



Awaroa Bay, Abel Tasman National Park

# Magnificent Seven

*We asked our New Zealand specialists to come up with the best experiences to be had in the country. After many long lists and much crossing out, and not to say one or two heated debates, they finally reached a consensus with a range of experiences and accommodation.*

## FACT FILE

All the experiences listed can be combined into a three week itinerary. Prices start at £3,430 per person including flights, car hire and accommodation. For further details please call Sian, Lucy, Chris, Cass or Bethany on 01993 838 820.



### 1 Bay of Islands Experience Cruise

Many visitors include the Bay of Islands in their itineraries but few venture further than the inshore waters and most drive hurriedly through or fly over the fascinating Hauraki Gulf. The Coral Princess Oceanic Discoverer is a luxury expedition boat which, in neatly organised five day itineraries, sails between Auckland and Paihia. All cruises include ample opportunity to explore Tiri Tiri Island with its incredible birdlife, Kawau Island's history, the pristine flora and fauna of Great Barrier Island, magnificent marine life around the Poor Knights and Mokohinau Islands and the caves, natural harbours and remote inlets of the Bay of Islands. Coach transfers from and to Auckland are included and passengers disembarking in Paihia have time to explore further.

### 2 A-Kahu House, Rotorua

Situated at Kawaha Point, with beautiful views over Lake Rotorua, A-Kahu House is a must for anyone visiting Rotorua. Kiri and Nigel, your charming and knowledgeable hosts, are keen to share with you the history of their Maori roots in this region which has such a strong Maori heritage. The atmosphere at A-Kahu House is relaxed, a home from home, and for the more active there are opportunities to explore the lake from the jetty at the back of the property.

### 3 Greenhill The Lodge, Napier

Set in the heart of the Hawke's Bay wine region, Greenhill The Lodge creates the perfect environment to enjoy a glass of the local vineyard's best sauvignon blanc. Surrounded by open countryside and with an atmosphere of understated luxury and elegance, it's perfectly

placed to explore the local area. Throw in a fabulous chef making the most of the local seasonal produce and it is easy to see why this was on all our specialists' lists.

### 4 Long Island Tours, Napier

This short food, wine and culture tour is a fantastic way of experiencing the unique side of Napier and the Hawke's Bay region. Your Maori guide will introduce you to some interesting local characters, including artists in their studios, as well as giving you the opportunity to enjoy the local food and wine, stunning scenery and learn more of the history of the area.

### 5 The Siberia Experience, Mount Aspiring National Park

This exhilarating journey allows you to see the untouched wilderness of this World Heritage area from three different perspectives. A light aircraft provides spectacular views and takes you into the Siberia Valley. Here you commence a three hour walk through the beautiful scenery. The end of the walk is the starting point for the jet boat ride, whisking you back through rarely seen valleys to your starting point.



Hawke's Bay



Light aircraft trip, Siberia Valley



The Resurgence, Kahurangi National Park

## 6 The Resurgence, Kahurangi National Park

Close to Abel Tasman National Park and situated in the bush on the edge of the Kahurangi National Park, the Resurgence guesthouse is ideally located for those wanting to explore this fabulous area and make the most of the wonderful walking opportunities nearby. Claire and Peter are fabulous hosts and fantastic cooks. Their five course meals are divine and their wine lists extensive.



Yellow-eyed penguin couple, Otago Peninsula



Maori children

## 7 Nisbet Cottage, Dunedin

Your host, Hilda, at Nisbet Cottage in Dunedin is an enthusiastic biologist, keen to share her love of the wildlife-rich Otago Peninsula with visitors. At sunrise you can watch yellow-eyed penguins heading out to sea and after a hearty breakfast continue on a tour of the city, before heading out on to the peninsula. To explore the area with such a knowledgeable guide is a rare opportunity to see New Zealand's great outdoors at its best.



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