

## New Zealand 2026 Itinerary – December 16 - 23 & December 26 - January 3)

**Day 0 (On Your Own)**– leave the USA for Auckland and cross the International Date Line. Lose day, gain the day back upon return.  
 ⚠ Note: any expense (including hotel and transportation) before Day 1 is on your own. Make sure to arrive no later than noon time Day 1.

### Day 1 (TRIP START DAY) – Arrive Auckland.

Time	location	Sight-seeing/Activity	Expenses
Morning	Auckland	Auckland Sky Tower (aerial view of the Auckland city)	Tickets included
Noon	Auckland	Auckland Fish Market (for lunch)	—
Afternoon	Pokeno	Most popular ice cream shop Greenstone Museum (good prices for greenstone, bone, paua shell jewelry)	
Night	Hamilton	Hotel & Supermarket (Stay for 3 nights, buy needs for 3 days)	Hotel (night1) included

### Day 2 – Hamilton

Time	location	Sight-seeing/Activity	Expenses
Morning	Hamilton	Hamilton Gardens (10:00-12:00 ) (Leave hotel at 9:50)	Tickets included
Noon	Hamilton	Lunch	—
Afternoon	Hamilton	Hobbiton (2:00 – 4:00pm)	Tickets included
Night	Hamilton	Hotel	Hotel (night2) included

### Day 3 – Otorohanga (back to Hamilton at night)

Time	location	Sight-seeing/Activity	Expenses
Morning	Otorohanga	Glow Worm Caves	Tickets included
Noon	Otorohanga	Lunch & Fresh fruit ice-cream shop	—
Afternoon	Otorohanga	Kiwi Bird House	Tickets included
Night	Hamilton	Hotel (pack luggage, leave tomorrow)	Hotel (night3) included

### Day 4 –Rotorua

Time	location	Sight-seeing/Activity	Expenses
Morning	Rotorua	Agrodome & Farm Tour (9:30-11:30) (Leave hotel at 8:00am)	Tickets included
Noon	Rotorua	Lunch	—
Afternoon	Taupo	Craters of the Moon Huka Falls Lake Taupo (for dinner 5:00pm)	Tickets included
Night	Rotorua	Hotel (stay 3 night)	Hotel (night1) included

### Day 5 –Rotorua

Time	location	Sight-seeing/Activity	Expenses
Morning	Rotorua	Paradise Valley Wildlife Park (9:00-11:00) The Redwoods (11:30-12:30)	Tickets included
Noon	Rotorua	Lunch (Patrick's Pies)	—
Afternoon	Rotorua	Railway cruising	Tickets included
Night	Rotorua	Hotel	Hotel (night2) included

### Day 6 –Rotorua

Time	location	Sight-seeing/Activity	Expenses
Morning	Rotorua	Whakarewarewa Maori Village (10:30-12:30)	Tickets included
Noon	Rotorua	Lunch	—
Afternoon	Rotorua	Free afternoon Suggested options (your own expense): Zorb (\$49 NZD); Duck Tours (\$89NZD); Zipline (\$89NZD); Water rafting (\$139NZD)	Tickets not included
Night	Rotorua	Gondola Ride Stratosfare Restaurant Buffet	Tickets & Buffet included
Night	Rotorua	Hotel (pack luggage, leave tomorrow)	Hotel (night3) included

### Day 7–Rotorua ( Back to Auckland)

Time	location	Sight-seeing/Activity	Expenses
Morning	Rotorua	Karangahake Gorge Windows Walk (10:00-12:00)	Tickets included
Noon	Pokeno	Lunch & ice-cream	—
Afternoon	Auckland	Auckland National Museum Downtown-shopping	Tickets included
Night	Auckland	Hotel (1 night, leave NZ tomorrow)	Hotel included

**Day 8 (TRIP END DAY) – Leave Auckland.** Depending on your airline schedule, may add venues

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**Trip Price: \$2,960. (minus \$200/person if 3 come together)**

Including: Lodging, transportation, all admissions, guides/tour services

△ Single room: \$40/night in addition

Excluding: Airfare (est. \$1140); Meals;

△ **Notes:** Hotel and transportation costs (~\$110/day) before Day 1 are at your expense.

Compare airfares to decide whether to arrive early or on Day 1.