



a Northland adventure like no other!
the ultimate 8-night small group tour

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Northland NZ



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Mon 18th Oct

CAMBRIDGE - AUCKLAND - RUSSELL

(D)

This morning we journey north from Cambridge via Auckland (pick up from airport at 10.30am) and on to Russell. This is a longish day but we will be making frequent stops along the way and travel on more scenic routes where possible. In Kawakawa we'll stop a look at the world-famous colourful **Hundertwasser** toilets and the new Te Hononga - Hundertwasser Memorial Centre.

On arrival in Russell, check in to the town's most iconic hotel, **The Duke of Marlborough**, situated on the waterfront. The hotel is steeped in history and intrigue and claims to have been "refreshing rascals and reprobates since 1827"! Take some time to explore the curated art within the hotel or perhaps a stroll round town to stretch out your legs before meeting in the bar for drinks. This evening we will dine in the hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: The Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Russell (3 nights)

Tue 19th Oct

RUSSELL

(B,MT)

Russell features some of New Zealand's oldest and most significant buildings and the town's history is certainly interesting. Once known as the "Hell Hole of the Pacific" with a reputation as a lawless and rowdy port full of deserting seamen, runaway convicts, grog traders and settlers, Russell's history certainly makes for an interesting tour! We spend a few hours this morning exploring the town and surrounds ending at **Pompellier House** for a French inspired morning tea.

Afternoon at leisure. Shoppers - there is a nice array of shops to get your fix in. Walkers - join Marie for an afternoon stroll around this picturesque area.

A reservation has been made at the Russell Swordfish Club for dinner this evening (own expense).

Wed 20th Oct

ISLAND CRUISE

(B)

Today (weather permitting) we follow the original **Cream Trip** route delivering mail and supplies to island residents just as Albert Fuller did when he first acquired the route back in 1927. Enjoy stunning views of the islands as we pop in and out making deliveries. On arrival at Cape Brett Lighthouse we'll pass through the Hole in the Rock at Motukokako Island. You will also see the impressive Black Rocks and Marsden Cross, where the first Christian sermon was held in NZ back in 1814. Hopefully we will also see dolphins on our day out!

Free evening to do as you please - option to dine in a local restaurant or club with the group.

Thu 21st Oct

WAITANGI - TAIPA BEACH

(B,D)

We say Haere Ra to Russell and travel across to **Waitangi** to meet our local guide. On this informative tour you will discover contemporary museums, see carvers at work, attend a Maori cultural performance and visit the world's largest ceremonial war canoe. There will be free time to roam about the grounds with their wonderful sea views.

Lunch and free time in Paihia or join Marie for a walk. We'll then journey on to Taipa and check in to our accommodation located right on the waterfront of picturesque Doubtless Bay.

Dinner is included at the Resort tonight.

Accommodation: Taipa Beach Resort (3 nights)

Fri 22nd Oct

CAPE REINGA

(B, L)

This morning we will drive over to Kaitia and board a specially designed 4x4 passenger truck. Sit back and relax as our local tour guide shares some amazing stories of Far North legends and history. You can expect to see Houhora Heads and Mt Camel, the white silica sands at Rarawa, Te Pahi Giant Sand Dunes (tobaggoning & sand surfing optional!), The Bluff, Aupouri Forest and 90 Mile Beach. Our main destination is of course **Cape Reinga** - the dramatic meeting place of the Tasman & Pacific Oceans. Lunch is included at Tapotupotu Bay.

Sat 23rd Oct

DOUBTLESS BAY

(B, L, D)

Today we head out to do some exploring and walks on the **Karikari Peninsula**. Lunch is included at New Zealand's northernmost vineyard - Karikari Estate. You might like to taste some of their superb wines produced from the slopes of this scenic vineyard.

This evening we visit the historic fishing village of **Mangonui**. Fresh fish from local boats is unloaded at the wharf in the village and much of it makes its way to the Mangonui Fish Shop. The shop has been selling fresh fish for over 70 years and tonight we have a fish & chip meal included for our dinner. After this we'll take a walk up to the Rangikapiti Pa and admire the views from the historic reserve.

Sun 24th Oct

MATAURI BAY - KERIKERI

(B)

This morning we take a leisurely drive via some stunning little bays for short walks, along with a visit to the Rainbow Warrior Memorial in **Matauri Bay**.

After checking in to our accommodation in Kerikeri, we will drive down to look at some of New Zealand's oldest buildings. **Kemp House** is the oldest surviving European building in New Zealand and **The Stone Store** is the country's oldest surviving stone building. Time to learn all about the history from a local guide.

From the Kerikeri Basin you will have the option to do a scenic river walk to the **Rainbow Waterfalls**. If you're not feeling so energetic, stay with our minicoach and drive to the Waterfalls!

A reservation will be made at a local restaurant for dinner this evening, or you might prefer a night off and just grab some takeaways to eat in your room.

Accommodation: Kerikeri Court Motel (1 night)

Mon 25th Oct

HOKIANGA

(B, D)

We start the day with a tasty breakfast in a local café, before setting off to do some exploring in the area. By late morning we will reach **Rawene** where there is time to stroll about the village and have lunch at a harbourside café.

In the afternoon we visit **Manea Footprints of Kupe** for a unique cultural encounter by way of a multisensory journey through art, toanga, film, digital interaction and a cultural performance. You will come away from this with a better knowledge of Maori and the Hokianga which is a great way to segue into our last evening which is extra special. But first we will check in to our harbourside hotel and have a little rest before meeting for an early dinner. With a local guide, we then head into the **Waipoua Forest** for a twilight encounter like no other!

Prepare yourself for spine-tingling chants and song as our guide leads us into the forest. Come face to face with our national icon, Tane Mahuta (our largest giant kauri), and Te Matua Ngāhere (our oldest kauri). As day turns into night your senses become enhanced and you will be absorbing the spiritual energy of the forest - such an awesome way to finish off our Northland adventure!

Accommodation: The Heads Hokianga, Omapere (1 night)

Tue 26th Oct

HOKIANGA - AUCKLAND - CAMBRIDGE

(B)

After breakfast, we head home stopping enroute in the rural village of **Matakohe**. Spend some time in the award-winning Kauri Museum which tells the story of the kauri tree, the people and the industries that fuelled the building of our nation. After lunch we continue south via the famous Puhoi Pub for our last refreshment together.

Traffic dependent, we should get to Auckland Airport before 4pm (recommend you book flights out from 5pm onwards) and Cambridge by 6.30pm.

Cost

NZ\$3060 per person twin share*

NZ\$800 single supplement

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

Includes

- Tour Escort / Chief Navigator
- Transportation in modern minicoach (12 seater)
- Pick up/drop off from Cambridge Town Hall and Auckland Airport
- 8 nights accommodation (as specified in itinerary)
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, MT=morning tea, L=lunch, D=dinner) - 8 breakfasts, 1 morning tea, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Entry & local guides as mentioned in itinerary including Hundertwasser Park, Pompellier House, The Cream Cruise, Waitangi, Cape Reinga day tour, Stone House, Manea, Waipoua Twilight Forest Encounter, Matakohe Kauri Museum

Excludes

- Flights
- Meals (unless specified in inclusions)
- Refreshments
- Items of a personal nature & optional tours

Your Roam Navigator

Marie Coles is a born & bred Kiwi who had a carefree country upbringing in North Canterbury. She now resides in Cambridge with her family. Marie has travelled extensively and escorted tours worldwide, but her favourite destination is New Zealand. With her local knowledge and passion for walking, Marie has carefully crafted this unique itinerary to include some iconic scenery, places less visited and picturesque walks.



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