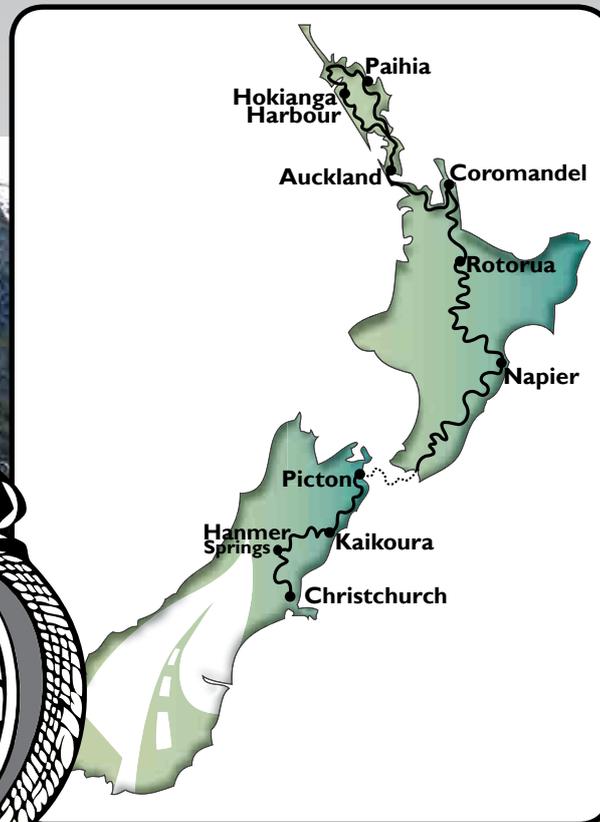




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12 Day North Island GPS Tour



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12 Day Tour - Christchurch to Auckland

DAY 1 Christchurch to Hanmer Springs

'Haere mai' – and welcome to Christchurch New Zealand! Today we transfer you from your Christchurch lodgings to our Base where you will check-out your motorcycle, After a safety briefing enjoy the fabulous two-hour ride to the Southern Alps on traffic-free roads.

Overnight Hanmer Springs Village



DAY 2 Hanmer Springs Village to Kaikoura

Time to explore Hanmer Village this morning before riding off the beaten track via an old Maori trail that runs along-side the Seaward Kaikoura Ranges leading to the Pacific Ocean. This afternoon we spend some time in Kaikoura to sample local delicacies such as crayfish and scallops, and get up close to seals. But the suggested activity today is the adrenalin-pumping boat ride out to sea to see the mighty whales!

Overnight Kaikoura



Recommended Activity – Whalewatch Kaikoura

Kaikoura is the Whale Watching capital of New Zealand, every Whale Watch tour is a unique experience and the sightings vary. Giant Sperm Whales are the stars of the show and year-round residents. A typical Whale Watch tour may encounter New Zealand Fur Seals, pods of Dusky Dolphins and the endangered Wandering Albatross. With a 95% success rate though, Kaikoura is the best place to spot a whale!



DAY 3 Kaikoura to Picton

Heading North along-side the Pacific Ocean you'll be in heaven this morning, then ride inland over roller-coaster hills and through the vineyards of the famous Marlborough Wine region. Time for sampling this region's award-winning wines before resting up in Picton nestled amongst the Marlborough Sounds.

Overnight Picton



DAY 4 Picton to Napier (North Island) via Cook Strait Ferry

Relax on-board the ferry this morning and enjoy the wonderful views of the Marlborough Sounds from the Cook Strait. Then enjoy a great blast northwards and a welcome leg-stretch at a Wildlife Centre and Bird Sanctuary before arriving into Napier Art Deco City. Nowhere else other than here can you see such a variety of buildings in the styles of the 1930s - Stripped Classical, Spanish Mission, and above all Art Deco, the style of the 20th Century.

Overnight Napier



Recommended Activity – Kiwi Experience

Experience endangered wildlife up close and in the wild. You will see for yourself what is being done to save kiwi, tuatara, kokako, kaka and return them to our forest. They have exclusive guided walks and talks to ensure you get the most out of your visit.



