

NORTHLAND TE TAI TOKERAU

INCLUDING THE BAY OF ISLANDS

VISITOR GUIDE 2020

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Welcome to Northland

**Piki mai taku manu, kake mai taku manu.
Ki te taha o te wainui, ki te taha o te wairoa,
Ka tū te Rupe ki tai, ka whaka kii kii,
Ka whaka kaa kaa, no reira,
Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Tai Tokerau.**

Spectacular yet diverse coastlines, marine reserves, kauri forests, and two oceans that collide make Northland an unmissable and unforgettable destination. Subtropical Northland is a land of contrasts where every area is steeped in history.

Northland is truly a year-round destination. Spring starts earlier and summer lingers longer, giving you more time to enjoy our pristine sandy beaches, aquatic playground, and relaxed pace. Northland's autumn and winter are mild, making this an ideal time to enjoy our walking tracks, cycling trails and off the beaten track Northland Journeys that showcase even more of what this idyllic region has to offer.

In Northland you'll find Māori culture and stories about our heritage and people, down-to-earth experiences, natural wonders, contrasting coastlines, adrenalin adventures, and world-class luxury options.

We welcome you to Northland and know you'll find something special here.



NAMES & GREETINGS / NGĀ KUPU

Northland – Te Tai Tokerau

New Zealand – Aotearoa

Caring for, looking after people - hospitality
– Manaakitanga

Greetings/Hello (to one person)
– Tēnā koe

**Greetings/Hello (to two people);
a formal greeting**
– Tēnā kōrua

**Greetings/Hello everyone
(to more than two people)**
– Tēnā koutou

**Casual greeting, and thank you/
be well** – Kia ora

How are you? – Pēhea anā koe?

I am well – Kanui te pai

See you later – Ka kite

**Until next time/until we
meet again** – Mā te wā

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Let the local experts at Northland's information centres help you make the most of your stay.

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DRIVE TIMES

Auckland Airport - Whangārei	2.5 hrs
Whangārei - Bay of Islands	1 hr
Bay of Islands - Cape Reinga	3 hrs
Cape Reinga - Hokianga	3 hrs
Hokianga - Auckland Airport	4 hrs

Drive times are approximate

CLIMATE

The sun shines brighter and the water is warmer in beautiful subtropical Northland. We just don't do sub-zero temperatures ... ever.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Summer (December to February)..... 24°C high, 14°C low

Autumn (March to May) 21°C high, 11°C low

Winter (June to August) 16°C high, 7°C low

Spring (September to November) 19°C high, 10°C low

- Northland is New Zealand's only subtropical region, with an average of 2000 sunshine hours each year.
- The hottest months are January and February, however winters are still mild.
- Daylight saving takes effect from September to April, making the warmer evenings lighter and longer.

KEY TO MAP

- Twin Coast Route 
- Alternative Tourist Drives 
- Other Major Roads 
- Twin Coast Cycle Trail 
- i-SITE Visitor Centres 
- Airports 
- Cities 



MUST DOs BEFORE YOU LEAVE

BEFORE YOU BEGIN...

- 1 Relax
- 2 Be prepared for awesomeness
- 3 Charge your camera or phone – you won't be sorry!

Te Paki sandboarding ©David Kirkland

MĀORI CULTURE

- Take a guided tour at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Paddle a Māori war canoe (waka)
- Experience a night-time forest walk with local Māori guides
- Visit Ruapekapeka Pā – site of the 1845/46 battle between Māori and the British Empire

TOP OF NEW ZEALAND

- See two oceans collide at Cape Reinga
- Sandboard down Te Paki dunes
- Journey along Ninety Mile Beach in a guided excursion

NATURE AND WILDLIFE

- Walk among ancient kauri forests
- Encounter kiwi in the wild at Trounson Park
- See kiwi and tuatara at Kiwi North

SUBTROPICAL DIVING

- Dive or snorkel the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve
- Explore a shipwreck on the ocean floor

BAY OF ISLANDS

- View spectacular marine life
- Take a cruise through the Hole in the Rock

HERITAGE ATTRACTIONS

- See the Stone Store - New Zealand's oldest building at the Kerikeri Mission Station
- Go back in time at the award-winning Kauri Museum
- Visit historic Russell
- Wander the Waipū Museum - an award-winning museum and UNESCO Memory of the World listed collection

LUXURY, FOOD & WINE

- Visit Farmers and Growers' Markets
- Visit the cellar door at local wineries
- Play a round of golf at coastal courses
- Indulge at a day spa

THE PEOPLES OF NORTHLAND

Aotearoa (New Zealand) is home to people from many cultures and many lands. But before significant migration from around the world, there were two peoples, Māori and Pākehā (people of European descent). To learn about New Zealand's history and to gain an insight into the coming together of Māori and Pākehā, you need to visit Northland first.

Northland is where it all began...

LANDING ON THE SHORES

Over a thousand years ago the great discoverer Kupe, on the ocean-going double-hulled waka named Matawhaorua or Matahau, arrived and named this place Aotearoa. Kupe and his crew had travelled thousands of miles across the Pacific Ocean guided by the stars, the sun and the moon, the currents, clouds, the wind and the birds. Today, many iwi trace their ancestry back to Kupe and some of the oldest traces of Māori settlement, or kainga, can be found in Northland. Kupe returned to his homeland from Hokianga to inform his people of his discovery and so began many migrations.

THE ARRIVAL OF EUROPEANS

In the late eighteenth century Europeans arrived, initially on voyages of exploration, followed by traders, whalers and sealers. News of the temperate climate, the fertile land and the potential of kauri logging and kauri gum filtered back to the homelands - a big motivation for the migration which followed.

Most of the region's European population today is of British descent; many other ethnicities live in Northland including the Croatian community from the Dargaville area north, with a particularly strong heritage around Kaitiāia. Waipū, a small town in Bream Bay, has a strong Scottish heritage and hosts one of the country's most successful Highland Games, held annually on New Year's Day.

Approximately 180,000 people now call this region home. Together, we are the Peoples of Northland.

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is people, it is people, it is people

— Māori proverb



CULTURE & HERITAGE



Northland is a region of firsts, making it the perfect place to immerse yourself in history, Māori culture and heritage sites. Home to the landing place of Kupe, the first European settlements of New Zealand, the location of the signing of New Zealand's founding document, and the departing place of the spirits, our region is steeped in culture, stories and traditions.

In Whangārei immerse yourself in Māori culture by enjoying a unique visitor experience that offers a fascinating insight into the rich history of the indigenous people of New Zealand, or visit the Māori cultural centre during exhibitions to support local Māori artists and learn more about traditional crafts.

Travel further north to the Bay of Islands, one of New Zealand's most significant historic areas, and the scene of early contact and conflict between the Māori people and European settlers who began arriving in the late 18th century.

Historic, charming and elegant Russell (originally known as Kororāreka) was the one of the early European settlements, and the original capital of New Zealand. Although missionaries came, its wayward residents included gamblers, whalers, seafarers, rascals and prostitutes, earning it the disreputable but justified title of The Hell Hole of the Pacific during the 1830s and 1840s.

Across the bay, Waitangi holds national significance as the signing place of New Zealand's founding document; Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi), between 40 Māori chiefs and the British Crown on 6 February 1840. You can learn more about the Treaty and the history of the area on the site, or take a waka tour up the river and experience the ancient customs, rituals and traditions of Māori firsthand.

Nearby, Kerikeri lays claim to the first European settlement and is home to many historic buildings including the Stone Store, New Zealand's oldest surviving building.

Visit the west coast to learn more of the first chapter of New Zealand's Māori history, with the landing place of Kupe in the Hokianga Harbour, and the sacred Waipoua forest, where one can hear more of the Māori legends and waiata (songs) on a guided forest walk.

In the far north, visit the jumping place of the spirits, Te Rerenga Wairua / Cape Reinga, where spirits depart the mainland to their ancestral homeland Hawaiki. No matter where in Northland you go, the artifacts, structures, history and culture linger.

Kerikeri Mission Station

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Bay of Islands



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Ruapekapeka Pā

THE LANDMARKS THAT TELL OUR STORIES

Rangihoua Heritage Park / Marsden Cross



Waitangi Treaty Grounds

DISCOVER THE PLACES WHICH HAVE SHAPED OUR NATION AND TELL OUR STORIES.

1 RUAPEKAPEKA PĀ THE FINAL BATTLE

Explore Ruapekapeka Pā, the site of the final battle of the New Zealand Wars in the North. The conflict was fought between British colonial forces and northern Māori in 1845-1846 over different interpretations of the Treaty of Waitangi. The innovative design of the pā was very effective as a defence against British muskets and heavy artillery.

2 POMPALLIER MISSION AND PRINTERY THE POWER OF PRINT

Pompallier Mission is New Zealand's oldest industrial building and only surviving pioneer printery and tannery. Situated on the waterfront in the Bay of Islands, the mission and printery is a rare survivor of the traditional French rammed-earth style of architecture.

3 CAPE BRETT / RĀKAUMANGAMANGA GUIDING LIGHT

The light reflecting off the crystalline rocks once helped guide the earliest waka to a safe landfall in this new homeland. For the past 100 years the Cape Brett lighthouse has lit and protected the coast for all seafarers, and continues to do so today.

Tohu Whenua is building a national network of our important places and stories.

There are already Tohu Whenua sites in Otago and the West Coast, with more regions to come.

Tohu Whenua connects visitor experiences with the heritage sites we value as New Zealanders.

4 WAITANGI TREATY GROUNDS OUR NATION'S BIRTHPLACE

Stand at the very spot where the Treaty of Waitangi, our founding document, was signed by Māori chiefs and the British Crown on 6 February 1840. Explore Te Whare Rūnanga (the House of Assembly) and the waka house containing the world's largest war canoe.

5 MĀNGUNGU MISSION THE LARGEST TREATY OF WAITANGI SIGNING

On the shores of the Hokianga Harbour, Māngungu was established as a Wesleyan mission station in 1828 under the invitation and protection of the Māori leader Patuone. On 12 February 1840 it became the scene of the largest Treaty of Waitangi signing.

6 RANGIHOA HERITAGE PARK OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS STORY *Marsden Cross*

A place where Māori and Europeans lived side by side through an agreement between Chief Ruatara and Reverend Samuel Marsden. The Marsden Cross memorial marks the place where New Zealand's very first Christmas Day service was held.

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7 TE WAIMATE MISSION NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST EUROPEAN FARM

Here at Te Waimate you will find the remains of a model English village built by missionaries. Our first European farm was established by the Church Missionary Society to teach British farming practices and promote the ideals of Western civilisation to Māori.

