



NORTHLAND PRE & POST TRENZ FAMIL

We invite TRENZ delegates to explore our region pre and post TRENZ.

Taitokerau Northland, located north of Auckland, is New Zealand's northernmost region, offering a subtropical climate with long summers and mild winters that draw visitors year-round. Its stunning and diverse landscapes, including pristine coastlines, marine reserves, kauri forests, and the meeting of two oceans, make it an unmissable destination. Beyond its natural beauty, Taitokerau is rich in culture and history, with deep Māori and European roots that shape its identity. Visitors can enjoy a wide range of accommodations, from luxury resorts to more affordable options. The region boasts world-class golf courses and a vibrant food scene, featuring everything from local farmers' markets and roadside stalls to award-winning restaurants, wineries, and boutique shops. Taitokerau Northland is a must-see on any New Zealand travel itinerary, offering a unique blend of nature, culture, and adventure.

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BAY OF ISLANDS

Two-night itinerary

TWO NIGHT BAY OF ISLANDS ITINERARY

AUCKLAND - BAY OF ISLANDS – AUCKLAND

The Bay of Islands is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most popular destinations, and for good reason. Unbelievable natural beauty, 140+ islands, and a wide range of activities make for an idyllic aquatic playground. Rich history and culture offer plenty for the visitor who wishes to travel a little deeper, while foodies will find this destination tantalising to the tastebuds. This itinerary is suitable for FITs, families, and groups.

DAY 1 – MORNING

The Bay of Islands is approximately three hours drive from Auckland if you are self driving, alternatively take the Intercity bus from the Sky City Bus Terminal 7.30am – arrive 11.40am Maritime Building Paihia. Check into your hotel TBC.

Spend the afternoon at the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**, which holds national significance as the signing place of Aotearoa New Zealand's founding document. Join the **2pm informative Guided Tour** of the grounds where visitors learn about the Treaty and the history of the area and site, then the **3pm Cultural Performance** in an authentic meeting house, and entrance to the two contemporary museums. A minimum of a 2-3 hours is required to see the highlights, including Ngātōkīmatawahaorua, the world's largest ceremonial waka. The Whare Waka cafe onsite serves excellent food and coffee making it easy to spend the entire afternoon, and passes are valid for two days.

For **dinner** try **Charlottes Kitchen** on the wharf or **Terra Restaurant** opposite the wharf.

DAY 2 - MORNING

From the quaint towns of Paihia, Russell and Kerikeri, you can experience almost all the Bay has to offer, but getting out on the water is a must. For an all-day adventure, the **Fullers Bay of Islands Hole in the Rock Cruise** is an excellent option. Departing early or mid-morning depending on the season, the boat cruises out through the islands to the iconic Hole in the Rock of Motukōkako Piercy Island before stopping at Otehei Bay on Urupukapuka Island. Visitors will find a fully licenced cafe on the island as well as walking tracks, beautiful bays for swimming, and, in the peak season, kayaks for hire. With the option to extend the stay at Otehei Bay and return back with the afternoon ferry, this is a great option for those who want the full island experience.

DAY 2 – AFTERNOON

It's one thing to see the Bay of Islands from sea level but it's another thing entirely to see the islands laid out among the sparkling turquoise ocean from above.

Salt Air offers helicopter tours conveniently departing from the Paihia waterfront, right next to the wharf. The most memorable of these is the Hole in the Rock Landing tour, where visitors have the opportunity to land on Motukōkako Piercy Island (home to the famous Hole in the Rock) and take a short walk and tour with a local Māori guide to learn more about the significance and history of this landmark island. Or take a **Parasail**, the highest in the Southern hemisphere, with **Flying Kiwi Bay of Islands Parasail**. For **dinner** try the historic **Duke of Marlborough**, watch the sunset over the ocean.

DAY 3 – MORNING

7.45am – 12.00pm - Take the Intercity bus back to Auckland or enjoy the scenic drive.

WHANGĀREI AND SURROUNDS

Two-night itinerary

TWO NIGHT WHANGĀREI & SURROUNDS ITINERARY

AUCKLAND – WHANGĀREI - TUTUKĀKĀ – AUCKLAND

Whangārei is the perfect place to explore. With only a two-hour drive from Auckland or a 25-minute flight to Whangārei Airport, this makes for a true kiwi-style get-away.

As New Zealand's northern-most city, nestled between forest-clad hills at the heart of the beautiful Whangārei Harbours. It's known for its vibrant art, Māori history, fresh sub-tropical produce, stunning beaches, and marine playground. It is the gateway to the beautiful Whangārei Heads and the world-famous Tutukākā Coast which is the launching point to the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve. This itinerary is suitable for FIT's, families, and groups.

DAY 1 MORNING

If you are self-driving heading to Whangarei, call in at the funky **Eutopia Café** in Kaiwaka for a rest stop en-route, or get the Intercity bus departing Auckland at 7.30am arriving at Whangarei at 10.19am, check into your accommodation, just a short walk from the Town Basin. For lunch try **Aqua Restaurant**, which is at the harbour-side of the marina, accessible from the large brick walkway at the Hundertwasser Art Centre & Wairau Māori Art Gallery.

DAY 1 – AFTERNOON

Once you are replenished visit the newly opened **Hundertwasser Art Centre & Wairau Māori Art Gallery** and take a guided tour of the last creative architecturally designed building that Friedensreich Hundertwasser designed before he died. You will be amazed by the uniqueness, romanticism, and creativity in the building itself, with uneven floors and a forested roof with over 4000 trees and plants. There are over 80 pieces of original artwork on display, plus original photos, and information about Hundertwasser and his life. There is a lift for easy access to the first floor and living roof has stunning views of the Whangarei marina and district. Allow 1-2 hours for this visit.

Visit **Clapham's Clock Museum** for a guided tour in the Town Basin with over 1500 timepieces that will amaze and entertain you. This is great for families. Take the self-guided **Whangārei Street Art Trail** around the city or take a walk around the **Hātea Loop** alongside the river with many sculptures to enjoy. For dinner try **Local Talent** or **The Quay** restaurant.

DAY 2 – MORNING

Only half an hour north-east of Whangārei, to Tutukākā which is the gateway to the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve. These are 25km offshore and have been rated by the famous Jacques Cousteau as one of the top-ten dive sites in the world - the water is known for its clarity and an abundance of sea life. Sea currents and visibility up to 30 meters underwater allow the diver, (and kayaker or snorkeler) to see a highly populated, rich, and diverse tapestry of marine life. There are two experiences on offer here, the **Dive Tutukākā** experience which departs at 8am returns around 4.30pm or **The Perfect Day Cruise** which leaves at 10.30am & returns about 4.30pm, where you can enjoy, kayaking, snorkeling or hop on a SUP. Make sure you are at their depo in good time to board the boat.

DAY 2 – AFTERNOON

Check into **Lodge 9**, and relax in this stunning resort style accommodation, for dinner visit **Schnapper Rock**, try the local fish and home-grown produce.

DAY 3 – MORNING

After a relaxing breakfast, get your shuttle to Whangarei and head back to Auckland on the Intercity bus from the bus station, or take a leisurely drive back to Auckland.