Auckland  Hike up One Tree Hill (Maungakiekie) before drinks on K Rd.  🚗 3¾ hrs to Bay of Islands

Bay of Islands  Show-stopping island scenery and a window into NZ’s bicultural history.  🚗 6 hrs to Rotorua

Rotorua  Geysers!  Bubbling mud!  Sulphurous gas! Rotorua is unique; Māori cultural performances equally so.  🚗 2 hrs to Tongariro National Park

Tongariro National Park  Truck through progressive Taupo to hike amongst otherworldly peaks.  🚗 2 hrs to Napier

Napier  Under the East Coast sun, little Napier is all artdeco facades and chardonnay.  🚗 4 hrs to Wellington

Wellington  The hilly/windy NZ capital oozes charm and character.  🚗 3¾ hrs to Picton then 🚗 30 mins to Marlborough Wine Region

Marlborough Wine Region  Tour the Blenheim wineries and sip some superb sauvignon blanc.  🚗 4⅓ hrs to Christchurch

Christchurch  Swinging further south, cruise into ‘ChCh’ to enjoy some southern hospitality in a city of rapid reinvention.