8 KORORIPO HERITAGE PARK A MEETING PLACE OF CULTURES *Kororipo Pā, Rewa's Village, Stone Store, Kemp House*

Set in the Kerikeri Basin, Kororipo Heritage Park is a place where Māori and Europeans lived side by side to trade and learn from each other. Explore Kororipo Pā, once the fortress and headquarters of famed and feared Māori Chief Hongi Hika, see the Stone Store and historic Kemp House and walk the paths of Rewa's Village.

9 CLENDON HOUSE HOME OF AN ENTERPRISING FAMILY

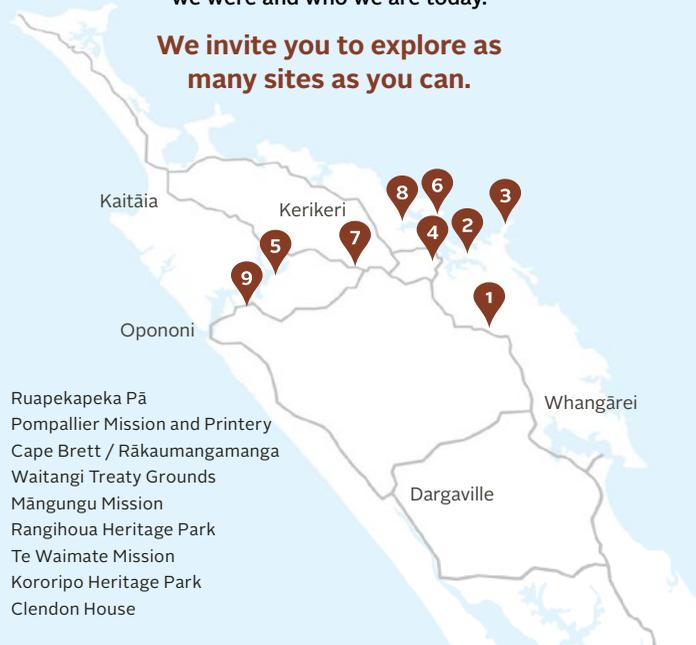
This stylish residence was built in the 1860's for Captain James Reddy Clendon and his wife Jane, who was of Hokianga Māori descent.

COMBINING AWE-INSPIRING NATURAL LANDSCAPES WITH FASCINATING HISTORY.

The stories of New Zealand, Aotearoa, weave together places and events to create a rich tapestry of our history. Northland is home to many sites that helped shape the nation we are today. Discover, experience and enjoy these stories by visiting our Tohu Whenua.

Whether you're a New Zealander or a visitor, you can gain a deeper understanding of who we were and who we are today.

We invite you to explore as many sites as you can.



TOHU WHENUA

Discover the places that have shaped our nation and created our stories. Experience the past at these nine significant Northland heritage sites.

To plan your trip and learn more about the fascinating history you'll see along the way, visit www.tohuwhenua.nz

TOHU WHENUA

Landmarks that tell our stories



Opening 2020

MANEA FOOTPRINTS OF KUPE

The story that started it all

Manea Footprints of Kupe is an interactive Cultural, Heritage, Tourism and Education Centre in Opononi, Hokianga that is due to open in late 2020. The Hokianga is known as the cradle of Māori nationhood, referring to it being the place where Kupe, New Zealand's first discoverer, called his home for 40 years.

Manea will preserve, communicate and celebrate Kupe's voyage to Hokianga, his journeys across Aotearoa (New Zealand), his departure, the stories of repopulation and the progression of his descendants. Kupe's story is one based on over 1,000 years of local Māori history and is the story of the human habitation.

The visitor experience will be 75 minutes in duration and weaves an interactive guided tour through the Centre's grounds led by Kupe's

descendants, with authentic cultural engagement including protocols, storytelling, waiata (song), and karakia (prayers). It culminates in a powhiri (welcome ceremony) and a 20-minute 4D movie and live theatre performance, bringing to life his epic journey and the dramatic return voyages of his progenies. Connect deeper with local stories at your leisure courtesy of the technology stations that will be located in the Gallery area, and pass the time by enjoying the tranquility of the outdoor concourse space.

The story of Kupe is one of national significance for it is New Zealand's first story. Manea Footprints of Kupe will celebrate our 'sense of place', past, present and future and ensure that the stories of our tipuna (ancestors) are shared and remembered. We look forward to connecting you with 'the story that started it all'.





HOKIANGA: A PRECIOUS LIVING PAST

A harbour with a history; guarded at the sea by sandbars and solid rock; a seascape of luminous dunes and tides. Hokianga was named after the celebrated navigator Kupe, the founding father of Māori lore and leaver of landscapes bearing names. The harbour starts with Arai-te-Uru and Niwa, two taniwha personified as the south and north heads of the harbour and progenitors of the rivers and valleys. Over time, the Tangata Whenua, “people of the land”, shaped surrounding hills with pa sites and gardens. The Hokianga was a haven fiercely protected yet shared amongst Māori through generations until the first Europeans were welcomed here for barter and trade in the early 1800s. Today along waterfronts and hidden in the hills, small communities offer the traveller glimpses of something precious; a living past.

Credit: Lindsay Charman & Hokianga Tourism Association



HAERE MAI KI WHANGĀREI TERENGA PARĀOA

*Welcome to Whangārei -
Gathering place of the whales*



Tangata whenua or the indigenous people of New Zealand, are the kaitiaki or protectors of all living forces like the land, forests and waterways. We pride ourselves on manaakitanga or welcoming and caring for our visitors, so hope that you may be better informed and enriched by New Zealand's rich history and beautiful Māori culture.

The Whangārei Cultural Guide, shares many of the things and places we love and hold in high regard, telling the unique stories and legends of Whangārei Terenga Parāoa.

Call into Te Manawa The Hub at the Town Basin or the Whangārei i-SITE, Tarewa Park to collect your copy, or download it from WhangareiNZ.com/kiaora.



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Discover Cultural Attractions in Whangārei

Mt Parihaka

Mt Parihaka was sculpted by early Māori inhabitants into a pā or great fortress and was reputedly the largest pā in all New Zealand. Battles were fought at Parihaka and after the people of the pā were overwhelmed by attacking forces in the battle of Ōparakau in 1827, a large section of the mountain was declared tapu (sacred).

A special carved kohatu (rock) at the lookout summit represents the mauri (life essence) of the mountain, inspiring a sense of gravity and significance to the lookout.

Heritage & Sculpture Trail

As part of the Hātea Loop - Huarahi o te Whai Walkway, you can read the heritage panels telling the stories of both Māori and European settlement. Enjoy sculptures with significant cultural meaning, created by local artists.

Whangārei Falls - Otuihau

A picturesque 26m high waterfall and picnic spot. Traditionally this area provided good fishing for local Māori. The base of the waterfall may once

have been tapu (sacred) as the pools were known as an area of healing and used for washing the wounded.

Ten Carved Pou

Ten carved pou (carved poles) representing many of the cultures that enrich Whangārei can be seen at the entrance to the Whangārei Library. Five of the poles were carved by, and represent, Māori. In what is believed to be a world first, the rest have been carved or decorated by other cultural groups and one, the Generic Pou, represents all cultures.

Te Matau a Pohe - The fish hook of pohe

Te Matau a Pohe, the name of this rolling bascule bridge reflects the early history of the people of this area. The design is inspired by the shape of the Māori fish hook and the prows of waka (canoe). Pohe was the Māori chief who welcomed the first settlers to Whangārei. He was skilled in manufacturing traditional fish hooks that settlers used in preference to the standard English hooks made of steel. Pohe also built bridges between the two cultures during the first years of English settlement amongst Māori and used his ranking to protect many of the first settlers from being killed.



Parihaka Kohatu



Te Matau a Pohe



Whangārei Falls - Otuihau

NORTHLAND JOURNEYS

Not for those in a hurry, Northland Journeys are for people wanting to get to know our special places better.

Each journey, of between 50km and 150km in length, provides visitors with an authentic and enjoyable half-to full-day exploration of Northland's hidden gems as well as our icons. And thanks to Northland's long, warm summers and mild winters, these journeys are ideal for touring any time of the year.

Whangārei Falls, Otuihau

ALL ABOUT ISLANDS

Around the Bay of Islands

This Northland Journey celebrates the world-famous Bay of Islands (Ipipiri), with more than 140 islands to choose from. Discover islands rich in history, culture and natural beauty. Strap on a mask and explore magnificent underwater islands, reefs and wrecks. Other places like the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the quaint Russell township and remote Cape Brett have a distinct island-feel.

Another great joy of visiting islands is that getting there can be a lot of fun too. There are so many options to reach an island, including tour, cruise, ferry, private boat, kayak, sail, row, paddle... or even swim.

THE SECRET COAST

Russell to Helena Bay

Follow these seemingly forgotten roads as they wind through Northland's coastal landscapes. Take your time and uncover the many hidden treasures along the way. Rich in history, one of Northland's best kept secrets is ready for discovery by visitors.

INTO THE WIDE BLUE YONDER

Whangārei Falls (Otuihau) to Tutukaka and on to Hikurangi

The Wide Blue Yonder awaits you on this circular route along the beautiful Tutukaka Coast. Start from either Whangārei or Hikurangi, and feel the lure of the ocean as you travel towards the coast and turquoise waters.

WHERE GIANTS GATHER

Whangārei Town Basin to Whangārei Heads

Journey through a grand landscape where giants of geology, nature and history are gathered, like the majestic creatures that inspired the name: Whangārei-te-rerenga-paraoa (the gathering place of whales). Take the meandering road from Whangārei, all the way to the coast and the Pacific Ocean and through the towering Whangārei Heads.

NORTHLAND JOURNEYS

Get off the beaten track!

Explore one, explore them all.



Happy travels!

Download maps and find out more: northlandjourneys.co.nz or facebook.com/Northland.NZ

TE ARA – COAST TO COAST

Hokianga to Kaikohe and on to the Bay of Islands

From the time Kupe named the Hokianga Harbour (Kaitaki o Te Wahapu o Hokianga Nui a Kupe) more than 800 years ago, through to the largest signings of the Treaty of Waitangi at either end of this journey, this well-used pathway, portage and set of roads has connected two very different coastlines. Magnificent sunrises in the east are matched by superb sunsets in the west - only 88km away - but the tides and coastlines are different, and the relaxed towns of the Hokianga contrast with busier Paihia and Russell on the edge of the Bay of Islands.

