

Easter in Northland

Boutique Journeys for Solo Travellers

Fully escorted small group tour with a maximum of 8 passengers
29 March to 06 April 2021 - 9 days

Come along with us on a magical journey to the birthplace of the nation and experience the ultimate Northland itinerary travelling up the east and down the west coast. Staying in charming and historic Russell at the iconic Duke of Marlborough, on a 3,000 acre luxury estate on the gorgeous Karikari Peninsular and finish the tour at the beautiful Hokianga Harbour - all that and so much more in between. This is a relaxed, leisurely small group itinerary that you are sure to enjoy.

Our tours are for solo travellers 50+ so come and share the joy of travel with people just like you.

\$4,490

per person twin

\$5,490

per person single

UPGRADE YOUR DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH ROOM TO A:

WATERFRONT APARTMENT

TWIN +\$175 per person SINGLE +\$350

WATERFRONT ROOM

TWIN +\$240 per person SINGLE +\$480

Tour inclusions:

- Accommodation for 8 nights in Russell, Karikari Peninsular and Hokianga
- Transport throughout from Auckland
- Breakfast daily
- 4 lunches
- Dinner daily
- 1 Devonshire Tea
- Sightseeing as specified
- Services of a tour host



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Duke of Marlborough Hotel



Christ Church Russell



Sailing the Bay of Islands

Itinerary

Monday 29 March

Depart Auckland and make our way across the bridge with our first stop being a coffee stop in Warkworth. We then carry on north and head to Whangarei, where we will have lunch plus make a visit to the Native Bird Recovery Centre to hear the talking tuis and meet kiwi close-up. We then call into Kawakawa to check out the Hundertwasser toilet block which put this small town on the map. We then continue our journey to Russell. Four nights Duke of Marlborough Hotel (Superior Room or upgrade to a Waterfront Apartment or Waterfront Room), located on the waterfront of Russell this historical beauty has been lovingly restored and offers a great place to relax, unwind and watch the world go by. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at our hotel the Duke of Marlborough Restaurant. (D)

Tuesday 30 March

This morning we take a short ferry ride over to Paihia and check out the town, finishing our visit with lunch. We then make our way to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and have full access to New Zealand's most important historic site, including all heritage buildings, the world's largest war canoe and an informative guided tour around the grounds. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at Gables Restaurant, located a few minutes walk from our hotel. (B,D)

Wednesday 31 March

This morning is spent in charming Russell. Russell holds an important place in New Zealand's history, being the country's first sea port, its first European settlement and New Zealand's first capital in nearby Okiato. The town's streets retain their original layout and names from 1843, and many of its historic buildings can still be visited today. Our first visit is to Christ Church, New Zealand's oldest existing church and possibly the oldest building still used for its original purpose. Incredibly you will still see the musket ball holes from the New Zealand Land Wars. The graveyard's biggest memorial commemorates Tamati Waka Nene, a powerful Ngapuhi chief from the Hokianga who sided against Hone Heke in the Northland War. We then carry onto Pompallier Mission, this French-style printer and tannery combines momentous Maori and Pakeha history and glorious gardens. Built in 1842, Pompallier Mission originally housed a printer where Church texts were translated from Latin to te reo Maori, then printed and bound. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Printery and Tannery and then you are free to walk around the historic gardens and native parkland trail. We then drive up to Flagstaff Hill to enjoy the 360 degree views of the Bay of Islands from this important historic site – the Union Jack was first flown here in 1840, then chopped down four times up until 1845 as a symbolic gesture against British rule. We then head to Paroa Bay Winery, a family owned boutique vineyard, for lunch at their restaurant Sage. Enjoy a 2 course lunch. After lunch we head back to our hotel and the rest of the afternoon is either free to relax or you may like to check out the Russell

Museum, located 5 minutes walk from our hotel. Tonight enjoy wood fired pizzas at Hone's Garden Restaurant, located 3 minutes walk from our hotel. (B,L,D)

Thursday 1 April

Today we set sail for a day's sailing adventure around the Bay of Islands. With 144 islands to choose from we really are spoiled for choice with spectacular destinations for our day sailing adventure. Enjoy an island stopover at either Urupukapuka, Motuarahia, Moturua or Waewaetoria. The boat anchors right up close to the beach where we step off and enjoy a delicious packed lunch at a stunning picnic spot of your choice. There are hiking trails which you can follow to find picturesque views, soak up the sounds of bird song, and find yourself at another secluded bay. Or you can enjoy a refreshing swim or simply dig your toes into the sand and relax. The choice is yours! There's a wealth of wildlife to see when sailing in the Bay of Islands. You may get the chance to see a range of seabirds, and penguins are often popping up. The bays are home to stingrays and of course there's a chance that you might see some dolphins or orca whales too! Learn about Project Island Song wildlife sanctuary - a group of 7 islands of Ipipiri are being restored, replanted and many endangered bird, lizard and invertebrates are being relocated here to create a thriving eco-system. Once we are finished our island adventure we set sail again, making the most of our beautiful sea breezes on the home run. Watch the wind fill the sails, kick back, relax and enjoy the peace and tranquility. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at our hotel The Duke of Marlborough. (B,L,D)



