

Day 1

ARRIVE AUCKLAND

Arrive Auckland and Transfer to your hotel.  
Overnight the Grand Mercure Auckland  
Dinner at the hotel Restaurant



Day 2

AUCKLAND

Breakfast will be included at your hotel. This morning you will be met by your Abercrombie & Kent guide for a private sightseeing tour of Auckland Domain, Auckland Museum (where we see a Maori cultural performance) and Parnell Village. Parnell is Auckland's oldest suburb - vibrant with history and elegance. Adjacent to downtown Auckland, this charming shopping and gallery precinct is only 10 minutes from the city. We will have free time in Parnell for shopping and lunch. Parnell's distinctive up-market village shopping area features an international line-up of over 45 Restaurants, cafés and bars; Auckland's largest art gallery precinct; boutiques, quality craft Shops and a collection of Auckland's best jewelers. We return to our hotel early afternoon.

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The rest of the day is at leisure to explore Auckland.



## Waitomo Glow Worm Caves



Meet your guide at the pier for a journey to Waitomo Glow Worm Caves, your 45 minute guided tour will take you through over 250 metres of stunning underground scenery commencing with the impressive Cathedral. The highlight of your tour is an unrivalled boat trip through the spectacular Glowworm Grotto. Meander underground along the Waitomo River and gaze in silence at the myriad of glowworm lights that make up the Glowworm Grotto. As you enter this galaxy of tiny living lights, you'll immediately experience a serene ambience and be fascinated and intrigued by tiny glow worms that light your way.

We move on to Aranui Cave - set in the Ruakuri Scenic Reserve, 5 minutes' drive from the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. It is named after Ruruku Aranui, the local Maori man who first discovered this previously hidden gem back in 1910. Aranui Cave has a natural cave entrance and is the smallest and most delicate of Waitomo's three main caves. As a dry cave without a river running through it, it houses very little life past its entrance. However, just inside the entrance is a colony of native New Zealand cave wetas and further into the cave is the most beautiful collection of stalactites, stalagmites, flowstones and decorative formations. Aranui Cave is a magical, mystical place that is steeped in Maori myth and legend. As such, it occupies a very special place in the hearts of the people of the Waitomo district. This one hour guided tour will be an experience you will never forget.

Following your tour, you will have a light lunch at a local cafe before return to Auckland

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