

New Zealand Icons

A Hobbit's Holiday



Director Peter Jackson made inspired use of the huge variety in New Zealand's landscape in the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies; from the rural bliss of Matamata's Hobbit Town, to the remote sands of Farewell Spit and wild splendour of Fiordland. This Journey includes locations from the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings movies.



At a glance

Duration: 13 days, 12 nights

Connection points:
Auckland airport
Queenstown airport

Activity level: active

Best season: November-April

Driving times

Auckland-Turangi 4 hours
Turangi-Wellington 4 hours
Picton-Motueka 3 hours
Queenstown-Wanaka 1 hour

Indicative Price from \$7,154

Price is for accommodation only and excludes meals, ground or air transport unless stated. [Contact one of our Travel Agents](#) or use [My Holiday](#) to contact the operators and book direct.



A HOBBIT'S HOLIDAY
There and back again
NORTH & SOUTH





Day 1 - Ponsonby, Auckland

Stay [Great Ponsonby Art Hotel](#)

Arrive in Auckland and get ready for your Hobbit Journey. Gerry and Sally will welcome you to their centrally located Victorian villa home and point you in the right direction for events and eateries.

Day 2 - Turangi, Central Plateau

Stay [River Birches Lodge](#)

Two hours drive south of Auckland, Matamata is home to Hobbiton. The village is a superbly constructed and intricately detailed film set. Turangi is a further 2 hrs drive south, south of Taupo. River Birches lodge is located on the edge of the Tongariro river.

Day 3 - Turangi, Central Plateau

Do [Tongariro Guided Walks | Tongariro Crossing Guided Walks](#)

Stay [River Birches Lodge](#)

The Tongariro Crossing is famous as one of New Zealand's most dramatic classic treks. Hiking the Crossing takes a full day and you will see the locations for some of Tolkien's most spectacular landscapes; Mt Doom, Mordor and Emyn Muil.

Day 4 - Wellington

Stay [Ohtel](#)

The drive from Turangi to Wellington on SH1 takes 4 hours. Your hotel is central and a short walk from Te Papa, the stunning national museum, well worth a couple of hours.

Day 5 - Wellington

Do [Flat Earth | Hobbit & LOTR Tours](#)

Stay [Ohtel](#)

Today you gain a behind-the-scenes look at movie making, some of Wellington's location settings for Lord of the Rings and visit Peter Jackson's Weta Workshop Cave with Flat Earth Tours. In the afternoon enjoy a short walk up Mt Victoria for fantastic harbour and city views.

Day 6 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Fly Wellington to Nelson or take the Interislander ferry to Picton and drive across to Nelson. Stop at Pelorus Bridge, where the Hobbits escape down the river in barrels. The Resurgence is set high in the bush clad Riwaka Valley close by Abel Tasman Park.

Day 7 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Cape Farewell Horse Treks | Clifftop & Beach Horse Treks](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Hike to Harwood's Hole and Caanan Downs and spot many familiar scenes. Continue to Golden Bay and join Cape Farewell Horsetreks to ride where the stars did in West Rivendell. Ride through the caves and watch seals play in the rock pools.

Day 8 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Reid Helicopters Nelson | Scenic & LOTR Helicopter Flights](#)

Do [Wine Art and Wilderness | Hobbits Holidays Location Tours](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

An adventure into Middle Earth visiting Nelson's two famous film sites this guided trip covers the key filming locations.

An optional flight over Mt Olympus, South of Rivendell, and Mt Owen, Dimrill Dale in The Fellowship of the Ring. This site is extremely remote and can only be reached by helicopter.

Day 9 - Arrowtown, Queenstown

Stay [Arrowtown House Boutique Hotel](#)

Fly Nelson to Queenstown via Christchurch. Arrowtown is a delightful small village 15 minutes from busier Queenstown. Arrowtown House is 5 minutes stroll from the village centre.

Day 10 - Arrowtown, Queenstown

Do [Nomad Safaris | 4WD Safari & LOTR Locations](#)

Stay [Arrowtown House Boutique Hotel](#)

Take a 4WD tour to LOTR and Hobbit locations including the Arrow River and Macetown. Sit back and relax in comfort as your expert driver entertains you with fascinating local insights.

Day 11 - Wanaka

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

Drive over to Wanaka and enjoy the walking and cycling tracks along the lake's edge and the banks of the Clutha River.

Day 12 - Wanaka

Do [Eco Wanaka Adventures | Alpine Heli-Hiking](#)

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

Another day on top of the world with a 2-hour hike, 2 4WD rides and a stunning helicopter ride.

Day 13 - Journey's End

Return to Queenstown airport ready for your outbound flight.