Waitangi Treaty Grounds



Stone Store & Mission House Kerikeri



Matai Bay



Tane Mahuta

Friday 2 April

This morning we depart Russell and make our way to the Kerikeri Mission Station and Heritage Gardens along with The Stone Store and Kemp House, one of New Zealand's premier historic sites that preserves the stories of tumultuous time when Maori met missionaries and life was changed forever. Enjoy a walk through the 200 year old garden and orchard, New Zealand's oldest European garden, plus check out the quaint St James Anglican Church with its beautiful stained glass. We then carry on to lunch and enjoy a lunch platter at Ake Ake Vineyard Restaurant, a boutique vineyard that specialise in making award winning wines from grape varieties such as Chambourcin. We then continue our journey to our hotel in Karikari Peninsular. Karikari Peninsular is renowned for its amazing white sandy beaches and bays such as popular Maitai Bay. Other attractions include historical Puwheke Beach, Karikari Beach and picturesque Waikato Bay. Two nights Carrington Estate (Lodge View Rooms), a grand estate at the heart of Northland. The 3000 acre estate on the pristine and picturesque Karikari Peninsular is a world class beach side escape. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at the Resort Restaurant. (B,L,D)

Saturday 3 April

Today we have a relaxing day checking out the bays in the area, including Matai Bay, and

enjoy the beauty and facilities of our hotel. You may like a round of golf at the champion standard Carrington Golf Course, wine tasting at the Karikari Estate Winery, a massage, trap shooting or tennis. The choice is yours. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at the Resort Restaurant. (B,D)

Sunday 4 April

Today we head to the northernmost tip of New Zealand - Cape Reinga - to check out the famous Cape Reinga Lighthouse and enjoy outstanding panoramic views and pay respect to a site steeped in Maori tradition. On arrival walk a short distance from the carpark to the lighthouse to experience outstanding views of the Northern Coast - to the west Cape Maria Van Dieman and Monoupa Island, to the east Piwhane/Spirits Bay and Hijurua/de Serville Cliffs, the North Island's most northern point. Offshore, you can witness the immense power of two mighty oceans merging. The currents of the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean meet in a foaming swell of broken water over the Columbia Bank. At times, the churning waves erupt in explosions of spray and spume. On a clear day you might be lucky to see the Three Kings Islands in the distant horizon. We will then carry onto beautiful Tapotupotu Bay to enjoy a delicious picnic lunch (and perhaps a quick swim). We then continue our journey and check-out the massive sand dunes at Te Pahi. Even from the carpark you can see the awesomeness of these huge sand formations, or you may like to take an easy walk to the edge of the dunes to help appreciate the

size of these massive mountains of moving sand. We then carry onto Ninety Mile Beach to take in the amazing views, kick off your shoes and feel the sand between your toes and the salt spray on your face. We then make our way back to our hotel. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at the Resort Restaurant. (B,L,D)

Monday 5 April

This morning we depart the Karikari Peninsular and make our way to Rainbow Falls Tea House in Kerikeri and enjoy a Devonshire Tea. After morning tea enjoy a short walk to Rainbow Falls and view the spectacular 27 metre falls from three stunning viewing platforms at the top of the falls. We then carry on our journey to Rawene, a town full of charm with a rich variety of historic buildings, art galleries, cafes and stunning water views. Enjoy a visit to Clendon House, built in 1860 as the final home of one of New Zealand's earliest traders and ship owners. James Reddy Clendon was a witness to the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840, a member of the first Legislative Council from 1841-44 and a magistrate from 1850. We then carry onto Opononi (made famous in the mid 1950's by the tame dolphin Opo, who used to let children ride on his back) for a look around before continuing to our hotel. One night Copthorne Hokianga Hotel (Superior Room), overlooking the Hokianga Harbour. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

Tuesday 6 April

This morning we depart the hotel and make our way to Waipoua Forest where we get face to face with the "Lord of the Forest" Tane Manuta. Enjoy a 40 minute guided tour to learn about the importance of this tree to both the natural environment and the Maori people. We then carry on our journey to Dargaville for a look around plus lunch. We then continue our journey to Auckland where, sadly, our tour ends. (B)



Cape Reinga



Rainbow Falls

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All prices are in New Zealand dollars. Prices are based on payment by cash, eftpos, cheque or direct deposit only. A surcharge of 2% applies for payment by Visa or Mastercard. A deposit of \$1,500 is due at time of booking. Balance is due 19 February 2021. Costs are based on a group of 8 passengers. If the group falls below this number World Travellers Remuera reserves the right to cancel the tour in which case a full refund would be given. Once paid the full amount is non-refundable.

Please note: a reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour

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