

5 DAYS NORTH ISLAND TOUR (BAY OF ISLANDS)



Day-01 Arrive in Auckland (D)

Arrive at Auckland International Airport. Meet & greet on arrival and airport seat-in-coach transfer to your hotel for check in. Tonight, walk along to a buffet dinner at Fortuna Restaurant (inside Sky City Auckland). Enjoy free time on own leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day-02: Auckland-Bay of Islands (B)

Travel to Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands. Explore this region with its 144 picturesque islands, sheltered waters and abundant marine life. As you journey north from Auckland you'll pass through native bush and lush farmland, taking in commentary from your driver guide along the way.

Day-03: Bay of Islands-Cape Reinga-Bay of Islands (B)

A visit to New Zealand is not complete without a journey to the very top of the North Island – Cape Reinga (Te Rerenga Wairua). Uncover the wild beauty of this vast and untouched region that is rich in Māori culture and tradition. Your driver guide also doubles as a story teller, sharing the stories of this significant site where, according to Māori legend, spirits depart on their journey home to Hawaiki.

Enjoy spectacular panoramic views, visit the iconic light house, and see the point where the Tasman Sea and the mighty Pacific Ocean come crashing together.

Ninety Mile Beach is another highlight of the tour – you'll drive along the sand as waves crash beside the custom-built coach. Feel the sand between your toes as you help your driver guide dig for shellfish (conditions permitting). Don't be alarmed when your driver takes the bus up Te Pahi Stream towards the mountainous sand dunes, it's all part of the off-road experience. Clambering up then sand-boarding down the enormous dunes (if you dare!) will give your legs a stretch after the first part of the tour and get your heart pumping with excitement. Your journey back to the Bay of Islands will be equally enjoyable as your tour guide's combination of local insight, extensive historical knowledge and fantastic sense of humour create an unforgettable adventure.

Day-04: Bay of Islands-Auckland (B)

Starting in Bay of Islands, travel the scenic Cape Brett and Piercy Island on one of GreatSights' comfortable and air-conditioned deluxe coaches on this Bay of Islands day tour. Sit back, relax and enjoy the informative commentary as you cross the iconic Harbour Bridge, and soak up New Zealand's spectacular scenery of rural countryside and sub-tropical bush en route to the beautiful Bay of Islands.



After arriving in Paihia, you'll board the Dolphin Seeker, our purpose built catamaran licensed by the Department of Conservation for dolphin and whale viewing. Enjoy the large outdoor viewing decks as we cruise past the islands of the Bay. Keep a look out for common and bottlenose dolphins, whales and other marine life as our experienced local skippers get you up close to the action.

Cruise past the Cape Brett Lighthouse, before arriving at the majestic Hole in the Rock. Admire the rock walls towering above you as the skipper navigates right through the narrow space (conditions permitting) before heading back into the inner islands of the Bay.

Day-05: Depart Auckland (B)

Free time until check out from your hotel and transfer to Auckland International Airport for your flight bound for home, taking with you the unforgettable and fond memories of a wonderful of New Zealand.

| | <u>3 star</u> | <u>4 star</u> |
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| Twin: | US\$ 990.00 | US\$ 1,100.00 |
| Triple: | US\$ 950.00 | US\$ 1,040.00 |
| Single: | US\$ 1,450.00 | US\$ 1,540.00 |

Valid: 01 May – 30 Sep 2018

Pax: 2 adults minimum

Note: Hotel is subject to availability. In case standard room is not available, an upgrade surcharge is additional fee or alternative hotel of the same category has to offer.

INCLUSIONS:

- New Zealand Good & Services Tax
- Accommodation with daily breakfast inside hotel
- Seat-in-touring coach with English speaking driver guide
- Meals as specified
- Round trip Airport Transfers based on seat-in-coach (In & Out AKL Apt)

EXCLUSIONS:

- All international air ticket
- Local guide(s)
- Any extra meals
- Drinks ordered during meals
- Optional tours and activities not mentioned on the brief itinerary.
- Australia Airport Departure Tax if any.
- Gratuities for drivers / guides / porters. (Min. of NZ\$ 5.00 per person per day depending on the level of satisfactions on the services rendered.)
- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, pay movies, room services, mini bars laundries or other expenditures during the tour.

Hotel Selections

| <u>3 Star</u> | <u>4 Star</u> |
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| Auckland City Hotel or similar | Crowne Plaza Hotel or similar |
| Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia or similar | Copthorne Resort Waitangi or similar |

Please note: Information concerning tour inclusions and resort/hotel facilities has been compiled as accurately as possible. However there may be times when certain amenities, facilities and/or inclusions are not available. Such situations may be dictated by weather conditions, maintenance/refurbishment, local regulations and national or religious holidays. While we will endeavor to advise clients of any changes to itinerary inclusions, we cannot accept responsibility for any such situations which are outside our control.