



7 Day Small Group Hosted Tour From your Front Door and Back Again





## **Far North Winter Escape**

Join us on an unforgettable journey through the stunning Bay of Islands, pristine Cape Reinga, and the scenic Hibiscus Coast, a region rich in natural beauty and history.

Along the way, we will marvel at the mighty Tane Mahuta in Waipoua Forest and explore the award-winning Kauri Museum, before experiencing New Zealand's heritage at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Next, wander the charming streets and panoramic viewpoints of Russell, the country's first European settlement, and step back in time at Stone Store and Kemp House in Kerikeri.

The adventure continues as we feel the thrill of driving along the endless sands of Ninety Mile Beach, with the waves breaking beside us — a true highlight of the adventure. This journey includes exploring towering sand dunes, and take in breathtaking views where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean at Cape Reinga.

On our return, discover creativity in bloom at the Sculptureum and explore the vibrant Matakana Village, before a scenic drive along the coast through Orewa and Red Beach. Finally, we will arrive amidst the rolling vineyards and orchards of Kumeu, a picture-perfect finale to this remarkable northern escape.



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9 June - 15 June 2026

## Trip Highlights

- Kauri Timber Museum: Discover the award-winning Kauri Museum, where the pioneering days of timber milling and gum digging in Northland come vividly to life.
- The oldest Kauri tree in the world: Venture into Waipoua Forest to witness Tāne Mahuta, the awe-inspiring kauri known as the 'Lord of the Forest.
- Waitangi Treaty House & Grounds: Where New Zealand's story began — enjoy a guided tour offering unique insight into this special and deeply spiritual place.
- Tour of Russell: Enjoy a fascinating glimpse into New Zealand's earliest European history, with visits to historic sites not easily reached on foot.
- **Guided tour of Stone Store & Kemp House**: The iconic Stone Store stands at the edge of the Kerikeri inlet.
- Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach: Full day excursion to Cape Reinga, New Zealand's northernmost point. Drive along Ninety Mile Beach, try sandboarding on the dunes, and visit the iconic lighthouse where two oceans meet.
- Guided tour of the Sculptureum: Sculpture filled Garden of Creative Diversity, six art galleries, a vineyard, and a café.
- **Kumeu**: Known for its vineyards and orchard. Enjoy a relaxed wine tasting and lunch at a nearby winery.

#### TUE 9 Home - Auckland - Paihia

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This morning, we arrive in Auckland and meet our coach driver to begin our adventure heading north across the iconic Auckland Harbour Bridge, taking in sweeping views of the sparkling gulf before passing the sunlit beaches of Ōrewa and Waiwera.

Enjoy an early lunch in the charming township of Warkworth before journeying through picturesque farmlands to Matakohe, home to the award-winning **Kauri Museum**. Here, the museum brings Northland's pioneering spirit to life through fascinating stories and exhibits of the timber milling and gum-digging days gone by.

The journey continues through Dargaville to the **ancient Waipoua Forest**, where we stand in awe before **Tāne Mahuta** — the mighty "Lord of the Forest" and New Zealand's largest kauri tree.

We travel onward around the tranquil Hokianga Harbour, a place of deep spiritual significance to Māori, before crossing the peninsula to reach the beautiful Bay of Islands.

Tonight, we will gather and enjoy a relaxed dinner at our hotel.



are sure to captivate.

We begin our day with a visit to the **Waitangi Treaty House**, the birthplace of New Zealand's rich history. A knowledgeable local guide will offer a profound insight into this significant spiritual site. Explore the Treaty House and be awed by **Ngatokimatawhaorua**, One of the world's largest carved war canoe that is a masterpiece of craftsmanship. Wonder through the picturesque Waitangi estate, featuring exquisite gardens,

bush trails, and breathtaking views over the Bay of Islands that

Afterward, we take a ferry to the charming town of **Russell**. Upon arrival, we will guide you on an enlightening tour that unveils the secrets of New Zealand's early European history. We will visit notable historical sites that are not easily accessible on foot and enjoy sights such as the Giant Sundial, Long Beach, Queen's View, Tapeka Point, and the Flagstaff, offering stunning 360-degree vistas. Spend the rest of your day at your leisure.

