



# A NORTH ISLAND ADVENTURE WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

## Sojourn New Zealand North Island Explorer

7 Days | 22 - 28 Jan 2026 | AUD\$9,895pp twin share | Single Supplement \$1,195

### EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Enjoy a spectacular rail journey from Wellington to Taupo on board the Northern Explorer. Travel in style as we enjoy stunning vistas from the exclusive new Scenic Plus premium carriage while enjoying regionally inspired wine and cuisine
- ✦ Cruise on Lake Taupo, learn about its history and discover fascinating Māori mythology
- ✦ View the impressive and scenic Huka Falls and Taupo's otherworldly Craters of the Moon Walk
- ✦ Explore Napier and discover its rich Art Deco history during a private guided walk
- ✦ Visit the world's largest mainland gannet colony at Cape Kidnappers
- ✦ Indulge in superb New Zealand wines and cuisine including lunch and a tasting at acclaimed Mission Estate in Napier
- ✦ 6 nights in excellent accommodation, including the Sofitel Wellington and Hilton Auckland
- ✦ All meals included, breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

*"Highlights were the train travel from Wellington to Tongariro National Park, the Lake Taupo exploration and Napier and its art deco."*

Jennifer Lee, Isaacs, ACT

Travel through the heart of the North Island of New Zealand with Bill Peach Journeys. The wonder of the North Island not only lies in its beautiful and dramatic landscapes, but also lives in the country's culture. View picturesque sprawling farmlands, striking World Heritage National Parks, charming seaside towns and fascinating geothermal wonders all side by side. Witness a kaleidoscope of spectacular scenery as you travel through the centre of the North Island aboard the stunning Northern Explorer scenic train. Take in breathtaking vistas in style on board the new and exclusive Scenic Plus premium carriage while enjoying regionally inspired wine and cuisine.

Other highlights include an exploration of Lake Taupo – a large volcanic crater that was created from one giant explosion. Travelling on to Napier learn about the fascinating history which led to this town's very unique Art Deco architecture. The journey concludes in the ever changing and dynamic city of Auckland. As always with a Bill Peach Journeys Sojourn, you will enjoy excellent accommodation, insightful touring and, of course, superb food and wine all with a distinctly New Zealand twist.

### FULLY INCLUSIVE

When you travel on a Sojourn with Bill Peach Journeys everything is included and arranged before you even leave home. That includes all sundries like tips, taxes and transfers. In fact you won't even need to carry your bags.

Enjoy the finest level of accommodation, dining and service all in the one fare. From the very moment your journey begins, your seamless travel

experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.

### ABOUT SOJOURNS

Our Sojourn programmes are short break journeys put together in conjunction with themes, events or experiences.

These programmes range from cruising New Zealand's North Islands to world class events and unique experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand.





#### DAY 1 | ARRIVE WELLINGTON

Your journey begins today in Wellington where you will be transferred from the airport to the sophisticated elegance of the Sofitel Wellington, located in the heart of the city. Tonight's Welcome Dinner will be hosted by your Journey Director.

Overnight: Sofitel Wellington or similar

#### DAY 2 | WELLINGTON - TAUPO

Board the exclusive Scenic Plus premium carriage of the Northern Explorer train this morning. Enjoying regionally inspired cuisine and wine during the journey, marvel at the striking extremes of New Zealand's scenery, from the sparkling Kapiti coast, to the volcanic peaks of the Central Plateau to the fertile farms of the Southern Waikato. Our destination is Tongariro National Park where we ride the Sky Waka Gondola to see Mt Ruapehu's rugged volcanic terrain along with panoramic views of Mount Ngāuruhoe and Mount Tongariro. On arrival, take a short pleasant walk to the beautiful Tawhai Falls. After descending, continue on to Taupo and the Hilton Lake Taupo boasting breathtaking lake views.

Overnight: Hilton Lake Taupo or similar

#### DAY 3 | TAUPO

This morning enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Taupo. Cruise to the famous Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings and around the picturesque bays of Lake Taupo. Learn about the volcanic history and Māori

mythology surrounding Lake Taupo. After lunch we transfer to Craters of the Moon – this incredible geothermal walkway wanders through an other-worldly landscape featuring bubbling craters and steaming vents. Continue on with a visit to scenic Huka Falls, the largest falls on the Waikato River. The Waikato river is one of New Zealand's longest rivers and it drains Lake Taupo - the largest freshwater lake in all of Australasia.

Overnight: Hilton Lake Taupo or similar

#### DAY 4 | TAUPO - HAWKE'S BAY

Today we travel from Lake Taupo to the Art Deco town of Napier in the Hawke's Bay region. Rebuilt in 1931 after a massive earthquake, the town of Napier celebrates the Art Deco style in kiwi fashion, where the architecture symbolises optimism in the wake of disaster. Enjoy a private walking tour as we learn about this interesting town. Hawke's Bay's warm maritime climate produces some of New Zealand's richest and most complex Chardonnays. This afternoon, we have a tasting and delicious lunch at acclaimed Mission Estate. Later, check into Porters Boutique Hotel, luxury accommodation in the heart of Havelock North Village.

Overnight: Porters Boutique Hotel or similar

#### DAY 5 | CAPE KIDNAPPERS

Today we visit Cape Kidnappers, an extraordinary sandstone headland to the

east of Hastings. It was named by Captain Cook after an attempt by local Māori to abduct one of his crew. The cape is home to the largest Gannet colony in the world. Enjoy a guided 4WD tour through Cape Kidnappers Station - traversing riverbeds, broad rolling pastures through stands of native bush, steep gullies and breathtaking inclines. There is a stop on the way at a spectacular cliff top with panoramic views of Hawke's Bay right across to the Mahia Peninsula. Following lunch at Birdwood Art Gallery, enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Porters Boutique Hotel or similar

#### DAY 6 | HAWKE'S BAY - AUCKLAND

This morning we fly on commercial aircraft to Auckland where we visit the Auckland War Memorial for a very interesting tour of this stunning building. The Museum protects and cares for an outstanding and significant collection of Māori treasures. Take a guided tour of the museum and enjoy a Māori show before our Farewell Dinner this evening.

Overnight: Hilton Auckland or similar

#### DAY 7 | DEPART AUCKLAND

After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to the airport. Say farewell to new friends and take away memories of another delightful Bill Peach Journeys Sojourn.

Please contact Bill Peach Journeys or your local travel agent for assistance with airfares.



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