WANDERING WITH ANCESTORS

Stories of the SS *Ventnor*

The beautiful Hokianga coast is home to one of New Zealand's most moving pieces of history. The story starts in 1902 when the SS *Ventnor*, bound for Hong Kong, sank off the Hokianga coast. Thirteen crew and passengers lost their lives. Also lost was some very special cargo: the remains of around 500 goldminers who had died in New Zealand and were being returned to their families in China. But this was not the end of the story. A set of memorials has been built telling this moving story in honour of those lost and the special bond that has grown between the communities based on shared history and a deep respect for ancestors.

ANCIENT KAURI TRAIL

Maungaturoto to Ōmāpere

From the wild, untamed West Coast, to the peaceful shelter of the kauri forests, this is an awesome journey of dramatic contrasts. Follow the road through Dargaville, the Kumara Capital, till you reach the ruggedly beautiful West Coast beaches, and the ancient kauri forests further north.



ANCIENT KAURI FORESTS

WAIPOUA FOREST

On the Kauri Coast, this forest is home to the best-preserved and largest of the remaining kauri forests in New Zealand. Waipoua is the domain of Tāne Mahuta ('Lord of the Forest'), which at 51.5 metres in height is the largest of these ancient trees. Enjoy an unforgettable guided night tour or explore by day.

TROUNSON KAURI PARK

A mainland 'island' of kauri forest and native wildlife, well worth the 40-minute forest walk. Guided night walks offer a chance to encounter kiwi in their natural habitat.

PUKETI FOREST

Covering 15,000 hectares of Northland's Bay of Islands, Puketi contains magnificent stands of kauri and a rich ecological diversity. Forest huts, cabins and camping facilities are also available. Guided day and night walks are recommended.

TĀNE MOANA WALKWAY

From Matapōuri, near Tutukaka, this walkway takes you to Tāne Moana, the largest kauri tree on the east coast, which measures more than 11 metres in circumference.

KAURI DIEBACK

Help to protect New Zealand's taonga (treasure), the kauri tree, from kauri dieback disease by cleaning your footwear and gear before and after visiting the forests, and always stay on the track.

THE KAURI MUSEUM

This museum in Matakoho offers a fascinating insight into the history of the kauri tree, its timber, gum, and the early pioneers to the region.

AH REED MEMORIAL KAURI PARK

Just minutes from the centre of Whangārei, a tree-top canopy walk offers a spectacular bird's-eye view of 500-year-old kauri and other native trees.

In Māori mythology Tāne Mahuta was the god of the forest, the eldest and strongest son of Ranginui 'Sky Father' and Papatuanuku 'Earth Mother'. Legend has it that Tāne Mahuta, desperate to let daylight into the universe, pushed his father and mother apart with his powerful legs, forcing Ranginui to the heavens and flooding the world with bright light. Whenever it rains, a heartbroken Ranginui is crying for his beloved, Papatuanuku.



Puketi Forest



Tāne Mahuta

AQUATIC PLAYGROUND, COASTAL PARADISE

If you love the seaside, look no further than Northland. For diving, swimming, fishing, surfing, sailing, boating, kayaking or simply relaxing on the beach, Northland is the ultimate aquatic playground and coastal paradise.



Paddle Boarding, Poor Knights Islands

DOLPHINS, ORCA, SEALS, AND PENGUINS

With boat trips departing daily from both Paihia and Russell wharves to the Hole in the Rock and Urupukapuka Island, encounters with the varied marine life that calls the Bay of Islands home are almost certain. Bottlenose dolphins are present all year round, and orca, seals, and penguins are common too.

WORLD-CLASS DIVING

Stunning world-class dive sites are dotted all around the Northland coastline. Divers come from far and wide to explore the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve. The Islands, 25km off shore, have been rated by world-famous ocean explorer, the late Jacques Cousteau, as one of the top 10 dive sites in the world. The water is known for its clarity and an abundance of sea life. Also popular are Northland's four diving wrecks: the *Tui* and *Waikato* twin wrecks off the Tutukaka Coast, the HMNZS *Canterbury* in the Bay of Islands and the infamous Greenpeace vessel, the *Rainbow Warrior*, in Matauri Bay.



144 ISLANDS TO EXPLORE

Urupukapuka Island is accessible by a quick ferry transfer from Paihia or Russell. Spend the day walking, kayaking, snorkelling or swimming, or take a gentle 10-minute climb to enjoy 360-degree views of the many islands scattered throughout the Bay. Enjoy the self-guided walks with tracks ranging in duration from one to five hours and with varying degrees of difficulty. After all this action, refuel at the fully-licensed café at Otehei Bay, open during the summer months. Nearby Motuarohia (Roberton Island) is distinguished by its glorious twin lagoons and is one of the most photographed islands in the Bay.

HOIST THE SAILS, KAYAK OR PADDLE A WAKA

Take the helm on a tall ship, charter a yacht or paddle along the coast or in a sheltered estuary on a kayak. Find a sheltered anchorage for safe swimming in pristine waters on an uninhabited island away from the crowds. Or enjoy a rare and unique insight into ancient customs, rituals and traditions as you paddle a 40ft waka (Māori war canoe) on the tidal estuaries of the Waitangi River.

EAST AND WEST SURF BREAKS

Northland is New Zealand's narrowest region, so if the waves aren't pumping on one coast, it's never too far to find some action on the other. There are more than 60 surfing spots along the east coast and excellent breaks from the top of Ninety Mile Beach to Ripiro Beach in the south of the West Coast.

THE DISTRICT WITH 100 BEACHES

Whangārei offers a range of picturesque and sheltered places to swim, from vast ocean beaches to small sandy bays along both edges of the harbour. The district is also well known for the striking sight of pohutukawa.

FISHING MECCA

Northland is a fisherman's playground. A large fleet of high-quality charter boats cater to a diverse range of fishing experiences and skills, whether you're looking to hook the big one on a sport fishing adventure, or just fancy a day out on the water with a freshly-caught meal for dinner.



Kayaking, Bay of Islands



Maitai Bay, Karikari Peninsula

WALKING TRACKS

A fantastic way to see Northland is on foot, exploring one of many walking tracks. Hug a giant tree, take a sheltered leisurely bush walk, follow a coastal pathway or challenge yourself with a steep climb to pinnacles with views that take your breath away. Here are some of our favourite walks...

DUKE'S NOSE 2 hours

The Wairakau Stream Track follows the stream behind the hut towards the top of Duke's Nose. Enjoy spectacular views of native coastal forest and Whangaroa Harbour. Pre-arrange a water taxi to collect you and return you to your car.

Whangaroa Harbour

TE PAKI COASTAL TRACK

3-4 days / 48km one way

This stunning track follows the coastline from Kapowairua (Spirits Bay) on the north-eastern coast, past Te Rerenga Wairua (Cape Reinga) and Cape Maria van Dieman, and finishes at Te Paki Stream on the west coast. Enjoy the whole track or shorter sections depending on fitness and interest.

AH REED MEMORIAL PARK

Return from 10 minutes

This remnant of original kauri forest contains a waterfall, walking tracks and a spectacular tree-top boardwalk passing by 500-year-old kauri trees.

HATEA LOOP HUARAHI O TE WHAI 1 hour

A 4.2km fully-accessible waterside loop walk that includes the Sculpture and Heritage Trails and crosses the award-winning bascule bridge, Te Matau a Pohe.

MANGAWHAI CLIFFTOP WALKWAY 2-3 hours return

This beach and cliff-top walkway takes you through farmland and bush areas. Enjoy outstanding views of offshore islands including Taranga and Great and Little Barrier Island and south to the Hauraki Gulf.

MT. MANAIA 2 hours return

Mt Manaia towers 420 metres above the Whangārei harbour. This is a vigorous climb, up approximate 1,000 steps through beautiful native forest. The summit offers breathtaking 360-degree views. No dogs allowed.

MANGONUI HERITAGE TRAIL 1.5 hours

Beginning and ending at the historic Courthouse, this trail provides a glimpse of the great wealth of Māori and European history associated with this area.

BOULDER VALLEY WALK 1 hour

'One of a kind, on the planet' – The Wairere Boulder's loop walk takes you around a unique valley of fluted basalt boulders, some up to 30m high and thought to be 2.8 million years old.

KERIKERI WALKS Various

Kerikeri's network of tracks form a series of bush walks that pass five waterfalls. The tracks are within the town and vary in length from two to six kilometres. They make an ideal family walking holiday or a relaxed walking weekend.

TOKATOKA PEAK

Return 40 minutes

The stunning 360-degree views from Tokatoka Peak near Dargaville make you feel like you're on top of the world.

CAPE BRETT TRACK

7-8 hours /16.5km each way

Beginning in Rāwhiti, the Cape Brett Track traverses rugged terrain for 16.5km through native and regenerating bush, ending below the lighthouse at the seaward end of the Cape Brett Peninsula. Expect dramatic coastal views, steep cliffs and drop-offs to the side of the track. Steeped in history, this magnificent track is rated one of the best 100 walking tracks in the world, and requires an advanced level of fitness. Pre-arranged water taxi options are available.

DOC SHORT AND DAY WALKS Various

New Zealand's Department of Conservation recently launched 14 Short Walks and Day Hikes around New Zealand that showcase some of the country's best walking experiences. DOC's Northland short thirty-minute to three-hour walks are Manaia and Mangawhai Cliffs, and four to six hour day walk Te Whara – Bream Head.

BAY OF ISLANDS COASTAL WALKWAY

Return 8 hours

This full circle follows the coastline above beaches and bays across mangrove boardwalks and through areas of bush and wetland. It includes ferry trips between Ōpua and Okiato, Russell and Paihia.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION MOST POPULAR WALKS

BAY OF ISLANDS

Akeake Historic Reserve Track	15-30 min one way	Easy
Flagstaff Hill Track	30 min	Easy
Hongi Hika Walk	1 hr	Easy
Kerikeri River Track	1 hr 30 min	Easy
Kororipo Pa Historic Walk	20 min	Easy
Manginangina Kauri Walk	15 min	Easiest
Moturua Island Track	2 hr 30 min	Easy
Nancy Fladgate Track	15 min	Easy
Rainbow Falls Walk	10 min one way	Easiest
Ruapekapeka Pa Track	30 min	Easy
Tapeka Point Track	15 min one way	Easy

TOP OF THE NORTH

Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua Lighthouse Walk	10 min	Easiest
Karikari Bay Walk	5 min	Easiest
Lake Ngatu Track	1 hr	Easy
Rarawa Beach Walk	20 min	Easiest
Taumarumaru Scenic Reserve Walk	40 min	Easiest
Te Paki Coastal Track	3-4 days	Easy

KAURI COAST & HOKIANGA

Signal Station Track	1 hr	Easiest
Tāne Mahuta Walk	5 min one way	Easiest
Te Matua Ngahere Walk	20 min one way	Easiest
Tokatoka Scenic Reserve Track	20 min one way	Easy
Trounson Kauri Park Loop Track	40 min	Easiest

WHANGĀREI & TUTUKAKA COAST

Hatea Loop Huarahi o te Whai	1 hr loop	Easiest
AH Reed Memorial Park	25 min loop	Easiest
Otuihau – Whangārei Falls	30 min loop	Easiest
Mt Manaia	2 hrs return	Medium
Matapōuri to Whale Bay	1 hr 30 min return	Medium

CYCLE TRAILS & MOUNTAIN BIKING

For those who prefer to explore the countryside at a slower pace, the cycleways across Northland provide the perfect solution. With one of the 22 Great Rides, three Heartland Rides, and numerous local cycleways, there's something for everyone. For those who like a little more adrenalin in their ride, check out the mountain bike parks dotted around Whangārei and don't miss the Waitangi Mountain Bike Park in the Bay of Islands.