As evening falls, you can arrange your own dinner allowing you time to enjoy one of the lovely local restaurants in Paihia or Russell.

### THU 11 Paihia - Taipa (Doubtless Bay)



After a leisurely start this morning, we commence our journey towards the **eastern coast of Northland**.

Your first stop is **Kerikeri**, a charming town steeped in rich and colourful history. Here we enjoy a guided tour of **the Stone Store and Kemp House** (Kerikeri Mission House).

The iconic Stone Store, standing at the edge of the Kerikeri Inlet, offers a distinctive shopping experience complemented by an interactive story space upstairs. Discover how early settlers lived and learn about the building's fascinating past as a trading post, library, barracks, school, and general store.

Built in 1822, Kemp House is New Zealand's oldest surviving building, surrounded by an English-style cottage garden and orchard. Hear the stories of the first missionary families and view their preserved personal belongings and furnishings, offering a glimpse into life in the early 19th century.

Spend some time in Kerikeri for a leisurely lunch (own arrangements) before continuing to **Makana Confections**, where you'll be treated to samples of their delicious handmade chocolates.

Continuing north we then travel up to beautiful **Doubtless Bay**, our home for the next two nights. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel, rounding off a day rich in history and charm.





Today we set out on a full-day adventure to **Cape Reinga**, travelling by coach to the very tip of New Zealand's North Island — where land and sea meet in spectacular fashion.

Here we journey through the majestic **Puketi Forest**, home to towering kauri trees and lush native bush, before continuing to the legendary **Ninety Mile Beach**. Race through the vast sweep of Ninety Mile Beach, where we will have the chance to experience the joy of sandboarding on the impressive golden dunes.

At Cape Reinga, stand beneath the iconic **lighthouse** and witness the dramatic meeting of the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean — a moment of awe and reflection. Lunch is included during the day.

Return to Taipa in the late afternoon, where a relaxing dinner at the hotel restaurant awaits.

### SAT 13 Taipa - Whangaparaoa Peninsula



Today, depart Taipa Bay and start our journey south through gently rolling farmlands and the picturesque settlements of **Kawakawa and Hikurangi**. Pause in **Whangarei** for some free time to enjoy lunch at your leisure (own arrangements), soaking up the charm of this vibrant city.

Continue through the quaint rural townships of Warkworth and Wellsford, with scenic glimpses of the sparkling beaches along the Hibiscus Coast. We arrive in **Whangaparaoa** in the afternoon, where the serene coastal surroundings set the tone for a relaxing evening.

Dinner is included tonight at a local restaurant, offering a taste of the region's local flavours.

### SUN 14 Whangaparaoa Peninsula



After a leisurely morning, we travel to Matakana and explore the Sculptureum, with its sculpture-filled gardens, art galleries, vineyard, and café. Here, we enjoy a guided tour and an included lunch, allowing time to savour local flavours.

After lunch, enjoy a stroll through the quaint streets of Matakana Village, before continuing along the scenic coast to Orewa and Red Beach, where a short walk allows you to feel the sea breeze and admire the sparkling shoreline. Return to Whangaparaoa in the late afternoon.

Dinner is included tonight, a perfect way to end a day filled with art, gardens, and coastal beauty.

#### MON 15 Kumeu - Home



Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing Whangaparaoa, travelling through lush rural landscapes to the region around **Kumeu**, renowned for its **vineyards and orchards**. We will stop at a nearby winery to enjoy a relaxed **tasting and lunch**, followed by some free time to explore the charming town of Kumeu.

In the afternoon, we continue south toward Auckland Airport for our goodbyes and departures homeward bound.

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You are invited to join us on our fully hosted small group tour, with a maximum number of guests is 18.

Based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand, we believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

You can be reassured that your tour host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours Hosts, ensuring everything is taken care of from start to finish, allowing you to relax and enjoy your tour.



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# 7 DAY FULLY HOSTED SMALL GROUP TOUR DEPARTS 9 - 15 June 2026

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- Quality accommodation & Air-Conditioned Coach
- All excursions and activities as per itinerary
- All Meals as per itinerary
- Price from \$4,995 pp twin share or double room
- Single Price from \$5,895 pp

