NORTH ISLAND





**Day 1 - UPPER NORTH ISLAND**

Multi-day [Thames, Waihi, Coromandel & Whitianga](#)

**Day 2 - UPPER NORTH ISLAND**

Multi-day [Thames, Waihi, Coromandel & Whitianga](#)

**Day 3 - Rotorua, Bay of Plenty**

Stay [Koura Lodge](#)

**Day 4 - Rotorua, Bay of Plenty**

Stay [Koura Lodge](#)

**Day 5 - near Ohakune, Central Plateau**

Stay [Tongariro Suites @ The Rocks](#)

**Day 6 - near Ohakune, Central Plateau**

Stay [Tongariro Suites @ The Rocks](#)

**Day 7 - CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND**

Multi-day [New Plymouth & Whanganui](#)

**Day 8 - CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND**

Multi-day [New Plymouth & Whanganui](#)

**Day 9 - Journey's End**

Drive to Wellington (2 hours 30 minutes) to connect with BoutiqueTravel.nz southern itineraries.