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Bay of Islands — Hokianga Harbour (2 days, 87km)

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One of the suspension twin bridges at Tuhipa crossing the Ōratua Stream, on the Kawakawa-Kaikohe section of the Trail.

Photo by Ruth Lawton

FAR NORTH CYCLEWAY

Cape Reinga — Hokianga Harbour (2 days, 161km)

The Far North Cycleway is part of the New Zealand Cycle Trail (Nga Haerenga). It starts from the lighthouse at Cape Reinga and ends at the Hokianga Harbour. The Far North town of Kaitiāia is 14km northeast of the trail. Bikes can be hired in various towns throughout the Far North. There is a range of accommodation and food options along the route.

KAURI COAST CYCLEWAY

Hokianga Harbour — Dargaville (1-2 days, 113km)

The Kauri Coast Cycleway starts from the historic settlement of Rāwene and heads out to the Hokianga Harbour entrance. It then turns inland to travel up through the Waipoua Kauri Forest, before following farmland through to Dargaville and out to the mouth of the Kaipara Harbour. A highlight of the trail includes 'Tāne Mahuta' in the Waipoua Forest.

KAIPARA MISSING LINK

Dargaville — Auckland (2-3 days, 118km)

The Kaipara Missing Link joins Dargaville, the end of the Kauri Coast Cycleway, with Central Auckland via a boat trip on the Kaipara Harbour. The Kaipara Missing Link heads southwest from Dargaville to the holiday village of Poutō Point at the mouth of the Kaipara Harbour. The trail then follows a gentle route into the very centre of Auckland.

WAITANGI MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

www.wmbp.nz

This family-friendly mountain bike park in Waitangi has trails to suit all riding abilities, ranging from Grade 2 (beginners) to Grade 5 (advanced). There are more than 40km of professionally built trails and more planned for development.

WHANGĀREI MOUNTAIN BIKING

www.whangareimtb.nz

Glenbervie Forest and Parihaka Mountain Bike Park are two volunteer managed and maintained parks close to Whangārei.



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FOOD, WINE & THE CULINARY SCENE

Northland's subtropical climate provides ideal growing conditions for subtropical fruits and gourmet vegetables, making it the first region to see the season's avocados and blueberries, and press the first olives.



Omata Estate



Northland – a land of firsts - was where European settlers planted the first grapevines in New Zealand. Warm spring temperatures, hot dry summers, and calm, clear autumn days allow the fruit to ripen early, creating full-bodied and rich wines. Key varieties are Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Syrah, and many more are successfully grown.

Two hundred years after Samuel Marsden planted New Zealand's first grapevines, Northland winegrowers are still pioneers, daring to search for the perfect combination of soil, grape variety, and climate. Stretching from Karikari in the north, to Mangawhai in the south, every vineyard in Northland is unique in aspect, soil, and micro-climate.

Northland's regional cuisine highlights an abundance of kaimoana (seafood), avocados, olives, macadamia nuts, citrus and subtropical fruits.

In Northland, buy your fresh oysters, award-winning cheeses, olive oils, and sauces direct from the producers. Visit a boutique chocolate factory, a kumara shed or farmers' market. Farm gate stalls, artisan producers and food excursions are all part and parcel of the Northland landscape and are spearheading Northland's growing reputation as a foodie and locavore heaven.

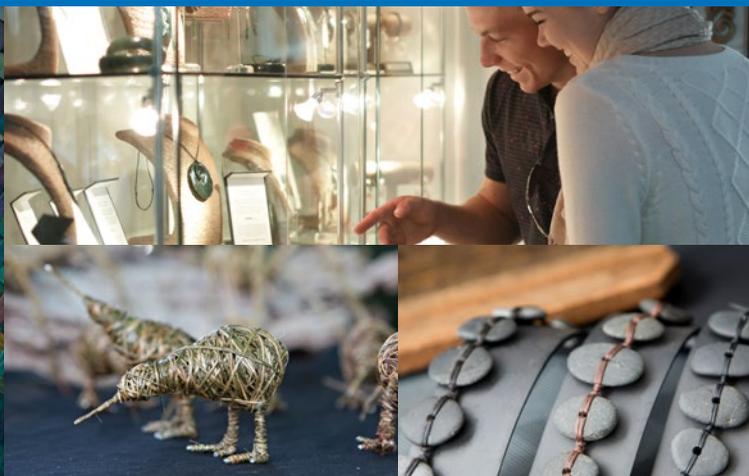
Weekly Farmers and Growers' Markets are held in Mangawhai, Whangārei, Kerikeri, Paihia, Paparoa and Kaitiāia where the freshest, local produce are the heroes. These markets are a growing phenomenon, promoting the 'gate to plate' philosophy.

Whangārei's Night Markets outside Reyburn House on a summer's evening is the place to be to feast on global street food while enjoying live performances from local artists. The 2019/2020 season runs monthly on Friday nights until April 2020.

Spoilt for choice, dining options across the region range from Devonshire tea with scones, jam and fresh New Zealand cream at a café, the freshest fish and chips, seafood platters enjoyed on a deck at the ocean's edge, to seven-course degustation menus designed by some of New Zealand's finest chefs.



ARTS, CRAFTS & SHOPPING



Known for its rich Māori culture and laid back coastal lifestyle, shopping in Northland is all about creative artistry. From gifts and souvenirs, local artwork, jewellery and crafts, handcrafted pounamu to authentic kauri crafts and gum, you will find a trove of locally-made treasures in every area of Northland.

Explore stores and stalls in Northland for a range of art prints, pottery, jewellery, paintings, art supplies and Māori arts and crafts. Discover a range of clever arts and creations with our distinctive Kiwiana style.

Many of Northland's produce and weekend markets showcase locally-made arts and crafts. Check out the markets at locations across Northland including Kerikeri, Mangawhai, Whangārei, Kaitiāia, Marsden Cove and Dargaville; listen to live music, grab a coffee, have a bite to eat, and browse the arts, crafts and clothing on offer.

Whangārei offers a wide range of gift and souvenir shops, plus larger retail stores that you would expect to find in a city, while Kerikeri – the main shopping centre in the Bay of Islands – offers a range of boutique shopping experiences, like Makana Confections where you can watch how they make their chocolates and taste samples. Living Nature is New Zealand's original natural skincare company whose founder was inspired by the healing properties of New Zealand native plants – visit the factory and shop in Kerikeri.

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31 December

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JANUARY 2020

The Waipū Highland Games

1 January

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Oruru Valley Rodeo, Peria

3 January

www.rodeonz.co.nz

Cowboys and cowgirls from all over compete in exciting events for the seasons top prizes.

Mid Northern Rodeo, Whangārei

11 – 12 January

www.rodeonz.co.nz

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Bay of Islands Music Festival

25 – 26 January

www.boimusicfestival.com

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FEBRUARY 2020

ArtBeat, Whangārei

2 February

www.creativenorthland.com/artbeat/

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Waitangi Day Festival, Bay of Islands

6 February

www.waitangi.org.nz

Commemorating the first signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, with fun, music, culture and activities for the whole family.

Pasifika Fusion Festival, Whangārei

29 February

Facebook: Northland Pasifika Fusion Festival 2020

A celebration of culture, food, arts, crafts dance and music of the Pacific, for everyone in the community to enjoy.

MARCH 2020

Northland Agricultural Field Days, Dargaville

5 – 7 March

www.northlandfielddays.co.nz

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Te Houtaewa Challenge, 90 Mile Beach

7 March

www.tehoutaewa.co.nz

The world's only ultramarathon entirely on the beach, honouring the Māori legend of the great athlete Te Houtaewa.

Mangonui Waterfront Festival

14 March

www.waterfrontfestival.co.nz

A celebration of locally produced food, beverages, and entertainment with 100+ stalls and three stages stretching along the waterfront.

Ngai Takoto 90 Mile Beach Snapper Bonanza

17 - 21 March

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BDO Cycle Tour of Northland

19 - 22 March

www.dynamoevents.co.nz/event/bdo-tour-of-northland-2020/

A cycle challenge for all abilities. Follow the Twin Coast Discovery Highway and discover Northland's east and west coasts.

Bay of Islands Waka Festival

21 - 22 March

This is a 2-day event, with races for all ages - sprints, short distances and a long race.

Fritter Festival, Whangārei

28 March

www.venuesandeventshangarei.co.nz/

Food, wine and non-stop music festival where gourmet fritters are the star attraction.

APRIL 2020**Wild Kiwi, Whangārei****4 April**www.thewildkiwi.co.nz

A multisport event at the stunning Whangārei Heads Peninsula.

Whangārei Heads Art Trail**11 – 12 April**www.whangareiheadsartstrail.org.nz

One of the North Island's premier art experiences. Take in the spectacular scenery while browsing the amazing art selections.

MAY 2020**International Rally of NZ, Whangārei****8 - 10 May**www.rallywhangarei.co.nz

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Bay of Islands Country Rock Festival**8 - 10 May**www.country-rock.co.nz

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JULY 2020**Russell Birdman Festival****10 – 12 July**www.russellbirdman.co.nz

Contestants attempt to fly off Russell wharf in their zany contraptions.

Waipū Art n Tartan**17 – 18 July**www.waipu.kiwi/events/

A Scottish heritage awash with tartan includes the popular Art n Tartan Wearable Art Awards.

AUGUST 2020**Bay of Islands Jazz and Blues Festival****7 - 9 August**www.jazz-blues.co.nz

The Bay of Islands comes alive with the sounds of smooth jazz and sultry blues.