DAY 5 Napier to Rotorua

The Thermal Highway to Rotorua provides a wonderful, easy day's riding. You'll stop at Lake Taupo and see the iconic Huka Falls, where 220,000 litres per second of crystal clear water crash into a turbulent pool 11 metres below. Perfect terrain for Jet-boating! The scenic highlights between Taupo and Rotorua will not disappoint as you traverse the unusual, volcanic geography combined with large pine forest plantations. Overnight Rotorua



Recommended Activity – Jet Boat Ride

The half hour of thrills, fun and excitement takes you along a beautiful river environment, lined with native bush, sheer rock cliff face and natural hot springs. Combine 360° spins and passing nature by incredibly close at disorientating speeds for an amazing must-do visitor experience whilst in Taupo, before even reaching the awe inspiring majesty that is the Huka Falls.



DAY 6 Rotorua Rest or Ride

Rotorua, on the Volcanic Plateau, has one of the world's most lively fields of geothermal activity. Visit skyrocketing geysers, hot springs and boiling mud pools, enjoy a Hangi Feast and Maori Cultural Performance, or treat yourself to an indulgent spa therapy. If adventure is your thing, Rotorua has many attractions to get the adrenalin flowing such as Skydiving, Lugging and Zorbing. Overnight Rotorua



Recommended Activity – - Mitai Maori Village

A Sacred Place... A Spiritual Place... An evening at Mitai will give you an authentic introduction to Maori culture leaving you amazed and in awe. Enter the world of Mitai. Be enthralled by the natural bush setting, see warriors in traditional dress, paddle an ancient warrior canoe (waka) down the Wai-o-whiro stream, and don't miss your only opportunity in the Rotorua area to see glow worms in their natural habitat.



Day 7 Rotorua to Coromandel Peninsula

The Coromandel Peninsula provides a mecca for motorcyclists with twists, turns, convoluted hills and pretty bays providing a challenging variety of corner-carving delights. Sea-side villages provides light refreshment before the fun really begins! Fabulous Beaches, including the famous Hot Water Beach set the scene for your wonderful overnight stay at Whitianga with clear blue waters and sea cave adventures.

Overnight Whitianga



DAY 8 Coromandel to Auckland North Shore

Enjoy delightful narrow and twisty bends with ancient native tree-lined beaches and spectacular scenery as you continue your journey around the Coromandel Peninsular via the Pacific Coast Highway. Ride over the iconic harbour bridge to the white sand beaches of the north shore, away from the madding crowd of the city.

Overnight Auckland North Shore



DAY 9 Auckland to Hokianga Harbour

The Twin Coast Discovery Highway is a stunning ride for motorcyclists and leads through the most beautiful areas of Northland. On the way up the West Coast you'll be stopping to visit a Kauri Museum, providing a perfect insight into Northland's pioneering past. This great riding road winds through the Waipoua Forest and a stop to see the huge Tane Mahuta Kauri Tree before arriving at Hokianga Harbour, an untouched area made up of lush kauri forests giant sand dunes, and calm harbour waters.

Overnight Omapere



DAY 10 Hokianga Harbour to The Bay of Islands

A superb start to the day entails a ferry ride across the harbour, and then there's the option to ride to the lighthouse, at Cape Reinga, New Zealand's most northerly point and full of Maori legend. Its then easy riding along the east coast where you can visit New Zealand's oldest European building and the famous 'Waitangi Treaty' Grounds before arriving at the perfect location in the Beautiful Bay of islands.

Overnight Paihia



DAY 11 Bay of Islands Rest or Ride

Spend the day lazing on the beach or on a yacht to explore the hundreds of islands. Or take a Dolphin Cruise through the famous Hole in the Rock. Visit the tiny historic village of Russell with its fascinating colonial heritage, where you can relax with a beer by the water's edge. And there's plenty more great riding to be had!

Overnight Paihia.



Recommended Activity - Hole in the Rock Boat Cruise

Enjoy the power and comfort of a large catamaran that whisks you away from Paihia across the sea to spot dolphins, other wildlife and the most spectacular scenery. The icing on the cake is the opportunity to power through the iconic 'Hole in the Rock'. Learn about the rich culture and history of the Bay of Islands as your engaging crew captivate you with tales of local characters and cultural mythology.



DAY 12 Bay of Islands to Auckland - End of tour

The scenic coastal route includes awesome sweeps and bends. The last stretch via the Hibiscus Highway weaves its way through rolling hills and farmland, allowing for diverse riding right up to the very last minute of your tour. Visit an iconic biker's pub before hitting the vibe of Auckland City and visiting South Pacifics Auckland base to return your bike. Tonight it's time to celebrate over dinner at a special venue with your newly found friends.

Overnight Auckland



"Please note we've taken out all our 'trade secrets', so if you think this itinerary is good 'you ain't seen nothing yet guys!' - from Carole and Mike and the Team at South Pacific