

# ISENZ North Island 15-Day Adventure!

September 26 - October 10, 2020

Price includes NZ\$350  
of group activities\*  
and **ALL** meals!

Price for 15-day Trip: NZ\$2,280  
Minimum numbers needed to proceed.

## What makes ISENZ trips different?

- 15 days of fun (not just 10 days!)
- Sleep in comfortable cabins (not tents!)
- **ALL MEALS** are included (not just some meals). That's 43 meals in total!
- We include **NZ\$350+** of group activities\* plus time for optional activities
- Free airport pick up & drop offs
- Plus much more!

*\*Hobbiton Movie Set Tour, De Bretts hot springs, Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, Te Puia geysers and mudpools and a Maori cultural performance, Polynesian Spa thermal pools, Agrodome Live Farm Show, Skyline Gondola and luge rides, Waitangi Treaty House Tour and Maori cultural performance, Waitomo Glow Worm Caves, Gannet Safari Tour, Ten Pin Bowling in Auckland, Weta Workshop Tour, visit 'Tane Mahuta', "The Redwoods" forest walk, Huka Falls, Hot Water Beach, Otarahanga Kiwi House, Cathedral Cove, Cape Reinga... plus more!*



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# Trip Itinerary

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### Day 1: Wellington, Taupo

Trip starts in Wellington. Travel north and pass NZ's largest active volcano, Mount Ruapehu. Travel on to Taupo. In the evening we visit Taupo's **DeBrett's Hot Springs** for a bathe in their luxurious geo-thermal pools. *Stay overnight in Taupo.*

### Days 2 and 3: Taupo, Rotorua

Morning in Taupo town centre with time for optional activities (bungy jump or Cliffhanger swing). Visit the **Huka falls**. then travel on to Rotorua, NZ's volcanic heartland.

Visit **Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland**, walk through "**The Redwoods**" in Whakarewarewa Forest, attend the **AgriDome Farm Show** and learn about sheep farming in NZ. Pet and cuddle the friendly baby lambs! Ride the **Skyline gondola and luge** on the hills over-looking Lake Rotorua. Visit **Te Puia Thermal Reserve**, see boiling mud pools and the famous Pohutu Geyser, and experience a **traditional Maori powhiri and concert**. Bathe in the natural thermal **Polynesian Spa** pools on the edge of Lake Rotorua. Time for optional activities such as Zorbing, Skyswing or Ziplining. *Stay two nights in Rotorua.*

### Days 4 and 5: Matamata, Waihi, Whitianga

Visit the real Middle-Earth at the **Hobbiton Movie Set** near Matamata. Travel onto Waihi and walk up to a huge working open **gold mine**. Travel to Whitianga on the Coromandel Peninsula. Make your own natural spa pool at **Hot Water Beach** then

walk along the spectacular coast of Hahei to **Cathedral Cove**. *Stay two nights in Whitianga.*

### Day 6: Coromandel, Auckland, Martin's Bay

Visit the old gold town of **Coromandel** then travel on to Auckland. **Spend the afternoon in central Auckland** either shopping, visiting galleries and museums or exploring the Auckland waterfront. *Stay overnight in Martin's Bay*, located on the edge of a long stretch of sandy beach, about 1 hour drive north of Auckland.

### Days 7 and 8: Paihia, Waitangi, Russell, Keri Keri

Travel on to the Bay of Islands. Visit the **Waitangi Treaty House** where the historic Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Take a **ferry to Russell**, the first European settlement in New Zealand and the original Capital of NZ. Visit "**The Stone Store**" in Keri Keri, the oldest stone building in New Zealand. There will be opportunities to do optional activities in Paihia. eg. sky diving, sailing, scuba diving, snorkeling, kayaking and horse-trekking. *Stay two nights in Paihia.*

### Day 9: Cape Reinga, Whatuwhiwhi

Half-day trip to **Cape Reinga**, the northern tip of New Zealand. Witness two oceans colliding and discover the 'place of leaping' where the Maori believe spirits begin their final journey. Go sand surfing down the enormous slopes of the Te Paki sand dunes

in Cape Reinga (optional). *Stay overnight in Whatuwhiwhi* on the Karikari Peninsula.

### Day 10: Kauri Coast, Baylys Beach

Travel through The Kauri Coast en-route to Bayly's Beach. See the famous "**Tane Mahuta**", the largest remaining Kauri tree. Continue on to Baylys Beach, which is part of New Zealand's longest driveable beach, longer than the more famous 90 Mile Beach. *Stay overnight in Baylys Beach.*

### Day 11: Auckland, Orewa Beach

Lunch at Takapuna Beach on the North-shore of Auckland. **Free time to shop and sight-see** in Auckland, such as a walk up to Mt Eden's volcanic crater for stunning views over the city and the Hauraki gulf. **Go Tenpin Bowling in the evening.** *Stay overnight at Orewa Beach.*

### Day 12: Hamilton, Otorohanga, Waitomo

**Shopping at Sylvia Park**, NZ's largest shopping centre. Lunch in Hamilton, then visit native kiwi birds at the **Otorohanga Kiwi House**. *Stay overnight in Waitomo.*

### Day 13: Waitomo, Taupo, Napier, Hastings

Visit the **Waitomo Glowworm Caves**. Explore the caves and enjoy a boat ride in near darkness, illuminated by thousands of magical glowworms above. Travel through Taupo to Napier, which was rebuilt in art deco style after being destroyed in the

1931 earthquake. Time to **explore Napier** in the afternoon. *Stay overnight in Napier.*

### Day 14: Cape Kidnappers, Hastings, Wellington

Visit the world's largest mainland **Gannet Colony at Cape Kidnappers** in the Hawkes Bay, where you can see up to 25,000 nesting Gannet seabirds. Return to Wellington via the Wairarapa. **Final night awards ceremony.** *Stay overnight in Wellington.*

### Day 15: Wellington

Visit to **Te Papa National Museum**, or have free time in Wellington city to shop or explore. Learn what goes on behind the scenes of award-winning movies like 'The Hobbit' and 'Avatar' in the **Weta Workshop Tour**. Final goodbyes and airport drop offs. Some stay in Wellington an extra night.

**Bold text: Group activity (included)**

Note: Itinerary may vary slightly due to weather restrictions, time restraints and other changeable factors such as accommodation availability. ISENZ Trips are **Qualmark Accredited**, fully supervised by approved male and female adults and meet all school requirements.

