

7 DAY SELF DRIVE TOUR

AUCKLAND & BAY OF ISLANDS

\$999

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

AUCKLAND CITY • WAIHEKE ISLAND • BAY OF ISLANDS • PAIHIA

THE OFFER

Perfection is hard to achieve... but Auckland is pretty close. Draped along the shores of Manukau and Waitematā Harbours, the City of Sails is a hub where good food, great wine and a vibrant sense of community are just part of everyday life. Add in wine tasting on beautiful Waiheke Island, just 40 minutes by ferry, and a visit to the Bay of Islands and you have a holiday worth ducking across the ditch for.

This seven day self-drive tour ex Auckland is a chance to discover three incredible destinations at your own pace. Suggested routes and points of interest are provided to help you get the most out of your visit. With seven days included car hire, six nights quality accommodation, a discovery cruise on the vivid blue waters of the Bay of Islands and a full day wine tour of Waiheke, the only thing that'd make this trip better is you. And perhaps a glass or two of Cab Sauv. Cheers!

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Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Arrive in Auckland and make your way to your centrally located hotel. Spend the remainder of the day exploring New Zealand's largest city.

Surrounded by two sparkling harbours, vibrant and multicultural Auckland is the country's largest city and commercial hub - home to 1.5 million people. Auckland offers outstanding food and wine, great shopping, and many attractions and sightseeing options.

Your accommodation tonight, Auckland City Hotel – Hobson St is located within 5 minutes' walk of the Sky Tower and Queen Street shopping district. Victoria Park Market and Viaduct Harbour are each a 10-minute walk away.

Overnight: Auckland City Hotel

Meals included: None

Day 2 Waiheke Island

Today you will travel 40 minutes by ferry across to Waiheke Island to join your included 'Views, Vines and Wine' Tour.

Known as 'New Zealand's Island of Wine', Waiheke has become home to a dedicated group of award-winning wine producers. With a unique microclimate and the winemakers' philosophy of "small is beautiful", Waiheke has produced some of New Zealand's most prestigious wines.

On this tour, you will visit three boutique Waiheke vineyards and sample a range of their wines. Along the way enjoy a commentated scenic drive, learning about the Island's history, geography, people, and culture from your knowledgeable local guide.

After your wine tasting experience your guide will provide complimentary transfers to lunch (and book your table) and to the ferry afterwards (lunch is an additional cost).

Day includes: Return ferry Auckland to Waiheke Island with Fullers 360, and wine tour including tastings.

Overnight: Auckland City Hotel

Meals included: None

Day 3 Auckland to Paihia – Self-drive

This morning head to Budget Rentals on Nelson Street to pick up your rental car before departing to Paihia.

As you head north on SH1, you will come across the quaint little village of Puhoi. If cheese is your thing, the Puhoi Valley Café and Cheese Store is well worth a stop off to stock up. They do a delicious blue cheese as well as more traditional cheese varieties that you will struggle to find in the supermarkets. They also have some awesome ice creams so whatever the weather, treat yourself!

The next stage of your journey north passes through commercial hubs like Warkworth and Whangarei. If you get a chance to stop off in and around Warkworth, there are some great little vineyards in and around Matakana if you want to stock up for the weekend. Kawakawa is worth a quick stop off and for the most unusual reason – the public toilets!

Designed by renowned Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser, the toilets are an artistic marvel!

From Kawakawa it is only a short drive to your final destination of Paihia, gateway to the Bay of Islands.

Approximate driving time: Auckland to Paihia (3hr 19min non-

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stop drive time).

Overnight: Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia

Meals included: None

Day 4 Paihia

The best way to explore the Bay of Islands is unquestionably on the water so this afternoon included in your package is the Discover the Bay Cruise.

Experience the spectacular scenery of this New Zealand paradise and learn about the area's rich culture and history with full commentary from the local skipper. When conditions permit, get up close to the dramatic cliffs at Cape Brett and travel through the iconic Hole in the Rock. Encounter diverse wildlife in their natural surroundings. Dolphins are viewed on over 90% of the time along with birdlife, whales, and seals. A knowledgeable Nature Guide will be on board available to answer all your questions.