OCTOBER 2020**“it” Festival of Wine & Food, Paihia****3 October**www.paihianz.co.nz/paihiaevents

A successful recipe of fantastic food, wine, entertainment and friendly locals.

Bay of Islands Walking Weekend**16 – 18 October**www.boiwalkingweekend.co.nz/

A weekend of 18 guided walks around the Bay of Islands.

PIC Coastal Classic Annual Yacht Race Auckland – Russell**23 October**www.coastalclassic.co.nz

The largest annual coastal yacht race in the southern hemisphere, from Auckland to the Bay of Islands.

Kerikeri Open Art Studios Trail**24 - 26 October**www.koast.org.nz

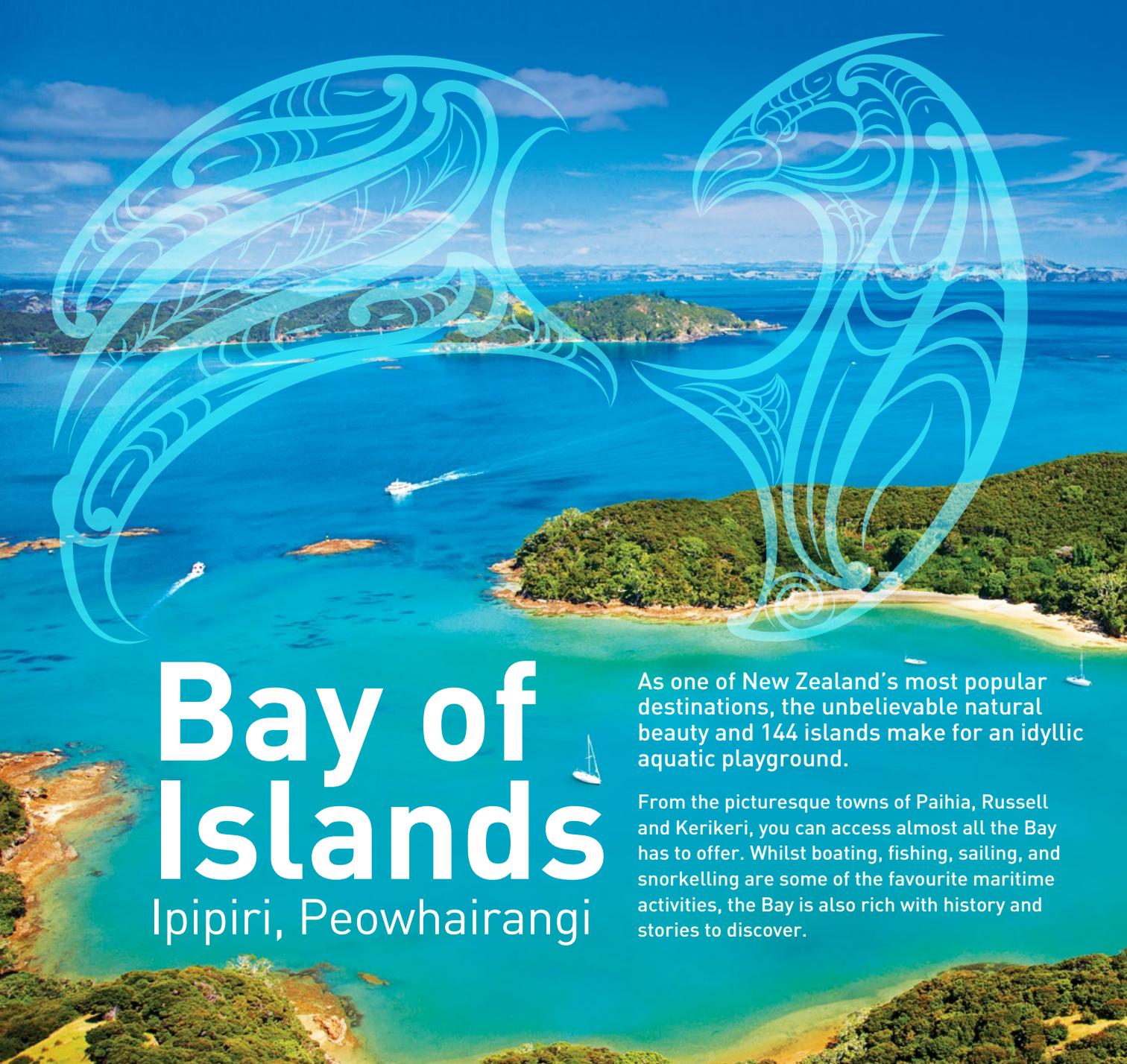
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NOVEMBER**Sculpture Northland****November**[www.whangareigardens.org.nz/](http://www.whangareigardens.org.nz/sculpture-northland)[sculpture-northland](http://www.whangareigardens.org.nz/sculpture-northland)

Enjoy superb art from talented Northland sculptors in the wonderful Whangārei Quarry Gardens.



“it” Festival of Wine & Food, Paihia



Bay of Islands

Ipipiri, Peowhairangi

As one of New Zealand's most popular destinations, the unbelievable natural beauty and 144 islands make for an idyllic aquatic playground.

From the picturesque towns of Paihia, Russell and Kerikeri, you can access almost all the Bay has to offer. Whilst boating, fishing, sailing, and snorkelling are some of the favourite maritime activities, the Bay is also rich with history and stories to discover.

DINING

The towns of the Bay of Islands have a fantastic range of restaurants, cafés and bars – many with ocean, bush or orchard views. There are dining options to suit all tastes, or dine with a difference on a dinner cruise. Romantic Russell is only a short 15-minute ferry ride from Paihia with waterfront restaurants that offer the perfect chance to catch the evening sun. Dine or have a drink at the Duke of Marlborough, which was the first licensed hotel in New Zealand. Nearby Kerikeri boasts many popular eateries and wineries, and wherever you are, make sure to sample some of the varieties of delicious, succulent oysters from around Northland.

SHOPPING

Paihia gift, souvenir and clothing shops cater for the international visitor. An art and craft market is set up on days when the cruise ships are in the Bay, and the Bay of Islands Farmers' Market sets up on Thursdays. Russell has numerous galleries, craft shops, souvenir outlets and clothing stores, all an easy stroll within the town precinct. Kerikeri offers fantastic boutique shopping, art galleries, The Old Packhouse Market on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and the Farmers' Market on a Sunday.

GETTING THERE

- The Bay of Islands is approximately three hours' drive north of Auckland
- Bay of Islands Airport (Kerikeri) is a short seven minute drive to Kerikeri, and 25 minutes from Paihia.
- Approximate flight time is 45 minutes from Auckland
- Taxis and rental cars are available

THE NAME MEANS

Ipipiri (many places) is the original name of this area. **Peowhairangi** is an early transliteration of Bay of Islands.

DON'T MISS

- Exploring the Bay on a boat cruise
- An authentic Māori experience at Waitangi Treaty Grounds or a waka journey
- Heritage experiences such as the Stone Store and Pompallier Mission and Printery
- Standing at the top of Flagstaff Hill (Maiki) with 360-degree views
- Whether or not nature calls, check out the world-famous Hundertwasser designed public toilets.

HIDDEN GEMS

- Te Ara Coast to Coast touring route (a Northland Journey) from Bay of Islands to Hokianga
- Taking a dip in Ngāwhā Springs geothermal hot pools, only a few minutes off State Highway 12.
- Looking for the musket ball holes left in Christ Church in Russell from the 1845 Battle of Kororāreka
- Waiomio Glowworm Caves south of Kawakawa is home to thousands of luminous glowworms
- Complete the full circle around the inner Bay on foot following the Bay of Islands coastal walkway.



Urupukapuka Island

Photo by Fullers GreatSights Bay of Islands



Sharing seafood, Paihia

PAIHIA

Paihia is the hub of the Bay of Islands, and an excellent base from which to explore the wider area. Accommodation options to suit all travelers can be found in Paihia and the town centre covers all your needs, from banking and postal services, to supermarkets and shops.

A range of activities depart from Paihia, with tour and activity operators conveniently located in a hub on the waterfront. Those looking for water-based activities are spoiled for choice, with dolphin cruises, fast boats to the Hole in the Rock, fishing, sea kayaks, sailing, scuba diving and more. For a bird's-eye view try parasailing, a scenic helicopter flight or for the more adventurous, skydiving.

For a more relaxed pace, Paihia has numerous options for wine and dining, plenty of which have spectacular waterfront views. Finding a keepsake to take home is easy too, with a number of diverse and fun shops to browse.

Keep active by walking the Bay of Islands coastal walkway, which passes through Paihia, or board a boat to one of the island recreation reserves and hike to some of the scenic viewpoints that look over the Bay.

HARURU FALLS

Just around the corner from Paihia is the beautiful Haruru Falls on the Waitangi River. The water falls in a rare and quite spectacular horseshoe shape, and the name translates as 'roaring', the reason being especially obvious after heavy rain.

Visit Haruru Falls on foot via the 6km walking track from the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where you can hear the thunderous roar of the falls as you approach. Alternatively, you can approach from the base, by paddling kayak or waka up the river, but keep your eyes peeled - Māori legend says there is a taniwha (water monster) that lives in the lagoon below.



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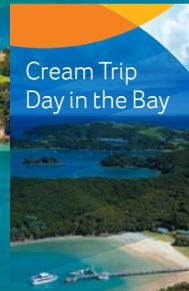
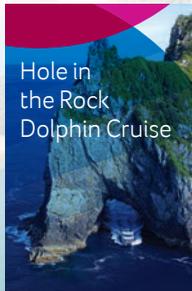
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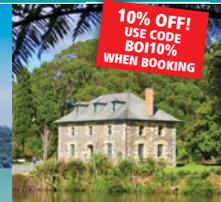
There are over 140 islands in the Bay of Islands, full of walking tracks, stunning bays and beautiful wildlife. Half the fun is getting to the islands, with plenty of options from ferries and tours, to private boats and sailing, or even kayaking and paddling.

Urupukapuka is the largest island in the Bay, and a hub of activity. During the summer months, the fully licenced café is open, and there are loads of activities both on water and land. It is also one of the seven main islands in Project Island Song, a now decade-long project that has returned the islands to a pest-free state and restored the natural eco-systems, creating a wildlife sanctuary. Exploring the island on foot is easy with numerous hikes, and those who want to stay over are spoiled for choice with three Department of Conservation campsites.

Other islands include; photogenic Waewaetorea Island, a peaceful and extremely picturesque island in the outer reaches of the Bay; iconic Motuarohia / Roberton Island with its stunning twin lagoon, earning it the title of most photographed scene in the Bay; scenic Moturua Island with lush vegetation and crystal-clear waters; and of course, the distinctive Motukōkako / Piercy Island with its iconic "Hole in the Rock".

