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**NEW ZEALAND
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**DEPART 15 NOVEMBER 2026
13 DAYS - 12 NIGHTS**

INCLUDES

- ✓ Small group touring - Maximum of 20 guests
- ✓ Private single rooms in Classic Plus[^] accommodation - no single supplement
- ✓ Most Meals
- ✓ Transfers* & must-see sightseeing as per itinerary
- ✓ Solo Connections Tour Host
- ✓ Local Driver & Tour Manager
- ✓ Complimentary backpack, travel wallet, fully printed documents and a memento Photo Book*

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bay of Islands
- Waitomo Caves
- Middle-earth experience at Hobbiton
- Rotorua Hot Springs
- Volcanic Hills Winery
- Traditional Maori Hangi Feast
- Napier & Hawkes Bay Wineries
- Cape Kidnappers Gannet Colony 4WD experience
- Zealandia & the Karori Sanctuary
- Taupo & Huka Falls and so much more!

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**^Terms & Conditions Apply. Prices are correct as at 30 March 2026, in Australian dollars and are per person, based on single room sole use occupancy. Airfares not included. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Return airport transfers on the first and last day are scheduled at set times to align with the tour host's flights. Transfers outside these times can be arranged at an additional cost. A complimentary memento photo book will be provided to guests who consent to and participate in group photography during the tour. ^Classic plus accommodation is considered 3-4 star hotels. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Solo Connections tours are fully hosted, unique small group tours designed specifically for solo travellers over 50... Together we travel!

Day 1, Arrive Auckland (D)

Kia Ora! Welcome to New Zealand. On arrival at Auckland Airport we will be met by our coach and transferred to our hotel to check in. The remainder of the day is at leisure and this evening we visit to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. Accommodation: Nesuto Stadium Hotel Auckland City - 4 star - or similar (1 Night)

*Please do not book any flights prior to speaking with Solo Connections or your travel agent. There will only be one group arrival & departure transfer provided, in conjunction with our Tour host flight times.

Day 2, Auckland - Bay of Islands (B-D)

After breakfast we check out, board the coach and travel north across Auckland Harbour Bridge and the North Shore. We pass along the Hibiscus Coast and continue north to Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands. On arrival to the Bay of Islands we'll proceed to the Waitangi Treaty house and meet our guide for a guided tour. It was here on 6 February 1840 that Māori and British settlers signed an historic agreement which gave birth to the nation of New Zealand. The tour includes an introduction to Waitangi, visits to the War Canoe - the world's largest, Meeting House, the Treaty House, and the famous Flagpole. Witness a superb example of the skills of Māori wood carvers and flax weavers. Wander through the beautiful grounds of the Waitangi estate, complete with extensive gardens, bush tracks, beaches, and fabulous views over the Bay of Islands. Visit the interactive Museum of Waitangi. Once we arrive at the hotel, we'll check in and refresh before enjoying a buffet dinner in the hotel restaurant. Accommodation: Kingsgate Hotel Pahia - 3 star - or similar (2 Nights)

Day 3, Bay of Islands (B-D)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we are transferred to board a luxury catamaran for a 4.5 hour morning cruise to Cape Brett - enjoy a cruise out into the Bay meandering around the idyllic beaches of the islands. Pass the Cape Brett Lighthouse and farther out see beautiful Motukokako Island and the famous Hole in the Rock. Hold your breath as the skipper skilfully navigates his way through the hole and into Grand Cathedral Cave (sea conditions permitting). On the return to Paihia we pass several remote islands, fringed with golden sand beaches. Our afternoon is at leisure. There is the option for you to stop at Russell and catch the ferry back to Paihia - at own expense. This evening, we'll meet for dinner at a local restaurant on the waterfront.

Day 4, Bay of Islands - Auckland (B-L)

This morning we check out after breakfast and drive south back to Auckland via Whangarei. On arrival into Auckland, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, we take a sightseeing tour of Auckland. Highlights include the panoramic city and Harbour views from Bastion Point; trendy Parnell Village; the lovely bays of the waterfront drive and the vibrant Viaduct Harbour area. This remainder of the day will be at leisure. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that would like company or assistance on where to go for dinner. Accommodation: Nesuto Stadium Hotel Auckland City or similar (1 Night)

Day 5, Auckland - Rotorua (B-D)

After breakfast we check out, board the coach and travel south through the southern suburbs of Auckland then over the Bombay Hills and through the lush Waikato Valley and on to Waitomo.

The Waitomo region is renowned for its distinctive limestone landscape and underground cave systems. We join a guided tour of the famous Waitomo Caves to discover an ancient underground labyrinth of limestone caves and grottos. See the fascinating limestone formations of stalagmites, stalactites and columns that have formed over thousands of years then enjoy a silent boat ride on an underground river into the starry wonderland of the magnificent Glow-worm Grotto. Please Note: you will be entering an underground caving system. Please speak to your guides prior to commencing the trip if you experience claustrophobia. This afternoon we board an eight-seater Gondola cabin and experience spectacular views of Lake Rotorua, the city and steaming geothermal vistas. The 900-metre long cableway system will transport us on a gentle, scenic ride up to the Skyline Rotorua complex. At the top we get to enjoy a wine tasting at Volcanic Hills Winery whilst we soak up the magnificent view overlooking Rotorua town and lake. Accommodation: Sudima Lake Hotel Rotorua - 4 star - or similar (2 Nights)