Your trip will also include a stop at Otehei Bay on the Department of Conservation's Urupukapuka Island. You will have time to explore the island, swim at the sandy bay or enjoy a drink or bite to eat in the sun from our fully licensed café.

Day includes: Discover the Bay Cruise (3.5 hours scenic cruising). Nature Guide on board to answer your questions and provide commentary, when conditions permit, get up close to Cape Brett and travel through the Hole in the Rock.

Overnight: Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia

Meals included: None

Day 5 Paihia Free Day

The Bay of Islands is packed with things to do, with so many options to choose from, today is unplanned for you to explore or relax as you wish. To help you decide what to do – here is a list of our highlights from the adventurous to the more sedate:

Cape Reinga (212.5km – 2hr 41min one way)

Self-drive or by tour bus, travel to Cape Reinga, where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. These two oceans cross over one another at the tip of Cape Reinga, you will get some fantastic views from this point. Your car hire does not allow you to drive on 90 Mile Beach, you will on the sealed road alongside this beach. To experience the beach highway, you will need to take a tour from Paihia.

Waitangi Treaty Grounds

New Zealand's foremost historic site, where the treaty of Waitangi was first signed in 1840 between Māori chiefs and the British Crown. Here you will also find the world's largest ceremonial war canoe.

Fishing

The Bay of Islands is one of New Zealand's prime deep fishing spots and charters are available to book. Kingfish, Marlin and Snapper are the order of the day and if you're successful out at sea, any one of the fish and chip shops located in the town will batter up your catch of the day.

Kerikeri's Mission House

The country's oldest surviving house was built in 1821, and the Mission's Stone Store dating from 1832.

Russell

For a more relaxed day, catch the ferry across to Russell (20

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minutes) and wander the Olde World streets. There are some lovely cafes and restaurants on the seafront where you can easily spend a few hours people watching.

Overnight: Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia

Meals included: None

Day 6 Paihia to Auckland via Waipoua Forest

This morning return to Auckland via the West Coast stopping at Waipoua Forest - Here you will find the best preserved and largest of the remaining Kauri forests in New Zealand. Among them the legendary Tane Mahuta, the 'Lord of the Forest' at an impressive 51.5 meters is the largest.

It is another 232kms back to Auckland which will take you just over 3 hours so make sure you allow plenty of time in your day.

Drop off rental car, late afternoon.

Approximate driving time: Paihia to Auckland (5 hours non stop drive time).

Overnight: Auckland City Hotel

Meals included: None

Day 7 Final Day - Depart

This morning, check out of the hotel and make your own onwards travel arrangements.

Meals included: None

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Explore three of the North Island's most stunning regions

Travel at your own pace on a self guided experience

Soak up the vibrant culture and style of Auckland at leisure

Breathe in the wild beauty of the Bay of Islands

Relax with free time in Paihia, known for its beaches and Maori culture

Sample local wines on a day tour of Waiheke Island wine region

ACCOMMODATION

3 nights accommodation at Auckland City Hotel

3 nights accommodation at Paihia Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge

TRANSPORT

4 day car hire with Budget including a zero excess and all-inclusive insurance

Return ferry to Waiheke Island with Fullers

A Waiheke Island wine day tour

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

*Book With Confidence

If your stay is affected by Government travel restrictions as a result of COVID-19, a one off date change will be permitted free of charge. For any changes not associated with COVID-19, please refer to the Schedule of Fees.

- Please note: Date change requests need to be made at least 31 days prior to the original date of travel.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 25th of March 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$900 applies.

Travel Period

30 June 2021 - 25 March 2022

Please note: See cart for updated dates and availability.

Surcharges

24 September 2021 - 16 December 2021:
\$200 per person

5 January 2022 - 25 March 2022: \$300 per person

Blackout Dates

17 December 2021 - 4 January 2022

Departure City

Auckland

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3.5 - 4 Star (self-rated)

- Auckland: Auckland City Hotel

- Paihia: Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 2.

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Arrival / departure transfers
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Mean annual temperatures range from 10



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°C (50 °F) in the south to 16 °C (61 °F) in the north. The coldest month is usually July and the warmest month is usually January or February. Generally there are relatively small variations between summer and winter temperatures.

COACH TOUR

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so, unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/ or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation

partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.