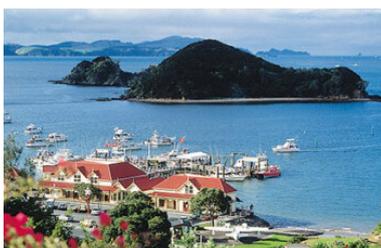


Bay of Islands Ultimate Weekend

Your adventure begins as you travel north from Auckland, pausing to explore the fascinating Kauri Museum and marvel at Tāne Mahuta, New Zealand's largest kauri tree. The first day culminates with a visit to the historic Treaty Grounds at Waitangi, offering a deep dive into our nation's past, before settling into your Paihia accommodation. Day two is dedicated to exploring the charming historic village of Russell at your leisure, perhaps visiting its historic sites or enjoying a relaxed lunch by the water. The following day, experience the beauty of Cape Reinga with a scenic flight. On your final day, prepare for a breathtaking scenic cruise through the Bay of Islands, searching for marine life and experiencing the iconic Hole in the Rock, before your guided return journey to Auckland.

Starts in: Auckland
 Finishes in: Auckland
 Length: 4days / 3nights
 Accommodation: Motels
 Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

- Includes: All coach transport
- Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations
- Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring
- Included activity: Paihia, Bay of Islands Tour with Cheeky Kiwi Travel
- Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course
- Included activity: Russell Mini Tour with Fullers Bay of Islands
- Included activity: Cape Reinga Scenic Flight and Guided Tour with Salt Air
- Included activity: Bay of Islands Tour with Cheeky Kiwi Travel
- 1 lunch

Day 1



Paihia, Bay of Islands Tour with Cheeky Kiwi Travel

Embark on an extraordinary adventure through the enchanting Bay of Islands, departing from Auckland, where every moment is filled with wonder and discovery. This magical tour takes you on a journey through the subtropical paradise of Northland, showcasing the breathtaking beauty of both coasts. Step back in time at the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where New Zealand's history comes to life, and delve into the rich heritage at the fascinating Kauri Museum. As you venture deeper into the lush Waipoua Forest, prepare to be humbled by the majestic Tāne Mahuta, the largest known living kauri tree, standing tall as a testament to the ancient world. With each stop, this tour offers unforgettable experiences that will leave you with memories to treasure for a lifetime. Whether you're soaking in the stunning landscapes or immersing yourself in New Zealand's culture and history, this Bay of Islands adventure is a journey like no other.

Paihia, Bay of Islands

Paihia, an oceanside gem, played a pivotal role in Aotearoa-New Zealand's history. A visit to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds offers a profound look into the signing of the Waitangi Treaty, where 43 Māori chiefs and 39 Crown representatives shaped the nation's future. Beyond its rich history, Paihia is a haven for water-based activities. From sailing through the Hole in the Rock and dolphin spotting to kayaking or fishing, or perhaps a day relaxing on the beach, this picturesque coastal town is the perfect base to explore the stunning Bay of Islands.

Your accommodation: Admirals View Lodge & Motel

Admirals View Lodge & Motel offers a range of quality self-contained accommodations. Relax in this peaceful location in central Paihia and enjoy the sunny terraces and sea spray from the nearby ocean. You can easily meander along to the beach, restaurants and cafes from your luxurious accommodation.



Day 2



Russell, Bay of Islands

Experience the timeless charm of Russell, a historic village accessible by a quick ferry ride from Paihia or a scenic coastal drive. Once a notorious whaling hub, New Zealand's first European settlement, and briefly the country's first capital, Russell now offers a tranquil escape with a rich past. You'll love exploring historical sites like the bullet-scarred Christ Church, New Zealand's oldest church, or the historic Marlborough Hotel, which holds the country's oldest liquor license. For breathtaking views of the Bay and its islands, a short walk up Flagstaff Hill is a must. This historic site tells the story of Māori chief Hone Heke's famous protests. Russell is the perfect place to step back in time while enjoying the stunning beauty of the Bay of Islands

Russell Mini Tour with Fullers GreatSights

Known until the early 1840s as Kororāreka, Russell was the first town and sea port in New Zealand. The Bay of Islands offered a safe anchorage and by the 1830s Russell had become a lawless trading centre where whalers, seafarers and merchants mixed with adventurers, deserters and escaped convicts from Australia. Today the town once called the "Hell Hole of the Pacific" is a charming and tranquil spot. This intimate one-hour coach tour visits many of Russell's iconic locations that make it so significant in New Zealand's early history. Your tour will be led by an engaging guide whose combination of historical knowledge and local insight will bring the culture and history of the area to life.

