

THE BEST OF NEW ZEALAND

ARRIVING SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER 2017, DEPARTING SUNDAY, 7 JANUARY





THE ITINERARY





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Day itinerary – Kaiteriteri

After landing in Auckland, New Zealand at 5.55am, you will be met at the door of your international aircraft and transferred through Customs and Security with priority.

Once you have collected your baggage, you will be escorted to the domestic departures where you will meet with your scheduled flight to Nelson which departs at 8.20am from the regional departures.

Once you land in Nelson at 9.45am a private helicopter will take you from the airport to an Alpine Lake for a gourmet brunch.

Fly to our Hidden Lake destination deep in mountain range of Kahurangi Nation Park – New Zealand's second largest National Park. Delicious BBQ lunch featuring the best of the best of local produce. Healthy & gourmet all the way. Prepared and served by their very own private Chef.

After lunch continue to fly to Split Apple Retreat.







SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Overnight - Split Apple Retreat

Split Apple Retreat is one of our favourites. A lovely small three-bedroomed lodge on a cliff overlooking the sea and Abel Tasman National Park. With a sensitive and sophisticated oriental feel inside, the point of difference here is in a revolutionary healthy yet very tasty cuisine. A place to enjoy some peace and let your body recover after the big meals at all the other lodge

Accommodation: Split Apple Retreat (Abel Tasman), Owner Suite

Meals: Heli Transfer from Nelson Airport to Split Apple Retreat with Gourmet Brunch at Hidden Alpine Lake along the way, Pre-dinner drinks & canapés, 2 gourmet functional food meals (including wine & beer with dinner)

Activities: Meet & Greet service for International flight off flight UA6805







MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Best Abel Tasman Daytrip Exclusive Charter (6 hrs)

At 10:00am make your way down to Split Apple's private beach where you will meet with Rob and the team from Abel Tasman Charters for a private day on the water. You'll have the freedom to create your own itinerary for the day and options include; kayaking, swimming, snorkelling, bush walks and hiking on golden sand beaches. Lunch, refreshments, towels and sunscreen are provided. All you need to bring is your hat, sunglasses, swimming gear and a warm jacket (just in case!). If you intend hiking then bring comfortable footwear – sneakers or sports sandals are OK.

Accommodation: Another night at Split Apple Retreat (Abel Tasman)

Meals: Pre-dinner drinks & canapés, 2 gourmet functional food meals (including wine & beer with dinner)







TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Private Day – Waterfall Creek, Private Spa Day with cooking lesson with Chef Pen, Heli from Split Apple Retreatto Awaroa Car Park return

At 7.45 this morning you will meet with your canyoning guide at Split Apple Retreat, soon after your helicopter will pick you both up and take you to the car park at Awaroa which is about a 10 min heli, instead of a couple hours driving. After about 1 hour of mostly flat walking it's time to start gaining some height 'what comes down, has to go up first'. The further you make your way into this spectacular wilderness, the more ancient the native bush gets. Some of the really old trees are getting close to celebrating their 900th birthday. If these giants could talk they would have some amazing stories. The guides know a few stories of their own and they are happy to share them with you. After another 1.5 hours of very steep and difficult hiking we reach the top of the canyon. Delicious lunch, a quick changing session and a thorough safety briefing gets you ready for the descent. From start to finish this canyon will blow your mind, test your skills and tease your nerves. Fast slides, jumps, tricky down-climbs and spectacular abseils are on the Waterfall Creek menu. You will spend about five hours in one of Mother Nature's finest creations. At the bottom it's time to ditch the wetsuits and get changed into some lighter gear for the walk back 1 hour to the waiting helicopter. Expect to be exhausted but extremely satisfied after this expedition style adventure. While Neil is out Canyoning, Prapti will have a self indulgent spa day which will pamper her. The plan is to do some Aromatherapy and Intensive Foot Massage, Reiki, Yoga Nidra and Relaxing Acupressure Facial. 2.5 hours in the morning from 10am-12.30pm. For lunch head into the kitchen for a private lesson with Chef Pen. Following lunch a couple more treatments from 3pm-6pm. As always we would 'free style' the actual content of your Spa day according to you and Emma (the Spa therapist) A smorgasbord of massage treatments, including deep tissue, reflexology and aromatherapy. Split Apple can also provide acupuncture and facials using natural antiageing products. They see these as important tools in easing stress and boosting circulation and the immune system.

Accommodation: Another night at Split Apple Retreat (Abel Tasman)

Meals: Pre-dinner drinks & canapés, 2 gourmet functional food meals (including wine & beer with dinner)







WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Private Charter Dolphin Encounter, Fly Fishing Adventure

This morning your helicopter will pick you up at 7.15am and fly you 1 hour to Kaikoura where you will depart on a private charter to swim with Dolphins. You can expect to be out on the water for 2.5 hours with the total trip taking 3 hours.

