1 Auckland

Soak up the cosmopolitan harbourside vibe, sail on the harbour and combine art, wine and vineyard dining across on Waiheke Island.

2 hrs to Hamilton

2 Hamilton A base to explore the Waitomo Caves, visit the cinematic Hobbiton, and trip to the surf town of Raglan.

3 Rotorua

A steaming wonderland of geothermal activity and a heartland of NZ's indigenous Māori culture.

5 Ohakune

Gateway to the spectacular Tongariro Alpine Crossing day hike, or bike the Old Coach Road.

→ 3½ hrs to Wellington

4 Taupo

Enjoy boat trips on Lake Taupo, trout fishing at Turangi and an eyeful of geothermal and volcanic activity.

➡ 1¾ hrs to Ohakune

6 Wellington

End in NZ's capital, with the country's national museum, spectacular harbour views, and cafes, restaurants and bars.