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Meals included: Lunch



Day 3



Cape Reinga Scenic Flight and Guided Tour with Salt Air

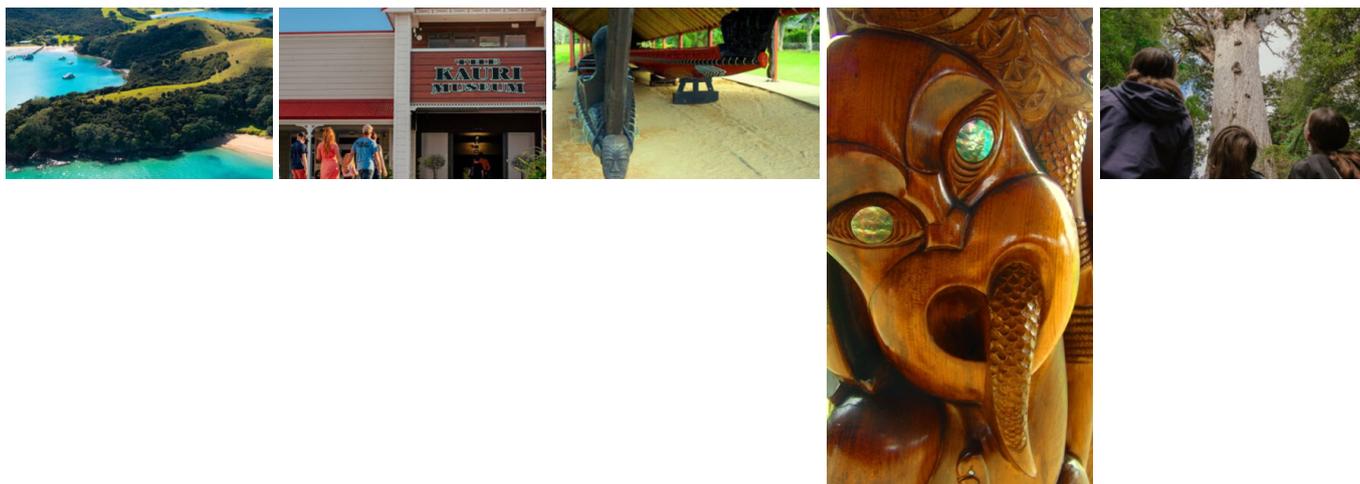
Experience the beauty of the North from both air and land. Take a spectacular scenic flight to Cape Reinga over Whangaroa Harbour and the Rangaunu Harbour as well as Coopers Beach, Doubtless Bay and Ninety Mile Beach.

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Day 4



Bay of Islands Tour with Cheeky Kiwi Travel

With your experienced guide, the journey from Paihia to Auckland along New Zealand's east coast offers a scenic and diverse travel experience. Starting in Paihia, a charming town in the Bay of Islands, you'll be surrounded by azure waters and dotted islands. The drive southward on State Highway 1 begins with stunning coastal views, passing through lush forests and rolling hills. As you leave Paihia, you'll drive through small, picturesque towns like Kawakawa, known for its quirky Hundertwasser public toilets, and Whangarei, the largest city in Northland, offering attractions like the Whangarei Falls and scenic Hatea River Walkway. Further south, the landscape begins to change, with more rolling farmland and rugged coastline. The drive through the Brynderwyn Hills presents panoramic views before descending into the rural heartland. As you approach Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, the scenery shifts to suburban landscapes with glimpses of the Waitematā Harbour. Auckland, known as the "City of Sails," greets you with its iconic skyline featuring the Sky Tower. The city is a vibrant hub of culture, dining, and adventure, with numerous beaches, parks, and attractions like the Auckland Museum and the bustling waterfront.

Tour details

Departures: Daily
Tour type: Independant Bus & Coach
Starts: Auckland
Finishes: Auckland
Tour length: 4
Accommodation: Motels
Car/transport type:

Accommodation summary

Day 1 Admirals View Lodge & Motel
Day 2 Admirals View Lodge & Motel
Day 3 Admirals View Lodge & Motel