

# POST TRENZ - WHANGĀREI AND SURROUNDS

## Two-night itinerary

### **AUCKLAND – WHANGĀREI - TUTUKĀKĀ – AUCKLAND**

Whangārei, New Zealand's northernmost city, is easily accessible by a short drive or flight from Auckland. Surrounded by forested hills and located on a scenic harbour, it's known for its rich Māori history, vibrant arts scene, fresh local produce, beautiful beaches, and marine activities. It serves as the gateway to Whangārei Heads, the Tutukākā Coast, and the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve. Whangārei is the ideal destination for independent travellers (FITs), families, and groups.

**NOTE: This famil includes, pick up and drop off from Auckland, two nights' accommodation and activities. Meals will be at your cost, unless stated otherwise.**

#### **DAY 1 – FRI 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

- 08.30am - 10.45am** - Meet your driver and host at central Auckland collection point, head to **Waipu Caves Farm Park**.
- 11.00am - 12.00pm** - Guided Tour of **Waipu Milky Way Glowworm Cave** - Explore the magical Waipu Caves on a Milky Way tour, where thousands of glowworms illuminate the underground like a starry night sky.
- 12.00pm - 12.45pm** - Head to Whangārei to **Aqua Restaurant** for lunch.
- 1.00pm - 2.00pm** - Lunch at **Aqua Restaurant** in the Town Basin. Try locally inspired cuisine in a stylish waterfront setting with stunning marina views. At your own cost.
- 2.00pm - 3.00pm** - Join the Guided Tour at the **Hundertwasser Art Centre** in Whangārei, visitors will discover the vibrant world of artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser, where architecture meets environmental harmony. The centre showcases original artworks, ecological design, and the only permanent Hundertwasser exhibition outside of Europe. Guests also experience the **Wairau Māori Art Gallery**, celebrating contemporary Māori creativity and culture.
- 3.00pm - 5.00pm** - Head to Tutukākā, with a must do stop to experience the natural beauty of **Whangārei Falls** and the lush native forest of **A H Reed Park**, where scenic walks and towering kauri trees await.
- 5.00pm - 7.00pm** - Check into **Lodge 9 Boutique Accommodation**, rest and relax.
- 7.00pm - 9.00pm** - Dinner suggestion - **Schnappa Rock Restaurant**. At your own cost.

#### **DAY 2 – SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

- 8.00am - 9.00am** - Enjoy breakfast at **Lodge 9**. Included.
- 9.00am - 3.00pm** - Head out to the **Poor Knights** marine reserve for the **'Perfect Day'** snorkel trip with **Dive! Tutukākā** (dive option available). This will take you on a scenic cruise to the stunning **Poor Knights Islands**, a marine reserve rich in biodiversity and natural beauty. You'll explore sea caves, snorkel in crystal-clear waters, and relax in a pristine, remote paradise. With expert guides, warm hospitality, and breathtaking scenery, it's an unforgettable Northland adventure.
- 4.00pm - 5.30pm** - **Fish and Chips** Northland style on the beach (Matapouri). Included.
- 5.30pm - 9.00pm** - Enjoy a free evening to relax.

#### **DAY 3 – SUN 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

- 7.00am - 8.30am** - Lodge 9 for breakfast then Depart Tutukākā at 8.30am
- 9.00am - 10.00am** - Explore the **Whangarei Quarry Gardens**, a subtropical oasis and former stone quarry.
- 10.15am - 11.30am** - Enjoy a guided tour of **Kiwi North** with Kiwi feeding experience. Kiwi North offers an immersive wildlife experience where visitors can see and learn about New Zealand's iconic kiwi bird in a natural nocturnal environment. The site also features a museum and heritage park, celebrating the region's rich history and culture.
- 11.30am - 1.30pm** - Head back to Auckland and check into hotel, explore or relax.