

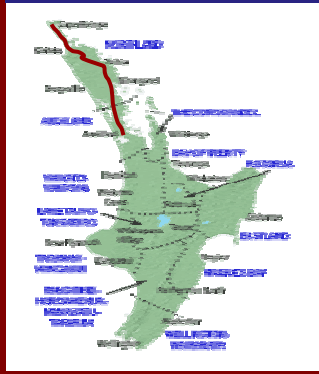


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Northern Highlights Adventure

Auckland to Auckland



Tour Highlights

- ▶ Cruise and island walk
- ▶ Wine tasting
- ▶ 90 Mile Beach & Cape Reinga Tour
- ▶ Three day sailing tour in

Regions Visited

- ▶ Northland
- ▶ Matauri & Doubtless Bays
- ▶ Karikari Peninsula
- ▶ Bay of Islands
- ▶ Cape Reinga

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7 Day Top of the North Adventure Tour

Explore the rolling hills, kauri forests, pristine bays, coastline and islands of the far north from both the land and by water. Reach the northern most tip of the land and watch as the seas converge - soon you will be sailing these very seas!



▶ Day One Matauri Bay

After leaving "The City of Sails", the freeways of Auckland soon give way to the open country roads of Northland. Travelling north via the Hibiscus Coast we soon arrive at The Bay of Islands.

This sub-tropical region has the finest maritime park in New Zealand with 144 islands, secluded bays, and an abundance of marine life including marlin, whales, penguins, dolphins, gannets and many other species. Being somewhat sheltered, the area is ideal for yachting, fishing, kayaking and diving. Rolling countryside, tidal estuaries, mangroves, sparkling and long silvery beaches abound.

It is an area of considerable historical significance, and is the place where Maori and European signed the Treaty of Waitangi that joined them as one nation. Long considered the cradle of Polynesian and European settlement in New Zealand, the area is rich in history and natural beauty. This is an ideal place to use as a base for expeditions to our other Northland destinations.

▶ Day Two Moto Kawanui Island

Cruise and Island Walk Take a boat trip through the Bay of Islands from Matauri Bay and walk this



remote and beautiful island before driving on to Whatuwhiwhi in Doubtless Bay. The Karikari Peninsula is a long narrow piece of land reaching out into the Pacific Ocean full of beautiful beaches and bays. The elevated land in and around Whatuwhiwhi offer spectacular views, on the one side out over Doubtless Bay to Mangonui and on the other, views over Karikari and Rangunu Bays to Houhora Heads.

Wine Tasting Spend the afternoon at Karikari Estate tasting the local drop. Northland is the birthplace of New Zealand wine, with Reverend Samuel Marsden having planted the first vines in Northland in 1819. Just under 200 years later Karikari Estate Vineyard is opening its doors to become New Zealand's northern most winery located on the beautiful Karikari Peninsula at Doubtless Bay



When was the last time you did something for the first time?

WAIT - THERES MORE!

After experiencing this phenomenal journey you're sure to be wanting more of a good thing! Join our next Adventure Tour and explore the best of New Zealand

Central Discoverer 7 Days

Auckland to Auckland - departs second Monday of each month Oct - May **Highlights:** Coromandel, Rotorua, East Coast, White Island, Central Plateau, Taupo, Tongariro National Park, Waikato & Waitomo

Southern Wonder 7 Days

Christchurch to Christchurch - departs third Monday of each month Oct - May **Highlights:** Christchurch, Akaroa, Kaikoura, Abel Tasman National Park, Takaka, Nelson, Marlborough Sounds, Hanmer Springs

Southern Divide - 7 Days

Christchurch to Queenstown - departs fourth Monday of each month Oct - May **Highlights:** Tranz Alpine Train, West Coast, Franz Josef, Wanaka, Queenstown, Te Anau, Milford Sound

Grand Escapade - 28 Day Auckland to Queenstown departs first Monday of each month Oct - May **Highlights:** Northern Highlights, Central Discoverer, Southern Wonder and Southern Divide all combined to make the best New Zealand Experience

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Northern Highlights - 7 Day Akld - Akld
1st Monday of every month (Oct - May)

2005-2006 departure dates:

FLTNIH601 - 3 Oct - 9 Oct 2005
FLTNIH602 - 7 Nov - 13 Nov 2005
FLTNIH603 - 5 Dec - 11 Dec 2005
FLTNIH604 - 2 Jan - 8 Jan 2006
FLTNIH605 - 6 Feb - 12 Feb 2006
FLTNIH606 - 6 Mar - 12 Mar 2006
FLTNIH607 - 3 Apr - 9 Apr 2006
FLTNIH608 - 1 May - 7 May 2006

2006-2007 departure dates:

FLTNH701 - 2 Oct - 8 Oct 2006
FLTNH702 - 6 Nov - 12 Nov 2006
FLTNH703 - 4 Dec - 10 Dec 2006
FLTNH704 - 1 Jan - 7 Jan 2007
FLTNH705 - 5 Feb - 11 Feb 2007
FLTNH706 - 5 Mar - 11 Mar 2007
FLTNH707 - 2 Apr - 8 Apr 2007
FLTNH708 - 7 May - 13 May 2007

Tour Price:

NZD\$1895 Multi Share
NZD\$2345 Twin
NZD\$2845 Single

Tour price includes transport, accommodation, and activities stated. Accommodation ranges from multi share to 3-4 Star Lodgings



► Day Three Horse Trek/Kayak/Snorkel

There's something for everyone today whether its trekking the local farm land and beaches by horse, exploring the coast and islands by kayak or snorkeling in Doubtless Bay.

► Day Four Cape Reinga

4X4 Safari to Cape Reinga Far North, Lands End and 90 Mile Beach. This unique adventure takes you north to the very top of New Zealand. On this journey you encounter the Puketi Kauri Forest, Boogy Board the giant sand dunes, drive along the pristine white sands of 90 Mile Beach, and visit Cape Reinga, the northern most tip of New Zealand where the green waters of the Tasman Sea and blue of the Pacific oceans meet. This is a spiritual place, for Cape Reinga is where the souls of the Maori deceased leave Aotearoa (New Zealand) and swim across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaiiki the Polynesian spiritual homeland. This is a fantastic day's adventure taking in some of the most popular attractions of the Far North.

► Days Five and Six Sail the Bay of Islands

Sailing Safari Join us aboard the Manawanui for a 3 day and 2 night exploration of the Bay of Islands Maritime Park. This is a down-to-earth nature cruise off the beaten track with an emphasis on the marine environment and the outdoors.

Snorkel in crystal clear waters, kayak around uninhabited islands, catch your own fresh seafood or walk on deserted beaches to experience the true magic of this special part of New Zealand. Ecocruz is designed to let you experience the diversity of

the Bay of Islands Maritime Park.

The cruise is divided equally between sailing and discovery with a few hours of passage making followed by an exploration of our destination and good meals.

At night we anchor in secluded bays away from the main tourist routes. We do not have a standard route or itinerary as these are entirely weather dependent. Our journey will take you to lush, uninhabited islands and rugged, coastal headlands where you will have ample time to go kayaking, snorkelling, walking and fishing.



While all activities are guided you always have the option to explore by yourself or to just sit back and relax. This flexibility allows us to make each trip unique. We enjoy what we do and are happy to share our knowledge of the Bay of Islands and its wildlife, history and culture with you.

► Day Seven

Pahia - Auckland

After spending another relaxing day aboard the yacht we head back to shore and jump on the coach taking us back to the 'Big Smoke' of Auckland



Winner of Outside magazine's prestigious 'Trip of the Year' Oceania 2004!