

# Jewels of the Bay



Waitangi National Trust

## Highlights

### Local Connection

The Bay of Islands naturally attracts creatives, inspired by the bucolic surrounds. Meet them – artists, makers and producers – on an optional experience.

### Insider Knowledge

The Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840 to acknowledge New Zealand as a member of the Commonwealth. Any visit here is humbling, particularly in the company of a signatory descendent.

### Cultural Immersion

Free day in the Bay of Islands? An optional mini tour of Russell takes you to iconic locations that make it so significant in New Zealand's early history.

### Wildlife & Nature

From its 20-million-year-old volcanic dome to its spectacular waterfall, Whangarei feels more like an oasis than New Zealand's most northerly city.

## 1 Included Experience

### Departure Dates

2022	2024
Dec 18, 25	Jan 07, 14, 21, 28
	Feb 04, 11, 18, 25
2023	2024
Jan 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	Mar 03, 10, 17, 24
Feb 05, 12, 19, 26	
Mar 05, 12, 19, 26	
Apr 02, 09, 16, 23	
Jun 04, 25	
Sep 03, 10, 17	
Oct 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	
Nov 05, 12, 19, 26	
Dec 03, 10, 17, 24, 31	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your local travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at [aatkings.com](http://aatkings.com). Or contact your local travel agent.

## Dining

2 Full buffet breakfasts B 1 Dinner D

## Flight Information

Day Prior – flights to arrive any time into Auckland Airport

Day 3 – flights to depart after 7.00pm from Auckland Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

As this holiday departs from the Cordis Auckland at 7.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 1 Auckland – Bay of Islands

We hope you slept soundly, because today is jam-packed with adventures. Hit the road in the morning for a scenic sojourn to the Bay of Islands. This pocket of the country deserves its name – there are more than 140 subtropical islets off the coast here. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs. Your guide, likely an ancestor of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. You wanted an introduction to New Zealand heritage on day one – you got it. **Hotel: Copthorne Resort (Water View), 2 nights. D**

### 2 Bay of Islands Free Time

If there's a travel destination that inspires wanderlust, the Bay of Islands is it. Today, trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps out on to the water to ride the waves aboard a historic tall ship, glass of New Zealand wine in hand. Or maybe on a mini-tour around the romantic

town of Russell, the country's first permanent European settlement and seaport. Fun fact: the town's streets retain their original names and layout from 1843. Just ask your Travel Director for touring tips – and places to wine and dine come dusk. This part of the country was made for blazing sunsets. **B**

### 3 Bay of Islands – Auckland

If you've never heard of Whangarei, you're probably not alone. But today, New Zealand's most northerly city is well and truly on your radar. A place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums, Whangarei is the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **B**