In the rich and fresh waters of Kaikoura you can participate in a unique experience by swimming with the Dolphins. The Dusky Dolphins are prevalent in the Oceans of the southern Hemisphere. It is an impressive view when sometimes hundreds of them gather and perform incredible evolutions. Here you have the opportunity to get up close to these fascinating mammals in the water or just enjoying their evolutions from the boat. After your morning on the water concludes, fly back to Golden Bay where you will do some fly fishing.

The top of the South Island are lucky to be able to legitimately target a number of exciting saltwater adversaries on the fly. During the peak of summer from mid January until early April you are able to target Yellow Tail Kingfish on the flats in sometimes knee deep water! These are the toughest fighting fish in the ocean and can reach sizes of up to and over 100lbs! You are able to get incredibly close to these beasts and the takes are simply heart-stopping. Even the sight of these huge aggressive fish in such shallow water is enough to haunt your dreams. Huge eagle rays come close to shore in search of small flounder. The crafty kingfish ride on the backs of these rays and when a small flounder darts away, the kingfish strike. Our fishing guide has flounder flies to attract the kingies and wild action. All day using squirrel with multiple landings and extensive flying time. Includes fishing guide and all fishing gear and picnic lunch prepared by Chef Pen.

Accommodation: Another night at Split Apple Retreat (Abel Tasman)

Meals: Pre-dinner drinks & canapés, 2 gourmet functional food meals (including wine & beer with dinner)







THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Whanganui River Exclusive

This morning your helicopter will pick you up from Split Apple Retreat at 8am and take you to the starting location for canoeing, Your day on the water will begin at 10am.

Spend the day paddling down the Whanganui River on a river Canoe Trip.

This is a unique way of spending time in one of New Zealand's wonderful National Parks.

The Whanganui National Park has rugged terrain covered in lush native forest with the Whanganui River flowing through the heart of it. The Whanganui River is rich with Maori and European history, the largest reminder of which, is the famous Bridge to Nowhere. Just like the early explorers, you will see the spectacular sheer gorges rising hundreds of metres to distant ridges.

After your canoe tour concludes at 5pm your heli will drop you off at Huka Lodge in time for pre dinner drinks.

Long regarded as the country's top lodge, Huka is situated on a particularly beautiful stretch of the Waikato River. Immaculate, beautifully designed and with excellent service, this is somewhere you may like to spend a little time. With a comfortable 'lodge like' ambience at breakfast, you can also specify one of several private areas for dinner if you would prefer to be on your own.

Accommodation: Huka Lodge

Transport: Heli: Split Apple Retreat via Adrift Whanganui River to Huka Lodge

Meals: Pre-dinner drinks, five course dinner and country breakfast







THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Overnight - Huka Lodge

Within 17-acres of magnificent manicured grounds, accommodation is available within just 25 suites. All nestling along the banks of the magnificent Waikato River, upstream from the mighty Huka Falls.

Enter through the gates of Huka Lodge and immediately begin to leave the real world behind. As guests journey the length of the drive and encounter the park-like grounds, a feeling of peace and tranquillity begins to gently envelop them.

Offering elegance and refinement our luxury accommodation in Taupo endears its self to discerning luxury travellers in New Zealand. Choose from 18 Junior Lodge Suites, one Lodge Suite, the four-bedroom Owner's Cottage and the two-bedroom Alan Pye Cottage – guests luxuriate in an exclusive hospitality experience.











FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Whanganui River Exclusive

This morning your guide for the day will pick you up from Huka Lodge at 9am and take you Whanganui Bay for a day of rock climbing.

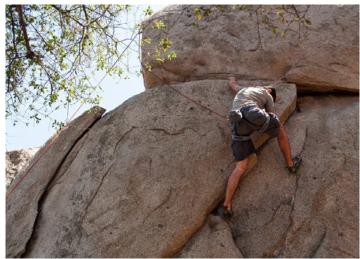
Unfortunately, there is no boat access as it is very protected by the family who prefer to keep noise pollution to zero. Would Prapti like to stay at Huka Lodge or would she like a driver for some sightseeing?

Accommodation: Another night at Huka Lodge

Meals: Pre-dinner drinks, five course dinner and country breakfast

Activities: Marlon Hepi – Rock Climbing Guide







SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Glowworm caves and White Island Volcano

This morning your helicopter will pick you up from Huka Lodge and take you to Caveworld for a 1 hour guided tour of the Glowworm Caves.