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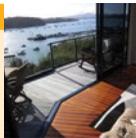
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Ōpua, is an attractive port settlement located just five minutes drive from Paihia. For those who arrive in the Bay of Islands by sea, Ōpua is the easiest and primary port of entry into New Zealand. Facilities in Ōpua include a post office, cafés, marina, wharf, yacht club and the historic over-water Ōpua Store where you can buy freshly baked bread, ice-cream, fishing gear, wine, beer and more. The vehicle ferry departs from here on a regular basis, for the 10-minute ride over to Okiato from which Russell, Rāwhiti and the Secret Coast Route can be accessed. Ōpua is also the start or finish of the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Way, which connects the east coast to the west at Hokianga. The Bay of Islands coastal walkway also passes through Ōpua, and a quick detour to the top of the hill rewards you with a beautiful view over the marina, and inlet.

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Today the Treaty Grounds are an opportunity to learn about Māori culture and the historical events associated with the signing of the Treaty. Visit the Treaty House itself to see a replica of the original Treaty. Marvel at the fully-carved Māori meeting house and one of the largest Māori war canoes in the country. Live kapa haka performances are also held regularly and there's a hotel located within the reserve that has a restaurant and bar.

Not only is Waitangi engaging from an educational point of view, it's also a beautiful place to explore. From the small semi-forest garden that surrounds the Treaty House to the 6km forest walk that leads to Haruru Falls, the natural environment is spectacular.

KAIKOHE & ŌKAIHAU

The Mid North, joining the Hokianga and the Bay of Islands, has a rich cultural and pioneering history, being home to Ngāpuhi, New Zealand's largest iwi (Māori tribe). Kaikohe is the central service town and is a great place to base from when cycling the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycleway, along with the picturesque neighbouring town of Ōkaihau. Nearby Ngāwha Hot Springs is prized for its therapeutic thermal waters.



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Hours can be spent in the museum tracing the town's past from the first European settlers, whaling and marine history. Even the headstones at New Zealand's first church have a story to tell. Visit New Zealand's oldest licensed pub and oldest existing church, which is still scarred with musket ball holes from the war in 1845.

The Catholic mission building of Pompallier, built from rammed earth, once hand-printed 40,000 bibles in Māori and you can still see how they traditionally cured the tans for the covers and printed pages of these beautiful pieces of art. A sightseeing tour of Russell ensures you don't miss any of the highlights.

Restaurants cater for café and bistro dining to award-winning establishments and vineyard restaurants nearby. Bars include the famous Duke of Marlborough Hotel, the Duke of Marlborough Tavern, and the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club. The Bay of Islands including Russell hosts a range of events, with entertainment and festivals across the year.

Passenger ferries run regularly from Paihia and the crossing is only about 10 minutes. A vehicle ferry from Ōpua will take you to Okiato, which is just a short drive from Russell. Russell is also accessible via the scenic Old Russell Road, and is an end-point of The Secret Coast Route journey.

One of New Zealand's most iconic historic sites – Te Maiki/Flagstaff Hill is in Russell. You can drive to the hill or take a local tour, or walk the Flagstaff Hill Loop Track which starts near the boatramp on The Strand. You might come across the endangered North Island weka, which has been successfully reintroduced to the Russell Peninsula by the Russell Landcare Trust.

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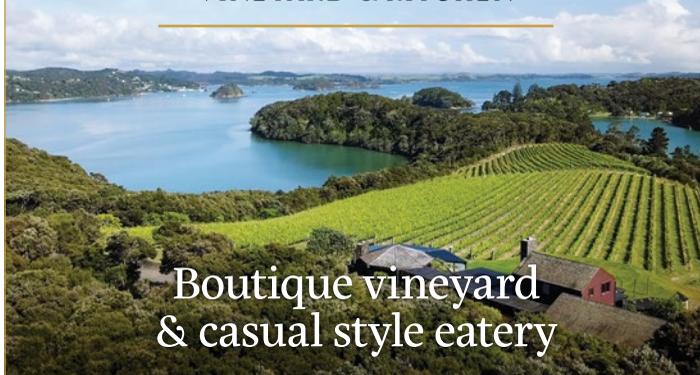
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The coastal route from Te Rāwhiti to Ōakura is part of one of the Northland Journeys – The Secret Coast Route, which extends from Russell to Helena Bay.

Rich in history, the drive from Te Rāwhiti to Ōakura will take you through a series of stunning bays and harbours – Elliot Bay, Taupiri Bay, Bland Bay/Whangaruru Peninsula and on to Ōakura Bay. Enjoy a peaceful walk in the Russell Forest on the way, escape to a dive location or charter a fishing boat.

Ōakura Bay is a beautiful east-facing beach, almost a kilometre long, adjacent to the deep water entrance to the Whangaruru harbour. This long stretch of beach provides a perfect and sheltered place for families to spend a day; swimming and sunbathing are popular activities.

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Kerikeri is a market lovers dream. The Old Packhouse Market on Saturday and Sunday mornings draws crowds from near and far for delicious food, great coffee, local products, and arts and crafts. Foodies can also find the fresh Farmers Market further down the road on Sunday mornings.

Northland vintners can lay claim to cultivating their craft in New Zealand's oldest wine-growing region, and today there are a number of excellent wineries in the area making award-winning wines. Kerikeri is also known for its citrus and kiwifruit, so make sure you stop off at the roadside stalls – they are easy to spot as they're generally right in front of orchards that are bursting with colour.

Beautiful Kerikeri has two 'Gardens of National Significance' and the spectacular 27-metre curtain Rainbow Falls are on the must-do list. The Rainbow Falls Walk is a short walk that begins in the carpark and leads to the top of Rainbow Falls, where three platforms allow you to take in the stunning views. A network of walks leads to four other waterfalls in the area.

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KAWAKAWA

Kawakawa is a colourful, quirky little town that is not to be missed. The town is set to be transformed through the creation of a new arts, cultural and environmental centre that celebrates the town's connection with Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser, and creates a 'hub' for the rich culture in the area. And while public toilets generally aren't featured in travel itineraries, the facilities in Kawakawa designed by Hundertwasser are an exception. Showcasing his artistic style, they feature bold and bright colours, irregular forms, mosaics, sculptures and natural features like the grass roof.

Kawakawa is also the only town in New Zealand to boast a railway track through the centre of its commercial main street. The vintage engines take passengers from the quaint railway station at the southern end of town, along the main street and out into the countryside.

From Kawakawa you can ride the Twin Coast Cycle Trail in either direction and even take your bicycle on the vintage railway from the town station out to Taumarere, some 3km from town, before continuing on to Ōpua.



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SHOPPING

The city is compact and mostly flat, and everywhere within the central city is within walking distance. The retail heart of the city is an attractive pedestrian mall, and 'Big Box' or chain store shopping is available at Okara and Tarewa Shopping Centres. The picturesque Town Basin offers boutique shopping including locally-made craft and art.

GETTING THERE

- Whangārei city is approximately two hours' drive north of Auckland
- Whangārei Airport is a 10 minute drive from Whangārei town centre
- Approximate flight time is 35 minutes from Auckland
- Taxis and rental cars are available

THE NAME MEANS

Whangārei Te Terenga Paraoa

= The Gathering Place of the Whales
Tutukaakaa = Tutu (mischievous),
 Kaakaa (native parrot).

DON'T MISS

- A boat cruise to the world-renowned Poor Knights Islands
- Whangārei Town Basin and Hātea Loop Walkway
- Te Kakano folly (The Seed) – precursor to the Hundertwasser Art Centre & Wairau Māori Art Gallery designed in the style of Austrian artist Frederick Hundertwasser
- Whangārei Quarry Gardens – a fascinating, botanically captivating reflection of a community garden project in action.
- The picturesque Otuihau, Whangārei Falls.
- A walk or hike on one of the many coastal and forest tracks

HIDDEN GEMS

- Northland Journey - Where Giants Gather touring route from the Whangārei Town Basin to Whangārei Heads
- Northland Journey - Into the Wide Blue Yonder touring route from Whangārei Falls to Tutukaka and on to Hikurangi
- Talented local artists of Whangārei Heads, many of whom open their studios to visitors.
- Quirkiest clocks in the Southern Hemisphere at Clapham's National Clock Museum
- Strange medical memorabilia, moa bones and live kiwi at Kiwi North.

WHANGĀREI CITY & TOWN BASIN

Northland's only city, Whangārei has an attractive pedestrian mall at its heart, art galleries, museums, restaurants, cafés and bars. Follow the Hatea Loop Walkway by foot or by bike; it's all-weather and wheelchair friendly. Enjoy the sculptures and heritage trails, kids' playground and international award winning lifting-bridge Te Matau a Pohe, a bascule bridge that levers open at noon every day and has won many international awards for its unique design.

The Town Basin and its picturesque marina is a great destination to begin your discovery of the arts and crafts of Whangārei. It is home to the city's art collection at the Whangārei Art Museum and a number of talented artists exhibit in other galleries and shops in the area.

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WHANGĀREI HEADS & PATAUA SOUTH

Whangārei airport is situated in Onerahi just a few kilometres from the city centre. The foreshore has a children's playground, ramp for boat launching and kayak access to Matakoho Limestone Island.

A drive along the Whangārei Heads road is one of the most scenic road trips imaginable. The road hugs the harbour, meandering by beaches and coves with stunning vistas of the area's distinctive volcanic outcrops. Much of this area are scenic or marine reserves, including the Whangarei Marine Reserve at Reotahi, an excellent place to snorkel and observe the abundant marine life. The road ends at the beautiful white sands of Ocean Beach or at Pataua South, a remote village with sheltered estuary, and ocean-side surf beaches. The pedestrian bridge at Pataua South provides walking access to Pataua North but there is no road for vehicles. The whole peninsula is a wonderland and taking some time out here is a must do.

Whangārei Heads is the end point on the Northland Journey, Where Giants Gather. A place of spiritual and historic significance, drive through pohutukawa fringed bays with stunning views of the area's volcanic outcrops before the road ends at the wild and beautiful Ocean Beach with its white sands and dunes. Climb Mount Manaia which towers 420m above the harbour entrance; its dramatic rock peaks are steeped in Māori legend. Te Whara track is a challenging five-hour hike that follows an ancient Māori trail through coastal forest and has breathtaking views.

Whangārei Heads has a vibrant arts community and regular events are held throughout the year.



