

POST TRENZ - BAY OF ISLANDS

Two-night itinerary

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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.

NOTE: This famil includes, pick up and drop off from Auckland, 2 x nights accommodation, and activities, meals will be at your cost, unless stated otherwise.

DAY 1 – FRI 22ND MAY

- 8.30am - 12.00pm** - Meet your driver and host at central Auckland collection point, head to The Bay of Islands, stop for a coffee on the way **at Eutopia Café** in Kaiwaka.
- 12.00pm - 1.30pm** - Check into your hotel and relax.
- 1.30pm - 1.45pm** - Head to **Waitangi Treaty Grounds** with your transfer to New Zealand's most historical site and New Zealand's birthplace.
- 2.00pm - 4.30pm** - Take a walk through Aotearoa New Zealand's history on an **informative guided tour** of the Treaty Grounds with Jo Gill – Sales Manager, join the **Cultural Performance** & enjoy browsing around the two contemporary museums.
- 4.30pm - 4.45pm** - Transfer back to hotel.
- 4.45pm - onwards** - This evening is at your leisure, for dinner we suggest checking out Charlottes Kitchen on the wharf or Terra Restaurant for a fine dining experience.

DAY 2 – SAT 23RD MAY

- 7.00am - 8.00am** - Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.
- 8.00am - 8.10am** - Transfer to the Wharf and collect your tickets from the Fullers office.
- 8.30am - 12.50pm** - **Fullers Bay of Islands Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise** – head out to the iconic Hole in the Rock of Motukōkako Piercy Island before stopping at Otehei Bay on Urupukapuka Island. Enjoy a refreshment at the fully licensed cafe on the island as well as walking tracks, beautiful bays for swimming.
- 1.00pm - 3.00pm** - Get off at Russell and enjoy lunch at **The Duke Of Marlborough Hotel** – New Zealand's first licensed hotel in 1827, if you have time, have a look around this historical town.
- 3.30pm – 4.00pm** - Enjoy the **Russell Mini Tour** – meet your bus and guide by the wharf. Step back in time and discover the captivating story of Kororāreka Russell, New Zealand's most historic town.
- 4.00pm - 4.15pm** - Get ferry back to Paihia.
- 4.15pm - onwards** - This evening is at your leisure, for dinner we suggest, locals favorites the Tippy Oyster or Bad Habits.

DAY 3 – SUN 24TH MAY

- 7.30am - 9.00am** - Enjoy breakfast at your hotel – then check out.
- 9.00am - 9.15am** - Transfer to the Wharf to the Salt Air office.
- 9.30am - 10.30am** - Enjoy a scenic helicopter flight with **Salt Air** – see the 144 islands by air!
- 10.30am - 1.30pm** - Head back to Auckland and check into hotel –
- 1.30pm - 4.30pm** - Rest and rest or explore Auckland.