



## Discover Bay of Islands Tour

Embark on an epic 4 day adventure from Auckland to Paihia, exploring the best sights in the Bay of Islands. Begin with a cultural tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where you will learn about Aotearoa New Zealand's incredible history with a museum visit and performance.

Get an early night's sleep before your full day out to Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach. Watch the Tasman Sea and Pacific Island crash together at the northwesternmost tip of The Long White Cloud and discover the thrill of sandboarding.

Visit the Hole in the Rock and keep your eyes peeled for resident marine life including dolphins and whales. Complete this tour with a ferry and guided tour of Russell, a now tranquil seaside town full of eateries and art galleries.

Starts in: Auckland  
 Finishes in: Auckland  
 Length: 5days / 4nights  
 Accommodation: Hotel 3 star  
 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: Auckland to Paihia, Bay of Islands by InterCity Coach
- Included activity: Waitangi Treaty Grounds Guided Tour and Cultural Performance - Return Shuttle Included
- Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course
- Included activity: Cape Reinga & Ninety Mile Beach Full Day Tour with Fullers Bay of Islands - Lunch Included
- Included activity: Hole in the Rock Cruise with Fullers GreatSights
- Included activity: Russell Mini Tour with Fullers Bay of Islands
- Included activity: Paihia, Bay of Islands to Auckland with InterCity Coach
- 1 lunch

## Day 1



### Auckland to Paihia, Bay of Islands by InterCity Coach

Leave Auckland and head North to the Bay of Islands. Taking you along the coast road past the seaside villages of Orewa and Waiwera. Then it's on to the township of Puhoi, New Zealand's only Bohemian settlement, then Warkworth and the harbourside city of Whangarei and the unique township of Kawakawa. Arriving into the subtropical Bay of Islands you are greeted with bush-clad hillsides dropping to golden sand beaches. Paihia is the main centre of the bay and has a great beachside atmosphere.

### Waitangi Treaty Grounds Guided Tour and Cultural Performance - Return Shuttle Included

Waitangi is one of New Zealand's most historic sites where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840 between 43 Māori chiefs and the British Government. This two-day pass allows you access to the Treaty of Waitangi Grounds and includes admission to the Te Kōngahu Museum and Te Rau Aroha Museum and a Māori Cultural performance. During your guided tour, you'll learn about the history of the treaty and discover the stories and events that shaped New Zealand. The cultural performance inside the carved meeting house includes waiata (singing), poi, a display of Māori weaponry and the haka - a war dance New Zealand is well known for.

### Your accommodation: Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge, Paihia - Junior Suites

The Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge, Paihia is located on the waterfront only 100 metres from Paihia wharf and township. All rooms are air-conditioned and hotel facilities include restaurant, swimming pool, spa pool and sauna.



## Day 2



### Cape Reinga & Ninety Mile Beach Full Day Tour with Fullers Bay of Islands - Lunch Included

Journey to the very tip of the North Island and uncover a region of rich Māori tradition along the way on an unforgettable full-day tour. Travel along the sand-swept shore of Ninety Mile Beach in our purpose-built coach and experience sandboarding (weather permitting). In Māori tradition, Cape Reinga or Te Rerenga Wairua is the place where spirits depart on their long journey back to the homeland. Stand at the northernmost point of New Zealand and drink in the panoramic views. As you stand beneath the iconic lighthouse, and watch the Tasman Sea and the mighty Pacific Ocean collide far below, you'll feel the power of this special place. Throughout the day your local driver guide will provide an entertaining and thought-provoking insight into the culture, history and natural wonders of the Far North.

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Meals included:      Lunch



## Day 3



## Hole in the Rock Cruise with Fullers GreatSights

Board your cruise and take in the stunning views as you glide out through the islands and along the Rakaumangamanga Peninsula to Cape Brett, where a historic lighthouse keeps watch over and Piercy Island/Motukōkako, or as it is popularly known as the Hole in the Rock. According to Māori legend, local warriors used to paddle through the Hole in the Rock in their canoes before departing for battle. Drops of water from the cave roof above were a good omen. If conditions permit, your skipper will expertly guide the ship through the narrow space. Keep an eye out for common and bottlenose dolphins, whales, and other marine life during your cruise, and have your camera ready as you get up close to the action. Stop off at Otehei Bay on Urupukapuka Island where you have time to relax, take a walk, have a swim, or enjoy a bite to eat and drink from the on-site fully licensed cafe. The purpose-built catamaran is licensed by DOC (the Department of Conservation) for dolphin viewing and the crew has years of experience locating dolphins in these waters.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - 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



## 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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## Day 5



## Paihia, Bay of Islands to Auckland with InterCity Coach

Leaving the magical Bay of Islands behind you head south on State Highway 1 back towards Auckland, the "City of Sails". The route takes you through Kawakawa, affectionately known as 'train town'. The farming regions of Wellsford and Warkworth accompany you the rest of the journey before passing through the suburbs of the North Shore and crossing the harbour bridge and into the heart of Tāmaki Makaurau-Auckland City.

## Tour details

Departures: Daily  
Tour type: Independant Bus & Coach  
Starts: Auckland  
Finishes: Auckland  
Tour length: 5  
Accomodation: Hotel 3 star  
Car/transport type:

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## Accommodation summary

Day 1 Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge, Paihia - Junior Suites  
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Day 3 Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge, Paihia - Junior Suites  
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