

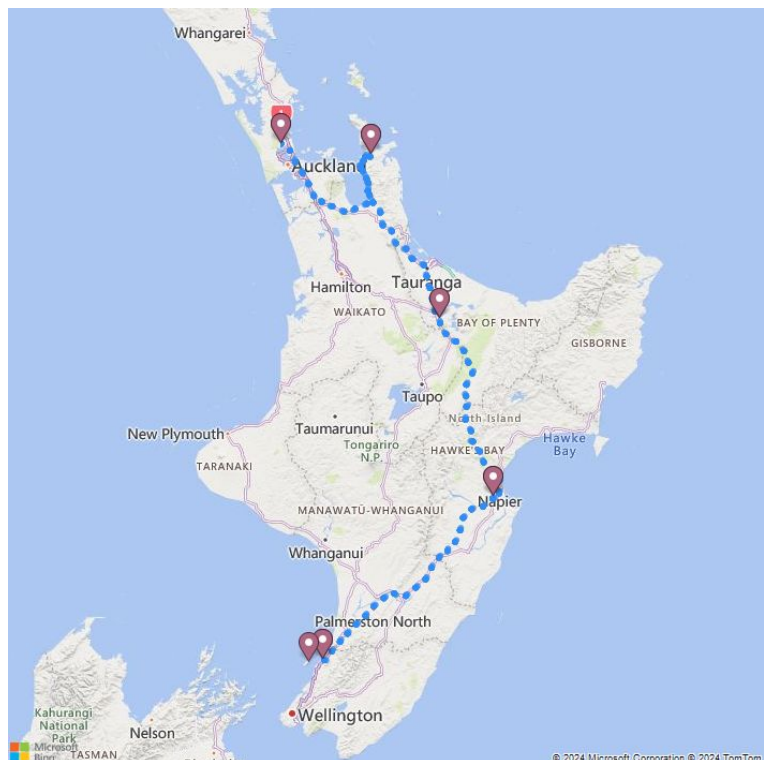
Wilderness & Nature

Birds of the North



This journey is a birders' epic. A guided walk with legendary conservationist, volcanic island sanctuary, gannet colony, kiwis at the National Birding Centre and finally a trip to Kapiti Island where you encounter Maori culture and stories whilst visiting this very special island reserve...

We recommend slow travel, add extra nights or extra stops along the way if you have more time.



At a glance

Duration: 12 days, 11 nights

Connection points:

Auckland airport
Wellington airport or Inter Islander ferry

Activity level: moderate

Best season: October-April

Driving times

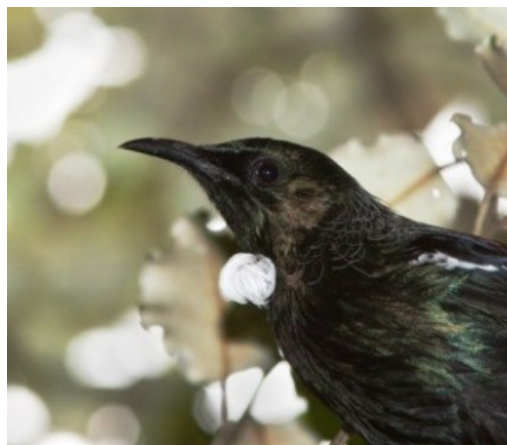
Auckland - Coromandel Peninsula: 2 hours
Coromandel Peninsula - Rotorua: 2 hours 30 minutes
Rotorua - Napier: 2 hours 30 minutes
Napier - Kapiti Coast: 3 hours
[allow 1 hour to detour via Pukaha Mount Bruce]
Kapiti Coast - Wellington: 1 hours



BIRDS OF THE NORTH

A birder's paradise

North Island



Join this journey from Auckland.

Day 1 Travel to Auckland. Select accommodation and activities from our Collection.

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If you stay downtown, you can enjoy the restaurants and visit the Museum and Galleries, or you may want to stay further north in a quieter location.

Day 2 Auckland

Visit Tiritirimatangi Island where you can meet many endangered birds and explore this nature reserve with volunteer conservationists. Boats leave from the downtown piers or from Gulf Harbour.

Day 3 Travel to The Coromandel Peninsula. [Select accommodation and activities from our Collection.](#)

On the way, stop at Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre.

Day 4 The Coromandel Peninsula

Highlights are nature tours along coastal paths and native bush, kayaking at Cathedral Cove, visiting Hot Water Beach or Driving Creek Railway. The towns of the Coromandel are also home to many artists.

Day 5 Travel to Bay of Plenty. [Select accommodation and activities from our Collection.](#)

Rotorua is also home to geothermal areas, Maori cultural experiences and an excellent mountain biking park. Lake and river fishing are also on offer here. The Polynesian Spa is a relaxing way to soak in thermal waters and indulge in mud treatments.

Day 6 Bay of Plenty

Take a boat out to Moutohora Island for a unique birding and geothermal experience.

Day 7 Travel to Hawke's Bay. [Select accommodation and activities from our Collection.](#)

Stop in Napier to see this Art Deco city and visit some of the wineries or take a wine tour, or book a round of golf at Cape Kidnappers.

Day 8 Hawke's Bay

The Gannet colony at Cape Kidnappers is a year-round attraction, a private tour is available. A hike up Te Mata Peak or a private Waimarama Maori tours give some of the most authentic insights into the culture.

Day 9 Travel to Kapiti Coast. [Select accommodation and activities from our Collection.](#)

Stop along the way at Pukaha National Wildlife Centre.

Day 10 Kapiti Coast

Enjoy a quiet day on the wild beaches, on one of the many hikes or with a round of golf.

Day 11 Kapiti Island

Take a boat from Paraparaumu to Kapiti Island where you will enjoy walks, kiwi watching and a night on this special nature reserve.

Day 12 Journey's End

Wellington Airport has flights within New Zealand and also Australia. The Inter-Island ferry also connects you to South Island.