Whangārei Heads

NGUNGURU, MATAPŌURI & TUTUKAKA

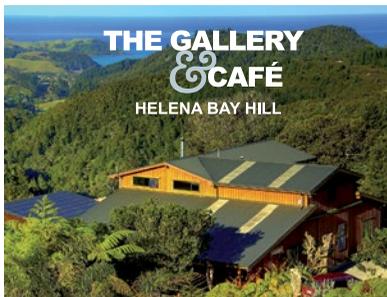
The coastal village of Ngunguru is nestled on the shores of an estuary and offers sheltered swimming. Tutukaka provides great dining and accommodation options and is the launching point for cruises to the Poor Knights Islands. Enjoy the Northland Journey, Into the Wide Blue Yonder, which brings you out to this unmissable part of Northland. The white sand beach of Matapouri and nearby Whale Bay are stunning, and linked by an easy walkway. Sandy Bay is the epicentre of the region's surfing scene.

ŌAKURA, HELENA BAY & MIMIWHANGATA

Detour from the Twin Coast Discovery Highway at Whakapara, and you will arrive at an isolated coastal paradise, including Ōakura, Helena Bay, and Mimiwhangata Coastal Park. The road from Ōakura to Helena Bay is part of the Northland Journey, The Secret Coast Route. Along this backroad, The Gallery & Café at Helena Bay Hill is a great place to stop and enjoy art, subtropical gardens, and refreshments.



Matapouri Beach



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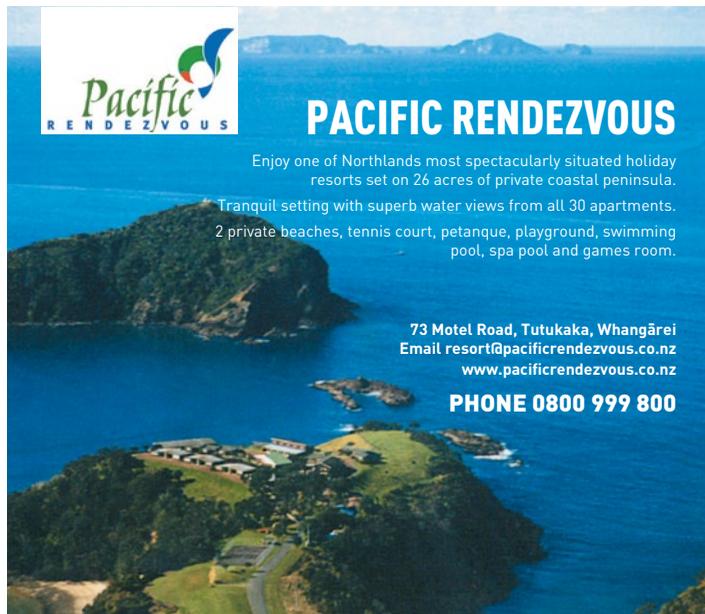
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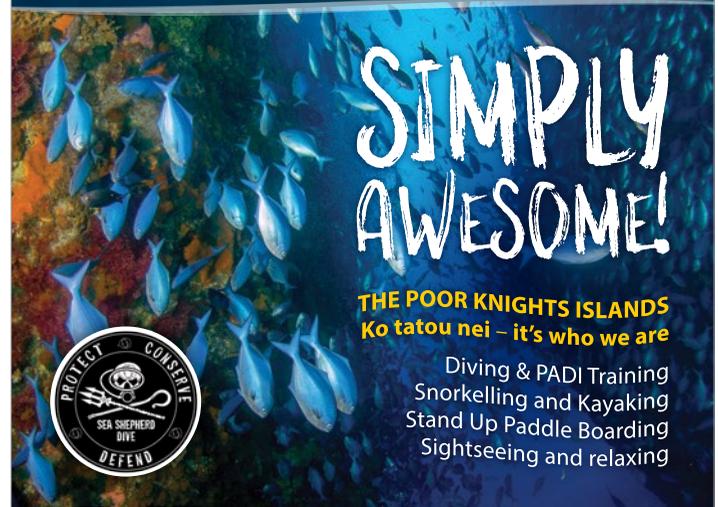
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Waipū Cove

WAIPŪ, RUAKAKA & BREAM BAY

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The Marsden Point Oil Refinery features a working model of the refinery and Marsden Cove marina offers great waterside dining. In Waipū Caves, discover a galaxy of glowworms and enjoy a short walk to nearby 'pretty as a picture' Piroa Falls.

Waipū village is rich in Scottish heritage and boasts delightful art and craft stores, and cafés. Frequent markets are held. Waipū Museum tells the amazing story of one of the world's greatest migrations through interactive displays and UNESCO 'Memory of the World' collections.



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MANGAWHAI & MANGAWHAI HEADS

Situated on the Twin Coast Discovery Highway, Mangawhai is just 90 minutes from Auckland's city centre and overlooks the upper reaches of the Hauraki Gulf. There are two parts to Mangawhai, the Heads and the Village, which nestle around the long waterway surrounded by sand dunes on the seaward side and pohutukawa trees on the other.

A classic Kiwi seaside destination, you will discover white sandy beaches, beautiful walkways, sand dunes, and a wildlife sanctuary. The area also offers superb water-sports, safe swimming, a world-class 18-hole championship golf course, and a fabulous museum that tells the amazing history of the region.

The Mangawhai Cliffs Walkway offers panoramic views, and on clear days you can see the Coromandel peninsula in the distance. Afterwards, grab a cold drink or tasty meal at the historic Mangawhai Tavern, the best location to catch live music by both local bands and bigger Kiwi names.

TE HANA, PĀKIRI BEACH & KAIWAKA

Warkworth, with its history of steamboats and scows, is the gateway to the Kōwhai Coast, a region filled with vineyards, beautiful beaches and boutique restaurants. Venture out to Pākiri Beach, perfect for swimming, fishing, surfing, or a gentle horse trek along the beach and dunes.

Head back into Te Hana, with it's cultural gem and north to Kaiwaka, known as the 'little town of lights'. With a tempting Dutch deli and cheese shop, as well as a selection of great cafés, Kaiwaka is the perfect place to stop and stretch the legs before heading over the Brynderwyns.

PĀKIRI BEACH HOLIDAY PARK

Pākiri Beach Holiday Park is superbly located, overlooking the tranquil white sand of Pākiri Beach. There is a fantastic range of accommodation and plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy; paddleboarding, surfing, kayaking, jumping pillow & water slide.

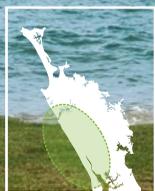
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Kauri Coast & Hokianga

Waipoua me Hokianga
nui a Kupe



Wharf at Ōmāpere

The west coast of Northland is home to ancient kauri forests, wild windswept harbours, giant sand dunes, historic country towns and an impressive 153 shipwreck sites.

This is a hauntingly beautiful area that stretches from Brynderwyn in the south to Hokianga in the north. It is home to the world's oldest and largest ancient kauri trees, the first land Māori set foot on in New Zealand, our nation's largest harbour and longest drivable beach, pre-historic rock formations and crystal clear freshwater lakes.

A guided walk in the kauri forests is a must. See the largest and oldest kauri trees in the world, and perhaps hear a kiwi in the wild.

DINING

Take in the magnificence of the Hokianga Harbour while enjoying a glass of wine from restaurants and hotels in Ōmāpere and Opononi. Rāwene's Boatshed Café is a gem sitting out over the water – try the fresh flounder if it's on the menu. The café next to the i-SITE at Opononi is a great place to stop for a coffee or bite to eat too.

SHOPPING

Rāwene and Kohukohu are the place to go for shopping and gallery hopping. Rāwene's art centre, 'No 1 Parnell', is located in the restored Category Two Ferry House building which dates back to the late 1800s, and Art of this World in Kohukohu is situated in the refurbished historic BNZ building on the waters edge at the town entrance.

GETTING THERE

- Dargaville is approximately 2.5 hours' drive north of Auckland and one hour drive from Whangārei airport
- Ōmāpere is approximately 3.5 hours' drive north of Auckland and 1.5 hours' drive from Bay of Islands Airport

THE NAME MEANS

Waipoua me Hokianga nui a Kupe = Waipoua (Grandfather Waters), Hokianga nui a Kupe (The departing place of Kupe).

DON'T MISS

- A guided night walk in a kauri forest
- Stand in awe at the base of kauri giant Tāne Mahuta, 'Lord of the Forest'.
- From Opononi wharf take a water taxi to the giant sand dunes at North Head for extreme sand boarding
- Indulge a few hours at The Kauri Museum which tells the story of kauri, gum and a pioneering past.
- Māngungu Mission, site of the largest signing of the Treaty of Waitangi with 70 Māori chiefs.
- Take a jetski tour up the Hokianga Harbour and learn about the history of the area

HIDDEN GEMS

- The Kai Iwi lakes with their clear waters and jewel-like beauty are the perfect spot to camp, swim, kayak, and more.
- At Koutu take a walk to see the giant round boulders on the beach
- Horeke Tavern is the first tavern built in New Zealand, and is at one end of the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail.
- Kohukohu and Rāwene have a vibrant arts scene with galleries (connected by vehicle ferry).
- The short steep trek to the top of Tokatoka Peak offers incredible views, particularly on clear days.

NORTHLAND JOURNEYS THE KAURI COAST

Prepare to be awed by this journey of dramatic contrasts. The Ancient Kauri Trail, a road-based Northland Journey showcasing Maungaturoto to Ōmāpere, takes you through farmland and villages of the wild, beautiful untamed west coast, then further north to the peaceful shelter of the kauri forests. This journey will lead you where loggers and gumdiggers of days gone by travelled, but please do your bit for the preservation of kauri by following all instructions at forest and trail entrances. Despite their immense size and strength these giants are fragile, and now it is our turn to protect these great guardians of the forest.

HOKIANGA HARBOUR

More than 1,000 years ago Kupe and his people were the first to arrive in New Zealand. The Hokianga area was one of the first points of Māori and European contact. This is the place from where Kupe left to return to his homeland.

The landscape slowly transposes into another era along the road from Bay of Islands to Hokianga. Little white churches are characteristic of the north, and picturesque old buildings are tenanted only by the horses grazing in the quiet countryside. You may pass local kids, sometimes three-a-horse riding bareback – this is part of the charm of the Hokianga. Many of these sights can also be enjoyed by cycling on the Twin Coast Cycle Trail from Ōpua to Hokianga.

