HAURERE

TRENZ CONNECT FAMIL
5 DAY ITINERARY

Embark on an exclusive 5-day journey through the heart of Te Ika-a-Māui (the North Island), showcasing the very best of authentic, Māori-owned tourism experiences on offer in Aotearoa (New Zealand).

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WAIPOUA
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Footprints Waipoua

DAY ONE & TWO

Begin your journey with Te Tihi Ao, a 3-day experience of some of the most unique Māori experiences in Northland. Starting on the golden shores of the Hokianga, you will be taken on a journey from the West to the East where the unique culture and connection of Māori through their places, people, and stories will be intimately interwoven.

Footprints Waipoua →
Manea Footprints of Kupe →
Ngawha Springs →

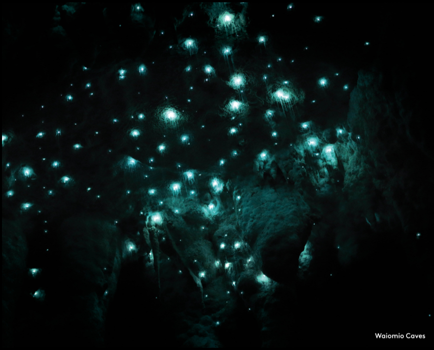
Day 1

	TIME	SCHEDULE	INCLUSION
NORTHLAND		Arrive in Kerikeri – time depending on flight from Wellington Arrive at accommodation: **The Sands Hokianga**	• All domestic flights and transfers included. • Met by guides • Collection at Kerikeri Airport and transfer to hotel • Hotel dinner

Day 2

TE TIHI AO EXPERIENCE: NORTHLAND

TIME	SCHEDULE	INCLUSION
5:00 AM	Breakfast at accommodation. Rise early, departing with your kaiārahi (guides) to the heart of **Waipoua** - domain of Tāne Mahuta, the giant kauri of the forest. Return to your accommodation for breakfast and the chance for rest and reflection. Rejoin your kaiārahi as you make your way to **Manea**. Here, haukāinga (local people) share the immersive journey of migration ventured by our tūpuna (ancestors) to reach this great land. On completion, relax at the beachside for lunch before travelling to the healing	• Hotel breakfast • Met by guides • Transfers • Lunch • Footprints Waipoua experience • Manea Footprints of Kupe experience • Ngawha Springs experience
5:30 PM	Arrive at accommodation:	• Free evening • Dinner at the resort or venture into Paihia



Waiomio Caves

DAY THREE

Starting your day in Waitangi, a bespoke tour of the spectacular Waiomio Glowworm Caves awaits. Be immersed in Māori knowledge and tradition at Te Ahurea, before departing Ngāpuhi lands.

Waiomio Glowworm Caves →

Te Ahurea →

Day 3

TE TIHI AO EXPERIENCE: NORTHLAND

TIME	SCHEDULE	INCLUSION
8:00 AM	Breakfast at accommodation Depart accommodation and head to the Waiomio Valley, where you'll be welcomed by the spectacular sight of limestone formations together with the haukāinga of this place. Join your kaiārahi on a hīkoi (walk) through the **Waiomio Glowworm Caves.** Enjoy a delightful lunch beneath the forest canopy before returning to Kerikeri	• Hotel breakfast • Met by guides • Transfers • Lunch • Waiomio Glowworm Caves experience • Te Ahurea experience

	by road. Arrive at **Te Ahurea**, where you'll be met by the uri (descendants) of great Ngāpuhi chiefs. Here, an interactive afternoon provides the opportunity to hear about our rich history. Paddle waka (canoe), take part in pōwhiri (welcoming), raranga (weaving) and rongoā Māori (Māori medicine).	
4:00 PM	Depart for Kerikeri Airport	
5:30 PM	Flight departs to Auckland	
6:15 PM	Arrive in Auckland Accommodation: **The Sudima or Novotel** Dinner at hotel	• Hotel dinner

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Volcanic Air

DAY FOUR

Journey to the centre of Te Ika-a-Māui (the North Island). Encounter breathtaking volcanic, geothermal, and river-bound marvels, woven with narratives that echo through time. The warm embrace of Māori hospitality awaits you, for an evening of feast and celebration at Te Pā Tū.

