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Captivating Northland



Tour Summary

Tour name: Captivating Northland

Days: 4

Highlights and Inclusions

3 nights superior hotel accommodation
Full breakfasts daily (B) and all airport transfers
Luxury coach travel to the Bay of Islands
Historic Hokianga Harbour Cruise
Unique 'Twilight Encounter' in the Waipoua Forest
Cape Brett & Hole in the Rock Cruise
Scenic flight Bay of Islands to Auckland

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 Hokianga Harbour and Twilight Encounter

Take a step back in time today as we first travel over the Harbour Bridge and north along the Hibiscus Coast. Continue on to the small beach resort of Opononi. After lunch, enjoy a guided boat cruise board of the beautiful & twisting harbour of Hokianga, an area that boasts the oldest Maori & European settlements in New Zealand.

This evening, you will enjoy an eco-cultural experience unlike any other. Tonight, descendants of New Zealand's first Polynesian discoverer, Kupe, will take you on a guided walk of the largest kauri forest in the world and introduce you to their relationship with Mother Nature, both spiritually and culturally. This ecologically significant environment, in former times a home and playground to Maori, is brought to life by not only the sounds and potential sightings of its inhabitants but by friendly, experienced local Maori guides who willingly share their knowledge, stories, song and musical instruments to enlighten and enhance this tranquil and spiritual location. 'Twilight Encounter' is an experience that allows visitors to enter the Waipoua forest at a unique time ... a time not experienced by many; a time when its inhabitants change; a time when seeing is replaced with listening and a time when the clouds and sun are replaced by stars and the moon.

Stay Copthorne Hokianga Hotel

Day 2 Paihia and Cape Brett Cruise (B)

This morning, a short drive brings you to Paihia, a seaside village nestled on the shores of the Bay of Islands National Maritime Park. This afternoon, enjoy a cruise out to Cape Brett & the Grand Cathedral Cave ... otherwise known as the famous 'Hole in the Rock'.

Stay Copthorne Waitangi Resort Hotel (2 nights)

Day 3 At leisure in the Bay of Islands (B)

A free day to explore the surrounding area at leisure. Take a 4WD tour to the northern most point of New Zealand, Cape Reinga; enjoy a game of golf or maybe take to the waters of one of the world's most renowned game fishing regions; visit the historic township of Russell and lunch at one of the areas wonderful vineyards... there are many excursions available.

Day 4 Return to Auckland by Air (B)

More time to explore this morning before being transferred to the airport later today for your 40 minute scenic flight back to Auckland. On arrival, our representative will meet you and bring you into Auckland city for your overnight stay.