Day 6, Hobbiton (B-D)

After breakfast we travel to Matamata, home to the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set. Our tour starts with a drive by coach and guide travelling through the picturesque 1,250 acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Our guide will escort us through the ten acre site. The Hobbit holes, Green Dragon Inn, Mill and other structures created for The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit films can be viewed and you will see how this beautiful piece of Waikato farmland was transformed into The Shire from Middle-earth. Upon completion of our tour we will get to enjoy a complimentary beverage in the Green Dragon Inn then return to The Shires Rest. We continue over the Mamaku Ranges to Rotorua and check in to our hotel. In the late afternoon we take a guided tour of Te Puia which combines Maori cultural experience with an introduction to the geothermal activity in the Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. Whilst in the valley we'll see the boiling mud pools, steaming silica terraces, hot springs and geysers including the famous Pohutu Geyser which can erupt up to 30 metres high. A visit the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute is next, where young Maori are learning the traditional carving and weaving skills. Our evening experience will commence with a buffet dinner including food from the hangi (traditional Maori method of cooking) served in the Pātaka Kai Restaurant. After dinner enjoy a cultural performance in the Te Aronui-a-Rua meeting house where highlights include waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka.

Day 7, Rotorua - Taupo (B-D)

After breakfast we check out and travel to the Redwood Forest. Here we find the award-winning eco-tourism Treewalk which is 700 metres long, spans across 28 suspension bridges, 27 platforms and takes about 40 minutes to complete. With the height of the walkway ranging between 9-20 metres, we will have a unique, birds' eye perspective of the forest and treetops below. We then visit Waiotapu, one of the world's most colourful thermal areas. See the Artist's Palette, the Champagne Pool and the Bridal Veil Falls as well as other thermal activity. Continuing through Kaingaroa Forest plantation we arrive in to the resort town of Taupo on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake and world-renowned trout fishery. Upon arrival, we'll have the remainder of the day at leisure until dinner. Accommodation: Lakeland Resort Taupo - 3 star - or similar (2 Nights)

Day 8, Taupo (B-D)

This morning we enjoy breakfast before travelling out to the Huka Falls where we will marvel in wonder at nearly a quarter of a million litres of water per second erupting from a natural gorge and thundering 11m into the Waikato River below. We stop for a visit to Lava Glass sculpture garden. Opened in early-2014, the garden features more than 600 glass sculptures handcrafted by master glass artist Lynden Over. This afternoon we take a cruise on Lake Taupo to the Maori Rock Carvings. The rock alcove at Mine Bay became the canvas for one of the most extraordinary carvings. Relax and freshen up before this evening's dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 9, Taupo - Napier (B-D)

After breakfast we travel across the Rangitaiki Plains to Hawke's Bay, and the seaside city of Napier. The area is one of New Zealand's top grape growing regions with some of the country's best-known wines coming from the Hawke's Bay. After check-in, we'll have the afternoon at leisure. Dinner this evening will be at the hotel. Accommodation: Quality Hotel Napier - 3 star - or similar (2 Nights)

Day 10, Napier (B-D)

After breakfast we'll travel to Te Awanga to visit Cape Kidnappers Gannet Colony, a journey that takes us from coast to cape, to the world's largest accessible Gannet colony in Hawke's Bay. This 4WD safari experience takes us on a guided discovery tour to the top of Cape Kidnappers Gannet Colony where we will encounter over 20,000 gannets in their natural habitat. Stopping for wine tasting at a local winery, we return to our hotel and have the afternoon at leisure. This evening's dinner is at the Mission Estate Winery. Mission Estate Winery is New Zealand's oldest winery and the birthplace of New Zealand wine. Enjoy dinner in the restored seminary buildings, enjoying sweeping views of Napier.

Day 11, Napier - Wellington (B-D)

After check-out, we travel through vineyards and orchards, through the ranges of the Wairarapa and into Wellington. Full of artists, writers and film-makers - the most famous of whom is Sir Peter Jackson - Wellington has a lively arts scene and café culture. On arrival into Wellington we drive past New Zealand's magnificent Parliament Buildings and the iconic 'Beehive', the Executive Wing of the New Zealand Government. From the Kelburn lookout take the Wellington Cable Car down into the central business and shopping precinct and then walk the short distance to our hotel. We will check in, freshen up and then meet for dinner in the hotel. Accommodation: Ibis Wellington - 4 star - or similar (2 Nights)

Day 12, Wellington (B-D)

Enjoy breakfast before our visit to Te Papa - one of the most exciting museums in the world, featuring New Zealand insights - the shaping of its land, the spirit of its diverse peoples, its unique wildlife, landscapes and its distinctive popular culture. Later we visit Zealandia and the Karori Sanctuary. With over 225 hectares of regenerating native forest and 40 species of birds, Zealandia is a unique, world-first eco-attraction, providing an excellent opportunity to experience New Zealand's natural environment just minutes from the capital city. The afternoon is at leisure, before we come together for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 13, Depart Wellington (B)

Sadly our time in New Zealand's north has come to an end. A final breakfast together and then we say our goodbyes and transfer to the airport.