Volcanic Air →
Orakei Korako →
Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland →
Te Pā Tū →

Day 4

CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND	**7:00** AM	Breakfast and check out	• Hotel breakfast
	8:00 AM	Collected by transfer company to Rotorua	
	11:00 AM	Bag drop at accommodation: **Millennium Hotel Rotorua**	• Transfer to experience
	11:15 AM	**GROUP ONE** Transfer to **Volcanic Air** and take in the iconic Tarawera Landing flight before landing at Orakei Korako Café	• Transfer by helicopter
		GROUP TWO Transfer 1 hour South by coach to Orakei Korako Café.	• Transfer by coach

12:20 PM	GROUP ONE & TWO Enjoy lunch together at **Orakei Korako Café**	- Lunch
1:30 PM	GROUP ONE & TWO Transfer to **Orakei Korako Geothermal Park.** Wander through Hidden Valley and visit the thermal Ruatapu Cave which extends more than 36m down into volcanic tuff to the 'Waiwhakaata' or 'Pool of Mirrors' hot pool at the bottom.	- Transfer
2:30 PM	GROUP ONE Transfer by coach to Waiotapu Thermal Valley.	- Transfer by coach
	GROUP TWO Transfer to **Volcanic Air** and take in the iconic Tarawera Landing flight before landing at Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland.	- Transfer by helicopter
3:30 PM	GROUP ONE & TWO Guided tour of **Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland.** As tribal owners, the aspirations of Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland include creating wealth and opportunity for future Te Arawa generations through tourism and to maintain kaitiakitanga (guardianship) over its extraordinarily beautiful geothermal wonders.	- Waiotapu experience
4:40 PM	Enjoy a chilled glass of bubbles by the world-famous Champagne Pool.	- Visit Champagne Pool - Glass of bubbles
5:20 PM	Return to Waiotapu base	
5:30 PM	Transfer to Te Pā Tū	
5:50 PM	Arrive at **Te Pā Tū** for a 6pm start. Te Pā Tū presents culture and kai (cuisine) events – sharing Māori history, traditions, and future aspirations across four hours of celebration and feasting.	- Te Pā Tū evening experience - Dinner - Transfer – Te Pā Tū to Hotel
9:30 PM	Depart Te Pā Tū Transfer to hotel	
10:00 PM	Arrive at accommodation: **Millennium Hotel Rotorua**	

RAPIDS Jet
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Rapids Jet

DAY FIVE

Experience the thrills of Taupō, where the mighty waters of the Waikato River and Taupō Moana promise adventure and exhilaration. Conclude your 5-day journey with the renowned Rotorua Treewalk, leaving you with lasting connections to the land and its stories before you bid farewell.

Rapids Jet →
Hole In One →
Chris Jolly Outdoors →
Redwoods Treewalk →

Day 5

CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND

TIME	SCHEDULE	INCLUSION
7:30 AM	Breakfast at **Millennium Hotel Rotorua**	
8:30 AM	Depart hotel for Taupō	
9:30 AM	Arrive at **Rapids Jet**. Across 35 minutes, traverse white-water rapids and straightaways on this thrilling encounter, reaching up to 80 km/h even through the river's narrowest canyon. Rapid Jet's experienced and passionate drivers will jet spin, bank, and master hairpin turns before surfing the powerful Ngā Awa Pūrua Rapids.	- Transfer to Hole in One
10:30 PM	Arrive at **Hole in One.** Swing by to take on the original Hole in One challenge by hitting golf balls 102m (111 yards) out onto a floating pontoon on Aotearoa's greatest inland sea – Lake Taupō to win the ultimate prize of $10,000 cash.	
11:00 AM	Depart for **Chris Jolly Adventures**, Taupō base	- Transfer to Chris Jolly
11:15 AM	Chris Jolly Other recent TMGH investments include the Lake Taupō Hole in One Golf Challenge www.holein1.co.nz/ and Big Sky Parasail www.parasail.co.nz/ Iwi Partner https://www.tuwharetoa.co.nz/	- Scenic lake cruise
2:00 PM	Arrive back to Chris Jolly base	
2:15 PM	Depart for Rotorua	
3:15 PM	Arrive at **Redwoods Treewalk** Majestic and magical, the Redwoods Treewalk experience is truly a walk to remember. Suspended high above the forest floor, encounter 75-metre-tall redwoods as you walk across eco-suspended bridges and platforms intricately designed to honour and accentuate the stunning natural environment. Regarded by many as one of the best tree top walks in New Zealand.	- Daytime Treewalk
4:00 PM	Depart Rotorua Treewalk for Rotorua Airport	- Transfer to airport

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Ngāti Kuri & Kā Uri

Manea
Footprints of Kupe
Tapuwae ā Nuku

Te Ruapekapeka

Te Ahurea

Ngawha Springs

Waipoua
Divine Footprints Waipoua
Tapuwae ā Rangi

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