

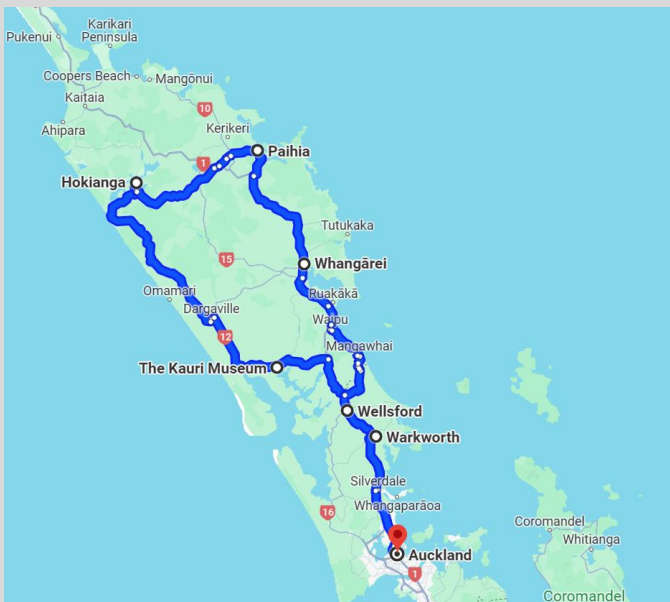
NORTHLAND

In The Footsteps of Kupe



Itinerary Highlights

- The incredible Kauri Museum at Matakoho is like Dr Who's Tardis. The more you explore its exhibits the more you find and you just have to keep searching. It's more than a 10 minute stop so allow plenty of time.
- The multi media experience "In the footsteps of Kupe" is the only 4D experience of its kind in NZ with live action performers plus a surprise as you journey through the story of Kupe.
- Take the ferry across the Hokianga Harbour to Motuti Marae and the place where Bishop Pompalier the first Catholic Bishop of NZ is buried. Continue the story in Paihia at the beautifully restored Pompallier House.
- Head north from Rawene via the Wairere Boulders nature reserve to Mangungu Mission Station. This was the site of the largest signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and is also the burial place of Capt James Clendon, the first US Consulate in NZ. His restored house can be visited in Rawene.
- Continue on to Paihia via the beautiful Mission church at Waimate North.
- Paihia might be today's tourist hub but take the ferry to what, in its day, was NZ's first capital at the historic town of Russell. Formerly known as Kororareka, it also had the unsavoury title in whaling days as the 'Hell hole of the Pacific' visited by such infamous men such as Capt "Bully" Hayes, known as a South Seas Pirate and the last of the Buccaneers.



Driving Times & Distances

- Auckland to Dargaville, 2¼ hours/172 kms
- Dargaville to Hokianga, 1½ hours/100 kms
- Hokianga to Paihia, 1¼ hours/75 kms
- Paihia to Whangarei, 1 hour / 69 kms
- Whangarei to Auckland, 2½ hours/ 170 kms

Driving times do not allow time for stops. We recommend you allow extra time to enjoy your journey with safety

Hokianga Harbour



6 nights from NZ\$1599 per person share twin

Itinerary Inclusions

- ✓ Entry to the Kauri Museum in Matakohē
- ✓ **3 nights The Sands Hotel, Hokianga** in a Superior Beachfront Room inclusive of daily cooked breakfast.
- ✓ Waipoua Footprints - Twilight Encounter. Experience the affinity that Māori have with the forest and the deep spiritual respect they have for these sentinels who have stood silently witnessing the passing of time. Your guide will share thought-provoking information, humorous banter, stories and legends before respectfully greeting the oldest and largest known kauri trees in the world with spine-tingling chants and song. **Note** : The Tane Mahuta entrance and walkway will be closed for maintenance & upgrade from Monday 30th September to possibly the end of November 2024. During this closure an alternative evening tour, Te Matua Ngāhere will operate. During this tour you'll hear about the life cycle of the Kauri tree and view the largest remaining Kauri Forest in the world through a Te Ao Māori (Māori world) lens. Learn the uses our ancestors had for the many different plants and trees in this ancient Rainforest and meet the oldest and second-largest Kauri tree in the world Te Matua Ngāhere.
- ✓ A Manea Footprints of Kupe Experience- a 75 minute multisensory journey of guided storytelling, through art, taonga (cultural treasures), film, performance, digital interaction, and the splendour of Hokianga's natural surroundings.
- ✓ **3 nights Kingsgate Hotel & Autolodge Paihia** in a Standard Room inclusive of daily cooked breakfast.
- ✓ A Great Sights Hole in the Rock 3 hour cruise- Board your purpose built catamaran. Enjoy the large outdoor viewing decks as you cruise past the islands of the Bay. Keep a look out for common and bottlenose dolphins, whales and other marine life as the experienced local skippers get you up close to the action. Cruise past the Cape Brett Lighthouse, before arriving at the majestic Hole in the Rock. Admire the rock walls towering above you as the skipper navigates right through the narrow space (conditions permitting) before heading back into the inner islands of the Bay.
- ✓ Experience Māori culture and cuisine at its best with an entry ticket to a concert and meal at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Enjoy a captivating live performance followed by a Hāngi buffet dinner.
- ✓ Admission to the Hundertwasser Art Centre in Whangarei. Inside are two galleries: one dedicated to works by namesake avant-garde artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser, an Austrian who fell in love with the Far North, and the Wairau Māori Art Gallery, which showcases contemporary Māori art. The Art Centre is open 7 days a week 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Travel 01 Nov 2024 - 25 Dec 2024 and 03 Jan 2025 - 31 Mar 2025

ADD a 7 day all - inclusive car rental pick up & drop off Auckland Airport for an additional **\$549** per person share

Terms & Conditions

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All amendments to bookings will incur a fee of \$75 per person. Supplier cancellations, which can be up to 100% of the cost of the bookings, may also apply. Cancellation fees for bookings made and cancelled by the Agent or client will incur a fee of \$75 per person. This will be additional to any cancellation fees imposed by Suppliers. For full booking conditions refer to www.nz4discovery.nz. Trade enquiries via New Zealand 4 Discovery.

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