

# Rotorua → Waitomo → Taupō

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(North Island 4-Days itinerary)





## Day 1: Auckland → Rotorua

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- **Travel time:** ~2 hours 55 mins (Auckland to Rotorua)
- **Mode:** Car or coach
- **Day Overview:** Begin your journey in Auckland and drive to Rotorua, a city famous for its geothermal activity and Māori culture. Spend your day exploring geothermal parks, including geysers and mud pools, or indulge in a traditional Māori cultural experience.
- **Highlight:** Rotorua's geothermal wonders and Māori cultural experiences.

## Day 2: Rotorua → Waitomo Caves

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- **Travel time:** ~1 hour 55 mins (Rotorua to Waitomo)
- **Mode:** Car
- **Day Overview:** Travel to the mystical Waitomo Caves, where you'll experience the awe-inspiring glow-worm caves. Opt for blackwater rafting through the caves or a more relaxed boat tour to witness thousands of glow-worms illuminating the cavern ceilings.
- **Highlight:** Glow-worm caves and the adrenaline-pumping blackwater rafting experience.

## Day 3: Waitomo → Taupō

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- **Travel time:** ~1 hour 55 mins (Waitomo to Taupō)
- **Mode:** Car
- **Day Overview:** From Waitomo, head to Taupō, stopping at **Huka Falls** for an exhilarating jet boat ride or a peaceful walk along the falls. Afterward, explore the spectacular Māori rock carvings on Lake Taupō or relax at one of the region's renowned hot springs.
- **Highlight:** Huka Falls jet boating and Māori rock carvings at Lake Taupō.

## Day 4: Taupō → Rotorua circuit

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- **Travel time:** ~1 hour (Taupō to Rotorua)
- **Mode:** Car
- **Day Overview:** Head back to Rotorua for a final day of exploration. Visit the relaxing Orakei Korako thermal park or unwind in one of the town's famous geothermal spas.
- **Highlight:** Orakei Korako thermal park and Rotorua's rejuvenating hot springs.