



**GEFEN TRAVEL**  
Sports and Education Tours to New Zealand



 Future Leaders Series

**6 Day North Island**  
Future Leader Experience





## Overview

New Zealand's North Island provides an effective range of outdoor activities that challenge students, enhance self-awareness, build self-confidence and create situations that empower students toward responsible decision-making.

Travelling is kept to a minimum, resulting in a full and exciting programme and tremendous value for money. Each day is a stimulating and enjoyable opportunity to bring your syllabus to life.

As with all Gefen programmes, we offer flexibility and are happy to discuss tailoring itineraries to your curricular requirements or student needs.

**Availability:** Year Round

**Itinerary Flexibility:** Medium

**Minimum Group Size:** 10

### All trip prices include:

- 6 days accommodation, meals and domestic transport, fully detailed in final quote and itinerary

Ask us how teaching staff can travel **FREE** of charge!

### Key Learning Areas

- Teamwork
- Leadership Skills
- Internal capabilities
- Concentration
- Self confidence
- Negotiation



## DAY 1 Itinerary Overview

### The City of Sails

Location: Auckland

Our North Island Future Leaders Tour begins in 'The City of Sails', upon the beautiful Waitemata Harbour in Auckland aboard an ocean-going maxi yacht. This world-renowned and picturesque seascape provides an exhilarating and unique environment in which students can actualise and their classroom leadership skills. With the direction of a skilled and highly experienced crew, students will learn the conduct, skills and safety procedures required to sail these magnificent vessels effectively.

Full participation and commitment is essential in order to achieve shared goals. Students are equally both challenged and empowered by the physical and mental requirements of being aboard the yacht, actualising the importance of leadership, communication, teamwork and respect.

#### Learning Opportunities

- Care of the maritime environment
- Principles of sailing and onboard procedures
- Yachting terminology and protocols

#### Activity Information

- Fully compliant with NZ Maritime Law and NZ school safety guidelines
- All safety equipment supplied
- Some wet weather gear may be required



## DAY 2 Itinerary Overview

### The City of Sails

Location: Auckland

After spending the night at anchor, students awake in the pristine maritime environment and enjoy the unique experience of breakfast aboard ship. Today the sailing experience becomes more specifically leadership orientated, with a range of activities designed around supporting and challenging participants on their leadership journey.

As well as onboard pursuits, a range of extra activities can be coordinated to enhance your desired curriculum outcomes. These include both water or land based team building and leadership objectives or physical education.

Docking in the late afternoon, students pack up their gear, carry out clean-up duties before a final debrief, and then disembarkation.

#### Learning Opportunities

- Helming the vessel
- Plotting a course, navigation and steering

#### Activity Information

- Fully compliant with NZ Maritime Law and NZ school safety guidelines
- All safety equipment supplied
- Some wet weather gear may be required



## DAY 3 Itinerary Overview

### Volcanic Plateau

**Location:** Rotorua / Tongariro

Today sees students travelling south to the central volcanic plateau, stopping for lunch and a fascinating walk around the ancient Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. Featuring bubbling mud pools, hot springs, collapsed craters and the famous Lady Knox Geyser, Wai-O-Tapu is a fascinating glimpse beneath the earth's crust.

After a remarkable afternoon, experiencing a unique geothermal environment, your journey continues toward the Tongariro National Park, via the magnificent Lake Taupo. Sited among the dramatic landscape of three imposing mountains, the world-renowned Leadership Centre will be your destination.

#### Learning Opportunities

- Geothermal activity
- Volcanic fields
- New Zealand geography

#### Activity Information

- Fully compliant with NZ school safety guidelines
- Experienced and knowledgeable guides can be arranged by request



## DAY 4 Itinerary Overview

### Leadership Building

Location: Tongariro

The next two days will see students partaking in a very special leadership and confidence-building experience at a purpose built camp in the spectacular central North Island wilderness. Featuring inspirational guides, extensive safety systems and a world-renowned curriculum, the camp creates an environment where students are supported and encouraged by their peers and instructors to participate to a level which challenges them.

Activities include steep creeking/stream walking, high ropes and flying foxes, rock climbing, kayaking, team initiatives and exploring new environments. Students are accommodated on site and activities may vary dependent on weather conditions.

#### Learning Opportunities

- Develop teamwork and leadership skills
- Build confidence and a sense of achievement
- Develop safety awareness
- Discover internal capabilities
- Undertake physical challenge
- Improve concentration span

#### Activity Information

- Outdoors Safety Audit Certified and operate under Best Industry Safety Practice codes
- Enthusiastic, well trained instructors
- All equipment provided



## DAY 5 Itinerary Overview

### Leadership Building

Location: Tongariro

Named in honour of an inspirational New Zealander, this dynamic education centre specialises in challenging outdoor activities designed around developing essential leadership skills, including improving communication, inspiring and developing trust, managing conflict resolution and enhancing self-esteem.

At the conclusion of each exercise, students are encouraged to reflect upon on their behaviour, ability to cooperate with others and how to transfer this successfully to the classroom environment. Importantly, the curriculum is based around an enjoyable and supportive framework; ensuring students achieve the optimum outcome based on his or her ability and potential.

#### Learning Opportunities

- Develop teamwork and leadership skills
- Build confidence and a sense of achievement
- Develop safety awareness
- Discover internal capabilities
- Undertake physical challenge
- Improve concentration span

#### Activity Information

- Outdoors Safety Audit Certified and operate under Best Industry Safety Practice codes
- Enthusiastic, well trained instructors
- All equipment provided





## DAY 6 Itinerary Overview

### Glow Worm Exhilaration

Location: Waitomo / Auckland

After the inspirational experiences of previous days, the last installment of this incredible leadership journey sees students visit the iconic Waitomo Caves. This fascinating geological feature is one of New Zealand's most popular attractions and a highly enjoyable way in which to conclude the tour.

These amazing caves feature sparkling Glow Worms, glistening stalactites and stalagmites, awe-inspiring rock formations and bubbling underground rivers. For four magical hours, students will experience the thrill of abseiling down into the stunning Glow Worm cave, guided by instructors, and learn to negotiate the challenging terrain in a safe and fun manner. Hand/eye coordination and observation skills are improved and self confidence is enhanced, especially if fears are conquered and obstacles overcome.

After emerging from the caves, the students will return to Auckland by early evening, signalling the conclusion of the tour and a time for reflection on an epic and life-changing week.

#### Learning Opportunities

- Experience abseiling and caving in an incredible setting
- Learn about glow worms
- Develop self confidence and trust
- Develop team work and leadership skills
- Discover internal capabilities
- Undertake physical challenge

#### Activity Information

- Strict risk management guidelines followed
- Fully qualified and experienced instructors and management
- Full training and safety instruction provided
- All equipment provided



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