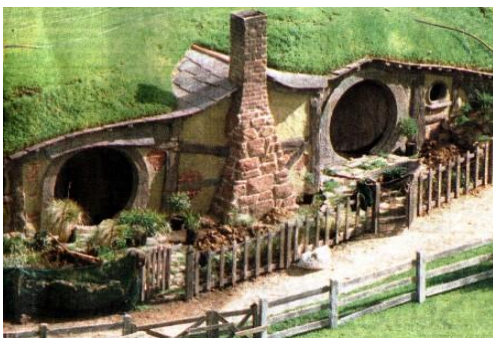


Rotorua - Waitomo weekend – 29th & 30th August 2015

Day 1 Auckland to Rotorua



- 0900 depart Auckland
- 1130 **Hobbiton:** is a real must-do for every Lord of the Rings fan travelling through New Zealand. Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque working sheep farm with spectacular views across the Kaimai Ranges. Your guide will explain how the Hobbiton set was created and tell stories about what went on during filming. The Hobbiton movie set was recently fully restored for filming of the Hobbit. There's no better time to visit.



- 1430 **Cable car and luge** (one ride included), *the luge is an exciting ride for all ages. A world 'first' proudly designed and built in Rotorua, the luge is a fun filled ride on a three-wheeled cart. The unique braking and steering system provides the riders full control and allows them to travel as fast or slowly as they wish.*

- 1600 *Optional extras – as time allows – Zorb or Polynesian Spa*

- 1800 **Tamaki Maori Village:** an evening at Tamaki Maori Village will give you an authentic introduction to Maori culture, including music and haka, and a traditional hangi meal.

Overnight Rotorua – Treks YHA



Day 2 Rotorua – Waitomo - Auckland

- 0900 **Te Puia:** Tour Rotorua's most spectacular geothermal park, location of New Zealand's biggest and most active geysers, as well as spectacular mud pools and boiling hot springs. See the famous kiwi bird and explore pre and post European Maori communities. Learn how Maori practise their traditional skills of woodcarving and flax weaving. Enjoy a Maori Cultural show and experience a glimpse of the way of life of Maori people before the arrival of the Europeans.

- 1100 Drive to Waitomo

- 1400 **Visit Waitomo's famous glow worm cave** and enjoy the fascinating and beautiful limestone formations and glow worm gallery, as full of glow-worms as a clear night sky with stars. *Glowworms are the larvae of fungus gnats, found mostly in in caves and grottos, or sheltered places in forests. The larva spins a nest out of silk then suspends mucus covered threads of silk, 30 or 40 cm long from it. The larva glows to attract prey and a hungry larva glows brighter than one which has just eaten*

- 1500 depart for Auckland, (arrive back at Auckland Airport by 1730/1800)



Minimum number of students	Price per person
8+	\$398

Prices include transport, tour guide, all entry and activity fees unless stated otherwise, accommodation (backpacker style), dinner on day one and breakfast on day two, and GST