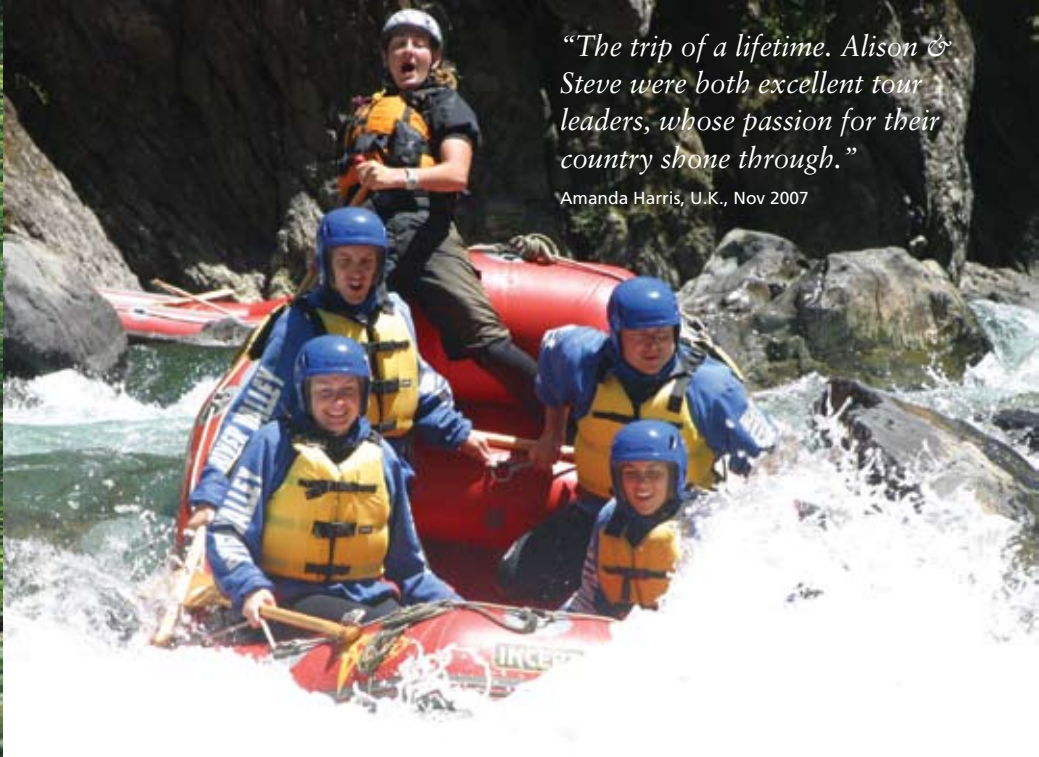


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*“The trip of a lifetime. Alison & Steve were both excellent tour leaders, whose passion for their country shone through.”*

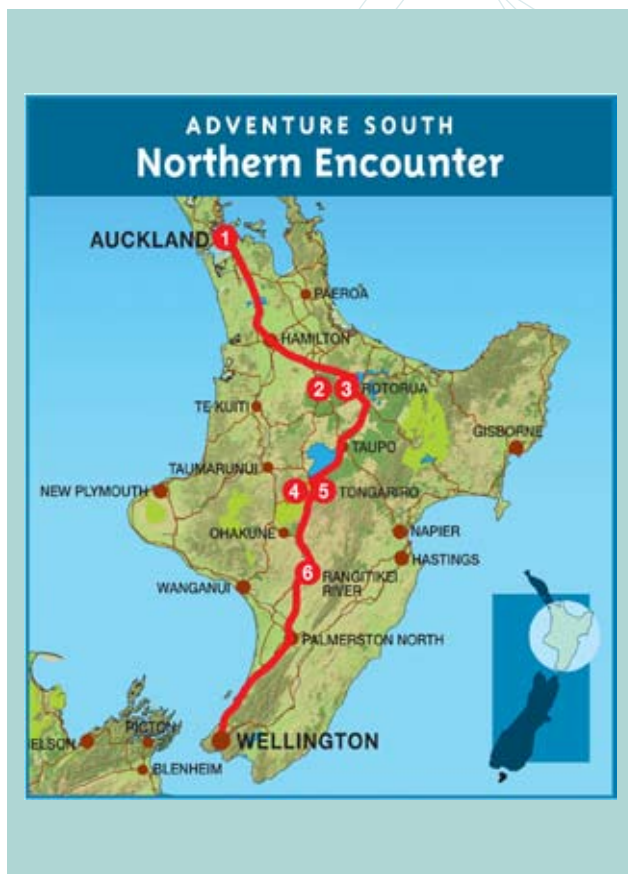
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An eight day journey that gets totally involved in some of the best activities and locations in the North Island. The small group departure starts Monday from Auckland with a full days water experience. The following day is spent exploring a private cave and then its onto Rotorua and a 4WD tandem experience. White Island volcano is a day tour with a Maori concert and hangi experience to follow that night. Two nights staying at the alpine village beneath Mt Ruapehu provides a great hiking opportunities in an alpine environment based from beautiful hotel accommodation. Exciting rafting based from the remote River Valley Lodge provides a stunning inclusion, with Te Papa National Museum and a local beer tasting at Wellington creating the ideal finish.

- *Sail through Auckland's lovely Waitemata Harbour*
- *Experience an awesome caving trip together with the glow worms at the privately owned Nikau Caves*
- *Smell and explore the volcanic activity on White Island and the geothermal wonderland with geysers and boiling mud pools in the thermal parks around Rotorua*
- *Gain understanding in the indigenous Maori culture by enjoying a Hangi (traditional Maori dinner) and the visting the Maori Museum in Rotorua*
- *Hike, raft or horse ride the stunning Tongariro National Park*
- *Feel the rush when rafting the Rangitikei River in the remote River Valley*
- *Learn about the New Zealand history of Te Papa Museum in the capital city: Wellington*



<b>DURATION</b>	7 nights, 8 days itinerary
<b>MEALS</b>	7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 1 dinner
<b>PRICES</b>	Trip price NZ\$3575 Single Supplement NZ\$875
<b>START</b>	Auckland
<b>FINISH</b>	Wellington, after breakfast
<b>2009-2010 DATES</b>	November 16 – 22 December 21 – 27 January 25 – 31 March 1 – 7 April 5 – 11

