## SELF DRIVE HOLIDAYS

New Zealand has a wide choice of options for getting around & seeing all that this amazing country has to offer. Make your own way around the North or South Island. Here are some suggested 7 day self-drive holidays from us to get the most out of your backyard escape!



### NORTHLAND ESCAPE

Northland & the Bay of Islands are home to some of the most beautiful beaches & coastal drives, as well as a huge amount of Maori history & culture. Starting in Auckland, enjoy a day at Matakana & check out Sculptureum. Heading north to Paihia, enjoy stunning views of the Bay of Islands or even visit the beautiful Cape Brett. Learn about the Maori people's cultural & spiritual connection to Mother Nature with a walk into the Waipoua Forest to see New Zealand's largest known living Kauri tree, T<sup>-</sup> ne Mahuta.

### THE HEART OF THE NORTH

Take a laid-back trip around the North Island. The first stop is the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula – with beautiful golden beaches & pristine forests. Visit the iconic Cathedral Cove by foot or kayak. Head further along the coast to sunny Tauranga, followed by the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua & a trip up Skyline Rotorua. The southernmost point of this itinerary is Taupo, where you'll see the mighty Huka Falls. On the final leg back to Auckland, travel via Pirongia & experience the Waitomo Glowworm Caves.





## WHALE, WINE & WONDERS OF THE SOUTH ISLAND

Escape to New Zealand's South Island & discover pristine beauty. Start in vibrant Christchurch, visiting the International Antarctic Centre before heading north to Kaikoura, where the mountains meet the sea & view the local wildlife. Further north in Blenheim, explore the wine town, then head to Nelson to relax & explore its vibrant art scene. On the return to Christchurch, stay a couple of nights in the spa town of Hanmer Springs & indulge in a relaxing soak in the thermal mineral pools – the perfect way to end a holiday.

#### SOUTHERN SCENIC COAST, LAKES & FIORDS

Explore the ruggedly beautiful south. Look deep into the universe at the Dark Sky Reserve at Lake Tekapo; head to Stewart Island & catch the ferry as you spend the day exploring on foot or bus & fall in love with the silence of Doubtful Sound on a day tour, before finishing up in Queenstown, with a high country farm experience. This is the perfect itinerary to get back to nature.



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