Your tour with Caveworld starts at 11am and your heli will pick you up at 10am. Caveworld manage the 'Maori cave' at Waitomo. Their guides have often guided at the other attractions and gravitated here as a more personal, intimate and high-end environment. Your private tour starts with a ride and a short walk through breathtaking native bush to the cave entrance. There, your guide lights the candles setting the scene for an intimate cave experience, where you will see glowworms up close, and appreciate the beauty of Footwhistle Cave (also known to local Maori as Te Anaroa Cave).

After you tour with Caveworld you might like to have lunch at Huhu Cafe.

After lunch fly to White Island and land for a guided walk in the crater of New Zealand's most active Volcano. Walk to the edge of an active crater lake, over hot streams, past steaming volcanic vents and colourful sulphur formations, once home to factory workers who mined the island for sulphur. The ruined remains of this hard life are still in evidence to this day across its hauntingly lunar like landscapes.

After your tour of White Island, head back to Huka Lodge.

Accommodation: Another night at Huka Lodge

Meals: Pre-dinner drinks, five course dinner and country breakfast

Activities: Heli: Huka Lodge - Waitomo Caves (12pm-1pm) - White Island - Mt Tarawera - Huka Lodge, Footwhistle Glowworm Cave Tours (private)







SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Haparanda Sailing Yacht and Waitamata Harbour

At 10am this morning your helicopter will pick you up from Huka Lodge and transfer you to Mechanic's Bay in Auckland. Landing at 11.45 your private driver will take you to the Marina where you will board Haparanda and head out into the Waitamata Harbour.

Through out the day, jet skis have been organised to meet you at Waiheke Island so you have the option to explore the area with a bit more speed. Timings of the Jet-skis will depend on the tide.

As it is New Years Eve, your Captain will make sure you are located to be able to view the Auckland fireworks from your deck.

If you want to be in the thick of it, you are most welcome to hop off the boat and dance the night away in Auckland's central party zone. Auckland is also called the city of sails. What better way of learning about the city and Hauraki gulf and its sailing history than cruising on Haparanda. A 70ft classic schooner with a long family history. Guests can either join in with the sailing and operations of the vessel or sit back and enjoy the ride whilst the crew do all the work.

Transport: Private transfer from Mechanics Bay to Auckland Marina to meet with Haparada

Activities: Haparanda Charter Overnight, Jet Ski Hire, Heli: Huka Lodge – Downtown Auckland







MONDAY, JANUARY 1

At leisure

Wake up to the first day of 2018 on Haparanda.

Today can be spent exactly how you would like, the jet skis will be available for you again today, you might like to pack a gourmet picnic on the back of a couple of jet skis where you head off to a secluded beach.

Another idea is to do some fly fishing with Matt on Waiheke Island, this has not been organised yet but can be. Or you might like to head over to Kawau Island. Kawau Island was originally settled by early migrations of Maori people. From time to time tribes contested the right to live on the island, which was eventually abandoned in the 1820s after a particularly bloody skirmish during the musket wars. A manganese mine was established on the island in the 1840s; shortly after, copper was discovered by accident. Fascinating ruins of the underground seashore copper mine, a pumping engine house and a small smelter remain today.

Or just relaxing on Haparanda enjoying the views and taking the helm.

Activities: Haparanda Charter Overnight, Jet Ski Hire







TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Rally Drive Experience and Bay of Islands

After disembarking Haparanda at 9.30am, a private driver will be waiting to take you to Mechanics Bay to meet with your helicopter, from here take off to Hamilton to join with Rally Drive NZ at 10.30am for a day of rally driving.

The Rally Experience is an introductory style course involving a practical session of rally driving. The day is based in Maramarua Forest. A short brief on the sport of rallying and driving techniques is followed by students driving a 4wdt wheel drive rally car with a Rally Drive N.Z tutor providing guidance. Students complete 3-4 laps of the forest circuit driving on a gravel forest rally stage. The day is completed with a full on ride in the passengers seat of the 4WD Mitsubishi Lancer Evo with a champion rally driver at the wheel, where you will be strapped into a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo Rally Car and enjoy a flat out blast on a 5 kilometre rally stage in Maramarua Forest, reaching speeds of 150kph on gravel. (Please bring sneakers or training type shoes.)

After your day in the forest concludes at approx 3pm, take flight in your helicopter to The Bay of Islands, stay at The Landing in Gabriel's Residence. The Landing is a unique heritage and conservation property in New Zealand's stunning Bay of Islands: a thousand acres of beaches, rolling hills, wildlife sanctuaries and historic sites.

Here you'll find the finest luxury accommodation, a small group of beautifully appointed holiday houses surrounded by quiet beaches, farmland and bush. Offering superb hospitality and a range of exceptional activities and experiences to choose from, The Landing Residences promise you privacy, total flexibility and the finest personal service.

