

Ports & Excursions



Bay of Islands, New Zealand

The Bay of Islands offers more than broad vistas of sea and sky, more than beaches, boating, and fabulous water sports. The Bay is the birthplace of modern New Zealand. Here the Treaty of Waitangi was signed, establishing British rule and granting the native inhabitants equal status. Rich in legend and mystery, the Bay of Islands has age-old ties to the Maori and to whalers, missionaries and New Zealand's early settlers.

The Bay of Islands has lured explorers for countless centuries. The Maori say that Kupe, the great Polynesian adventurer, came here in the 10th century. Captain Cook anchored offshore in 1769, followed by assorted brigands, traders, colonists and missionaries.

Note: Bay of Islands is an anchorage port. Passengers transfer to shore via ship's tender.

Points of Interest

1 Waitangi Treaty Grounds

It was here in 1840 that the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed between Maori and the British Crown. This historic site offers a commanding view of history and the Bay of Islands.

2 Kerikeri Mission Station

Also known as Kemp House, Mission Station is New Zealand's oldest kauri building, completed in 1822. Nearby sits the Stone Store, a former trading post and New Zealand's oldest stone building.

3 Bay Cruise

A cruise aboard a catamaran sets the stage for fun in the sun. Sail through the Hole in the Rock, a 210-foot hole carved by wind and waves.

4 Puketi Forest

An ancient kauri forest located in the heart of the Bay of Islands, Puketi spans 37,000 acres, dotted with kauri, hardwood trees and 370-recorded species of plants.

5 Glow-worm Caves

The family owned Kawiti Cave tours were first established in the 1950's by Te Tawai Kawiti, Great grandson of the famous Maori Chief, Kawiti. The limestone cave system is home to thousands of glow worms spread across the ceiling surrounded by breath taking stalactites and stalagmites.

6 Outdoor Adventures

Canoeing and kayaking amidst the beautiful water are just some of the incredible outdoor activities you can participate in the Bay of Islands.

7 Cultural Experience

Learn about the history, traditions and contemporary lives of the indigenous Maori people who inhabit the Bay of Islands. Experiences include Marae life and travelling by waka canoe which are brought to life by descendants of the original families.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours

	Kerikeri, Maori Meetinghouse & Puketi Kauri Forest B11-205 Bay of Islands, New Zealand Group Size: 42	You will visit: 4 6	You will see: 2 7		5 hours	from \$129.95
	This half-day tour offers a revealing look at New Zealand history, from a Maori perspective. See the first mission settlement, and a traditional Maori meeting house, where Maori elders explain their cultural traditions. Also stroll through a grove of massive kauri trees at Puketi State Forest.					

	Waitangi & Kerikeri B11-210 Bay of Islands, New Zealand Group Size: 42	You will visit: 1 2		3.5 hours	from \$99.95
	Experience the history of the Bay of Islands on this half-day tour. Travel to the site of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the first treaty between the British and the Maori was signed. Explore the two oldest surviving buildings in New Zealand, and enjoy morning or afternoon tea.				

	Glow Worm Cave & Puketi Kauri Forest B11-215 Bay of Islands, New Zealand Group Size: 42	You will visit: 4 5	You will see: 2		5 hours	from \$99.95
	Journey on a half-day tour that explores the magnificent kauri trees of the Puketi Forest, and the limestone caverns at the Kawiti Glow-worm Caves. The caves boast delicate stalactite and stalagmite formations along with a spectacular glowworm grotto. Also witness some of the oldest and unique buildings in New Zealand plus a town with a railway running down the middle of its main street.					

	Most Popular Bay of Islands Cruise & "Hole in the Rock" B11-500 Bay of Islands, New Zealand Group Size: 100	You will visit: 3		3 hours	from \$119.95
	It's all aboard a chartered catamaran for a half-day cruise around the Bay's inner islands, including the famous Hole in the Rock and Cathedral Cave and the historic Cape Brett Lighthouse. Observe many of the Bay's 144 islands from close quarters and look out for the plentiful bird and marine life including playful dolphins and little blue penguins.				

Activities & Adventures



Waitangi Estuary by Sea Kayak
B11-745 | Bay of Islands, New Zealand | Group Size: 30

You will visit:



4
hours

from \$99.95

Paddle your sea kayak through a mystical mangrove forest and linger at the base of Haruru Falls! The sheltered waters of the Bay of Islands and the Waitangi Estuary with all its wondrous wildlife is a nature lovers dream and this active, half-day excursion includes refreshments at historic Waitangi Beach.



Traditional Maori Waka Canoe
B11-750 | Bay of Islands, New Zealand | Group Size: 30

You will visit:



3
hours

from \$164.95 (AUD)

As your waka voyage begins, you feel and sense the spirituality of this journey as you paddle your way up the peaceful and tranquil waters of Waitangi aboard a 50-foot replica of a traditional Maori waka.