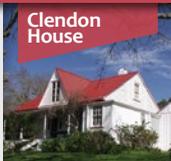
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8.45	9.00
9.30	10.00
10.30	11.00
11.30	12.00
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RĀWENE, KOHUKOHU & HOREKE

Horeke, a picturesque little port town, was the first settlement in the Hokianga. With its houses built on piles and the first tavern ever built in New Zealand in Horeke, and the Māngungu Mission close by there's a multitude of reasons to visit this historic little town. The nearby Wairere Boulders is a unique valley where there are thousands of boulders stacked on top of each other, some around 30m high. While you're there take a dip in the swimming hole or enjoy a coffee at the café.

Further down the Hokianga harbour, Rāwene, New Zealand's third oldest European settlement, has great cafés, galleries, craft shops, and is home to the historic Clendon house along with other historic buildings. Across the harbour, and easily accessible thanks to the car ferry, Kohukohu is a quaint Victorian village full of relics of its past; it was the bustling heart of the kauri industry and now home to a fabulous creative community.

All three towns are linked by the Twin Coast Cycle Trail, the Kauri Coast Cycleway and the Far North Cycleway, so if exploring at a slower pace is your thing, make sure to allow enough time to truly experience this beautiful region.

ŌMĀPERE & OPONONI

As you approach the seaside settlements of Ōmāpere and Opononi you'll notice the immense sand dunes of Niwa – the northern head of the harbour. A walking track leads to an old signal station on Arai Te Uru, the south head. Take a boat trip across the harbour to the giant dunes where you can try dune surfing, and take a walk on the beach between Koutu and Kauwhare where you will find the Koutu Boulders, one of the Hokianga's best-kept secrets.

The dual settlements are the main hub for the southern Hokianga Harbour, home to cafés and restaurants, plenty of accommodation options for all budgets, and a wide range of cultural experiences and historical points of interest. The addition of a new cultural centre due for completion in late 2020 will add another reason to visit this unmissable location.

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MATAKOHE, PAPAROA & MAUNGATUROTO

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Ripiro Beach stretches for 100km between Poutō Point and Maunganui Bluff. Baylys Beach is great for camping or relaxing in a café, and Poutō Peninsula is one of Northland's best-kept secrets with its ever-shifting sands, petrified kauri and fossilised leaves. Its seafaring history speaks of more than 100 shipwrecks entombed in dunes and sandbars around the treacherous Kaipara Harbour, while New Zealand's oldest wooden lighthouse stands proud at Poutō Point.

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DARGAVILLE

Nestled beside the Northern Wairoa River, Dargaville has a rich heritage of kauri logging, gum digging and shipbuilding, brought to life at the local museum. Local galleries specialise in kauri timber and swamp kauri products. Further along State Highway 12 you can climb the amazing Tokatoka Peak - the core or plug of an ancient volcano.

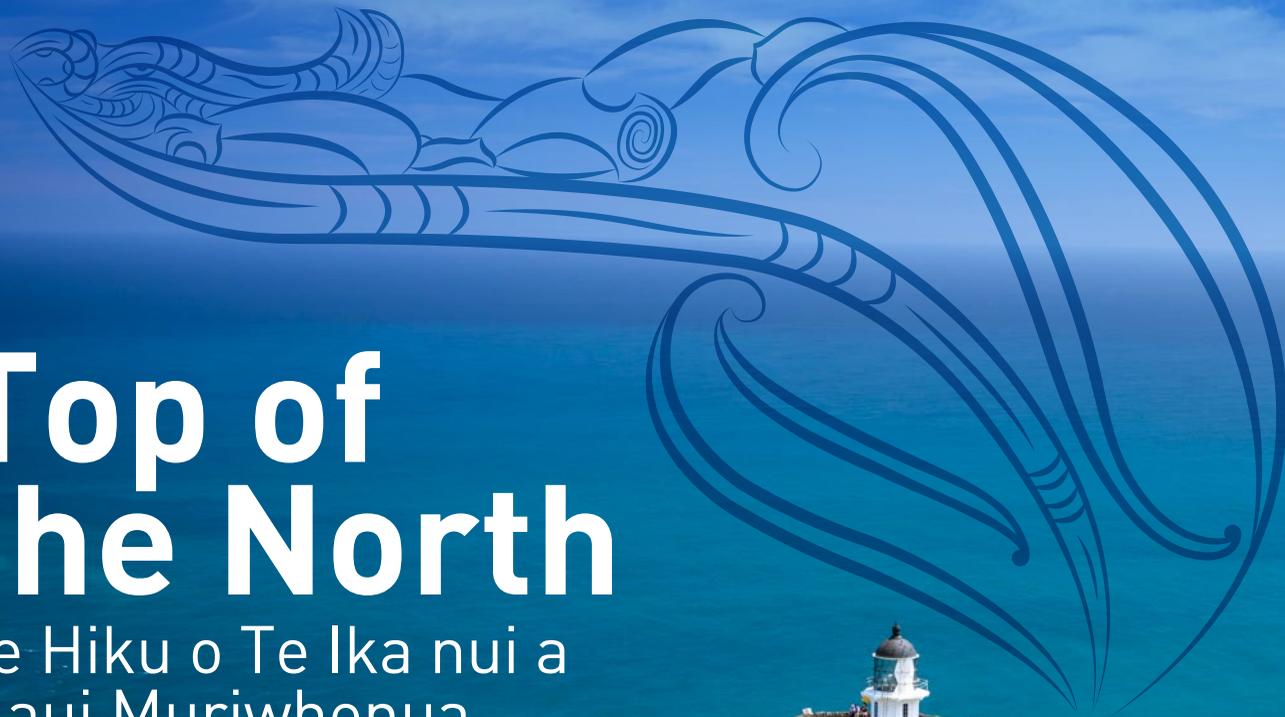
Dargaville is the principal centre of kumara (sweet potato) production in New Zealand. The kumara growing area of Ruawai is just south of Dargaville. The Dargaville Museum offers a fascinating look at the area's history, and includes shipwreck relics including the mast of the ill-fated Greenpeace protest ship *Rainbow Warrior*.

The town is a treasure-trove of cafés, restaurants, and little shops, as well as a service centre for the wider farming community, meaning it's the place to stock up before heading up the wild west coast. For those with more time, enjoy a rail or river cruise, wander the river walk, or enjoy the riverside gardens.



Top of the North

Te Hiku o Te Ika nui a
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DINING

Casual seaside dining at the world-famous fish shop in Mangonui is a must-do when in Northland; you can watch the fishing boats arrive with their fresh catch of fish. There is a range of cuisine options in Kaitāia, and there are many eateries dotted around the top of the north.

SHOPPING

Kaitāia is a large service town catering to all essential needs with supermarkets and retail shops. Nearby Kā-Uri Unearthed in Awanui creates spectacular wooden pieces from ancient kauri. Mangonui in Doubtless Bay is the hub for art, craft and giftware stores in the far north, but all over the region you can find local art and craft pieces for sale in gift shops.

GETTING THERE

- Kaitāia is approximately four hours' drive North of Auckland
- Kaitāia Airport is 10 minutes' drive from Kaitāia and 25 minutes' drive from Ahipara
- Approximate flight time is 60 minutes from Auckland - taxis and rental cars are available

THE NAME MEANS

Te Hiku o Te Ika nui a Maui
— The Tail of the Great Fish of Maui

DON'T MISS

- Journey to the iconic lighthouse at the top of New Zealand and witness two oceans collide
- Sandboard down the giant sand dunes at Te Pahi and take a coach trip along Ninety Mile Beach
- Dine over the water at the world famous Mangonui Fish Shop
- Take a water taxi to explore the rocky remnants of eroded volcanoes at Whangaroa Harbour

HIDDEN GEMS

- Kaitāia's Te Ahu Centre is visually spectacular – the atrium's 'stingray' floor and pou (carvings) will inspire
- Climb the (steep) 'Duke's Nose' for spectacular views of Whangaroa Harbour
- Walk inside the giant Kauri staircase at Kā-Uri Unearthed in Awanui
- See 40,000 to 150,000 year old ancient buried kauri forests exposed at Gumdiggers Park
- Te Kao's local store claims the title of biggest ice cream in the country, try their six-scoop!
- Stunning Maitai Bay with it's crystal-clear waters, and scenic campsite.

DOUBTLESS BAY & KARIKARI PENINSULA

Be enchanted by Mangonui, a colonial fishing village faithfully depicting yesteryear - it has some wonderful historic buildings that you can discover by walking the heritage trail. Doubtless Bay is a beach paradise encompassing the settlements of Coopers Beach, Cable Bay, Taipā and Whatuwhiwhi to name but a few, with safe, sandy beaches that are popular with families.

The 18km long Tokerau Beach is a surf-casters dream and the spectacularly secluded Maitai Bay is stunning; it's also a sheltered swimming beach with a campground. Golfers can enjoy the nearby championship golf course or winery.

The holiday settlement of Rangiputa, on the west coast of the Peninsula, has a sheltered fine white-sand beach on the shores of Rangauu Harbour.

WHANGAROA HARBOUR

Whangaroa is known as the Marlin Capital of New Zealand and fishing in general is popular here. A harbour tour will give you an insight into the history of the towering volcanic rock outcrops, formed as water eroded the volcanic debris of 20 million years ago.

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CAPE REINGA & NINETY MILE BEACH

Witness the meeting of two oceans at Cape Reinga – a spiritual place for Māori where the spirits of the departed leap to begin the voyage back to their final resting place in the ancestral homeland of Hawaiki. Ninety Mile Beach is a fabled strip of sand that is really only 55 miles long; it is actually a highway with a 100km speed limit!

We recommend that if you want to experience a drive along Ninety Mile Beach you take a coach tour from Kaitiāia or Paihia so you don't have to worry about dodging waves or getting your vehicle stuck in the sand. Watch the surfcasters reel in their catch, stop and dig for tuatuas (shellfish) and sandboard down giant dunes at Te Paki.

The picturesque settlement of Houhora Heads is long, narrow and has a mostly sheltered harbour which is great for camping.

KAITĀIA & AHIPARA

Kaitiāia is the main service centre of the 'Far North' from where many tours to Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach depart. The Te Ahu Centre reflects the rich and diverse local cultures of Māori and Dalmatian ancestry, and hosts an i-SITE, museum, cinema, and a stunning atrium with a grand entrance of pou (wood carvings).

Lake Ngatu is a recreation reserve north west of Kaitiāia, with a freshwater dune lake, and family-friendly 4km loop track which is popular with both visitors and locals alike.

Just 14km to the south west of Kaitiāia is the seaside town of Ahipara at the southern end of Ninety Mile Beach. During the late 19th century the area was known for kauri gum digging - the Ahipara Gumfields Historic Reserve is just to the south of the town.

Shipwreck Bay at the southern point of Ahipara Bay, contains a number of wrecks visible at low tide and is a popular surfing spot.



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