

Bay of Islands Winterless North Tour – 3 days/ 2 nights Auckland/ Auckland

Price: From NZ\$555 per person

On this 3 day Bay of Islands tour from Auckland, we'll travel to Northland and explore some of the Bay of Islands before heading back to Auckland. You'll have the opportunity to visit Paihia, Russell, Waitangi, Cape Reinga (the very tip of New Zealand) and some of the 144 islands that make up the magnificent Bay of Islands.

Included in this journey:

- ✓ 3 nights of accommodation in 4-6 person dorm share
- ✓ Continental breakfast every day
- ✓ Fish & chips dinner with spectacular Bay of Islands views
- ✓ Marvel at the Hokianga Harbour and its giant sand dunes
- ✓ Visit Tāne Mahuta – a giant kauri tree in the Waipoua Forest
- ✓ Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the birthplace of New Zealand
- ✓ Check out the Hundertwasser Toilets in Kawakawa

Day 1: AUCKLAND TO PAIHIA

Kia ora! Nau mai, haere mai ki Aotearoa! Around 8am, we'll kick off our tour with a leisurely scenic drive to the subtropical "Winterless North". The Northland region is home to some seriously ancient and impressive kauri forests. We'll stroll through the largest of these – the Waipoua Forest – to meet Tane Mahuta, the hugest of them all. At over 1,250 years old and over 51 metres tall, he's looking pretty good for his age.

We'll also visit Hokianga Harbour, unique for its 150 metre high sand dunes. When the weather's fine and the tides are on our side, you've got the option of sandboarding down into the beautiful water – it's an unforgettable experience worth the cheap and cheerful price!

We reach the town of Paihia, the jewel of the Bay of Islands, in the early evening. As the sun sets, we'll treat you all to a fish and chips feast overlooking the water. It doesn't get more Kiwi than that!

INCLUDED: Breakfast | Meet Tane Mahuta | Marvel at Hokianga Harbour | Fish and Chips Dinner in Paihia



Day 2: PAIHIA

With more than 140 sub-tropical islands dotted around the coastline, how will you spend your day in the Bay? Hitting the water is the best way to enjoy the coves and beaches of this corner of paradise, and the options are endless. Cruise through a natural rock archway, explore the ocean floor on a scuba mission, or sail in search of the local dolphins. Check out our optional activities for ideas or hit up your guide for inspiration.

For an epic day out, take a road trip to Cape Reinga – the northernmost tip of New Zealand – to see where the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean collide. It's an unforgettable sight.

Whatever you choose, you'll have epic stories to swap with your travel buddies tonight as the sun sets on an awesome day.

INCLUDED: Breakfast

Day 3: PAIHIA – AUCKLAND

Today, discover the Bay of Islands' important role in New Zealand's history with a trip to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. We love bringing you here, it's a truly unforgettable insight into Māori culture. The 35-metre carved waka (ceremonial war canoe), the world's biggest, is a must-see.

After lunch we say goodbye to the Bay. We make time for a very special rest stop in Kawakawa to check out the grass-roofed, mosaic-covered, cobblestoned Hundertwasser Toilets. There's even a living tree in there. There are some beautiful waterfalls around the area, if you know where to look – and we certainly do! So we'll stop off at one of them, depending on the weather and what your guide's favourite spot is.

We head back to Auckland via Northland's east coast, which boasts stunning beaches and coastal walks. Be sure to have your swimwear handy – if time permits, your guide will take you to some of their top locations! After an epic day, we reach the bright lights of the City of Sails in the early evening – and bid farewell to your new pals from tour. **Tonight's accommodation is also included in Auckland.**

INCLUDED: Breakfast | Guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Tour Ends

General notes & conditions:

All prices from, twin share & subject to availability. All optional activities at own expense.

Please call us for more details, availability and rates.

TOP 10 REASONS TO COME ON OUR TOUR

1. Forget about hiring cars and using chains – all our snow tours include daily transport direct from your accommodation to the snow.
2. Stop looking for accommodation – your accommodation is pre-booked and guaranteed by us. We own our very own nationwide backpacker chain, which are award winning hostels, with super friendly staff.
3. Sit back and relax after a hard day on the mountain and be taken to your next destination.
4. Included breakfast – on our Tour, your guide will have breakfast waiting for you in the morning, so you'll have heaps of energy for the day ahead!
5. Make great new mates. We restrict our tours to a maximum of 16 people, as our core philosophy is that small groups make for a far better experience.
6. Our Tour Manager will tell you about the best secret spots and powder stashes – they know the mountains like the back of their hand.
7. When you hire gear with us, you use it for the entire tour, so you only need to get fitted out once.
8. Talk to your guide if you want any extra lessons – these can be easily arranged.
9. Pre-book any extra activities you want to do, and we guarantee you a spot.
10. We know the best places to eat and drink, so don't hesitate to ask your guide – they are there to make your life awesome!