



# Auckland Islands Long Weekend

*An active guided adventure for women*

**Jan 2023 | 3 nights**

**Auckland City – Tiritiri Matangi – Waiheke – Rangitoto**

**Thu 19 Jan**

**AUCKLAND**

Arrive Auckland today. If you arrive around midday, we can spend the afternoon doing a nice scenic walk around one of the many little volcanoes in Auckland – there are over 50 of these but we'll just choose one or two - perhaps One Tree Hill and Mt Eden. These are not onerous walks and the views from the top are fabulous looking out over the "City of Sails". The city is surrounded by ocean and harbours (Manukau, Waitemata and Kaipara) and is built on a vast volcanic field – in fact, it is recognised as the most volcanic city in the world! After checking in to our hotel in the Viaduct, we'll get freshened up and ready for an evening out dining in a speciality restaurant that not only serves amazing food, but is a people-watching paradise.

*Accommodation: Travelodge Auckland marina view room 3 nights*

**Fri 20 Jan**

**TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND**

This morning we stroll down to the ferry for a 9am departure cruising up the Gulf to Tiritiri Matangi Island (approx. 1 hr 20 min journey). Once on the Island, we meet our nature guide. For the next couple of hours we're wowed with birdlife, native bush and fantastic views of the coastline. There's time for a picnic lunch and swim before jumping on the ferry back to Auckland.

This evening we're in for lots of laughs and eye-popping moments. We'll be attending the legendary **Caluzzi Cabaret** – New Zealand's longest running show in her-story! Award-winning Drag Queen waitress' will have us giggling from the moment we arrive. Included is a delicious dinner, hilarious comedy and a dazzling show with costumes, make-up and stilettos that will leave you in awe.

**Sat 21 Jan**

**WAIHEKE ISLAND**

We'll have a leisurely start to the day, with breakfast and maybe a little shopping in the Commercial Bay complex. At 11am we're on the ferry for a 40 min journey across to Waiheke Island. Over the next few hours we'll be visiting some carefully selected vineyards for tastings. These venues have been selected for their incredible locations with fab views, architecture, colour palettes and of course their delicious wines! This will be a great day out and a super way to see this popular island. On arrival back in Auckland, it's an easy walk back to our hotel and many bars and restaurants along the way. Up to you what time you arrive home but be sure not to overdo it before tomorrow! 😊

**Sun 22 Jan**

**RANGITOTO ISLAND**

A short ferry ride this morning to Rangitoto Island - New Zealand's youngest volcano at just 600 years old. We fill in the morning with a steady climb on a well-maintained track past rugged lava scree and through the world's largest pohutukawa forest to the peak at 259 metres above sea level. At the top we'll be rewarded (weather permitting) with spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf and Auckland. Well worth the effort! We'll take a picnic lunch to have at the top.

Free afternoon for shopping, museum or galleries, before you head home or to the airport.

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**Price**

NZ\$1550 per person twin share\*

NZ\$400 single supplement

\*if you would like to twin share, let us know and we'll endeavour to find you a room-mate

**Tour Inclusions**

- 3 nights accommodation
- Daily breakfast, 1 dinner
- Tour leader / walking guide
- Transportation
- Sightseeing & entry as specified
- Arrival transfer from Auckland Airport on Day 1
- Departure transfer to Auckland Airport on Day 4

**Excludes**

- Meals and refreshments (unless specified in inclusions)
- Items of a personal nature