Accommodation: The Landing Residences, Gabriel Residence

Meals: Chef to include breakfast, lunch and dinner

Activities: Heli: Mechanics Bay, Rally NZ, The Landing, Extended Rally Driving Experience (Exclusive)

Transport: Private transfer from Haparanda to Mechanics Bay







WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Flight to Cape Reinga and Quad Bike Tour

This morning you will be picked up from The Landing at 9am.

Enjoy a scenic flight up to Cape Reinga via Northlands' spectacular harbours and beautiful beaches. Fly up the west coast, with low level views of the world famous 90 mile beach before landing at a private airfield near the Cape. Here we are met by our comfortable air conditioned vehicle for a 3 hour guided ground tour exploring the top of New Zealand including Cape Reinga lighthouse where the 2 oceans meet and Te Paki Sand Dunes where we partake in some Sand Tobogganing fun.

From here you can make your way back to the helicopter and continue to Henderson Bay for a full lunch to enjoy near the beach. Then depart on an exhilarating guided Quad Bike tour exploring the spectacular remote beaches and scenery. This trip takes approximately two hours and once the quad biking is complete the helicopter will fly the final leg of the journey home passing across the stunning east coast.

This evening you might like to head out with Brett in search of Kiwis on the property. Although Kiwis have been spotted right up to the outdoor area of Gabriel's Residence.

Accommodation: Another night at The Landing Residences

Meals: Chef to include breakfast, lunch and dinner

Activities: Cape Reinga VIP Helicopter Tour with Quad Bikes incl. lunch







THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Poor Knights diving

At 8am this morning your helicopter will pick you up from The Landing and transfer you to Tutukaka where you will meet with Dive Tutukaka for a day of scuba diving, kayaking, paddle boarding or snorkelling.

Twenty three kilometres off New Zealand's Tutukaka Coast, the Poor Knights Islands are an international icon. Make your way to Tutukaka and board your private El Tigre charter. It takes 40 to 60 minutes to get to the Islands.

The journey is across a twelve and a half nautical mile stretch of open ocean, and wide variety of sea life is often seen. The islands are renowned for their diving and snorkelling. Beneath the waves at the Poor Knights, the caves, arches, tunnels and sheer cliffs provide a great variety of habitats to explore. Jacques Cousteau rated the area as one of the top ten dives in the world!

NOTE: Please bring qualification cards and diver logbooks, swim wear, towel, hat and sun screen in summer and warm clothes in winter.

Accommodation: Another night at The Landing Residences

Meals: Chef to include breakfast, lunch and dinner

Activities: Private Boat Charter (El Tigre) with Instructor and Skipper

Transport: Custom Helicopter Transfers







DAY 13-14

FRIDAY 5, SATURDAY 6

Private charter of MV Ata Rangi and spear fishing

From the wharf at The Landing board Ata Rangi for a private day of free dive spear fishing in the Bay of Islands with Graeme Heapy who is one of the best speros in the country. Graeme is known for teaching clients the skills necessary to shoot a fish, grab a cray or even learning to equalize for the first time. To start the day he will take you to a shallow bay, get you geared up, test weights and fins to make sure you are comfortable. If everything is feeling good then it is time to get out to deeper waters in search of a decent fish.

The boat will be yours from 9am but of course it is up to you what time you head off.

With her exceptional fishing credentials, sophisticated electronics, modern luxury amenities and expert crew, Ata Rangi offers a charter fishing or cruising experience that is unmatched by any other yacht in her class. Your full day charter can include local islands from Tutukaka and the Poor Knights Islands to stunning Whangaroa Harbour. The Cavalli Islands, the remote Three Kings Islands, Cape Karikari and North Cape are also fantastic fishing and cruising destinations.

Accommodation: Another night at The Landing Residences

Meals: Chef to include breakfast, lunch and dinner

Activities: Spearfishing Guide, Wetsuit – Brand New, Private Charter Full Day







SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Haere pai atu, hoki pai mai!*

At 12pm a private helicopter will pick you up from The Landing and transfer you down to Auckland Airport which will be a 1 hour flight.

Depart New Zealand. Make sure you allow enough time for your check-in before departure.

Always check with your airline, but as a rule of thumb:

International Departures – due to increased security requirements on all flights operating to, through and from the USA, you need to be checked in no later than 2 hours before your flight is due to depart.

Domestic Departures – you are required to be checked in and bags dropped off at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure of your flight. If you check-in any later, your flight may already be closed and you will be required to transfer to the next available flight.

*Travel safely!

Transport: Exclusive Transfer from The Landing to Auckland Airport



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