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CONNOISSEUR'S NORTH ISLAND

Fishing, wine and gourmet food – this exclusive self-drive journey through New Zealand's North Island has it all.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



New Zealand & South Pacific,
New Zealand



8 days Call for a quote pp



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Journey Overview

Fishing, food, and wine – this exclusive self-drive journey through North Island has it all. Discover firsthand why the Tongariro River is the country’s fly-fishing capital. View the world’s biggest mainland colony of gannets at Cape Kidnappers. And experience a thrilling jet-boat ride at the thunderous Huka Falls.

Journey Highlights

- Savour artisan flavours on Waiheke Island
- Step into sophistication at Huka Lodge
- Discover a fly-fishing paradise on the world-famous Tongariro River
- Seek cliff-top adventures at Rosewood Cape Kidnappers



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Auckland - Waiheke Island

Ferry transfer to Waiheke Island, a haven of beautiful vineyards, olive groves and beaches.

The Boatshed

Day 2: Waiheke Island

Enjoy a gourmet food and wine tour of Waiheke Island, tasting fresh oysters, award-winning olive oil and other locally produced specialities and wine from the island's top vineyards.

The Boatshed / BL

Day 3: Taupo

Ferry transfer to Auckland, collect your rental vehicle and journey south to Huka Lodge on the Waikato River. Nestled in manicured grounds on the door step of the World Heritage-listed Tongariro National Park, this luxury lodge is your perfect base. Soak up the surrounds over pre-dinner drinks.

Huka Lodge / BD

Day 4: Taupo

Enjoy a full day of fly-fishing on the Tongariro River. Let experienced guides introduce you to the most diverse range of rainbow and brown trout fly-fishing in the country. Later, feast on a five-course gourmet dinner.

Huka Lodge / BLD

Day 5: Taupo

Journey upstream to the thunderous Huka Falls for a thrilling jet-boat ride. The afternoon is at your leisure. Heli touring, lake cruising or golf are nearby. Or relax within Huka Lodge's 17-acre manicured grounds to play tennis, pétanque and croquet, swim, soak in a spa pool or enjoy in-room massages and beauty treatments.

Huka Lodge / BLD

Day 6: Hawke's Bay

Self-drive to Hawke's Bay and Rosewood Cape Kidnappers. This magnificent property sits atop rolling hills and rugged cliffs with infinite ocean views.

Rosewood Cape Kidnappers / BD**Day 7: Hawke's Bay**

Take an exhilarating cross-country drive around Cape Kidnappers in your off-road recreational truck, the Can-Am. With a personal guide, you'll witness the full spectrum of what this vast coastal farm has to offer, from incredible southward panoramas of Ocean Beach and Bare Island to unrivalled vistas of Napier and the surrounding mountain range. Feel the wind in your hair, as you venture through creek beds, over rolling hills and rugged cliff tops, across expansive farmland and the bone-white sands of untouched beaches. Afterwards, trek across hidden trails to see the largest, most accessible mainland colony of gannets in the world.

Rosewood Cape Kidnappers / BLD**Day 8: Hawke's Bay - Depart Napier**

Return your rental car to Napier airport.

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Accommodation

Huka Lodge, Taupo



A member of the select Small Leading Hotels of the World group, this internationally acclaimed retreat was the dream of a young Irish angler who was captivated by its unique setting on the banks of the Waikato River in the 1920s - and to this day it remains a fisherman's paradise.

With unrivalled riverside location it is considered to be the iconic New Zealand retreat, offering an elegant and welcoming haven where guests can enjoy the highest standard of comfort and hospitality. Located in Taupo, in the centre of New Zealand's North Island, it is just over an hour's drive from Rotorua.

The 18 lodge rooms, one suite and the two exclusive Huka Lodge Cottages are harmonious and deliberately simple in approach. The soft light and layers of well-appointed luxury complement the restful forest and river scenery and ensure that you have a luxurious base to return to after your day's activities.

Why we like it

- Iconic luxury retreat founded in the 1920's
- Just 25 rooms including two exclusive Huka Lodge Cottages
- Huka Lodge is part of Relais & Chateaux
- Spectacular riverside location perfect for keen anglers

- Previous guests include Queen Elizabeth II, Rod Stewart and Michael Palin

Rosewood Cape Kidnappers, Hawkes Bay



Set on a 6,000 acre sheep and cattle farm, Rosewood Cape Kidnappers, in the Hawke's Bay wine region, is spectacularly situated with breathtaking views over the Pacific. A member of Relais & Châteaux, this stylish property built from river stone and wood exudes character and comfort with 24 ultra-cosy and spacious cottage suites and a four-bedroom Owner's Cottage - all with spectacular ocean views. Impressive works of art adorn the walls and service is seamless.

Each suite has room-controlled air conditioning, high-speed wireless internet, remote control flat screen LCD TV, DVD, CD player with iPod connection, security safe, fully stocked complimentary mini-bar (excluding liquor & wines), walk-in closet, spacious bathroom with heated towel rack, separate WC and shower stalls, oversized bathtub and twin vanities.

Amenities include an isolated and private infinity pool, spa, fitness centre and wine cellar. Beyond the lodge there is plenty to do with farm visits, local excursions, walks, wildlife experiences or a round of golf on the par 71 course.

Why we like it

- Set atop 6,000 rolling acres on stunning farmland in Hawke's Bay
- Spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean
- Farm luxe at its best
- A kiwi protection programme is operated on the property

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